

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-6-39-07

Issued at Cordova, October 1, 2007

Effective 12:01 a.m., Wednesday,
Date: October 3, 2007

Expiration Date: December 31, 2007,
unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes coho salmon fishing in the Flemming Spit Lagoon area of the Cordova Terminal Harvest Area. The closure area is defined as all waters of Flemming Spit Lagoon east (upstream) of the culverts on Orca Bay Road. The Prince William Sound Aquaculture Association will need to capture adult coho salmon from Flemming Spit Lagoon to achieve its 2007 egg take goal. In order to ensure that this egg take goal can be met by mid-October, all coho salmon angling will be closed on Wednesday, October 3.

These regulatory changes become effective at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA (1)(B)(i) are superseded by this Emergency Order. Under this Emergency Order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, October 3, 2007:

5AAC 55.023 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA.

- (1) (B) within the following terminal harvest areas, the bag limit is six fish; and the possession limit is 12 fish:
 - (i) Cordova vicinity: the salt waters north of a line from Odiak Slough to Stump Point and south of a line from Orca Cannery to Knot Point; except that in the Flemming Spit Lagoon, defined as waters of the lagoon east of the culverts on Orca Bay Road, all coho salmon angling is closed from October 3 to December 31.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brian H Marston,
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Prince William Sound Aquaculture Association (PWSAC) stocks coho salmon into Flemming Spit Lagoon and in several other areas in Prince William Sound. PWSAC requires 288 male and 288 female coho salmon for its 2007 coho salmon egg take goal of 1.18 million fertilized eggs. As of September 27, 2007, only 500 coho salmon are in the Flemming Spit Lagoon, and the typical peak of run timing is

mid-September. In order that sufficient coho salmon will gather and be available for broodstock, the coho salmon sport fishery will be closed in Flemming Spit Lagoon.

DISTRIBUTION:

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