

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-17-22

Issued at: Petersburg, Monday, June 20, 2022.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2023 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order 1-KS-R-05-22, issued February 1, 2022, which established regional resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and nonresident harvest limits for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery. During the 2022 Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting, the Board of Fisheries approved modifications to the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This action implements the management prescriptions called for under the newly revised *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* for the remainder of the 2022 season.

REGULATION: Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (20) are added by this emergency order and are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2022 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2023. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(20) king salmon:

- (A) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;
- (C) From January 1 through June 30, the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (D) From July 1 through July 15, the nonresident annual limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply to the two fish annual harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (E) From July 16 through December 31, the nonresident annual limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through July 15 will apply to the one fish annual harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (F) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Patrick Fowler
Southeast Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This plan provides management prescriptions based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2022 season is 7.02. During the 2022 Southeast and Yakutat Finish and Shellfish meeting, the Board of Fisheries approved modifications to the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (proposal 82 as modified by RC 178). This emergency order implements the newly revised management prescriptions called for under subsection (e) when the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE is less than 8.7 and equal to or greater than 6.0. In accordance with modifications the Board of Fisheries also made to *Allocation of king salmon in the Southeast Alaska-Yakutat Area* (5 AAC 29.060) the sport fishery will not be managed inseason to achieve the sport allocation of 49,300 king salmon.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-05-22 previously establishing resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit is superseded by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-06-22 established areas and times when king salmon may not be retained in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan; these actions are being taken to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks and meet objectives for king salmon management within the Pacific Salmon Treaty and are not affected by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-E-10-22, 1-KS-D-11-22, 1-KS-A-12-22, and 1-KS-C-13-22 established areas, times, and management prescriptions to allow sport fishing opportunity for Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon and are not affected by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

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