

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No.: 2-SS-7-32-98

Issued at: Homer: September 17, 1998

Effective Date: Date: 12:00 noon,
September 18, 1998

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
December 31, 1998 unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

Snagging will be permitted in the Homer Spit Enhancement Lagoon and the adjoining area beginning at 12:00 noon, Friday, September 18 and continuing through December 31 at 11:59 p.m. Snagging will be permitted on the Homer Spit from the Homer city dock near the entrance to the Homer Boat Harbor northwest along the east side of the Homer Spit to the department marker placed approximately 200 yards northwest of the entrance to the fishery enhancement lagoon on the Homer Spit, including that area 300 feet from shore.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 58.035. (e) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

No person may snag or attempt to snag any species of fish east of a line from Anchor Point to Point Pogibshi from January 1 through June 23. Fish hooked elsewhere than in the mouth must be released immediately. "Snag" means hook a fish elsewhere than in the mouth. From the Homer city dock near the entrance to the Homer Boat Harbor northwest along the east side of the Homer Spit to the department marker placed approximately 200 yards north west of the entrance to the fishery enhancement lagoon on the Homer Spit, to a distance of 300 feet from the shore, snagging is permitted only from 12:00 noon, Friday, September 18 to 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31.

JUSTIFICATION:

In 1988, the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted a regulation whereby snagging would be permitted on and adjacent to the Homer Spit only after June 23 and only by emergency order. The department would issue an emergency order only if there were stocked salmon in the enhancement lagoon that could not be adequately harvested without snagging. Currently, there are stocked coho salmon available that will not be adequately harvested unless angler efficiency is increased. This emergency order therefore permits snagging on and adjacent to the Homer Spit beginning at 12:00 noon September 18 and continuing through 11:59 p.m. December 31.

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