

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-H-22-24

Issued at: Yakutat, Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2024 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Situk River from three fish per day and six in possession to six fish per day and twelve in possession.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(b)(8) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 2024, through Tuesday, December 31, 2024:

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)(8) in the Lost River and Ahmclin River and all drainages flowing into or between the Lost River and Ahmclin River, the bag and possession limits for sockeye salmon is a bag limit of three fish and a possession limit of six fish, except that in the Situk River the bag limit is six fish and a possession limit of twelve fish.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jason Pawluk
Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The escapement goal range for sockeye salmon on the Situk River is 30,000 to 70,000 fish. As of July 7, more than 33,000 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Situk River weir and the projected weir count is over the upper end of the escapement goal range. Typically, by this date, approximately 44% of the sockeye salmon entering the Situk River have passed the weir. As authorized under 5 AAC 75.003(2)(A), increasing the sockeye salmon bag and possession limits to provide additional harvest opportunity for sport anglers is warranted. The escapement goal will still be achieved even with additional harvest from liberalizing the sport fish bag and possession limit.

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