

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-CO-E-26-23

Issued at: Douglas, Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, September 1, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the waters of Peterson Creek, including Peterson Lagoon (Juneau Road system), to sport fishing for coho salmon. This closure provides protection for returning coho salmon in order to achieve the sustainable escapement goal range.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(e)(6) and 5 AAC 47.023(e)(1)(O) are added and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(e)(1)(E) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, September 1 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 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.

(e) In the waters of District 11 as described in 5 AAC 32.200(k),

(6) in the salt water within a 200-yard radius of the mouth of Peterson Creek, sport fishing for coho salmon is closed.

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.

(e) In the Juneau vicinity:

(1) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough Road System,

(E) in Peterson Lagoon,

(i) only unbaited, artificial, lures may be used;

(ii) sport fishing for coho salmon is closed;

(O) in Peterson Creek from the creek mouth at salt water to the falls approximately 1.5 miles upstream, sport fishing for coho salmon is closed;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Daniel Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Peterson Creek has failed to meet the sustainable escapement goal range for coho salmon in 5 of the last 6 years when data was available (2016–2018 and 2020–2022, no data available for 2019). For these reasons and considering the harvest potential of sport anglers fishing the Juneau Road system, conservative management in Peterson Creek and Lagoon is warranted. Escapement surveys will continue this season and if coho salmon are observed in abundance this closure may be rescinded.

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.