

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS -2-34-14

Issued at: Anchorage, Thursday, July 3, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday,
July 7, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 13, 2014,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Ship Creek to sport fishing for all species from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant Dam 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 7, 2014.

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the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area (14)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 7, 2014, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 13, 2014:

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) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(A) the waters from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam are closed to sport fishing through Sunday, July 13, 2014.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery collects broodstock from king salmon returning to the Ship Creek drainage for the primary purpose of providing king salmon sport fishing opportunities in the Anchorage Area. An estimated 750 fish are needed to obtain the required broodstock. To date, 153 fish have entered the raceway at the hatchery, and a survey

conducted July 2nd from the hatchery downstream to the upper end of the sport fishery counted only 133 additional king salmon.

Ship Creek is located in downtown Anchorage with excellent access along the entire reach open to salmon fishing. Indications are the Ship Creek king salmon run followed the trend seen throughout much of Southcentral this year and was a few days early. Good catches have been reported the last three weeks in this popular fishery, but are slowing as the run winds down. With less than 300 king salmon observed upstream of the fishery, it is prudent to close the fishery to help achieve the goal.

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.