

Table 27. Emergency order for the North Peninsula, 1996.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-01-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order:

(1) Delays the commercial salmon season until June 24 in the Uria Bay Section.

(2) Closes all Sanak Island waters to commercial salmon fishing through June 30. This includes all waters south of the latitude of Hague Rock and east of the longitude of cape Pankof south of the latitude of Hague Rock.

JUSTIFICATION: The early portion of the Uria Bay sockeye run has been weakened by intense early fishing pressure in the past. Delaying the fishery until June 24, or until the escapement justifies an earlier fishery, is necessary to rebuild the early portion of the run.

The area around Sanak Island has produced high chum to sockeye ratios in the past. There is a limit to the number of chum salmon that can be taken in the South Unimak and Shumagin Island June Fisheries. This means that the Fishery will close before the sockeye allocation is reached if the chum limit is reached first.

Historically commercial salmon fishing records indicate a very limited to non-existent fishing effort around Sanak Island, although in 1990 and 1991, fishing interest increased. Even though the fishing effort was light (i.e. less than four boats) the corresponding catch per unit of effort combined with the high chum per sockeye ratio could result in substantial numbers of chum salmon being harvested, if effort were to increase.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-01-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11:59 p.m. June 12, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is extended 24 hours from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 13.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section 24 hours until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 13. Escapement past the Ilnik River weir as of June 11 is 5,944 sockeye salmon with the first interim goal of the season on June 15 of 4,000-6,000 sockeye. Effort inside Ilnik Lagoon consists of one set gillnet operator that started fishing on June 11. Within the Ilnik Section, only Ilnik Lagoon is open to commercial salmon fishing prior to July 5. The daily sockeye escapement counts at the weir are increasing, and with the June 15 upper interim goal met as of June 11, it is appropriate to provide additional fishing time to harvest surplus sockeye to the escapement needs. This emergency order extends the weekly fishing period 24 hours from 12:00 noon Monday, June 10 until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 13.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-02-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 noon June 16, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is open from 12:00 noon Sunday, June 16 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 19.

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**JUSTIFICATION:** This emergency order opens the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section 24 hours earlier than scheduled in the regulation book from 12:00 noon Sunday, June 16 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 19. Escapement past the Ilnik River weir as of June 15 is 12,895 sockeye salmon exceeding the June 25 interim escapement goal of 8,000-12,000 sockeye salmon. Effort inside Ilnik Lagoon consists of one set gillnet operator. Within the Ilnik Section, only Ilnik Lagoon is open to commercial salmon fishing prior to July 5. The daily sockeye escapement counts at the weir are increasing, and at the present escapement rate the July 1 escapement goal will be exceeded. Additional fishing time is needed to harvest surplus sockeye to the escapement needs at Ilnik River. This emergency order opens the commercial salmon fishing period from 12:00 noon Sunday, June 16 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 19.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-03-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7:00 p.m. June 18, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** The commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River Section is closed to commercial salmon fishing from 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 until 5:59 a.m. Monday, June 24.

**JUSTIFICATION:** This emergency order closes the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River Section from 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 to 5:59 a.m. Monday, June 24. Escapement past the Bear and Sandy River weirs are beginning to fall behind escapement requirements. The seasons escapement in Bear River is about 7,000 sockeye as of 4:00 p.m. on June 18, with the June 20 upper interim goal of 15,000. At the present escapement rate into Sandy River, the June 30 interim goal will not be met. Commercial fishery catches on Monday in the Bear River Section do not indicate a large abundance of fish en route. Effort in the Bear River Section is between 15-20 boats. It is appropriate to close the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River Section from 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 until 5:59 a.m. Monday, June 24 to allow sockeye salmon to enter Bear and Sandy Rivers to ensure future interim goals.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-04-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11:59 p.m. June 19, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is extended 24 hours from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 19 until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

**JUSTIFICATION:** This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section 24 hours from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 19 until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 20. The cumulative sockeye escapement past the Ilnik River weir as of 7:00 p.m. June 19 is about 17,000 sockeye salmon, exceeding the June 25 interim escapement goal of 8,000-12,000 sockeye salmon. Effort inside Ilnik Lagoon consists of one set gillnet operator. Within the Ilnik Section, only Ilnik Lagoon is open to commercial salmon fishing prior to July 5. The daily sockeye escapement counts at the weir are strong for this date and at the present escapement rate the July 1 escapement goal will be exceeded. Additional fishing time is needed to harvest surplus sockeye to the escapement needs at Ilnik River. This emergency order extends the weekly scheduled closing period 24 hours from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 19 until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-05-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11:59 p.m. June 20, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is extended 48 hours from 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 20 until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 22.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section 48 hours from 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 20 until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 22. The cumulative sockeye escapement past the Ilnik River weir as of 7:00 p.m. June 20 is about 18,000 sockeye salmon, exceeding the June 25 interim escapement goal of 8,000-12,000 sockeye salmon. Effort inside Ilnik Lagoon consists of one set gillnet operator, that did not fish on Wednesday because of a temporary void in tender service. Within the Ilnik Section, only Ilnik Lagoon is open to commercial salmon fishing prior to July 5. The daily sockeye escapement counts at the weir are strong for this date and at the present escapement rate the July 1 escapement goal will be exceeded. Additional fishing time is needed to harvest surplus sockeye to the escapement needs at Ilnik River. This emergency order extends the weekly scheduled closing period 48 hours from 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 20 until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 22.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-09-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 midnight June 20, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial fishing time an additional 24 hours until 12:00 midnight Friday, during the week of June 16 - 22.

