## SPORT FISHING Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME** 

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-02-20 Issued at Sitka, Monday, December

30, 2019.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 1,

2020 unless superseded by subsequent Date: January 1, 2020

emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan stipulates the regional king salmon sport fish bag and possession limits and any other management measures will be based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. As mandated by the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan king salmon regulations will be based on the previous Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE until the current years Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE is finalized. Since the 2020 Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE has not been finalized the 2020 Southeast Alaska sport fish king salmon regulations will be set using the 2019 Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE until the 2020 Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE is available. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for 2019 was 3.38 which, according to the plan, prescribes that the bag limit will be one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; the nonresident king salmon annual harvest limit will be three fish from January 1-June 30, and one fish July 1-December 31. Any king salmon harvested that applies to the harvest limit during the earlier time period will apply toward the later time period's harvest limit.

**REGULATION:** Consistent with stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (19) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, January 1, 2020. 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.

## (19) king salmon:

- (A) The bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;
- (B) From January 1 through June 30, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in length harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the July 1 through December 31 nonresident one fish annual harvest limit;
- (C) From July 1 through December 31, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length, and any king salmon 28 inches or greater in length harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply toward the one fish annual harvest limit:

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Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

<u>JUSTIFICATION</u>: 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 prescribes management measures based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE. The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2019 season is 3.38 which equates to 25,844 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. The above king salmon regulations are established to manage the sport fishery harvest for the king salmon allocation.

## **DISTRIBUTION:**

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