

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-48-25

Issued at: Palmer, Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 15, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,  
September 30, 2025, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limits for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length to three per day, three in possession, of which only one per day, one in possession may be a coho salmon and prohibits the use of bait in all flowing waters of the Deshka River including all waters within a one-half mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. (6)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 15 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2025:

### **5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Susitna River Drainage Area.**

- (6) in the Deshka River drainage, including Trapper Lake,  
(B) in all flowing waters and in all waters within a one-half mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon is three fish, of which one may be coho salmon; only unbaited, artificial lures may be used;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Samantha Oslund  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Deshka River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 10,200–24,100 fish. To date, only 347 coho salmon have passed upstream of the weir. Based on these counts, the run is projected to be well below the lower end of the SEG. Extreme low water levels coupled with high stream temperatures has stalled upstream migration of coho salmon, presenting difficulty assessing run strength at the fish weir. Under these conditions, it is prudent to reduce the harvest of coho salmon until environmental conditions change and the run can be better assessed.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.