

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-25-26

Issued at: Yakutat, Monday, August 10, 2026.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2026 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds emergency order 1-KS-H-20-26 that closed the Situk River to all sport fishing from regulatory markers located 300 feet upstream of the department's fish counting weir located at river mile 1.8 to regulatory markers located approximately 2,100 feet downstream of the weir to protect staging king salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(b)(6)(F) are rescinded by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jason Pawluk
Yakutat Area Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

While the king salmon minimum escapement goal is not expected to be achieved in 2026, staff conducted surveys in the closed area and determined that nearly all king salmon have migrated upstream of the closed area and there is no longer a need for this closure. Department staff will begin removing the weir for the season on August 11.

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) 747-5551.