

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-07-26

Issued at: Sitka, Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2027 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes the bag, possession, annual limits and other management provisions in the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery for the 2026 season.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 47.055. *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(20) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2026. 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.

(20) king salmon:

- (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) from January 1 through June 30 the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (D) from July 1 through December 31 the nonresident annual limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply to the one fish annual harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
- (E) from October 1 through March 31, a resident sport fish angler may use two rods when fishing for king salmon; a person using two rods under this paragraph may only retain salmon.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Acting Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This plan provides management prescriptions based upon the allocation to the sport fishery as determined by *Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area* (5 AAC 29.060). The

allocation to the sport fishery for the 2026 season is 44,037 king salmon. To avoid exceeding the Alaska all-gear catch limit a 1% reduction has been applied to the Alaska all-gear catch limit which results in a management target of 43,600 king salmon for the sport fishery. This emergency order implements the management prescriptions for residents anglers when the sport allocation is below 55,420 and nonresident regulations have been established to provide an uninterrupted resident sport fishery. Inseason adjustments may be necessary to either increase or decrease opportunity to achieve but not exceed the sport fish allocation of king salmon.

The additional harvest opportunity for residents only applies within Alaska state waters (0-3 nautical miles from shore). In the waters of the exclusive economic zone, all anglers must comply with the regulations established for nonresident anglers, including those established by this emergency order.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: Emergency Order 1-KS-R-08-25 previously establishing resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit for the 2025/2026 winter season is superseded by this emergency order.

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