

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SHR-E-27-12

Issued at Juneau, Friday, September 21, 2012

Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday,  
Date: October 1, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,  
September 30, 2013, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the sport fishery for shrimp in the Southeast Alaska salt waters of Tenakee Inlet.

### REGULATION:

Under this emergency order the provision 5 AAC 47.021(k) is added. The following provision is effective from 12:01 a.m. Monday October 1, 2012 through 11:59 p.m. Monday September 30, 2013.

### **5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska.**

(k) in the marine waters of Tenakee Inlet west of a line extending from East Point to South Passage Point, sport fishing for shrimp is closed.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Brian Glynn  
Juneau Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: Data collected during the 2012 annual shrimp survey indicate that Tenakee Inlet shrimp abundance is very low. The Tenakee Inlet commercial shrimp pot fishery was closed in 2011 based on the lowest catch per unit effort (CPUE) ever observed in the department's shrimp surveys which began in 2000. The personal use and sport fisheries remained open in 2011; however, because CPUE in the survey declined even further in 2012, further conservation measures are necessary to rebuild this resource. The commercial fishery will remain closed in 2012 and the personal use and sport shrimp fisheries will also be closed effective October 1, 2012. There is no customary and traditional use finding for shrimp in Tenakee Inlet and therefore no subsistence fishery for shrimp occurs in Tenakee Inlet. The department will continue annual surveys to monitor the Tenakee Inlet shrimp resource.

### DISTRIBUTION:

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