

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 2-SS-4-31-98

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Effective Date: Date: 12:01 a.m.
Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Expiration Date: December 31, 1998
Unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the entire American River to sport fishing for salmon. The American River is now entirely closed to salmon fishing, including waters both upstream and downstream of the highway bridge.

REGULATION:

5 AAC 64.050 is amended to read:

5 AAC 64.050 WATERS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING (a) The American River is closed to salmon fishing.

JUSTIFICATION:

The coho escapement goal for the American River is 300 to 400 fish. Stream surveys conducted on September 8, 13 and 14 counted 14, 33 and 80 coho respectively. Coho returns to road system streams usually reach the halfway mark by mid September. It appears likely that the spawning goal will not be reached. Closing the river to sport fishing for salmon will allow more fish to spawn and come closer to achieving the escapement goal.

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