

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-22-03

Issued at: Kodiak, August 28, 2003

Effective Date: 12:01 AM, August 31, 2003

Expiration Date: 11:59 PM, December 31, 2003, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

Effective 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, August 31, 2003, Summer Bay Lake drainage and all salt waters within a 250-yard radius of the terminus of Summer Bay Creek are closed to sport fishing for all species.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.051 WATERS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING 4 (e) are superseded by this emergency order.

### **5 AAC 65.051. WATERS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING IN THE ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA.**

4 (e) The Summer Bay Lake drainage and all salt waters within a 250-yard radius of the terminus of Summer Bay Creek are closed to sport fishing 12:01 am August 31 – 11:59 pm December 31, 2003.

Kevin C. Duffy,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Donn Tracy,  
Assistant Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

In recent years, weir counts of coho salmon to Summer Bay Creek have been very low. In 2002, the peak stream survey count was 39 adult coho salmon. Only 23 returning adult salmon were passed upstream in 2001, and only 27 spawning adult coho salmon were counted during late season stream surveys in 2000.

This information indicates that recent returns of coho salmon to the Summer Bay Lake drainage have been very small and that additional removals of adult fish by the sport fishery occurring in Summer Bay Lake drainage may jeopardize future sustainability of the stock. Closure of salt waters adjacent to the

terminus of Summer Bay Creek is necessary to provide additional protection to this coho salmon stock by reducing fishing mortality in efforts to maximize potential adult spawning in the Summer Bay Lake drainage.

During their February 2000 meeting, the Board of Fisheries took action to close Summer Bay Creek drainage to all sport fishing after August 15 in response to documented poor returns of coho salmon. This emergency order extends the closure from the terminus of the Summer Lake Creek to include all saltwaters within a 250-yard radius of the creek terminus.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.