

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SF-F-01-07

Issued at Haines, Friday, December 29,
2006

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Monday, January 1, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Sunday,
December 31, 2007. Unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the saltwater sport fishery near Haines and Skagway for shrimp. These actions become effective Monday, January 1, 2007 at 12:01 a.m. and remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2007.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(c) are superseded by this emergency order.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 January 1 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 January 1 – 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 January 1 – December 31.

Denby Lloyd
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to:



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JUSTIFICATION: Data collected by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game indicate that shrimp stocks in northern Lynn Canal are depressed. The commercial catch and catch-per-unit-effort of shrimp in this area declined steadily between 2001 and 2005. Anecdotal reports by subsistence users indicate that shrimp stocks have not improved over the past year. 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 throughout 2007 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.