

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-KS-F-15-26

**Issued at:** Haines, June 02, 2026

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday,  
April 1, 2026

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 15, 2026, unless  
superseded by subsequent emergency  
order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon in the waters of upper Chilkat Inlet through July 15.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5AAC 47.021(c)(1), are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2026, through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 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.**

(c) In the Haines and Skagway vicinity, in the waters of District 15 as described in 5 AAC 33.200, retention of king salmon is prohibited, king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught must be released immediately from April 1 through June 14;

(1) in the marine waters of upper Chilkat Inlet north of the latitude of the northernmost point of Kochu Island at (59°09.03' N) retention of king salmon is prohibited from April 1 through July 15, king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught must be released immediately.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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John Whiting  
Haines Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:** This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery in the waters of upper Chilkat Inlet through July 15. This action is being taken to

conserve king salmon, comply with the management plan, and to align sport fishing regulations with subsistence regulations. Recent returns of king salmon to the Chilkat River and the 2026 forecast indicate that some harvest opportunity may be available. In Alaska, subsistence users are given priority over other users and opportunities may be provided for subsistence users to fish in upper Chilkat Inlet prior to July 16. Chilkat River king salmon run strength will be monitored inseason and additional changes to both sport and subsistence fishery regulations may be warranted. Inseason run strength will be determined by using lower river adult tagging data and by closely monitoring the fisheries in the remaining waters of District 15. Unless otherwise announced by emergency order, retention of king salmon in upper Chilkat Inlet will open under existing sport fishing regulations on July 16, 2026.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:** Emergency Order 1-KS-R-07-26 established the regional bag, possession and annual limits for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery for the 2026 season and remain unaffected outside of the conservation measures specified by this emergency order.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.