

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-31-25

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday, June 30, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
December 31, 2025, unless superseded
by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes emergency order 2-RS-4-22-25 issued June 16, 2025. It increases the bag and possession limit in the Buskin River Drainage for salmon, other king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, to 10 fish of which only 5 may be pink and chum salmon and only two may be coho salmon until September 15 and only one may be a coho salmon beginning September 16. All 10 fish may be sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:


The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(13) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 2 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025:

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(b)(13) in the Buskin River drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 10 fish of which only 5 may be pink and chum salmon and only two may be coho salmon until September 15 and only one may be a coho salmon beginning September 16;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Tyler Polum,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for sockeye salmon in the Buskin River drainage is 5,000 to 8,000 fish. Through June 29, 2025, 7,307 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir on Buskin River. Based on historical run timing, about 58% of the run has passed through the weir by June 29 and the run is projected to exceed the upper bound of the BEG. In the last 10-years, most sockeye salmon escapements have exceeded the escapement goal. Given the recent trends in escapement and current projections that indicate returns are expected to exceed the BEG in 2025, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon to provide additional harvest opportunities for anglers.

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