

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-21-15

Issued at Sitka, Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday,
Date: August 13, 2015

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
December 31, 2015, unless superseded by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possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the saltwaters of the Southeast Alaska Area (g)(3) are superseded by this emergency order.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. Thursday, August 13 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2015:

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.

(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;

Sam Cotten
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 2015. Based on anticipated increases in coho production, and projected harvest and marine survival rates, only 960 of the 2,720 coho salmon needed for broodstock are expected to return to the hatchery. 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 1 office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.