

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-B-26-08

Issued at Craig, Tuesday, July 29,
2008

Effective 12:01 a.m.
Date: Friday, August 1, 2008

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
December 31, 2008. Unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters in the Karta River drainage on Prince of Wales Island to the harvest of sockeye salmon. All sockeye salmon caught must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area (k)(2)(B) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.023 Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(k) In the Prince of Wales Island vicinity:

(2) In the Karta River drainage, including Karta Lake and Salmon Lake,

(A) only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used;

(B) the retention of sockeye salmon is prohibited; all sockeye salmon must be released immediately;

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Steven McCurdy
Prince of Wales Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The number of sockeye salmon counted through the Karta River weir as of July 25, 2008 is 17 fish. At this same date in 2005 and 2006, 7,742 and 3,026 sockeye salmon had been passed through the weir respectively, which represents 74% to 28% of the entire escapement of sockeye salmon for those two years. Because of the low projected escapement, a closure of the sockeye salmon sport fishery is necessary to protect the Salmon Lake sockeye population.

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 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270; at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 207, Ketchikan, AK 99901, (907) 225-2859; and at the Prince of Wales Island Area Office, P.O. Box 682 Craig, AK 99921, (907) 826-2498.