JUSTIFICATION: The sockeye escapement through the Sapsuk River weir is approximately 10,000 fish. This is an excellent escapement for this date and it appears that the June 30 goal of 30,000 sockeye salmon will be exceeded.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-06-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 a.m. June 24, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River and Port Moller Bight Sections is closed from 6:00 a.m. Monday, June 24 until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25. The commercial salmon fishing period in the Three Hills Section is closed from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, June 25 until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order closes the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River and Point Moller Bight Sections 24 hours from 6:00 a.m. Monday, June 24 until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25. This emergency order also closes the commercial salmon fishing period in the Three Hills Section from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, June 25 until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25. As of 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 23 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 26,700 sockeye and at Sandy River a minimum estimate of 7,273 sockeye salmon. Due to high winds (70-80 knots SE) at Sandy River, the weir washed out late morning on Sunday, June 23 making accurate counts at Sandy River not attainable for one or two days until the weir is in place again. The June 25 upper escapement goal at Bear River of 40,000 sockeye salmon will not be attained at the present escapement rate. The next interim escapement goal for Bear River of 40,000-80,000 on June 30 is also questionable at the present escapement rate. The strength of the Bear River run has not been fully ascertained at this time and commercial fisheries to date have been minimal due to lack of strong early run strength. The Three Hills Section is scheduled to open by regulation on June 25, therefore, since the Three Hills Section is managed on the basis of Bear and Sandy Rivers, along with the Bear River and Port Moller Bight

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Sections, these three Sections will be closed to commercial salmon fishing until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25. Further closures beyond this date are possible if the Bear River escapement counts do not improve.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-07-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 a.m. June 24, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections is closed from 6:00 a.m. Monday, June 24 until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 26. The next scheduled commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Section is 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 1 to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4.

JUSTIFICATION: Emergency Order No. 4-FS--M-PM-06-95 closed the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25. This emergency order closes the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections an additional 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. The next scheduled opening in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight and Three Hills Section is 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 1 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4. As of 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 24 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 28,700 sockeye with a daily count (at 7:30 p.m.) of only 200 sockeye salmon. The Sandy River seasons escapement is a minimum estimate of 7,273 sockeye salmon as of June 23. Due to high winds (70-80 knots SE) at Sandy River, the weir washed out late morning on Sunday, June 23 making accurate counts at Sandy River not attainable for one or two days until the weir is in place again. The June 25 upper escapement goal at Bear River of 40,000 sockeye salmon will not be attained at the present escapement rate.

The escapement at Bear River is sporadic and is not responding as expected to commercial fishery closures since June 17. The next interim escapement goal for Bear River of 40,000-80,000 on June 30 will not be met at the present escapement rate. The strength of the Bear River run has not been fully ascertained at this time and commercial fisheries to date have been minimal (about 10,000 sockeye) due to lack of strong early run strength. Commercial fisheries have not occurred in the Bear River Section since June 17 and no commercial fisheries have occurred in the Three Hills Section this season. The Three Hills Section is scheduled to opened by regulation on June 25 and has been closed along with the Bear River and Port Moller Bight Sections to allow Bear River sockeye salmon the opportunity to enter the river. This emergency order closes the weekly commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight and Three Hills Sections.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-08-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11:59 p.m. June 26, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is extended 48 hours from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 28.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section 48 hours from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 28. Within the Ilnik Section, only Ilnik Lagoon is open to commercial salmon fishing prior to July 5. Effort inside Ilnik Lagoon consists of one set gillnet operator. The cumulative sockeye escapement past the Ilnik River weir as of 2:00 p.m. June 26 is about 30,000 sockeye salmon, exceeding the July 1 interim escapement goal of 16,000-24,000 sockeye salmon. The daily sockeye escapement counts at the Ilnik River weir are strong for this date and are increasing. Additional fishing time is needed to harvest surplus

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sockeye to the escapement needs at Ilnik River. This emergency order extends the weekly scheduled closing period 48 hours from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 28.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-17-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 midnight June 27, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial fishing time an additional 24 hours until 12:00 midnight Friday, during the week of June 23 - 29.

JUSTIFICATION: The sockeye escapement through the Sapsuk River weir is approximately 40,000 fish. This is an excellent escapement for this date and it appears that the July 5th goal of 65,000 sockeye salmon will be easily reached. More fishing time is needed to harvest the resource.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-09-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11:59 p.m. June 28, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is extended 24 hours from 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 28 until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 29.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section an additional 24 hours from 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 28 until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Within the Ilnik Section, only Ilnik Lagoon is open to commercial salmon fishing prior to July 5. Effort inside Ilnik Lagoon consists of one set gillnet operator. The cumulative sockeye escapement past the Ilnik River weir as of 7:30 p.m. June 28 is about 40,000 sockeye salmon, exceeding the July 1 interim escapement goal of 16,000-24,000 sockeye salmon and meeting the season ending minimum goal. The daily sockeye escapement counts at the Ilnik River weir are remaining strong. Additional fishing time is needed to harvest sockeye surplus to the escapement needs at Ilnik River. This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section an additional 24 hours until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 29.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-10-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11:59 p.m. June 29, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is extended from 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 29 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 3.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 29 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 3. Within the Ilnik Section, only Ilnik Lagoon is open to commercial salmon fishing prior to July 5. Effort inside Ilnik Lagoon consists of one set gillnet operator. The cumulative sockeye escapement past the Ilnik River weir as of 7:30 p.m. June 29 is about 42,000 sockeye salmon, exceeding the July 1 interim escapement goal of 16,000-24,000 sockeye salmon and exceeding the season ending minimum goal of 40,000 sockeye salmon. The daily sockeye escapement counts at the Ilnik River weir are remaining strong. Additional fishing time is needed to harvest sockeye surplus to the escapement needs at Ilnik River. Continuous fishing has been in effect inside Ilnik Lagoon since 12:00 noon Monday, June 24 and this emergency order further extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 3.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-11-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 a.m. July 1, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections is closed from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 1 until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 2. Further closures beyond 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 2 are likely unless the escapement improves dramatically at Bear River.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order closes the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 1 until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 2. As of 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 41,300 sockeye with a daily count (at 7:30 p.m.) of only 1,500 sockeye salmon. The June 30 interim escapement goal at Bear River of 40,000-80,000 sockeye salmon is met at the minimum level with no commercial fishery since June 18. The next interim goal at Bear River of 80,000-100,000 sockeye on July 5 will not be met at the present escapement rate. The Sandy River seasons escapement is 31,000 as of 7:30 p.m. June 30. The June 30 goal has been attained at Sandy River and the July 4 upper interim goal is met.

Bear River escapement has not responded to a commercial fishery closure since June 18 and further closures in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections are likely beyond 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 2 if escapement does not improve dramatically.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-12-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 a.m. July 2, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections will remain closed for an additional 24 hours from 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 2 until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 3.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order closes the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections another 24 hours from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 1 until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 3. As of 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 1 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 44,200 sockeye with a daily count (at 7:30 p.m.) of 1,700 sockeye salmon. An aerial survey conducted at 7 p.m. on July 1 revealed 22,000 sockeye in the lower portion of Bear River bringing the escapement up to about 66,000 fish. It usually takes 1-2 days for fish to travel the length of the river to the weir. The July 5 interim escapement goal at Bear River of 80,000-100,000 sockeye salmon may be met with a another strong daily escapement.

