

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SS -A-23-18

Issued at Ketchikan, Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday,
Date: July 20, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 10, 2018, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters within in the Herring Bay area to sport fishing.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 (j)(13) are superseded and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 (j)(14) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 20 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 10, 2018:

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

(j) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(14) in the waters of Herring Bay west of a line from the southernmost entrance of Hole-In-The-Wall harbor at 55°19.11' N. lat., 131°31.19' W. long. to ADF&G markers located ½ mile north of Whitman Creek at 55°20.13' N. lat., 131°30.13' W long., to the fresh/salt water boundary signs located at the mouth of Herring Cove Creek is closed to sport fishing.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kelly Reppert
Ketchikan Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Summer coho salmon returning to the Whitman Lake Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2018 due to expected harvest and marine survival. As of July 16, approximately 300 coho salmon have returned to the Whitman Lake Hatchery, while broodstock needs are 3,000 fish. With additional harvest expected, this closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of coho salmon to meet broodstock needs.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 215, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.