

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-F-24-24

Issued at: Haines, Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2024, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of sockeye salmon in Chilkoot River and Chilkoot Lake from July 18 through October 15, 2024.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(c)(2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 18 through Tuesday, October 15, 2024

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

(c) In the Haines vicinity:

(2) in the Chilkoot River drainage and Lake,

(C) the possession limit for chum and pink salmon 16 inches or greater in length is six fish per species; retention of sockeye salmon is prohibited;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: *Alex J. Tugaw*
Alex J. Tugaw
Haines/Skagway
Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The run of sockeye salmon to Chilkoot Lake and River is projected to be well below the sustainable escapement goal (38,000 – 86,000). As of July 15, only 600 sockeye salmon have been passed through the Chilkoot River weir. On average, 20,000 fish pass through the weir by this date. Additionally, genetic samples taken from the commercial fishery indicate a very small proportion of the fish being caught in District 15 are Chilkoot origin. Prohibition of Chilkoot sockeye salmon harvest in the sport

fishery is needed to increase escapement. This restriction will remain in effect through October 15, or until the department projects that the escapement goal will be met.

DISTRIBUTION:

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