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**RUSSIAN RIVER SANCTUARY OPENS TO FISHING
8:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 19**

The Russian River Sanctuary will be open to sockeye salmon sport fishing beginning at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 19.

The Sanctuary Area includes 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. This includes 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. There is a map of the area on page 51 of the 2013 Southcentral regulation booklet.

The daily bag and possession limit remains three (3) sockeye salmon.

The Department has projected that the early-run sockeye salmon spawning escapement goal of 22,000 – 42,000 sockeye salmon will be achieved.

Anglers are reminded to remove fish carcasses whole, or gutted/gilled from the Russian River clear water, or take fish to the mainstem Kenai River cleaning tables located at the confluence and ferry crossing to fillet and chop sockeye salmon carcasses into small pieces and throw the pieces into deep, flowing waters. Please keep all personal belongings, including stringers of fish closely attended. Please respect the riverbank restoration projects and stay on the established pathways in the Sanctuary Area, campground areas, and Russian River Ferry area.