The Sandy River seasons escapement is 34,700 as of 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 1 with daily counts ranging between 3,000-4,000 sockeye. The July 4 Sandy River interim goal of 20,000-30,000 sockeye has been met.

Bear River sockeye escapement has not responded until today to a commercial fishery closure since June 18. Further strong escapement counts will be needed to assure the July 5 interim goal. If a strong escapement, as determined via an aerial survey, occurs tomorrow July 2, then the July 5 goal will be assured and a commercial fishery may be permitted on Wednesday. However, at the present time, the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections will remain closed to commercial salmon fishing for an additional 24 hours until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 3 to provide opportunity for Bear River sockeye to enter the escapement.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-13-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 a.m. July 3, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections will remain closed for an additional 12 hours from 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3. This emergency order also opens the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Section to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4. This emergency order also closes the commercial salmon fishing season in that portion of the Bear River Section located between a point 2,000 yards northeast of Sandy River to a point 1,000 yards southwest of King Salmon River from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order closes the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections another 12 hours from 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3. The Bear River and Port Moller Bight Sections have been closed to commercial salmon fishing since 7 p.m. June 18 and no fishery has been allowed this season in the Three Hills Section. This emergency order opens the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Section to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4. As of 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 58,000 sockeye with a daily count (at 7:30 p.m.) of 11,500 sockeye salmon. An aerial survey conducted at 7 p.m. on July 2 revealed 29,000 sockeye in the Bear River below the weir bringing the seasons escapement up to about 87,000 fish. The July 5 interim escapement goal at Bear River of 80,000-100,000 sockeye salmon has met the minimum goal.

The Sandy River season escapement is 41,000 as of 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 1 with daily counts ranging between 3,000-4,000 sockeye. The July 4 Sandy River interim goal of 20,000-30,000 sockeye has been exceeded, and met the July 25 season ending minimum escapement goal of 40,000 sockeye.

This emergency order opens the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4. This emergency order also closes the commercial salmon fishing season in that portion of the Bear River Section located between 2,000 yards northeast of Sandy River to 1,000 yards southwest of King Salmon River. The closed water area will provide protection for milling fish at Bear River to ensure the July 5 upper escapement goal and provide a harvest of fish en route. Once the upper July 5 interim goal is assured, the closed water area identified above will be reduced to those described in the regulation book.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-14-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8:00 p.m. July 3, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order reopens the commercial salmon fishing season in that portion of the Bear River Section located from 2,000 yards northeast of Sandy River to 1,000 yards southwest of King Salmon River to the regulatory markers described in the regulation book (and in place on the beach) at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until further notice. This emergency order also extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 6.

JUSTIFICATION: As of 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 3 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 95,000 sockeye with a daily count on July 2 of 35,681 sockeye and a strong morning count on July 3 and another strong day expected. The July 5 interim escapement goal at Bear River of 80,000-100,000 sockeye salmon should exceed the upper goal today.

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The Sandy River season escapement is 41,827 through July 2 with daily counts ranging between 4,000-5,500 sockeye. The July 4 Sandy River interim goal of 20,000-30,000 sockeye has been exceeded, and met the July 8 goal of 30,000-44,000 will likely be met today.

This emergency order opens the commercial salmon fishing period in that portion of the Bear River Section located between 2,000 yards northeast of Sandy River to 1,000 yards southwest of King Salmon River as identified in the regulation book at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until further notice. The Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections will open to commercial salmon fishing (for the first time since June 18) at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 with the closed water area (identified in Emergency Order No. 4-FS-M-PM-13-96) in effect for 2 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3. At 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 the closed water area in the Bear River Section will be as described in the regulation book (and identified with regulatory markers on the beach). The escapement at Bear River on July 2 was stronger than expected and the July 5 interim goal will be met.

This emergency order also extends the Ilnik Section to commercial salmon fishing from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 6. The escapement at Ilnik River is 48,935 sockeye through July 2 with the July 4 and July 7 upper interim goals exceeded. It is appropriate at this time to extend the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 6. Only inside Ilnik Lagoon is open to commercial salmon fishing until 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 5, when commercial salmon fishing opens in the outer Ilnik Section to Unangashak Bluffs (159° 10' 48").

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-15-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10:00 p.m. July 3, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order reduces the closed waters at the ocean shoreline of Bear River to the stream terminus from 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11.

JUSTIFICATION: As of 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 111,000 sockeye with a daily count on July 3 as of 7:30 p.m. of 29,000 sockeye. The escapement at Bear River has increased dramatically on July 2 and 3 and a commercial salmon fishery started this evening at 6:00 p.m. Today's weir count is much stronger than expected and the July 10 interim goal of 100,000-110,000 sockeye has been exceeded. It is appropriate at this time to open Bear River to the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11 to provide maximum opportunity to harvest Bear River sockeye stocks surplus to the escapement needs.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-16-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 4, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11

JUSTIFICATION: Through Wednesday, July 3 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 126,720 sockeye with a daily count on July 3 of 44,694 sockeye for a two day average escapement of over 40,000 sockeye/day. The Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections opened to commercial salmon fishing at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 (after



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being closed since June 18) and Bear River opened to the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 and will remain open to the terminus until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11. The season escapement past the weir as of 8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 4 is 139,000 sockeye with another strong daily count expected today. The July 5, July 10, and July 15 interim escapement goals at Bear River have been exceeded.

The Sandy River season escapement is 46,734 through July 3 with daily counts ranging between 4,000-5,500 sockeye. The July 4 Sandy River interim goal of 20,000-30,000 sockeye has been exceeded, and the July 8 goal of 30,000-44,000 has been exceeded.

It is appropriate at this time to extend the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections to commercial salmon fishing to harvest sockeye stocks surplus to the escapement needs at Bear and Sandy Rivers. Bear River, because of the exceptionally strong escapement, will remain open to the stream terminus to provide maximum harvest opportunity.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-23-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 midnight July 4, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial fishing time in the Nelson Lagoon Section an additional 24 hours until 12:00 midnight Friday, during the week of June 30 - July 6.

