

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-RS-D-23-23

**Issued at:** Sitka, Monday, July 24,  
2023

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2023

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Sunday,  
December 31, 2023 unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Klag Bay north of Rose Point at 57°37.60' N. latitude, and the waters of Klag Bay Lake drainage to the retention and possession of sockeye salmon from July 26 through December 31, 2023.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 (g)(12) and 5 AAC 47.023 (g)(12) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. July 26 through 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2021:

#### **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**

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(12) in Klag Bay north of Rose Point at 57°37.60' N. lat., sockeye salmon may not be possessed or retained; all sockeye salmon must be released immediately.

#### **5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area**

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(12) in Klag Bay Lake drainage, sockeye salmon may not be possessed or retained; all sockeye salmon must be released immediately.

Douglas Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

Jake Wieliczkiwicz  
Assistant Area Management Biologist

**July 24, 2023**

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Klag Bay Lake weir, operated by the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, was installed and operational on June 27, 2023. As of July 23, 21 sockeye salmon have been counted through the weir. Harvest of sockeye salmon in the subsistence fishery is estimated to be 1,170 fish. Weir counts and observations of sockeye salmon in marine waters indicate low sockeye salmon abundance for the time of year. Based on historic run timing, 23% of the run should be in Klag Bay Lake through July 24. Due to the low sockeye salmon abundance, run timing, and current estimated subsistence harvest, the department is closing the subsistence and sport fisheries in Klag Bay and Klag Bay Lake to the harvest of sockeye salmon to help ensure adequate escapement of sockeye salmon into Klag Bay Lake.

**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, Juneau, AK 99811, (907)465-4270, and at the Sitka Area Office, 304 Lake Street, Sitka, AK 99835, (907)747- 5355.