

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-R-2-06-10

Issued at: Anchorage, April 23, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, April 26, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2010, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Ship Creek to all fishing from the ADF&G regulatory markers located 100 feet upstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam to the upstream side of the Reeve Boulevard bridge from 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 26, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2010.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area (14)(G) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, April 26, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2010:

5 AAC 59.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.

(14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(G) from ADF&G regulatory markers located 100 feet upstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam to the upstream side of the Reeve Boulevard bridge is closed to sport fishing from April 26 through September 30;

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Chuck Brazil
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Ship Creek is located in downtown Anchorage with paved trail access above the Chugach Power Plant dam. Wild spawning rainbow trout in Ship Creek experience unnecessary stress and mortality due to angler pressure and handling during this period. Therefore, it is necessary to close this stretch of Ship Creek to protect the native population spawning rainbow/steelhead trout.

Ship Creek broodstock needs have also been difficult to meet the past two years with lower than expected salmon returns and an increase in illegal harvest and mortality from incidentally caught salmon by anglers. Therefore, it is necessary to keep this section of Ship Creek closed to sport fishing to ensure that adequate numbers of king and coho salmon return to the hatchery to meet broodstock and stocking goals.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.