SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-22-17 Issued at Sitka, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017, unless superseded by

subsequent emergency order.

ALASKA DEPARTMENT

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the saltwater area of Kasnyku Bay to sport fishing for king salmon to protect king salmon needed for broodstock at Hidden Falls Hatchery.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(9) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. July 12 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017:

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:

(9) the waters of Kasnyku Bay north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N. latitude, 134°50.53' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude are closed to sport fishing for king salmon;

	Sam Cotten
	Commissioner
By delegation to:	
	Troy Tydingco
	Sitka Area Management Biologist
	Division of Sport Fish

<u>JUSTIFICATION</u>: King salmon returning to Hidden Falls Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2017 due to poor ocean survival. Two thousand king salmon are needed for broodstock at Hidden Falls and only about 100 have returned thus far. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of king salmon to meet broodstock needs.

<u>DISTRIBUTION:</u> 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.