

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-4-30-26

Issued at: Kodiak, Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
December 31, 2026, unless superseded
by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag limit for sockeye salmon to 10 fish in the Ayakulik River drainage.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(c)(3) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 26 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026:

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.

(c)(3) in the Ayakulik River drainage, the bag limit for sockeye salmon is 10 fish.

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Mark Witteveen
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for sockeye salmon in the Ayakulik River drainage is 200,000 to 400,000 fish. The Ayakulik River weir count was 304,580 sockeye salmon as of June 22. Based on historical run timing, approximately 41% of the run has occurred and the run is projected to exceed the upper bound of the SEG. With current counts projecting to exceed the SEG, it is warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon to provide additional harvest opportunities for anglers.

DISTRIBUTION:

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