

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-6-44-10

Issued at: Anchorage, Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, September 9, 2010 Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all freshwaters of Fleming Spit Creek and lagoon to all fishing until broodstock needs for the coho salmon stocking program are met. When broodstock requirements are met, fishing may be reopened by emergency order.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area (9) are added to close all freshwaters of Fleming Spit Creek and lagoon to sport fishing. Fleming Spit Creek and lagoon is defined as all waters east (upstream) of the Orca Road culverts. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, September 9, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010.

5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area

(9) Sport fishing is closed in all freshwaters of Fleming Spit Creek and lagoon. Fleming Spit Creek and lagoon is defined as all waters east (upstream) of the Orca Road culverts.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The number of coho salmon returning to Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation's (PWSAC) Wally Noerenberg Hatchery on Ester Island is inadequate to provide the brood stock for their stocking programs in Cordova, Whittier, Chenega, and the Wally Noerenberg Hatchery. A total of 2,700 coho salmon, 50% females, are required for these programs. Therefore, PWSAC staff will collect brood from the lagoon at Fleming Spit in Cordova as directed in the Wally Noerenberg Hatchery Annual Management Plan. To facilitate the collection of broodstock the department is closing this area to sport fishing. This fishery may reopen by emergency order when the broodstock objective is achieved.

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.