

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SF-F-02-08

Issued at Haines, Friday, January 18, 2008

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Wednesday,
December 31, 2008. Unless superseded by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 Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 12:01 a.m. and remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(c) are superseded by this emergency order.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 22 through December 31:

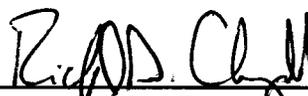
5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(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 22 – 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 22 – December 31.

Denby S. Lloyd
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 Fisheries Division (CFD) closed the shrimp fishery in District 15 to allow shrimp stocks to rebuild during the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 seasons, and the shrimp fishery will remain closed for the 2008-2009 season. CFD plans to open District 15 to commercial shrimp fishing during the 2009-2010 season, scheduled to begin October 1 2009. At that time, catch-per-unit-effort and size composition data from commercial catches will be analyzed to assess shrimp stocks. The Sport Fish Division has pursued a parallel stock rebuilding strategy in 2006 and 2007 by closing the sport shrimp fishery in Taiya Inlet and Lutak Inlet through December 31 of each year, and by closing the sport shrimp fishery in Chilkat Inlet and Chilkoot Inlet through June 30 of each year.

To continue shrimp stock rebuilding efforts in 2008, sport shrimp fishing north of Seduction Point will be closed through June to protect female shrimp during the egg hatch, and Lutak Inlet and Taiya Inlet will remain closed to sport shrimp fishing through December 31. 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 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Haines/Skagway Area Office, P.O. Box 330, Haines, AK 99827, (907) 766-2625.