

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-32-24

Issued at Soldotna: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 14, 2024, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Russian River Sanctuary Area to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122 (10)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 14, 2024.

5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

(10) the following waters of the Middle Section are open to sport fishing, only as follows:

- (A) from July 3 – April 30, the Russian River sanctuary area, as defined in subparagraph (4)(D) of this section, is open to sport fishing, except sockeye may be taken only from July 3 – July 14;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Phill Stacey
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Through June 30, 2024, approximately 27,518 sockeye salmon have passed the Russian River weir, achieving the escapement goal of 22,000 – 44,000. Consistent with the *Russian River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 57.150), it is appropriate to liberalize the fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.