

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-41-26

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to two fish in the Saltery Cove drainage.

REGULATION:

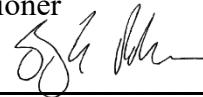
The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 30 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026:

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(b) The seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and special provisions specified in this subsection are localized exceptions to those specified in (a) of this section for finfish and shellfish in the Kodiak Area:

(5) in the Saltery Cove drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is five fish, of which only two fish may be a sockeye salmon and only two fish may be coho salmon:

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner



By delegation to:

Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal (BEG) for sockeye salmon in the Saltery Cove drainage is 15,000-35,000 fish. Through July 26, 2026, the weir count was 7,454 sockeye salmon. The run is typically 58% complete by this date and at current harvest levels the escapement goal may not be achieved. Therefore, it is warranted to reduce the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the sport fishery in an effort to achieve the escapement goal, while still allowing some fishing opportunity.

DISTRIBUTION:

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