

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-B-11-09

Issued at Craig, Friday, June 12, 2009

Effective 12:01 a.m.  
Date: Monday, June 15, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,  
December 31, 2009. Unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the Hatchery Creek drainage, including all of Sweetwater Lake on Prince of Wales Island to the harvest of sockeye salmon. Any sockeye salmon caught must be immediately released.

### 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)(8)(E)** are added by 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:

(8) In Sweetwater Lake drainage,

(E) 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:

No sockeye salmon have been counted through a weir operated by the Organized Village of Kasaan on Hatchery Creek above the falls as of the morning of June 10. Observations in the lower river and at the falls on June 10 and June 11 by ADF&G staff indicate few fish are present. An aerial survey conducted on June 11<sup>th</sup> by ADF&G staff saw few fish in Hatchery Creek, Sweetwater Lake or Barnes Lake. Although it is possible the run is very late this year, indications are that the escapement is extremely small and may be insufficient to sustain this important stock of fish.

### DISTRIBUTION:

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