

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-MS-R-07-22

**Issued at:** Juneau, Tuesday, April 12, 2022

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2022

**Expiration Date:** Monday, September 19, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order prohibits the filleting, mutilating (excluding gutting and gilling) and de-heading of lingcod, non-pelagic rockfish, and king and coho salmon at sea by marine boat anglers during designated times and areas within Southeast Alaska.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.030 (m) are added by this emergency order and become effective at 12:01 a.m. April 25, 2022. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

#### **5 AAC 47.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.**

(m) In Southeast Alaska, marine boat anglers possessing sport caught lingcod, nonpelagic rockfish, king and coho salmon, and returning to any port on the road system of the communities listed below, during the times designated, may not fillet, mutilate (excluding gutting and gilling), or de-head these fish until their vessel is tied up at a docking facility where the fish will be offloaded, unless the fish have been consumed or preserved on board:

<b>Juneau:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, April 25,	through 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 19, 2022.
<b>Sitka:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, April 25,	through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2022.
<b>Yakutat:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, April 25,	through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2022.
<b>Elfin Cove:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, May 2,	through 11:59 p.m. Monday, August 29, 2022.
<b>Gustavus:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, May 2,	through 11:59 p.m. Monday, August 29, 2022.
<b>Craig:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, May 9,	through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2022.
<b>Klawock:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, May 9,	through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2022.
<b>Ketchikan:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, May 23,	through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2022.
<b>Petersburg:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, May 23,	through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2022.
<b>Wrangell:</b>	12:01 a.m. Monday, May 23,	through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2022.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Patrick Fowler  
Regional Management Coordinator (Acting)  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The department conducts on-site creel sampling programs in Southeast Alaska to estimate sport fishing effort, harvest, contributions of hatchery and certain wild stocks of king and coho salmon, length and sex composition of lingcod, and length and weight of non-pelagic rockfish. If anglers fillet, de-head, or process fish before returning to port, ADF&G staff will not be able to determine length and sex of lingcod, length of non-pelagic rockfish or recover coded-wire-tagged heads of king and coho salmon. This results in a diminished ability to estimate the length and sex composition of sport harvested lingcod, estimate average weight of non-pelagic rockfish and the contributions of king and coho salmon stocks to the sport fishery, including Alaska hatchery-produced king and coho salmon.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted regulations giving the department authority to restrict these activities by emergency order during times and in locations necessary for scientific data collection. These actions are important to fisheries management. This regulation will be in effect for the duration of the creel sampling programs. Anglers returning to these ports still have the ability to consume king or coho salmon, lingcod, and non-pelagic rockfish on board, as well as preserve these fish, if they so choose, before offloading.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.