

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-KS-C-23-26

Issued at: Petersburg, Friday, July
17, 2026

Effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday
Date: July 18, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday,
August 15, 2026, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds emergency order 01-KS-C-06-26 and increases opportunity for anglers in the Wrangell Narrows/Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area by opening previously closed waters to king salmon retention, increasing bag and possession limits, and removing the nonresident annual limit for king salmon.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(m)(1)(A)(B) and (C) are added and 5 AAC 47.023 (h)(1)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. The following provisions are in effect from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 18 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2026:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(m) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

(1) in the terminal waters of Wrangell Narrows in section 6-A north and east of the northern tip of Woewodski Island (56° 36' N. lat., 132° 59' W. long.) and south of 56° 46' N. lat.,

(A) the resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon, any size;

(B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, any size;

(C) king salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit established by 5 AAC 47.055;

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(h) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

(1) in Blind Slough, upstream of a line between Blind Point and Anchor Point,

(C) king salmon may be taken as follows:

1) the resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon, any size;

2) the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, any size;

3) king salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit established by 5 AAC 47.055;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jeffrey Rice
Petersburg/Wrangell
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In accordance with the *District 6:Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan* (5 AAC 33.381), sport fish management measures were established at the beginning of the season when the projected Crystal Lake Hatchery return was at least 2,000 but less than 3,000 fish (EO 01-KS-C-06-26). Inseason information now indicates a stronger-than-anticipated king salmon return and Crystal Lake Hatchery staff have completed three broodstock collections efforts and there is no concern for achieving broodstock collection goals. As prescribed by the management plan, this emergency order will increase harvest opportunity for surplus king salmon by opening an additional area above Blind River Rapids to the retention of king salmon, increasing bag and possession limits, and removing the nonresident annual limit.

PRIOR EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-C-06-26 established sport fish management measures based on the preseason projected king salmon returns to Crystal Lake Hatchery. Emergency order 01-KS-C-06-26 is rescinded and revised management measures are implemented by this emergency order .

DISTRIBUTION: The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270; and at the Petersburg Area Office, 16 Sing Lee Alley Petersburg, AK 99833-0667 (907) 772-3801.