JUSTIFICATION: The sockeye escapement through the Sapsuk River weir is approximately 65,000 fish, which is an excellent interim escapement goal for July 5. More fishing time is needed to harvest the resource.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-25-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 noon July 5, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order reopens the commercial salmon fishing period at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 5, in the Inner Port Heiden Section. This opening is 66 hours earlier than scheduled weekly fishing period.

JUSTIFICATION: Port Heiden sockeye often receive little or no exploitation due to the remoteness of the area. One vessel is presently fishing the Inner Port Heiden Section and it must transport its catch 25 to 40 miles to deliver to the processor. The fisherman reports a high sockeye catch which indicates the Port Heiden sockeye run is strong, which seems to be the situation with other Northern District sockeye stocks. With slight effort there appears to be no danger of over

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-24-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 midnight July 5, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order allows continuous commercial salmon fishing until 12:00 midnight Thursday, July 11 in the Nelson Lagoon Section.

JUSTIFICATION: The sockeye salmon escapement through the Sapsuk River weir is 105,000 fish as of 7:30 p.m. July 4. This is within the 100,000 to 150,000 season escapement goal range for this system. More fishing time is needed to harvest the resource.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-26-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 6, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the commercial salmon season in the Urilia Bay Section from Saturday, July 6 through Saturday, August 10.

JUSTIFICATION: A recent aerial survey indicates that less than 2,000 sockeye have escaped into Christianson Lagoon at Urilia Bay since the fishery began on June 24. The total escapement appears to be less than 10,000 and the run is at its peak. At this rate, the escapement goal of 25,000 to 50,000 will not be reached.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-17-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 6, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 6 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 10.

JUSTIFICATION: Through Friday, July 5 the season sockeye escapement at Ilnik River is 55,455 sockeye with a seasons escapement goal ending around July 20 of 40,000-60,000 sockeye. The Ilnik Section (up to Unangashak Bluffs) is extended to commercial salmon fishing since the Ilnik Section is managed on the basis of Ilnik River sockeye stocks prior to the end of the Ilnik River run. No conservation concern exists for Bear or Ugashik Rivers at this time, so it is appropriate to extend the Ilnik Section to commercial salmon fishing until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 to harvest surplus stocks to the escapement needs at Ilnik River.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-18-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 9, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17. The commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections will remain open to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18. This emergency order also reduces the closed waters, that have been in effect since July 3, at the ocean shoreline of Bear River to the stream terminus from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18. The sockeye escapement past the Ilnik River weir has exceeded the July 11 interim escapement goal and the season ending goal of 40,000-60,000 will be exceeded with the escapement through July 8 of 57,847 sockeye. With no conservation concern for Bear or Ugashik Rivers, it is appropriate at this time to extend the Ilnik Section to commercial salmon fishing to harvest Ilnik River sockeye stocks.

This emergency order also extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18. Through July 8, the escapement into Bear River is 184,603 sockeye, exceeding the July 15 interim goal of 110,000-125,000 sockeye. The Sandy River escapement past the weir as of July 8 is 57,099 sockeye, exceeding the July 13 goal of 36,000-54,000 sockeye. The upper season ending goal for Sandy River is 60,000 sockeye which will be exceeded. This emergency

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order also further reduces the closed waters in the Bear River Section at Bear River to the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline, which have been in place since July 3, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18 to curtail the escapement into Bear River.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-29-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 10, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order allows continuous commercial salmon fishing until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 in the Inner Port Heiden Section.

JUSTIFICATION: Almost no commercial salmon fishing has taken place in the Inner Port Heiden Section due to its remoteness and high winds. The last opportunity to harvest Meshik River sockeye will likely be during the current week. Weather and water conditions have prevented a survey of the river but based on the very light effort and the health of other runs in the area, the Meshik river sockeye escapement is likely high.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-28-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 midnight July 11, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order allows continuous commercial salmon fishing until 12:00 midnight Thursday, July 18 in the Nelson Lagoon Section.

JUSTIFICATION: The sockeye salmon escapement through the Sapsuk River weir is 183,000 fish as of 7:30 p.m. July 8. This is over the 100,000 to 150,000 season escapement goal range for this system. More fishing time is needed to harvest the resource.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-30-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 a.m. July 15, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes a 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 p.m. Thursday commercial salmon fishing period in the Bechevin Bay Section during the week of July 14 - 20. The fishing period is of the same duration as the adjacent Swanson Lagoon and Izembek-Moffet Bay Sections.

JUSTIFICATION: The chum salmon escapement into Saint Catherine Cove is estimated to be 13,300 fish which is the highest on record for this date. Fishing time is needed to harvest the resource.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-19-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3:00 p.m. July 15, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order institutes the closed waters within 1,000 yards of the terminus of Bear River from 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 15 until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 8.

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**JUSTIFICATION:** Effective on July 16, a new escapement interim schedule of 40,000-50,000 sockeye by August 5 begins at Bear River. Bear River has been open to the stream terminus since 10:00 p.m. July 3. Escapements have dropped dramatically, therefore, with the new escapement interim goal beginning on tomorrow July 16, the closed waters as identified in the regulation book (and in place on the beach) will be in effect from 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 15 until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 8. The escapement through Bear River as of July 14 is 194,806 sockeye, exceeding the July 15 goal of 110,000-125,000 sockeye.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-20-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 17, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period 24 hours in the Ilnik Section from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18

**JUSTIFICATION:** Through July 16 the season sockeye escapement at Ilnik River is 60,228 sockeye with a season ending escapement goal of 40,000-60,000 sockeye. The Ilnik Section is extended to commercial salmon fishing for an additional 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18. No conservation concern exists for Bear or Ugashik Rivers at this time, so it is appropriate to extend the Ilnik Section to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18 to harvest surplus stocks to the escapement needs at Ilnik River and other North Peninsula rivers. Future management actions beyond July 18 in the Ilnik Section will be based on the sockeye escapement at Bear River prior to about August 15, since the Ilnik River run is almost over.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-33-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 17, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order allows continuous commercial salmon fishing until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 in the Inner Port Heiden Section.

