

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-38-25

Issued at: Homer, Monday, July 14, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2025, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes king salmon fishing in the Ninilchik River from July 16 through October 31.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122(a)(6)(D)(ii) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 16 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2025:

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

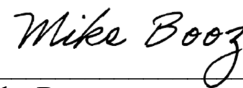
(a)(6) Ninilchik River drainage:

(D) sport fishing for king salmon from its mouth upstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately two miles upstream

(ii) is closed July 16 – October 31;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Mike Booz
Lower Cook Inlet Sport Fish Area Manager

JUSTIFICATION:

At the December 2023 Lower Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting, the board adopted a proposal to change the end date of Ninilchik River king salmon sport fishery from October 31 to July 15.

As specified in the *Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fishery management plan* (5 AAC 56.130), the commissioner may, by emergency order, further liberalize or restrict the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon sport fishery to provide more harvest opportunity or achieve the SEG and broodstock collection goals. Based on the low escapement of naturally-produced king salmon in 2025 it is warranted to close the Ninilchik River to king salmon fishing in an attempt to achieve the SEG and broodstock collection goals.

DISTRIBUTION:

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