

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-44-24

Issued at: Soldotna, Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 2, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 15, 2024, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends the date for when the use of bait is prohibited on the Kasilof River. From August 2 through September 15, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure or fly may be used in the flowing waters of the Kasilof River drainage from its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers located at the outlet of Tustumena lake.

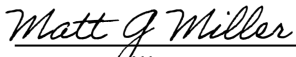
REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122 (E) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 2 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 15, 2024.

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

(E) in flowing waters, from August 2 – September 15, from its mouth upstream to ADF&G markers located at the outlet of Tustumena Lake, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Matt G Miller
Fish and Game Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION: The department manages the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery to achieve a SEG of 700–1,400 naturally-produced king salmon as monitored through a weir at a department facility located on Crooked Creek. From 2018–2023, restrictions were necessary to ensure the SEG for naturally-produced king salmon and the broodstock goal for increased hatchery king salmon stocking were achieved. In 2021 and 2023, the SEG and broodstock goals for naturally-produced king salmon were not met with less restrictive measures in place than historically utilized. Current passage of naturally-produced king salmon at Crooked Creek is about 570 king salmon and the SEG is not expected to be achieved. Additionally, wild king salmon utilize the Kasilof River from Crooked Creek to Tustumena Lake in August. This emergency order to prohibit the use of bait in the Kasilof River is a continuation of an incremental approach to reduce mortality of naturally-produced king salmon in the Kasilof River.

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