**JUSTIFICATION:** A recent survey of the Meshik River system indicated that the sockeye escapement was over 50,000 fish. This is double the upper end of the escapement goal. More fishing time is needed to harvest the resource.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-21-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 18, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18 until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 19. This emergency order also extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18 until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 19.

**JUSTIFICATION:** This emergency order extends the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18 until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 19. The sockeye escapement at Bear River as of July 17 is 201,045 sockeye, exceeding the July 15 goal of 110,000-125,000 sockeye. The next interim period is July 16 to August 5 of 40,000-50,000 sockeye.

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The Sandy River season escapement is 61,950 through July 17 exceeding the Sandy River escapement goal by July 25 of 40,000-60,000 sockeye.

The sockeye escapement into Ilnik River is 60,528 as of July 17, exceeding the season ending goal of 40,000-60,000 by July 20. The Ilnik River weir will be pulled within the next few days and the Ilnik Section managed on the basis of Bear River stocks until coho salmon management occurs around August 15.

All escapement goals have been exceeded, therefore, it is appropriate at this time to extend the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing for an additional 24 hours until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 19 to harvest surplus North Peninsula sockeye stocks.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-32-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 midnight July 18, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order allows continuous commercial salmon fishing until 12:00 midnight Friday, July 26 in the Nelson Lagoon Section.

JUSTIFICATION: The sockeye salmon escapement through the Sapsuk River weir is 226,000 through July 16. This is over the 100,000 to 150,000 season escapement goal range for this system. More fishing time is needed to harvest the resource.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-22-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 19, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 19 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20. This emergency order also extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 19 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 19 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20. The sockeye escapement at Bear River as of July 18 is 201,764 sockeye, exceeding the July 15 goal of 110,000-125,000 sockeye. The next interim period is July 16 to August 5 of 40,000-50,000 sockeye.

The Sandy River season escapement is 62,263 through July 18 exceeding the Sandy River escapement goal by July 25 of 40,000-60,000 sockeye.

The sockeye escapement into Ilnik River is 60,887 as of July 18, exceeding the season ending goal of 40,000-60,000 by July 20. The Ilnik River weir will be pulled today and the Ilnik Section managed on the basis of Bear River sockeye stocks until coho salmon management occurs around August 15.

All escapement goals have been exceeded, therefore, it is appropriate at this time to extend the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing for an additional 24 hours until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20 to harvest surplus North Peninsula sockeye stocks.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-23-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 a.m. July 22, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik, Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections is closed from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 22 until 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 22.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order closes the Ilnik, Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 22 until 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 22. As of 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21 the season sockeye escapement at Bear River is 208,000 sockeye. The next interim goal from July 16-August 5 of 40,000-50,000 sockeye has about 7,200 adult sockeye past the weir with an estimated 11,000 sockeye in river as determined by an aerial survey at 7:00 p.m. July 21. The total escapement since July 16 is a minimum of 18,000 sockeye. The Ilnik, Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections have been closed to commercial salmon fishing since 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20. Reopening the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik, Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections at 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 22 will allow for some milling fish to enter the river on Monday, July 22 prior to the fishery opening.

The season ending escapement goals of 40,000-60,000 sockeye at both Sandy and Ilnik Rivers has been exceeded with the Sandy River escapement of 62,000 sockeye and Ilnik River escapement of 61,000 sockeye. Both Sandy and Ilnik River weirs have been pulled for the season. The regulatory markers as described in the regulation booklet will be in effect, and are set at 1,000 yards for Bear River.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-37-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 24, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the commercial salmon fishing season the Swanson Lagoon Section after July 23.

JUSTIFICATION: The escapement of chum salmon into Silver Salmon creek is only 700 fish. Catches of sockeye salmon have been low, indicating that the sockeye run is not strong at this time. The season should be closed at this time to get more chum and sockeye salmon into closed waters.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-38-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7:00 a.m. July 24, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order establishes a 7:00 a.m. July 24 until 9:00 p.m. July 26 fishing period in the South Central District, Southwestern District, Sanak Island Section, Otter Cove Section, and Bechevin Bay Section.

JUSTIFICATION: Pink and chum salmon escapements are good to excellent in early streams. Effort was light during the last fishing period in the western portion of the South Peninsula, likely due to low prices. There is concern for fish quality with build-ups of fish and light effort. Fishing time is needed to harvest the resource while the quality is at it's best.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-24-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 24, 1996

EXPLANATION: The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is extended 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25. The Ilnik Section is managed on the basis of Bear River sockeye stocks upon the completion of the Ilnik River sockeye run around July 20. Through July 23, the sockeye escapement into Bear River is 216,845 fish, with an escapement since July 16 of 17,053 adult sockeye salmon. Since the jack sockeye counts are above 10%, only adult sockeye salmon are counted towards the July 16-August 5 interim escapement goal of 40,000-50,000 sockeye. The escapement at Bear River is increasing with a strong count on July 23. It is appropriate at this time to extend the Ilnik Section to commercial salmon fishing 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25. The Ilnik Section will be managed on the basis of Ilnik Lagoon coho salmon stocks beginning around August 15.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-25-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 25, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 29. This emergency order also extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 29.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 29. The sockeye escapement at Bear River as of July 24 is 219,213 sockeye salmon. The July 16-August 5 interim period escapement goal is 40,000-50,000 sockeye. Between July 16 and July 24, 19,145 adult sockeye salmon have passed the Bear River weir, with a helicopter survey conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 revealing about 13,000 sockeye in Bear River below the weir bringing the escapement for the July 16-August 5 period around 32,000 sockeye. Previous aerial surveys earlier in the week indicate that sockeye are traveling upriver slower than usual. Weir counts have remained consistent over the past five days, and at the present escapement rate the July 16-August 5 goal will be exceeded.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-43-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 29, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order reopens the commercial salmon fishing season in the Swanson Lagoon Section from July 29 through August 10.

The closed waters at Swanson Lagoon are expanded to include all of Swanson Lagoon, the Swanson Lagoon outlet channel, and all waters within 500 yards of the Swanson Lagoon outlet channel terminus from July 29 through September 4.

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**JUSTIFICATION:** A recent survey indicated that there are at least 20,000 sockeye and chum salmon in Swanson Lagoon and its outlet channel. These fish are of poor quality and are needed for escapement. However, the run is strong enough that fresh salmon entering the area can be harvested while good escapements are achieved.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-26-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. July 31, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** The commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section is extended 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1.

