

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-21-22

Issued at: Yakutat, Thursday, July 21, 2022.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 24, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2022 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-08-22 issued on April 13, 2022. This emergency order prohibits retention of king salmon in the Situk River sport fishery upstream of the Situk River weir and establishes a nonresident annual limit for king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, of two fish for the Situk River. Below the Situk River weir, king salmon bag and possession limits established by 5 AAC 47.022 (c)(1)(A)(B) remain in effect.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023. (b)(6)(A) are superseded and 5 AAC 47.023. (b)(6)(F) are added by this emergency order. The following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 24 through Saturday, December 31, 2022:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(b)(6) in the Situk River drainage,

(A) the nonresident annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish;

(F) king salmon may not be possessed or retained upstream of the Situk River weir. King salmon caught upstream of the Situk River weir must not be removed from water and must be released immediately;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jason Pawluk
Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Situk River drainage is managed for a biological escapement goal of 450 to 1,050 large king salmon. The Situk River weir count through July 19 is 797 large king salmon, which is within the escapement goal range. Typically, by this date approximately 82% of the king salmon run has passed the Situk River weir. Allowing sport harvest of king salmon below the Situk River weir for the remainder of the season will increase harvest opportunity for sport anglers and will not put achievement of the escapement goal in jeopardy.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: Emergency Order 1-KS-H-08-22, issued April 13, 2022, is superseded by this emergency order and no longer in effect.

DISTRIBUTION:

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