

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-8-12-11

Issued at: Anchorage, June 17, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the fresh water of the Resurrection River drainage downstream from the Seward Highway and Nash Road from three fish per day, three in possession to six fish per day, six in possession. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area (9)(D) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2011:

5 AAC 56.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

(9)(D) notwithstanding (B) of this paragraph, the waters downstream from the Seward Highway and downstream from Nash Road are open to sport fishing for salmon, except king salmon, from June 16 – December 31: only single-hook, artificial lures may be used; bag and possession limit is three salmon per day, of which two per day and in possession may be coho salmon; except that from Friday, June 17 through Sunday, July 31, 2011, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is six per day, six in possession.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Bear Lake sockeye salmon are managed for a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700-8,300 with an inriver goal of 5,600-13,200 sockeye salmon. As of June 15, more than 8,100 have escaped into Bear Lake, with strong numbers still entering the river. The upper end of the SEG is expected to be exceeded,

and the inriver goal will be met or exceeded. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon to six per day, six in possession.

DISTRIBUTION:

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