

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-KS-R-21-20

**Issued at:** Yakutat, Monday, July 20, 2020.

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2020

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-07-20 issued on April 30, 2020. This emergency order also prohibits retention of king salmon in the Situk River sport fishery upstream of the Situk River weir. The retention of king salmon is allowed below the weir under existing regulation.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(b)(6)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 22 through Thursday, December 31, 2020:

**5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(b)(6) in the Situk River drainage,

(A) King salmon may not be retained above the Situk River weir; king salmon may not be possessed or retained and may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

By delegation to:

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

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Jason Pawluk  
Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** The escapement goal range for large king salmon on the Situk River is 450 to 1,050 fish. The Situk River weir count through July 19 is 1,003 large king salmon, which is within the escapement goal range. Reopening the king salmon fishery downstream of the weir will increase king salmon harvest opportunity for sport anglers without decreasing king salmon escapement.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:** Emergency Order 1-KS-H-07-20, issued April 30, 2020, is rescinded by this emergency order.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 747-5551.