

Buskin River Coho Bag Limit Reduced

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The bag limit for larger coho salmon in the Buskin River drainage is being cut in half because of extremely low escapement. As of Tuesday, the weir count of the silver salmon was only 506 fish, where as the escapement goal is a minimum of 3,200.

As a result, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has issued an emergency order reducing the bag limit to one fish per day, with one in possession for all coho 20-inches in length or greater. That restriction goes into effect after midnight tonight (12:01 a.m. Saturday) and will be in effect for the rest of the year.

The bag limit for the rest of the Kodiak road system will remain two silvers per day. However, the Fish and Game announcement reminds anglers that once one coho is taken from the Buskin, only one additional coho can be harvested the same day from any other drainage you can drive to.