

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-6-33-12

Issued at: Anchorage, Tuesday, July 3, 2012

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 5, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

The waters of Main Bay inside ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 100 feet seaward of the hatchery barrier net are closed to sport fishing. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 5, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Prince William Sound area. (9) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, July 5, 2012, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 31, 2012:

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Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt G. Miller  
Regional Fisheries Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

As of July 2, approximately 70% of the way into the run, an estimated 3,000-4,000 sockeye salmon have passed through the barrier net located at the head of Main Bay and are available for broodstock by Main Bay Hatchery. The hatchery, operated by Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC), projects collecting approximately 6,000 sockeye salmon for brood, below their broodstock goal of 8,940 sockeye salmon. Closing the waters inside ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 100 feet seaward of the hatchery barrier net is warranted to meet brood goals by protecting salmon in front of the net.

### DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218 and the Bristol Bay Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 230, Dillingham, AK 99576, (907) 842-2427.