

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-30-24

Issued at: Anchorage, Thursday, June 27, 2024

Effective Date: 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 29, 2024

Expiration Date: 10:00 p.m. Sunday, June 30, 2024,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of king salmon (catch-and-release only) and limits sport fishing gear to one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure during the 2024 Campbell Creek youth only fishery that occurs the last Saturday and Sunday in June, between Dimond Boulevard and the Old Seward Highway.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122 (2)(G) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 29 through 10:00 p.m. Sunday, June 30, 2024:

5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.

(2) in the Campbell Creek drainage,

(G) a person 16 years of age or older may not sport fish in Campbell Creek between Dimond Boulevard and the Old Seward Highway during the designated youth fishing days which occur on the last Saturday and Sunday in June from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; during the designated youth fishing days king salmon may not be retained or possessed; king salmon must be released immediately, a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish; only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brittany Blain-Roth
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Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The two-day youth-only fishery is the only king salmon sport fishing harvest opportunity allowed on Campbell Creek. While estimated harvest in the youth-only fishery is considered low, the king salmon return to Campbell Creek has been below average in recent years and in 2 of the last 5 years the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) has not been met. The 2020 king salmon return was the lowest estimated (154 fish) and this is one of the main brood years for the 2024 king salmon returning to the creek. A stream survey conducted in fair to poor survey conditions on June 25 indicated very few fish in the creek. In

addition, king salmon returns are poor throughout Southcentral Alaska and a precautionary approach is warranted to ensure future king salmon returns to Campbell Creek. In order to still allow for a unique sport fishing opportunity for youth anglers, fishing for king salmon will be allowed; however, retention, bait, and multiple hooks will be prohibited to reduce mortality.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.