

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-18-23

Issued at: Juneau, Tuesday, June 20,
2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
August 31, 2023, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

King salmon returning to Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc., Macaulay Salmon Hatchery are needed to meet broodstock goals in 2023. 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 snagging and sport fishing for king salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(d)(5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023:

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: in the waters that are adjacent to the Juneau City and Borough road system to a distance one-quarter mile offshore:

(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 king salmon is closed; king salmon may not be taken or possessed;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Daniel Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Hatchery produced king salmon returning to the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery congregate along the shoreline and in front of the hatchery and are vulnerable to harvest. This closure is necessary to ensure adequate broodstock are available to meet egg-take goals needed for future production.

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.