

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-24-26

Issued at: Sitka, Friday, July 31, 2026.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2026 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds emergency order 1-KS-R-21-26 and increases the daily limit for resident anglers and the annual limit for nonresident anglers fishing for king salmon in Southeast Alaska.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(20) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 2026. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(20) king salmon:

(A) the resident bag and possession limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(C) the nonresident annual limit is four king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 31 will apply toward the four fish annual harvest limit.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____
Troy Tydingco
Southeast Alaska Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The Southeast Alaska sport fishery is managed to remain within the 2026 harvest target of 43,600 king salmon as determined by *Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area* (5 AAC 29.060) and in accordance with the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). Inseason projections indicate harvest for the sport fishery is expected to fall short

of the sport harvest target under current regulations. Increasing the nonresident annual limit of 3 fish to 4 fish and increasing the resident daily bag limit from 2 fish to 3 fish will increase the harvest but remain within the sport fish harvest target. The nonresident daily bag and possession limit of 2 king salmon will be unaffected. The sport harvest of king salmon will continue to be monitored throughout the season and additional changes to regulations may be warranted.

In accordance with 5 AAC 47.020(19), the regulations for nonresident anglers apply to all (resident and nonresident) anglers when fishing in the exclusive economic zone or EEZ (between 3-200 nautical miles from shore). Accordingly, in the EEZ, the annual limit for king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length will be 4 for all anglers (resident and nonresident) for the duration of this emergency order.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency order 1-KS-R-07-26 previously established resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit for 2026. These regional king salmon regulations were replaced by 1-KS-R-17-26 and then 1-KS-R-21-26. This emergency order has replaced 1-KS-R-21-26 and its predecessors (1-KS-R-07-26 and 1-KS-R-17-26) and establishes revised king salmon management provisions for the southeast sport fishery.

Emergency orders 1-KS-R-08-26 and 1-KS-F-22-26 established conservation measures to protect Alaska wild and transboundary river king salmon stocks in the 2026 season. These areas and times that have been closed to king salmon retention remain in effect.

Emergency orders 1-KS-E-12-26, 1-KS-C-13-26, 1-KS-A-14-26, and 1-KS-C-23-26 established king salmon bag, possession and annual limits in areas where Alaska hatchery king salmon are returning. These regulations remain in effect and nonresidents may continue to harvest king salmon in these areas and times as described within the respective emergency order.

Emergency order 1-KS-E-18-26 closed an area near Macaulay Hatchery to protect king salmon broodstock. This regulation will remain in effect.

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) 747-5355.