

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-E-17-11

Issued at Juneau,
Monday, June 20, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday,
June 24, 2011

Expiration Date: Wednesday, August 31,
2011 at 11:59 p.m. unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits snagging and restricts hook type and size in an area near the mouth of Auke Creek.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021. (d)(7) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.021 Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area

(d) In the Juneau vicinity

(7) in the waters of Auke Bay, immediately surrounding the mouth of Auke Creek inside of a line extending from the Auke Bay Laboratory boat dock to the nearest of the two orange markers indicating the location of the University of Alaska's saltwater intake pipe, then extending on to the second of the two orange markers, and finally extending to a department regulatory sign located on the shoreline south of the mouth of Auke Creek;

(A) Fish may not be taken by means of fixed or weighted hooks and lures, except those lures of standard manufacture, or by multiple hooks with a gap between point and shank larger than one-half inch;

(B) Intentionally snagging or attempting to snag fish is prohibited. Fish unintentionally hooked elsewhere than in the mouth must be immediately released back into the water;

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brian J. Glynn
Juneau Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION

Sport fishing for sockeye salmon is prohibited by regulation in all fresh waters of the Auke Lake drainage and in the salt waters at the head of Auke Bay, including the salt water area described in this emergency order. However, anglers attempting to snag hatchery-released king salmon that return to this saltwater site inadvertently snag sockeye salmon. This emergency order is necessary to conserve sockeye salmon returning to the Auke Lake drainage.

DISTRIBUTION

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 110024, Juneau, AK 99811-0024, (907) 465-4270.