

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 1-12-98

Issued at: Haines, June 17, 1998

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M.
Friday, June 19, 1998

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Monday, August 31,
1998. Unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the king salmon bag and possession limits in the terminal salt waters of Taiya Inlet near Skagway to harvest of surplus hatchery-produced king salmon returning to the Burro Creek and Jerry Myers Hatcheries. The daily bag and possession limit is two king salmon 28 inches or more in length, and two king salmon less than 28 inches in length, from June 19 through August 31, 1998. This emergency order also closes the saltwater areas at the mouth of Pullen Creek and at the mouth of Burro Creek, to sportfishing from June 19 through August 31, 1998. These closures are necessary to allow sufficient numbers of king salmon to enter these streams for brood stock collection.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022 (199) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(1) 5 AAC 47.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/Shell fish	
(199) TAIYA INLET: • All saltwaters excluding the areas at the mouths of Pullen Creek and Burro Creek • at the mouth of Pullen Creek in Skagway ² • at the mouth of Burro Creek ³	¹	1D	1L, 1R	1I	3J, 4K	1S	¹ King Salmon: 2 per day, 2 in possession, 28 inches or more in length; 2 per day, 2 in possession less than 28 inches in length. These bag and possession limits are in effect from June 19 through August 31. ² Taiya Inlet north of a line extending from a department marker on the Broadway Dock, to a department marker on the ore terminal dock is closed to sport fishing from June 19 through August 31. ³ A 1,500 foot radius of Taiya Inlet around the mouth of Burro Creek is closed to sport fishing from June 19 through August 31.
	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	
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JUSTIFICATION:

Hatchery produced king salmon resulting from releases at Burro Creek Hatchery, Jerry Myers Hatchery and the Skagway Boat Harbor are expected to return to Taiya Inlet in excess of broodstock needs. Regulations changing bag and possession limits are therefore modified according to provisions in 5AAC 75.003 (2) (B) to allow harvest of these excess king salmon by sport anglers.

Chinook salmon destined for the Jerry Myers Hatchery on Pullen Creek must hold in salt water until a sufficient high tide permits them to migrate through the culvert at the Pullen Creek Outlet. These fish mill off the mouth of the creek where they are vulnerable to sport fishing. A similar situation occurs off the mouth of Burro Creek where chinook salmon mill off the stream mouth prior to moving upstream. These closures are needed to allow enough king salmon to enter these streams for brood stock needs.

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