**JUSTIFICATION:** This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1. The Ilnik Section is managed on the basis of Bear River sockeye stocks upon the completion of the Ilnik River sockeye run around July 20. Through July 30, the sockeye escapement into Bear River is 245,003 fish, with an escapement since July 16 of 43,260 adult sockeye salmon. The July 16 - August 5 interim escapement goal at Bear River is 40,000-50,000 sockeye and has been met. It is appropriate at this time to extend the Ilnik Section to commercial salmon fishing 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1. The Ilnik Section will be managed on the basis of Ilnik Lagoon coho salmon stocks beginning around August 15.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-46-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8:00 a.m. August 1, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order establishes a 8:00 a.m. August 1 until 9:00 p.m. August 3 fishing period in the South Central, Southwestern, and Unimak Districts and the Bechevin Bay Section.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Pink and chum salmon escapements are good to excellent in early streams. Effort was very light during the last fishing period in the western portion of the South Peninsula, likely due to low prices. There is concern for fish quality with build-ups of fish and light effort. Fishing time is needed to harvest the resource while the quality is at its best.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-27-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. August 1, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 5. This emergency order also extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 5.

**JUSTIFICATION:** This emergency order extends the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 5. The sockeye escapement at Bear River as of July 31 is 247,371 sockeye salmon. The season ending goal by September 15 is 200,000-250,000 sockeye. The July 16-August 5 interim period escapement goal is 40,000-50,000 sockeye, with the escapement during this period of 45,319 sockeye salmon, meeting the escapement objective. At the present escapement rate, the July 16-August 5 goal will be exceeded. Harvests indicate more fish are en route averaging about 20,000 sockeye per day.

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It is appropriate at this time to extend the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 1 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 5 to harvest surplus Bear River sockeye stocks.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-47-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 midnight August 1, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial fishing time an additional 24 hours until 12:00 midnight Friday, during the week of July 28 - August 3 in the Nelson Lagoon Section.

JUSTIFICATION: The sockeye catch in Nelson Lagoon was 3,400 fish during July 30 which indicates the late sockeye run is moderately strong. Fishing was curtailed during July 31 due to strong winds. Fishing effort is light at this time. A 24 hour extension will give fishermen an opportunity to make up for fishing opportunity lost due to weather.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-51-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9:00 p.m. August 3, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time four days until 9:00 p.m. August 7 in the South Central, Southwestern, and Unimak Districts and the Bechevin Bay Section.

JUSTIFICATION: Pink and chum salmon escapements are good to excellent in early streams. Effort is very light in the western portion of the South Peninsula, likely due to low prices. There is concern for fish quality with build-ups of fish and light effort. Fishing time is needed to harvest the resource while the quality is at it's best.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-28-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9:00 p.m. August 5, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section from 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 5 until further notice. This emergency order also closes the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 5 until further notice.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order closes commercial salmon fishing in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections from 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 5 until further notice. The sockeye escapement at Bear River as of 2:00 p.m. August 5 is about 255,000 sockeye salmon. The July 16-August 5 interim period escapement goal is 40,000-50,000 sockeye, with the escapement during this period of 51,500 adult sockeye salmon. The post August 5 escapement goal at Bear River is 50,000-75,000 sockeye. The escapement at Bear River has slowed to about 1,500 adult sockeye/day and commercial harvests are decreasing rapidly indicating a lack of abundance of Bear River sockeye salmon.

It is appropriate at this time to close the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 5 until further notice.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-53-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9:00 p.m. August 7, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time four days until 9:00 p.m. August 11 in the South Central, and Unimak Districts, in the Bechevin Bay Section and in all sections of the Southwestern District located outside of the Belkofski Bay Section.

JUSTIFICATION: Pink and chum salmon escapements are good to excellent in early streams even though the pink salmon run is not strong. This is due to low prices being paid to fishermen. Most of the fishing effort is taking place in the Belkofski Bay Section, where salmon are only beginning to enter the streams. The Belkofski Bay Section is close to the community of King Cove and is easily reached by fishermen not wanting to use more fuel to travel to more distant locations. Additional fishing time is needed in the Bechevin Bay Section and that portion of the South Peninsula west of McGinty Point, but outside of the Belkofski Bay Section, to harvest the resource. The Belkofski Bay Section should be closed for awhile to allow more pink salmon to escape to natal streams.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-29-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11:00 a.m. August 8, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order opens the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 8 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 12. This emergency order also opens the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 8 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 12. This emergency order also institutes the closed waters within 1,000 yards of the terminus of Bear River from 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 8 until further notice.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order reopens the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections from 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 8 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 12. The sockeye escapement at Bear River as of 7:30 p.m. August 7 is about 256,500 sockeye salmon. The July 16-August 5 interim period escapement goal was 40,000-50,000 sockeye, with the escapement during this period of 51,500 adult sockeye salmon. The post August 5 escapement goal at Bear River is 50,000-75,000 sockeye. As identified in the management plan, the 2,150 adult sockeye salmon excess escapement during the July 16-August 5 period can be applied to the post August 5 goal. With the applied overage and weir counts on August 6 and as of 7:30 p.m. on August 7, the total escapement applied to the post August 5 period is only about 2,800 sockeye salmon. However, an aerial survey conducted at 6:00 p.m. on August 7 revealed 12,000 sockeye in the Bear River below the weir bringing the escapement to date around 15,800 sockeye. It is appropriate at this time to reopen the commercial salmon fishing period (since it was closed at 9:00 p.m. on August 5) in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 8 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 12. The strength of the late run into Bear River has not been fully accessed at this time. Until further assessment can be made, the closed waters will remain at 1,000 yards from the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline at Bear River from 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 8 until further notice.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-54-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. August 8, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency extends the commercial salmon fishing season in the Swanson Lagoon Section outside of 500 yards from the Swanson Lagoon outlet terminus through August 11, and the present fishing period in the Swanson Lagoon Section until 9:00 p.m. August 11.

The closed waters at Swanson Lagoon has been expanded to include the Lagoon, it's outlet channel, and all waters within 500 yards of the outlet channel terminus by Emergency Order No. 4-FS-M-CB-43-96.

