SPORT FISHING Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME**

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-30-24 Issued at: Juneau, Wednesday,

September 25, 2024.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,

October 1, 2024 April 30, 2025 unless superseded by Date:

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 2024/2025 winter season.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(20) are added by this emergency order and are effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2024 through 11:59 pm Wednesday, April 30, 2025. 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 October 1 through December 31, 2024, 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 September 30, 2024 will apply to the one fish annual harvest limit; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required;
 - (D) from January 1 through April 30, 2025, the nonresident annual limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; 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:	
-	Patrick Fowler
	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). Management prescriptions for the 2024 season were initially established on March 28, 2024 by Emergency Order 1-KS-R-08-24. This emergency order implemented the management provisions called for when the allocation to the sport fishery was 39,028 king salmon. To reduce the risk of exceeding the Alaska all-gear catch limit the sport fishery for king salmon was closed effective August 26, 2024 by Emergency Order 1-KS-R-27-24. This emergency order reopens the sport fishery for the winter season and continues the management provisions that were established on March 28, 2024. These regulations will remain in effect until the 2025 sport fish allocation of king salmon is announced in the spring of 2025.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-09-24 which established conservation measures to protect Alaska wild and transboundary river king salmon stocks remains in effect.

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) 772-5231.