

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-42-22

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Issued at: Kodiak, Thursday, June 30, 2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2022, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

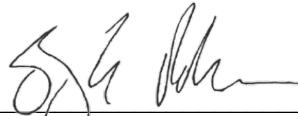
This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 2-RS-4-27-22 issued June 9, 2022. This emergency order reopens sport fishing for sockeye salmon and restores the bag and possession limits in the Buskin River drainage to five fish.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order 2-RS-4-27-22 is rescinded.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tyler Polum,
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for sockeye salmon in the Buskin River drainage is 5,000 to 8,000 fish. Through June 28, 2022, the weir count was 4,417 sockeye salmon, which indicates the BEG will be achieved this season. Based on historical run timing about 66% of the run has occurred and the run is projected to fall well within the escapement goal with the sport fishery open under existing bag and possession limits. Therefore, it is warranted to reopen the sockeye salmon sport fishery and allow harvest opportunity in the Buskin River drainage.

DISTRIBUTION:

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