JUSTIFICATION: No fishing has taken place at Swanson Lagoon since July 26 even though the chum salmon escapement is at a record high and the sockeye escapement appears to be adequate. Fishing time is justified to allow a harvest of salmon which should be of good quality outside of 500 yards from the outlet channel terminus. Fishing closer than 500 yards to Swanson Lagoon outlet channel terminus could result in wastage as the salmon are likely of poor quality.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-30-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. August 11, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11 until further notice. This emergency order also closes the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11 until further notice.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order closes the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11 until further notice. The sockeye escapement at Bear River as of August 11 is about 258,300 sockeye salmon. The July 16-August 5 interim period escapement goal was 40,000-50,000 sockeye, with the escapement during this period of 51,500 adult sockeye salmon. The post August 5 escapement goal at Bear River is 50,000-75,000 sockeye. As identified in the management plan, the 2,150 adult sockeye salmon excess escapement during the July 16-August 5 period can be applied to the post August 5 goal. With the applied overage and weir counts the total escapement applied to the post August 5 period is only about 4,200 sockeye salmon. An aerial survey conducted at 6:00 p.m. on August 7 revealed 12,000 sockeye in the Bear River below the weir that appeared to have backed out of the river. It is appropriate at this time to close the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11 until further notice to assure the escapement requirements of 50,000-75,000 sockeye salmon.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-56-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9:00 p.m. August 11, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time four days until 9:00 p.m. August 15 in the South Central, and Unimak Districts, in the Bechevin Bay Section and in all sections of the Southwestern District located outside of the Belkofski Bay Section.

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**JUSTIFICATION:** Pink and chum salmon escapements are good to excellent in early streams even though the pink salmon run is not strong. This is due to low prices being paid to fishermen. Most of the fishing effort is taking place in the Belkofski Bay Section, where salmon are only beginning to enter the streams. The Belkofski Bay Section is close to the community of King Cove and is easily reached by fishermen not wanting to use more fuel to travel to more distant locations. Additional fishing time is needed in the Bechevin Bay Section and that portion of the South Peninsula west of McGinty Point, but outside of the Belkofski Bay Section, to harvest the resource. The Belkofski Bay Section should be closed for awhile to allow more pink salmon to escape to natal streams.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-57-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9:00 p.m. August 11, 1996.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency extends the commercial salmon fishing season in the Swanson Lagoon Section outside of 500 yards from the Swanson Lagoon outlet terminus through August 15, and the present fishing period in the Swanson Lagoon Section until 9:00 p.m. August 15.

The closed waters at Swanson Lagoon has been expanded to include the Lagoon, it's outlet channel, and all waters within 500 yards of the outlet channel terminus by Emergency Order No. 4-FS-M-CB-43-96.

**JUSTIFICATION:** No fishing has taken place at Swanson Lagoon since July 26 even though the chum salmon escapement is at a record high and the sockeye escapement appears to be adequate. Fishing time is justified to allow a harvest of salmon which should be of good quality outside of 500 yards from the outlet channel terminus. Fishing closer than 500 yards to Swanson Lagoon outlet channel terminus could result in wastage as the salmon are likely of poor quality.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-31-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2:00 p.m. August 14, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order opens the commercial salmon fishing period in the Ilnik Section at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 19. This emergency order also opens the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 19. This emergency order also institutes the closed waters within 1,000 yards of the terminus of Bear River from 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 until further notice.

**JUSTIFICATION:** This emergency order reopens the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections from 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 19. The daily escapement at Bear River as of 7:30 p.m. August 13 is about 10,200 adult sockeye salmon. The July 16-August 5 interim period escapement goal was 40,000-50,000 sockeye, with the escapement during this period of 51,500 adult sockeye salmon.. The post August 5 escapement goal at Bear River is 50,000-75,000 sockeye. As identified in the management plan, the 2,150 adult sockeye salmon excess escapement during the July 16-August 5 period can be applied to the post August 5 goal. With the applied overage and weir counts since August 6 and as of 7:30 p.m. on August 13, the total escapement applied to the post August 5 period is 22,900 sockeye salmon.

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It is appropriate at this time to reopen the commercial salmon fishing period (since it was closed at 6:00 p.m. on August 11) in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, Three Hills, and Ilnik Sections to commercial salmon fishing from 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 until 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 19. The strength of the late run into Bear River has not been fully accessed at this time. Until further assessment can be made, the closed waters will remain at 1,000 yards from the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline at Bear River from 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 until further notice.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-59-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9:00 p.m. August 15, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time two days until 9:00 p.m. August 17 in the South Central, Southwestern, and Unimak Districts, and in the Bechevin Bay Section.

JUSTIFICATION: Pink and chum salmon escapements are generally good to excellent in early streams and good for this date in late streams, even though the pink salmon run is not strong. This is due to low prices being paid to fishermen and consequently very light fishing effort. Additional fishing time is needed to harvest the resource.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-60-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9:00 p.m. August 15, 1996.

EXPLANATION: This emergency extends the commercial salmon fishing season in the Swanson Lagoon Section outside of 500 yards from the Swanson Lagoon outlet terminus through August 17, and the present fishing period in the Swanson Lagoon Section until 9:00 p.m. August 17.

The closed waters at Swanson Lagoon has been expanded to include the Lagoon, it's outlet channel, and all waters within 500 yards of the outlet channel terminus by Emergency Order No. 4-FS-M-CB-43-96.

JUSTIFICATION: No fishing has taken place at Swanson Lagoon since July 26 even though the chum salmon escapement is at a record high and the sockeye escapement appears to be adequate. Fishing time is justified to allow a harvest of salmon which should be of good quality outside of 500 yards from the outlet channel terminus. Fishing closer than 500 yards to Swanson Lagoon outlet channel terminus could result in wastage as the salmon are likely of poor quality.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-32-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 a.m. August 19, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order reduces the closed waters to within 500 yards of the terminus of Bear River from 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 19 until 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 30.

JUSTIFICATION: The Bear River sockeye daily weir count as of 7:30 p.m. Sunday, August 18 was 10,000 sockeye, bringing the post August 5 escapement to about 74,000 adult sockeye meeting the upper escapement goal of 75,000 fish. The season escapement into Bear River is approximately 332,000 sockeye, exceeding the upper of 250,000 sockeye. It is appropriate at this time to reduce the closed waters at Bear River to within 500 yards of the stream terminus effective at 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 19 for the duration of the commercial salmon fishing season (September 30).

