

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-F-11-13

Issued at: Haines, Thursday, June 20,
2013

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Sunday,
August 25, 2013, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the saltwater area off the mouth of Pullen Creek to king salmon fishing to allow king salmon to enter the stream for brood stock needs.

REGULATION: Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 26 through Sunday, August 25, 2013:

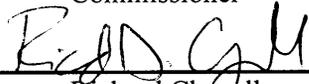
5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(c) In the Haines/Skagway vicinity:

- (1) the waters of Taiya Inlet east of a line extending from a department marker on the Railroad Dock to a department marker on the Ore Terminal dock, and including the area off the mouth of Pullen Creek, are closed to king salmon fishing;

By delegation to:

Cora Campbell
Commissioner


Richard Chapell
Haines/Skagway Area
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: King salmon returning to Pullen Creek hold in salt water until a sufficient high tide permits them to migrate through a culvert at the Pullen Creek Outlet, making them vulnerable to sport anglers. In 2010 through 2012, the Pullen Creek broodstock collection goal was not met due to lack of returning king salmon. Coded wire tag recoveries to date indicate the goal may not be met in 2013. This closure is needed to allow sufficient numbers of king salmon to enter this stream for broodstock needs.

The Department closes a sport fishery for a certain species instead of prohibiting the retention of that species when terminal gear used and/or fishing techniques for that species are not similar to that used for other species present that have no conservation issues to ensure the restriction is enforceable. Since the gear and techniques used for king salmon are not similar to that used for other species present in Taiya Inlet for which there are no conservation issues, a closure to fishing for king salmon is enforceable. Therefore the department is closing the sport fishery in this area for king salmon.

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