

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-E-18-05

Issued at Juneau,  
Thursday, July 7, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Saturday,  
July 9, 2005

Expiration Date: Wednesday, August 31 at  
11:59 P.M. unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits snagging and restricts hook type and size in an area near the mouth of Auke Creek from Saturday, June 9, 2005 – Wednesday, August 31, 2005.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of **5 AAC 47.021 Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area** (d)(5) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

(d) (5) in the waters of Auke Bay, surrounding the mouth of Auke Creek and inside of a line extending from the Auke Bay Laboratory boat dock the nearest of the two orange floating markers that indicate the location of the University of Alaska's saltwater intake pipe, then extending on to the second of the two orange markers, and finally extending to a department regulatory sign located on the shoreline south of the mouth of Auke Creek,

(A) Fish may not be taken by means of fixed or weighted hooks and lures (except those lures of standard manufacture), or by multiple hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than one-half inch.

(B) Snagging or attempting to snag fish is prohibited. Fish hooked elsewhere than in the mouth must be immediately released back into the water.

McKie Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Brian J. Glynn  
Juneau Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION

The Alaska Board of Fisheries authorized the department to decrease bag and possession limits and restrict methods and means of harvest by emergency order for purposes of conservation reasons. The 2005 escapement of sockeye salmon to Auke Lake is expected to be below desired levels. Sport fishing for sockeye salmon in the waters of Auke Creek, Auke Lake, and its tributaries is prohibited by regulation. The saltwater area described in this emergency order is also closed to the retention of sockeye salmon by regulation. However some anglers, attempting to snag hatchery-released king

salmon that return to this site, inadvertently snag sockeye salmon. This emergency order is necessary to ensure desired escapement levels in Auke Lake are attained.

DISTRIBUTION

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270.