

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

**Emergency Order No.** 1-KS-A-11-24

**Issued at:** Ketchikan, Tuesday, April 2, 2024

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Saturday,  
June 1, 2024

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,  
December 31, 2024, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order opens Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing and establishes a bag and possession limit in Ketchikan Creek of two king salmon of any size. King salmon harvested in Ketchikan Creek do not count towards the nonresident annual limit.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(i)(6)(B) are superseded and 5 AAC 47.023(i)(6)(E) is added by this emergency order.

### **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.**

(i) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(6) in Ketchikan Creek, excluding City Park Ponds,

(B) sport fishing is allowed from June 1 through December 31;

(E) the bag and possession limit for king salmon is two fish, no size limit, no annual limit;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jake Calvitti  
Ketchikan Assistant Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

As provided in 5 AAC 75.003(2)(B), the department may use emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when hatchery produced fish escape through existing fisheries to designated harvest areas in numbers that exceed broodstock needs or any natural spawning requirements. The Deer Mountain Hatchery will not be collecting broodstock from Ketchikan Creek in 2024, thus a surplus of hatchery fish are available for harvest by sport anglers.

### **DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 215, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.