

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-48-26

Issued at: Palmer, Monday, August 17, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 19, 2026

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December 31, 2026, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-43-26, issued on Wednesday, August 4, 2026 and further restricts the sport fishery for coho salmon in Little Susitna River by prohibiting the retention of coho salmon and continuing the prohibition on the use of bait.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 60.122 (9)(B) are superseded and 5 AAC 60.122 (9)(O) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 19 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026:

5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area.

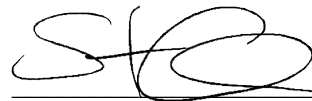
(9) in the Little Susitna River drainage,

(B) from August 19 - September 30, in the flowing waters from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway, only unbaited, artificial lures may be used;

(O) coho salmon, 16 inches or greater in length, may not be retained or possessed; coho salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Samantha Oslund
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Little Susitna River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 9,200 – 17,700 fish. As of August 17, 2026, 1,385 coho salmon had passed upstream of the weir and the escapement is projected to be 2,104 fish and is not likely to achieve the SEG. Therefore, it is warranted to take further action to conserve coho salmon returning to the Little Susitna River.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency order No. 2-SS-2-43-26, which reduced the daily bag and possession limit for coho salmon to one fish beginning August 06, 2026, is superseded by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.