

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SF-F-01-06

Issued at Haines, Thursday, March 16,
2006

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Friday, March 17, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Sunday,
December 31, 2006. Unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the saltwater sport fishery near Haines and Skagway for shrimp. These actions will become effective Thursday, March 17 at 12:01 a.m. and remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2006.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(c) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from March 17 through December 31:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(c) In the Haines/Skagway vicinity:

- (1) Chilkat Inlet north of a line extending from an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately one mile south of Anchorage Point to an ADF&G regulatory marker located directly north of the Letnikof Cove boat ramp are closed to sport fishing for king salmon from April 15 – July 15.
- (2) Lynn Canal, north of the latitude of Seduction Point (59° 04.95' N), including Chilkat Inlet, Chilkoot Inlet, Lutak Inlet, and Taiya Inlet, are closed to sport fishing for shrimp from March 17 – June 30.
- (3) Taiya Inlet, north of the latitude of Taiya Point (59° 17.30' N) and Lutak Inlet, northwest of a line from Taiya Point to Tanani Point, are closed to sport fishing for shrimp from March 17 – December 31.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Randy Ericksen
Haines/Skagway Area
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: Data collected by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game indicate that shrimp stocks in northern Lynn Canal are declining. The commercial catch, and catch-per-unit-effort of shrimp in this area have steadily declined over the past four years. The area north of Seduction Point will be closed through June to protect female shrimp during the egg hatch. In addition, Lutak Inlet and Taiya Inlet will remain closed for the rest of the year to help these stocks rebuild. The subsistence fishery will remain open until further notice unless managers determine that additional conservation measures are necessary.

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 11024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Haines/Skagway Area Office, P.O. Box 330, Haines, AK 99827, (907) 766-2625.