

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS -2-48-14

Issued at: Anchorage, Friday August 8, 2014

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 9, 2014

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, 2014, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag limit and possession limit for coho salmon 16 inches or greater in length to five fish in the Ship Creek drainage from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 9, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. (14)(B) is superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday August 9, 2014, through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2014:

5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.

(14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(B) the bag and possession limit for salmon other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length is five fish; all of which may be coho salmon.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A stream survey conducted in Ship Creek on August 8, 2014 enumerated 1,282 coho salmon upstream of the designated harvest area below the Chugach Power Plant dam. This escapement exceeds the hatchery's coho salmon brood stock goals and natural spawning requirements for

Ship Creek. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the coho salmon bag and possession limit in the Ship Creek fishery to allow for increased harvest of surplus hatchery fish.

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.