

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-17-26

Issued at: Sitka, Thursday, June 25, 2026.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2026 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds emergency order 1-KS-R-07-26 and liberalizes king salmon annual limits for nonresidents in Southeast Alaska. Harvest opportunity for resident anglers within state waters has not been modified.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020(20) are added by this emergency order and become effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

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

(20) king salmon:

(A) the resident bag and possession limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) the nonresident bag and possession limit is one king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length;

(C) the nonresident annual limit is two king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length; a harvest record under 5 AAC 75.006 is required; any king salmon harvested by a nonresident from January 1 through June 30 will apply to the two fish annual harvest limit.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Troy Tydingco
Acting Southeast Alaska Management Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

The Southeast Alaska sport fishery is being managed to achieve but not exceed the 2026 harvest target of 43,600 king salmon as determined by *Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area* (5 AAC 29.060). If no action is taken, the projected end of season harvest for the sport fishery is expected to fall short of the sport harvest target and additional harvest opportunity can be provided. In accordance with the provisions of the *Southeast Alaska King*

Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055), resident harvest opportunity has remained unchanged but this action increases harvest opportunity for nonresident anglers by increasing the annual limit of king salmon from 1 fish to 2 fish after June 30. The sport harvest of king salmon will continue to be monitored and additional action in the sport fishery may be necessary before the end of the season.

In accordance with 5 AAC 47.020(19), the regulations for nonresident anglers apply to all (resident and nonresident) anglers when fishing in the exclusive economic zone or EEZ (between 3-200 nautical miles from shore). Accordingly, in the EEZ, the annual limit for king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length will be 2 for all anglers (resident and nonresident) for the duration of this emergency order.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency order 1-KS-R-07-26 previously established resident and nonresident king salmon bag and possession limits and a nonresident king salmon annual limit for the 2026. These regional king salmon regulations are replaced by this emergency order.

Emergency orders 1-KS-R-08-26 and 1-KS-F-15-26 established conservation measures to protect Alaska wild and transboundary river king salmon stocks in the 2026 season. These areas and times that have been closed to king salmon retention remain in effect.

Emergency orders 1-KS-E-12-26, 1-KS-C-13-26, and 1-KS-A-14-26, established king salmon bag, possession and annual limits in areas where Alaska hatchery king salmon are returning. These regulations remain in effect and nonresidents may continue to harvest king salmon in these areas and times as described within the respective emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 747-5355.