

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SHR-E-27-13

Issued at Juneau, Thursday, September 26, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Tuesday,
October 1, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
September 30, 2014, unless superseded by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.

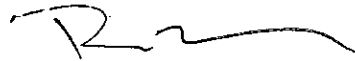
REGULATION: Under this emergency order the provision 5 AAC 47.021(k) is added. The following provision is effective from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday October 1, 2013 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday September 30, 2014.

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:



Daniel Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: Data collected during the 2013 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 the sport and personal use shrimp fishery were closed. The survey in 2013 showed a slight improvement from 2012 but was still the second lowest CPUE since the survey began and therefore further conservation measures are necessary to rebuild this resource. All Tenakee Inlet fisheries (commercial, personal use, and sport) will remain closed in 2013.

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