

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-5-45-14

Issued at: Dillingham, Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 7,
2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 31,
2014, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for coho salmon in all waters of the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 7, 2014, the bag and possession limit for coho salmon will be ten per day; ten in possession. The limit for pink, sockeye, and chum salmon in combination remains at five per day, five in possession. These limits are in addition to the more liberal limits for coho salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area (g) (7) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 7, 2014, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, 2014:

5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area.

(g) In the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, and unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 06.361 or 5 AAC 06.368, the following special provisions apply:

(7) the limit for coho salmon is ten per day, ten in possession; the limit for salmon, other than king and coho salmon, is five per day, five in possession.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Jason E. Dye
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The escapement of coho salmon in the Nushagak River has exceeded the escapement goal of 60,000 - 120,000 fish. Through August 5 over 286,000 coho salmon are estimated to have passed the Portage Creek sonar. As provided by 5 AAC 75.003 EMERGENCY ORDER AUTHORITY (2) (A), the Department has emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when the total escapement is projected to exceed the escapement goal and the total harvest under the increased

bag and possession limit will not reduce the escapement below the escapement goal. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for coho salmon in the Nushagak-Mulchatna River sport fishery.

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 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.