

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-RS-4-37-24

**Issued at:** Kodiak, 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December 31, 2024, unless superseded  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 to four fish in the Pasagshak River drainage. The combined bag and possession limit for all salmon, except king salmon, remains at five fish but four of these may be sockeye salmon. Additionally, only 2 may be coho salmon through September 15 and only one may be a coho salmon from September 16 through the end of the year.

### **REGULATION:**


The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(14) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 11 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)(14) in the Pasagshak River drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, is five fish of which four may be sockeye salmon and two may be coho salmon, except that from September 16 – December 31 only one may be a coho salmon.

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

  
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Tyler Polum,  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for sockeye salmon in the Pasagshak River drainage is 2,000 to 8,000 fish. Through July 7, 2024, the weir count was 1,837 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, about 16% of the run has occurred and the run is projected to exceed the upper bound of the SEG. With several weeks of the run expected yet and current counts projecting to exceed the SEG based on historical run-timing, it is warranted, under 5 AAC 75.003(2)(A), to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon to provide additional harvest opportunities for anglers.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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