

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-CO-E-22-22

Issued at: Juneau, Monday, August
29, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 1,
2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
September 21, 2022

EXPLANATION:

Coho salmon returning to the Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc. Macaulay Salmon Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2022. This emergency order closes the waters of Gastineau Channel, within a 300-yard radius of the Wayside Park Fishing Dock (Channel Wayside fishing dock) to sport fishing for coho salmon and extends the area in which snagging is prohibited. This closure provides protection for returning coho salmon which are needed for hatchery broodstock.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021. (d)(5) is superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 1 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2022:

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.

(d) In the Juneau vicinity:

(5) in the waters of Gastineau Channel, within a 300-yard radius of the Channel Wayside fishing dock located near the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery,

- (A) snagging or attempting to snag is prohibited; a fish hooked anywhere other than the mouth must be released immediately back into the water;
- (B) sport fishing for coho salmon is closed; coho salmon may not be taken or possessed;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

David Love
Juneau Assistant Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on the low numbers of coho salmon that have returned to the hatchery to date, a low number of tagged Macaulay Hatchery coho salmon recovered in both the sport and commercial fisheries, hatchery-produced coho salmon marine survivals appear to be poor this year. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient coho salmon to meet hatchery broodstock needs.

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.