

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS -2-28-13

Issued at: Anchorage, Thursday,  
June 28, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Sunday,  
June 30, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Ship Creek to sport fishing for all species from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant Dam, effective at 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 30, 2013.

### 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the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area (14)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 30, 2013, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013:

**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,

(A) the waters from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam are closed to sport fishing through Saturday July 13, 2013

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Dan Bosch  
Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery collects broodstock from king salmon returning to the Ship Creek drainage to provide king salmon sport fishing opportunities

throughout south central Alaska while reducing angling pressure on wild stocks. Seven hundred fifty (750) adult king salmon are required to meet the brood needs of these stocking programs. ADF&G has been unable to conduct escapement surveys along the creek due to flood water conditions, and only a few adult king salmon have been seen at the hatchery facility. In previous years, 40% of the king salmon run has escaped the fishery by the last week in June.

King salmon runs throughout most of south central Alaska have been in a period of low productivity. Given the failure to achieve the brood goal in 2012, the low king salmon returns throughout most of south central Alaska, and the low escapement confirmed to date, a cautious approach to ensure meeting the 2013 Ship Creek brood goal is warranted.

**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.