

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-B-24-09

Issued at Craig,, Thursday, September 10, 2009

Effective 12:01 a.m.
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2009. Unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order allows the use of bait on the Klawock River downstream of ADF&G regulatory markers from September 15 through October 15. Regulatory markers are located 300 feet downstream from the Klawock River weir located at the Prince of Wales Island Hatchery.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (k) (5) (A) are superseded by this emergency order.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:

(5) In the Klawock River drainage,

(A) Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used, except the use of bait is permitted in the Klawock River downstream of ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 feet downstream from the Klawock River weir from September 15 through October 15, 2009.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Steven McCurdy
Prince of Wales Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries has authorized the department to use its emergency order authority to liberalize methods and means of harvest in sport fisheries if hatchery produced fish escape through existing fisheries to designated harvest areas in numbers that exceed brood stock needs and natural spawning requirements. The Prince of Wales Hatchery Association (POWHA) has already begun harvesting coho salmon for cost recovery, and data submitted to the Department indicates that escapement requirements are being met weekly. Fishing methods are being liberalized in the lower section of the Klawock River by allowing anglers to use bait downstream from the ADF&G regulatory markers to provide additional fishing opportunity for these fish.

DISTRIBUTION:

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