

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS -2-29-12

Issued at: Anchorage, Thursday,
June 28, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Sunday,
July 1, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2012,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Ship Creek to sport fishing for all species from its mouth to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant Dam 12:01 a.m., Sunday, July 1, 2012.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. (14)(A) is superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, July 1, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2012:

5 AAC 59.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.

(14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(A) the waters from it mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam are closed to sport fishing through 11:59 p.m. Friday July 13, 2012;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The new William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery collects broodstock from king salmon returning to the Ship Creek drainage to provide king salmon sport fishing opportunities in the Anchorage Area and throughout southcentral Alaska while reducing angling pressure on wild stocks. Seven hundred fifty (750) adult king salmon are required to meet the brood needs of these stocking programs. As of June 26, ADF&G has been unable to conduct escapement surveys due to high water conditions, and no adult king salmon have been seen upriver at the hatchery facility. In previous years 40% of the king salmon run has escaped the fishery by this week in June. Given the uncertainty of the escapement data and the poor performance of other Cook Inlet king salmon runs in 2012 – both wild and hatchery stocks, it is prudent to prohibit the harvest of Ship Creek king salmon and thereby ensure that broodstock needs are met. ADF&G will continue to monitor Ship Creek as water conditions improve and assess the run.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.