

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-38-24

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December 31, 2024, unless superseded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 salmon, other king salmon, to 10 fish of which only five may be pink and chum salmon and only two may be coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length, in the Saltery Cove drainage.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(5) are superseded by this emergency order.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) The seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and special provisions specified in this subsection are localized exceptions to those specified in (a) of this section for finfish and shellfish in the Kodiak Area:

(5) in the Saltery Cove drainage, the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, is 10 fish, of which no more than five may be pink and chum salmon, and two may be coho salmon, 20 inches or greater in length;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tyler Polum,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for sockeye salmon in the Saltery Cove drainage is 15,000 to 35,000 fish. Through July 7, 2024, the weir count was 6,115 sockeye salmon. Based on historical run timing, about 13% of the run has occurred and the run is projected to exceed the upper bound of the BEG. The Saltery Cove sockeye salmon run has consistently exceeded the BEG in the last 10-years and 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 in the Saltery Cove drainage.

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.