

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-MS-R-03-07

Issued at Juneau, April 6, 2007

Effective 12:01 A.M.  
Date: Monday, April 23, 2007

Expiration Date: Sunday, September 23,  
2007 at 11:59 P.M. unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the filleting, mutilating and de-heading, of lingcod, non-pelagic rockfish, king and coho salmon by marine boat anglers during designated times and areas within Southeast Alaska.

### REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 75.003(3), the following provisions will become effective at 12:01A.M. April 23, 2007:

In Southeast Alaska, marine boat anglers possessing sport caught lingcod, non-pelagic rockfish, king salmon and coho salmon, and returning to any port on the road system of the communities identified below, during the designated times, may not fillet, mutilate, or de-head these fish until the fish have been offloaded, unless they are preserved or have been consumed on board:

Ketchikan:	12:01 A.M. Monday, April 23,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 23, 2007.
Craig:	12:01 A.M. Monday, April 30,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 9, 2007.
Klawock:	12:01 A.M. Monday, April 30,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 9, 2007.
Sitka:	12:01 A.M. Monday, April 23,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 23, 2007.
Juneau:	12:01 A.M. Monday, April 23,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 23, 2007.
Petersburg:	12:01 A.M. Monday, April 23,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 9, 2007.
Wrangell:	12:01 A.M. Monday, April 23,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 9, 2007.
Haines:	12:01 A.M. Monday, May 7,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, June 24, 2007.
Skagway:	12:01 A.M. Monday, May 21,	through 11:59 P.M. Friday, August 31, 2007.
Gustavus:	12:01 A.M. Monday, May 7,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 9, 2007.
Elfin Cove:	12:01 A.M. Monday, May 7,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 9, 2007.
Yakutat:	12:01 A.M. Monday, April 30,	through 11:59 P.M. Sunday, September 9, 2007.

Denby Lloyd  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Charles O. Swanton  
Regional Management Coordinator  
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The department conducts on-site creel sampling programs in Southeast Alaska to estimate sport fishing effort, harvest, contributions of hatchery and select wild salmon stocks, length and sex composition of lingcod, and length and weight of non-pelagic rockfish. Many anglers fillet, de-head, and process fish before returning to port, which makes it impossible for Fish and Game staff to determine length and sex of lingcod, weight of non-pelagic rockfish or recover tagged heads of king and coho salmon. The result is a diminished ability to estimate the length and sex composition of sport harvested lingcod, estimate average weight of non-pelagic rock fish or contributions of king and coho salmon stocks to the sport fishery. Therefore, the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted regulations giving the department authority to restrict these activities by Emergency Order during times, and in locations necessary for scientific data collection. These actions are important to fisheries management. This regulation will be in effect for the duration of the local creel sampling programs. Anglers returning to these ports still have the ability to consume king salmon, coho salmon, lingcod, and non-pelagic rockfish on board, as well as preserve these fish, if they choose, before offloading.

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