

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-12-24

Issued at: Petersburg, Tuesday,
April 2, 2024

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
July 14, 2024, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes king salmon bag, possession, and size limits to allow opportunity to harvest surplus hatchery king salmon in terminal areas near Petersburg and Wrangell during the time when hatchery-produced king salmon are available.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(m)(5) and (6), and 5 AAC 47.023(h)(9) are added by this emergency order. The following provisions are in effect from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 14, 2024:

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

(m) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

(5) in the marine waters adjacent to City Creek between a point on the Mitkof Island shore, at 56° 47.83' N. lat., 132° 51.57' W. long. to 56° 48.30' N. lat., 132° 51.50' W. long. to 56° 49.77' N. lat., 132° 55.78' W. long. and back to the Mitkof Island shore at Hungry Point (56° 49.36' N. lat., 132° 56.38' W. long.) from June 15 through July 14 the bag and possession limit for king salmon is one fish of any size;

(6) in the Gunnuk Creek Special Harvest area as described in 5 AAC 40.071, from June 1 through June 14.

(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) the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

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

(h) In the Petersburg/Wrangell Vicinity:

(9) in City Creek, from June 15 through July 14; the bag and possession limit is one king salmon of any size.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jeffrey Rice
Petersburg/Wrangell
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order will provide sport fishing opportunity for Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon in areas where they are expected to return in surplus of broodstock needs.

City Creek is a remote release location for king salmon originating from the Crystal Lake Hatchery and broodstock is not collected at this location. While this release has been discontinued, adult king salmon will be returning to this location in 2024. This action provides limited harvest opportunity for Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon in an area that would otherwise be closed to retention of king salmon to protect Alaska wild king salmon stocks.

Gunnuk Creek is a remote release location for king salmon originating from Hidden Falls Hatchery and broodstock is not collected at this location. This action provides limited harvest opportunity for Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon in an area that would otherwise be closed to retention of king salmon to protect Alaska wild king salmon stocks.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-08-24 established resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit as directed by the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management plan* (5 AAC 47.055) these regulations remain in effect in the areas and times outside those described in this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-9-24 establishes 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 remain in effect in the areas and times outside those described in 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 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270; and at the Petersburg Area Office, 16 Sing Lee Alley Petersburg, AK 99833-0667 (907) 772-3801.