

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RT-D-14-10

Issued at Sitka, Friday,
June 11, 2010

Effective Date: 9:00 A.M. Saturday,
June 12, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Saturday,
June 12, 2010, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order allows the use of bait and eliminates the size limit for trout in Swan Lake (Sitka) on Saturday, June 12, 2010.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5AAC 47.045 CUTTHROAT TROUT AND RAINBOW TROUT MANAGEMENT PLAN (d), 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.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(11) In Swan Lake.

1. cutthroat/rainbow trout (in combination): bag and possession limit of 2 fish; no size limit;
2. The use of bait is allowed.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Patrick Fowler
Assistant Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted the *Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.045), to provide additional harvest opportunities for trout in fresh waters near Southeast Alaska communities that fit specific criteria. Under the plan, if a community does not have nearby fresh water where anglers can fish for trout with bait throughout the year, the department may open, by emergency order, a season, and designate one fresh water location to allow the use of bait, eliminate the minimum size limit for trout, and establish a bag and possession limit of two fish. The town of Sitka fits this definition. The plan also requires that the fresh water must be close to a community that has a good road, trail, or boat access to the fresh water and the fresh water must be landlocked or otherwise inaccessible to sea-run trout. Swan Lake meets these criteria.

Since 1985, the Department has annually stocked up to 300 rainbow trout in Swan Lake to provide additional freshwater fishing opportunity in the Sitka area. The Sitka Rotary club in collaboration with the Department and the United States Forest Service conducts an annual Junior Trout Derby to introduce young anglers to sport fishing. This emergency order will supersede the regional regulatory prohibition of bait and size limits during the derby to allow young anglers additional opportunity to catch these stocked fish.

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