

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-27-24

Issued at: Juneau, Thursday, August 22, 2024.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 26, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 30, 2024 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order rescinds emergency order 1-KS-R-08-24 issued March 28, 2024 and prohibits the retention of king salmon in Southeast Alaska salt waters.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(1) are superseded by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 26 through September 30, 2024. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(1) king salmon: retention of king salmon is prohibited, king salmon may not be retained or possessed; any king salmon caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

JUSTIFICATION:

The Southeast Alaska sport fishery is expected to exceed the 2024 allocation of 39,028 king salmon as determined by *Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area* (5 AAC 29.060). The *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055) directs the management of the sport fishery and is intended to avoid inseason changes to management provisions. However, the projected end of season harvest for the sport fishery is expected to exceed the combined sport and troll allocation if no action is taken. The magnitude of this overage may not be able to be absorbed by the remaining harvest allocation in the other Alaskan fisheries. This action will reduce the risk of exceeding the 2024 Alaska all-gear catch limit established under the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-08-24 previously establishing resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit for the 2024 season is rescinded by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-09-24 which established conservation measures to protect Alaska wild and transboundary river king salmon stocks is superseded by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

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