

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RF-R-04-25

Issued at: Juneau, February 24, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag limit of pelagic rockfish in Southeast Alaska for all anglers from five to three fish per day and the possession limit from ten to six fish to stabilize the harvest of pelagic rockfish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(8)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 1 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025:

5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(8) rockfish may be taken from January 1 – December 31, as follows:

(A) pelagic rockfish: bag limit of three fish; possession limit of six fish; no annual limit; no size limit;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Patrick Fowler
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The pelagic rockfish harvest in the Southeast Alaska sport fishery has gradually increased from 59,000 fish in 2009 to 261,000 fish in 2023. In the interest of conservative management, the department is implementing this measure in an effort to stabilize harvest of pelagic rockfish in the sport fishery.

In February 2025, the Board of Fisheries took action to reduce bag and possession limits for all anglers in Southeast Alaska in the interest of conservative management. This emergency order establishes the reduced pelagic rockfish bag and possession limits recently adopted by the Board of Fisheries for the 2025 fishing season.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.