

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-SS -A-24-15

Issued at Ketchikan, Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday,  
Date: September 24, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,  
November 30, 2015, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters within in the Herring Bay Special Harvest Area described in 5AAC 40.041(a) to sport fishing from September 24 through November 30, 2015.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area. (i)(5)(B)(i) are superseded and 5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area. (j)(10) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 24 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, November 30, 2015:

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

(i) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(5) in Herring Cove Creek,

(B) from the Herring Cove Bridge to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 300 yards downstream;

(i) sport fishing is closed from September 24 through November 30, 2015.

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

(j) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(10) The Herring Bay Special Harvest Area, as described in 5AAC 40.041(a), is closed to sport fishing from September 24 through November 30, 2015.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Kelly Piazza  
Ketchikan Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Coho salmon returning to the Whitman Lake Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2015 due to expected harvest and marine survival. As of September 21, approximately 1,000 coho salmon have returned to the Whitman Lake Hatchery, while broodstock needs are 4,000 fish. With additional harvest expected, this closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of coho salmon to meet broodstock needs.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 215, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.