

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-07-02

Issued at Ketchikan, Monday,
May 6, 2002

Effective 12:01 A.M. Thursday,
Date: May 16, 2002

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Saturday,
November 30, 2002 unless superseded
by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order decreases the bag and possession limit for lingcod in Southern Southeast Inside waters from two fish per day and four in possession to one per fish per day and two in possession.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022 (105) are superseded by this emergency order.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 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/Shell fish	
(194) ALL SALT WATERS described in 5 AAC 28.105, (4) (e) except for marine waters east of Cape Chacon, south of 54° 50' N. lat. and west of 131° 40' W long.	1A	1D	1L, 1R	1I	3J, 4K ¹	1S, 1T	¹ The bag and possession limit for lingcod is 1 fish per day and 2 in possession.

JUSTIFICATION:

In February 2000, the Alaska Board of Fisheries substantially changed management of lingcod fisheries in Southeast Alaska in response to indications of a widespread decline in abundance. The Board established a guideline harvest level (GHL) management approach based on poundage for sport and commercial fisheries in Southeast Alaska (5 AAC 28.160 (e)), reduced allowable harvests by setting the GHL lower than recent harvest levels, and allocated the GHL

among sport and commercial fisheries (5 AAC 28.165). The Board also delegated the Department extended authority to modify regulations to achieve lingcod allocations to the sport fishery (5 AAC 47.060).

Based on recent (1998-2001) harvest trends in the Southern Southeast Inside sport fishery, the total poundage of lingcod harvested in 2002 under existing sport fishing regulations is expected to remain slightly below or near the allocation set for this management area described in 5 AAC 28.165. To stay within the allocation set by the Board, sport harvests in the Southern Southeast Inside area will be stabilized by the bag and possession limit reductions.

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, at the Ketchikan area office at, 2030 Sea Level Drive suite 205, Ketchikan, AK 99901, (907) 225-2859.