SPORT FISHING
Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-25-13

Issued at Sitka, Monday, August 5, 2013

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Tuesday, December 31, 2013, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the saltwater area of Bear Cove to sport fishing to protect coho salmon needed for broodstock at Medvejie Hatchery.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 Special provisions for season, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the saltwaters of Southeast Alaska Area (g)(3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions become effective from 12:01 A.M. Wednesday, August 7 through 11:59 P.M. Tuesday, December 31, 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.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(3) the waters of Bear Cove East of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°00.63' N. latitude, 135°09.80' W. longitude to 57°01.07' N. latitude, 135°09.93' W. longitude are closed to sport fishing;

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:
Coho salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2013 due to high exploitation. As of August 1, an estimated 1,747 coho salmon originating from Medvejie hatchery have been harvested from a total anticipated run of 3,000. Historically only 24% of the harvest of this stock has taken place by August 1st. While marine survival is likely higher than the anticipated 6%, the broodstock goal is not expected to be met unless management action is taken. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of coho salmon (1,500) 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.