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-61-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. August 21, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order allows continuous commercial salmon fishing until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 28 in the Inner Port Heiden Section.

JUSTIFICATION: North Peninsula coho salmon runs appear very strong. At Port Heiden, a major North Peninsula coho producing location, there is no market. The only chance that Port Heiden fishermen have of obtaining a market is when the Cinder River Section is closed. By extending the fishing period in Inner Port Heiden through its normal closure ( same as Cinder River's) a market may become available.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-PM-33-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. August 22, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22 until 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 30.

JUSTIFICATION: This emergency order extends the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22 until 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 30. The season sockeye salmon escapement at Bear River as of August 21 is 347,033 sockeye, exceeding the escapement goal of 200,000-250,000 sockeye. The last interim escapement goal post August 5 of 50,000-75,000 has also been exceeded with an adult sockeye escapement during this period of 87,000 sockeye.

It is appropriate at this time to extend the commercial salmon fishing period in the Bear River, Port Moller Bight, and Three Hills Sections for the duration of the 1996 commercial salmon fishing season.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-62-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6:00 p.m. August 28, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order allows continuous commercial salmon fishing until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 4 in the Inner Port Heiden Section.

JUSTIFICATION: North Peninsula coho salmon runs appear are strong. At Port Heiden, a major North Peninsula coho producing location, there is no market. The only chance that Port Heiden fishermen have of obtaining a market is when the Cinder River Section is closed. By extending the fishing period in Inner Port Heiden through its normal closure ( same as Cinder River's) a market may become available.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-63-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 p.m. August 28, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time 24 hours until 12:00 p.m. midnight Thursday, August 29 in the Nelson Lagoon Section.

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**JUSTIFICATION:** The coho escapement into the Sapsuk River is estimated to be over 10,000 fish which is very good for this date. A market will not be available after next week. The escapement goal level of 20,000 coho can be met while allowing an additional 24 hours of fishing.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-64-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9:00 a.m. September 1, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order establishes a 9:00 a.m. September 1 until 8:00 p.m. September 4 commercial salmon fishing period in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, and South Central districts.

The closed waters of Thin Point Cove are reduced to include only those waters within 1,000 yards of the Thin Point Lagoon terminus and within 500 yards of the other salmon stream emptying into Thin Point Cove.

The closed waters of Swanson Lagoon are changed back to as listed in the current regulation book. This emergency order supersedes emergency order 4-FS-M-CB-43-96.

The commercial salmon fishing season in the Northwestern District is reopened during September 1 - 30.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Coho are now entering streams in the western portion of the South Peninsula and in the Northwestern District and fishing time is needed for fishermen to harvest some of them. The season also need to be reopened in the Northwestern District to allow coho harvest as the season closed August 10 in much of the district.

The escapement of coho into Thin Point Lagoon is estimated to be 11,000 fish which is very high for this date. The weak Thin Point sockeye run will be nearly over by September 1. More fishing area is needed to harvest coho.

The closed waters of Swanson Lagoon were expanded to protect sockeye and chum salmon which were of low commercial quality and were needed for escapement. The bulk of the sockeye and chum salmon are now gone from waters outside the closure listed in the regulation book and fresh coho are now entering the system. More fishing area is needed to harvest coho salmon while they are still of high quality.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-65-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:00 p.m. September 4, 1996

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time 48 hours until 12:00 p.m. midnight Friday, September 6 in the Nelson Lagoon Section.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The coho escapement into the Sapsuk River was over 10,000 during a survey last week. This is a very good escapement for that date and the escapement should be some higher after the recent three day closure of the fishery. Commercial fishing effort is declining and the weather is expected to impair the fishery during this week. No market will be available after this week, and all fish coming in after that date will go for escapement. With the above factors, two more days of fishing can be allowed at this time while still reaching the escapement goal level of 20,000 fish.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-66-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8:00 p.m. September 4, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time 72 hours until 8:00 p.m. September 7 in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, and South Central districts.

JUSTIFICATION: Except for a strong Coho catch in Thin Point Cove (where there is a good escapement) on September 1, there has been no commercial effort since the present fishing period opened, due to weather. Continued windy weather is forecasted for September 4. More Fishing time is needed for the fishermen to harvest the resource

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-67-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8:00 p.m. September 7, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time 48 hours until 8:00 p.m. September 9 in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, and South Central districts.

JUSTIFICATION: Due to inclement weather, almost no fishing has taken place in the Northwestern District and the western part of the South Peninsula since the fishery reopened on September 1. The weather does not appear fishable today. Effort is also very light, consisting of less than 10 units of gear. More fishing time is necessary to give the fishermen an opportunity to harvest the resource.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-68-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8:00 p.m. September 9, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time 72 hours until 8:00 p.m. September 12 in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, and South Central districts.

JUSTIFICATION: Fishing effort remains light and weather continues to limit fishing time. All effort has been concentrated at Thin Point Cove and Urelia Bay, where the coho runs are strong. There is a large escapement of coho in Thin Point Lagoon and a recent survey indicted large numbers of coho moving into Christianson Lagoon (where visibility is too poor for a count). More fishing time can be allowed to harvest coho while achieving adequate escapements.

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-69-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8:00 p.m. September 12, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time 96 hours until 8:00 p.m. September 16 in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, and South Central districts.

JUSTIFICATION: Fishing effort remains light and weather continues to limit fishing time. All effort has been concentrated at Thin Point Cove and Urelia Bay, where the coho runs are strong. There is a large escapement of coho in Thin Point Lagoon and a recent survey indicted large numbers of coho moving into Christianson Lagoon. More fishing time can be allowed to harvest coho while achieving adequate escapements.

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**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-FS-M-CB-70-96**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8:00 p.m. September 16, 1996

EXPLANATION: This emergency order extends commercial salmon fishing time 48 hours until 8:00 p.m. September 18 in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, and South Central districts.

JUSTIFICATION: Fishing effort remains light and weather continues to limit fishing time. All effort has been concentrated at Thin Point Cove and Uria Bay, where the coho runs are strong. There is a large escapement of coho in Thin Point Lagoon and a recent survey indicated large numbers of coho moving into Christianson Lagoon. More fishing time can be allowed to harvest coho while achieving adequate escapements.

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