

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 01-KS-C-06-26

**Issued at:** Petersburg, Wednesday,  
February 19, 2026

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Friday,  
May 15, 2026

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August 15, 2026, unless superseded by  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

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order establishes king salmon season dates, bag, possession, and size limits to allow opportunity to harvest Alaska hatchery king salmon in Wrangell Narrows/Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area from May 15 – August 15. Sport fishing is open to all anglers within the Wrangell Narrows/Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area. Sport fishing is closed upstream of a line at Blind River Rapids to a line upstream of Crystal Creek. The resident bag and possession limit for king salmon is two per day of any size, and the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon of any size. There is a nonresident annual limit for the Wrangell Narrows/Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area of two king salmon of any size, which is additive to the separate regional nonresident king salmon annual limit.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(m)(1) and 5 AAC 47.023 (h)(9) are added by this emergency order. The following provisions are in effect from 12:01 a.m. Friday, May 15 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 two king salmon, any size;

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

(C) the nonresident annual limit is two king salmon, any size;

(D) 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 Southeast Alaska Area.**

(h) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

(9) in Blind Slough, upstream from a line at 56° 37.97' N. lat., 132° 53.47' W. long., to 56° 37.97' N. lat., 132° 53.63' W. long., upstream to a line at 56° 36.87' N. lat., 132° 49.40' W.

long.; to 56° 36.82' N. lat., 132° 49.40' W. long.; is closed to sport fishing from May 15 through August 15;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jeffrey Rice  
Petersburg/Wrangell  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:** In 2026, the projected Crystal Lake Hatchery return to the terminal area of Blind Slough/Wrangell Narrows is 2,300 adult king salmon. When the projected adult king salmon return to the terminal harvest area is at least 2,000 fish but less than 3,000 fish, the *District 6: Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan* (5 AAC 33.381) instructs the department to establish a resident bag and possession limit of two king salmon of any length and a nonresident daily bag and possession limit of one king salmon of any length from May 15 through August 15. Upstream from a line at Blind River Rapids to a line upstream of Crystal Creek will be closed to sport fishing.

Sport fish management measures may be modified in response to inseason information indicating king salmon returns are stronger or weaker than expected.

**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.