

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-41-24

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday, July 15, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2024

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December 31, 2024, unless superseded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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for salmon, other king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, to 10 fish of which only five may be pink, chum or coho salmon in the Nelson (Sapsuk) Cove drainage.

REGULATION:


The provisions of 5 AAC 65.022(d)(3) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 16 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2024:

5 AAC 65.022. Special provisions for bag, possession, and annual limits, and methods and means in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.

- (d) In the Nelson River drainage, upstream from its confluence with the Caribou River,
 - (3) the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is 10 fish, of which no more than five may be pink, chum, or coho salmon.

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tyler Polum,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for sockeye salmon in the Nelson River drainage is 97,000 to 219,000 fish. Through July 14, 2024, the weir count was 575,902 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, the run is projected to exceed the upper bound of the BEG several times over at this point of the run. Given the strong sockeye salmon run this season and several weeks of the run left, under the authority of AAC 75.003(2)(A), it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon to provide additional harvest opportunities for anglers in the Nelson River drainage.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.