

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SF-4-23-99

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday September 20, 1999

Effective Date: 12:01 AM September  
22, 1999

Expiration Date: 11:59 PM December 31, 1999  
Unless superseded by subsequent emergency  
order.

### EXPLANATION:

Effective 12:01 a.m., Wednesday September 22, 1999 Summer Bay Lake drainage will be closed to all sport fishing. The closed area includes the lake, its tributaries and outlet creek.

REGULATION: The Provisions of 5 AAC 65.022 (a) (7) (1) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective: Humpy Cove Creek and the entire Summer Bay Lake drainage are closed to sport fishing.

Frank Rue  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Len Schwarz

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game operated a weir on Summer Bay creek in 1998 and 1999 to enumerate salmon smolt and adults. During 1998, 101 adult coho salmon and 296 coho salmon smolt were counted through the weir. During 1998 the department also conducted three foot surveys of the major tributary to Summer Bay Lake and counted only one adult coho salmon. In 1999 the department weir has counted 20 adult coho salmon through September 9 when the project was terminated. Coho salmon smolt counts in 1999 totaled 1,980 fish.

This information indicates that coho salmon abundance in the Summer Bay Lake drainage is very small and that the 1999 coho salmon return is even smaller than the 1998 return. Sport fishing is being closed in order to reduce fishing mortality on this very small coho salmon population. Allowing more coho salmon to spawn in the Summer Bay Lake drainage in 1999 will help to rebuild and/or sustain this small coho population.

### DISTRIBUTION:

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