

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-24-12

Issued at Sitka, Friday, August 24,
2012

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Saturday,
August 25, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Monday,
December 31, 2012, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the saltwater area off the mouth of Hidden Falls Creek to sport fishing to protect coho needed for broodstock at Hidden Falls Hatchery.

REGULATION: The following provision is effective beginning 12:01 A.M. Saturday, August 25 through 11:59 P.M. Monday, December 31, 2012:

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

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (7) the waters of Kasnyku Bay west of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°13.18' N. latitude, 134°51.90' W. longitude to 57°13.10' N. latitude, 134°52.03' W. longitude, and north of 57°13.06 N. latitude. are closed to sport fishing;

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Coho returning to Hidden Falls Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2012 due to poor ocean survival. Ocean survival of coho salmon returning to Hidden Falls Hatchery this year is estimated at less than 1% based on coded wire tag returns of Hidden Falls coho in the commercial and sport fisheries. Only 86 coded wire tagged coho have been returned in the sport and commercial fisheries. This represents approximately 26% of the average annual tag returns by this date. As of August 25, 2012, no coho salmon have been recovered for broodstock at the hatchery. The broodstock goal for this return is 10,000 coho. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of coho salmon to meet broodstock needs.

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