

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-1-26**

**Issued at:** Anchorage, Monday, February 9, 2026

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2026

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2026,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon (catch-and-release only) during the 2026 Campbell Creek youth-only fishery that occurs the last Saturday and Sunday in June, between Dimond Boulevard and the Old Seward Highway. In addition, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used from June 15 – July 31 in the Campbell Creek drainage downstream of the forks near Piper Street, which will allow for additional protection for spawning king salmon.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122 (2)(D) and (G) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 15 through 11:59 p.m. Friday July 31, 2026:

#### **5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.**

(2) in the Campbell Creek drainage,

(D) in the waters downstream of the forks near Piper Street, the bag and possession limit for rainbow/steelhead trout is five fish, of which only one per day may be 20 inches or greater in length; only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used from June 15 – July 31;

(G) a person 16 years of age or older may not sport fish in Campbell Creek between Dimond Boulevard and the Old Seward Highway during the designated youth fishing days which occur on the last Saturday and Sunday in June from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; during the designated youth fishing days king salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon must be released immediately, a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

*Brittany Blain-Roth*  
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Brittany Blain-Roth  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The two-day youth-only fishery is the only king salmon sport fishing opportunity in Campbell Creek. While estimated harvest in the youth-only fishery is considered low, it is unknown, and the king salmon return to Campbell Creek has been below average in recent years and in three of the last five years the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) has not been achieved. During the three years that the SEG was not achieved (2023, 2024, and 2025), the escapements were the lowest on record. King salmon are experiencing a period of low productivity and runs have been poor throughout Southcentral Alaska. A precautionary approach is warranted to ensure future king salmon returns to Campbell Creek. In order to still allow for a unique sport fishing opportunity for youth anglers, fishing for king salmon will be allowed; however, retention, bait, and multiple hooks will be prohibited to reduce mortality. To further protect king salmon in Campbell Creek, only one unbaited, single-hook artificial lure is allowed from June 15 – July 31.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.