

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-18-22

Issued at: Sitka, Wednesday, June 22,
2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July
31, 2022, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order increases sport fishing opportunity by allowing the harvest of hatchery-produced king salmon by removing the minimum king salmon size limit in the marine waters of Silver Bay, near Sitka. Nonresident harvest limits and recording requirements established under 1-KS-R-17-22 issued Monday, June 20, 2022 continue to apply.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(11) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 24 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2022:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(11) in the waters of Silver Bay east of a line Entry Point Light at 57°01.98' N lat, 135°15.00' W long, to Silver Point at 57°00.82' N lat, 135°18.10' W long:

(A) king salmon:

- (i) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, no size limit;
- (ii) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, no size limit.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jake Wieliczekiewicz
Sitka Area Assistant Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Data collected from fishery-intercepted CWT tags indicate that Alaska hatchery-origin king salmon comprise the majority of the king salmon harvest in the Silver Bay area. The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to liberalize fishing methods in designated harvest areas to harvest surplus hatchery-produced king salmon [5 AAC 75.003 (2)(B)]. King salmon are returning to Medvejie hatchery in excess of broodstock needs. The department is eliminating the king salmon size limit of 28

inches in this area to provide additional opportunity to harvest these fish. This action follows similar action taken in the commercial troll fishery in the Silver Bay area.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-17-22 establishing resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit are not affected by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.