

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-53-24

Issued at: Kodiak, Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2024, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the limit for sockeye salmon in the South Olga Lakes (Upper Station) drainage to 10 per day, 10 in possession.

REGULATION:


The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(15) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 21 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2024:

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(b)(15) in the South Olga Lakes (Upper Station) drainage, the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon is 10 fish.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tyler Polum
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Upper Station (South Olga Lakes drainage) early run sockeye salmon is 120,000 to 265,000 fish. As of August 18, the weir count for sockeye salmon in the drainage was 135,676 and with approximately 29% of the run past the weir the projected escapement is 467,433. Since the BEG is projected to be exceeded, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the drainage to provide additional sport fishing harvest opportunity.

DISTRIBUTION:

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