

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-8-65-22

Issued at: Anchorage, Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 8,
2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 30,
2022, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the youth-only sport fishery in the Seward Lagoon and waters draining out of the Seward Lagoon (lagoon outfall streams) to sport fishing. This extension will provide additional opportunity for individuals that are under the age of 16 years old to fish for coho salmon until 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2022.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122. (9)(C)(ii) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 8 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2022:

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

(9) Resurrection Bay drainages:

(ii) unless modified by emergency order, the designated youth sport fishery occurs for coho salmon from August 25 – September 30;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner



Jay Baumer

Area Management Biologist

By delegation to:

JUSTIFICATION:

The Seward Lagoon and waters draining out of the lagoon are stocked annually by the department with coho salmon smolt to provide sport fishing opportunity. Coho salmon returning to this location are primarily caught in salt water, but the Alaska Board of Fisheries established a freshwater youth-only fishery to provide sport fishing opportunity for youth anglers in the lagoon and waters draining out of the lagoon. The fish returning to these waters are not intended to naturally reproduce in the lagoon or be used for hatchery broodstock. Fish are still returning to the lagoon at this time and extending the season for the youth-only sport fishery is warranted to provide additional angling and harvest opportunity to youth anglers under the age of 16 years old.

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.