

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-23-15

Issued at Sitka, Wednesday, September 23, 2015

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

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
December 31, 2015, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Deep Inlet to sport fishing for coho salmon to protect broodstock needed for Medvejie Hatchery.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 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)(8) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions become effective from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 24 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 Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (8) in Deep Inlet, described as those waters south of a line at 56°59.342'N. lat., 135°18.541'W. long. and 56°59.07'N. lat., 135°18.555'W. long., sport fishing for coho salmon is closed. Coho salmon may not be harvested or possessed; all coho salmon must be released unharmed, immediately and may not be removed from the water.

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. As of September 21, less than 200 coho salmon have returned to Medvejie Hatchery, while broodstock needs are 2,720 fish. Deep Inlet is an alternative broodstock collection location for Medvejie 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.