

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-32-01

Issued at Klawock, October 30,
2001

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Thursday, November 1, 2001

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Monday,
December 31, 2001. Unless superseded
by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters within the Klawock River drainage upstream from the highway to the retention of coho salmon. This emergency order also rescinds Emergency Order 1-31-01, which allowed the use of bait on the Klawock River downstream of ADF&G regulatory markers.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022 (131) are superseded by this emergency order.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 WATERS	SEASON AND BAG LIMITS						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/Shellfish	
(131) Klawock River ^{1, 2} (Prince of Wales Island) •From its mouth upstream to the Klawock River Bridge. •Upstream of the Klawock River Bridge.	Closed	1D	1L, 1R	1I		1S	¹ Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used. ² The Klawock River bridge is closed to all fishing. ³ Closed to sockeye salmon fishing. ⁴ Closed to coho salmon fishing
	Closed	1D ^{3, 4}	1L, 1R	1I		1S	

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries has authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to decrease bag and possession limits and restrict methods and means of harvest when the total escapement of a species of anadromous fish is projected to be less than the escapement goal. The Prince of Wales Hatchery Association and ADF&G are concerned that the current number of returning coho salmon may be insufficient to meet escapement needs as well as meet brood stock goals for the hatchery. As of October 26, 4,381 adult coho have been passed through the weir for escapement (the goal is 6,000), and 1,785 adult coho are being held for hatchery brood stock (the goal is 2,900). To ensure that escapement needs and brood stock goals are met ADF&G is closing the Klawock River drainage to sport fishing for coho salmon.

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 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270; at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 207, Ketchikan, AK 99901, (907) 225-2859; and at the Prince of Wales Island Area Office, (Klawock River Hatchery Facility) P.O. Box 682 Craig, AK 99921, (907) 755-8802.