

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SHR-E-02-17

Issued at Juneau, Thursday, December 29, 2016

Effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday,
Date: January 1, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
December 31, 2017, unless superseded by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. Sunday, January 1 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017.

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

(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.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Daniel J. Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Data collected during the 2016 annual shrimp survey indicates that Tenakee Inlet shrimp abundance is low but improving. The Tenakee Inlet commercial pot shrimp fishery was closed in 2011 based on the lowest observed catch per unit effort (CPUE) in the department's shrimp surveys since 2000. The personal use and sport fisheries remained open in 2011; however, because CPUE in the survey declined even further in 2012, the personal use and sport shrimp fisheries were closed effective October 1, 2012. Based on poor 2013, 2014, 2015 and slightly improved 2016 survey results, continued conservation measures are necessary to rebuild this resource. The commercial fishery, personal use and sport fisheries will remain closed in 2017. There is no customary and traditional use finding for shrimp in Tenakee Inlet and therefore no subsistence fishery occurs in Tenakee Inlet. The department will continue annual surveys to monitor the Tenakee Inlet shrimp fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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