

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-KS-C-19-14

Issued at Petersburg, July 29, 2014

Effective 12:01 a.m.
Date: Friday, August 1, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
August 31, 2014 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Blind Slough near Petersburg to sport fishing to reduce the harvest of king salmon needed for broodstock at Crystal Lake Hatchery.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(h)(1) are superseded. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. August 1, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2014:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(h) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity:

(1) Blind Slough, upstream from a line between Blind Point and Anchor Point, is closed to sport fishing from August 1 through August 31, 2014.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Patrick Fowler
Petersburg/Wrangell Area
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Monitoring of king salmon returning to Crystal Lake Hatchery indicates that the hatchery broodstock goal for king salmon will not be met. The broodstock goal is 500 female and 500 male king salmon. On July 27th, an aerial survey observed approximately 150 live king salmon and between 200 and 300 dead king salmon. Egg takes are typically conducted within a week

of this date. Closing the sport fishery in Blind Slough is necessary at this time to protect remaining king salmon for broodstock.

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