

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-46-26

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 13, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds emergency order 2-RS-4-41-26. The bag and possession limit in the SALTERY Cove drainage for salmon, other than king salmon, is restored to 5 fish of which all may be sockeye, pink or chum salmon and only two of which may be coho salmon or a combination of these species.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(5) are restored by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 13 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026:

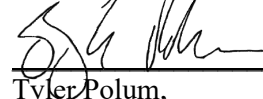
5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(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 coho salmon;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Tyler Polum,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for sockeye salmon in the SALTERY Cove drainage is 15,000-35,000 fish. Through August 10, 2026, the weir count was 17,511 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, about 90% of the run has passed upstream of the weir and the BEG has been achieved. The SALTERY Cove sockeye salmon run has consistently exceeded the BEG in the last 10-years and it is warranted, under 5 AAC 75.003(2)(A), to restore the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon to provide additional harvest opportunities for anglers in the SALTERY Cove drainage and attempt to keep escapement within the BEG.

DISTRIBUTION:

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