

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-1-20-13

Effective Date: 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Issued at: Soldotna, Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 14, 2013, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Russian River Sanctuary Area to fishing for sockeye salmon at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. (1)(D) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Sunday July 14, 2013.

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

(1)(D) The Russian River Sanctuary, including waters upstream from ADF&G regulatory markers located just downstream of the ferry crossing on the Kenai River to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards upstream of the public boat launch at Sportsman's Landing (including the waters around the upstream end of the island near the Russian River mouth) and the Russian River from its mouth upstream 100 yards to ADF&G regulatory markers is open to sport fishing from 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2013, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert N. Begich
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The department has projected that the Russian River early- run sockeye salmon spawning escapement goal of 22,000-42,000 fish at the Lower Russian Lake weir will be achieved. As of June 17, the sockeye salmon escapement at the weir is 15,015. Department staff estimate that an additional 2,000 sockeye salmon are present below the weir and upstream of the upper end of the sport fishery boundary (Top Hole). In addition, approximately 2,000 sockeye salmon are present in the Russian River Sanctuary Area. Based on historical run-timing through June 17 approximately 13 percent of the run is completed and the projected escapement is approximately 51,000 fish. Based on this information it is

appropriate to liberalize the fishery by allowing anglers the opportunity to harvest sockeye salmon in the Russian River Sanctuary Area.

DISTRIBUTION:

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