

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-18-17

Issued at Juneau, Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday,
July 1, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
August 31, 2017, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: King salmon returning to the Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc. Macaulay Salmon Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2017. This emergency order closes the waters of Gastineau Channel, within a 300-yard radius of the Wayside Park Fishing Dock (Channel Wayside fishing dock) to snagging and sport fishing for king salmon which are needed for hatchery broodstock.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021. (d)(6) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions become effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 31, 2017:


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.

(d) In the Juneau vicinity:

- (6) in the waters of Gastineau Channel, within a 300-yard radius of the Channel Wayside fishing dock,
 - (A) snagging or attempting to snag is prohibited; a fish hooked anywhere other than the mouth must be released immediately back into the water;
 - (B) sport fishing for king salmon is closed; king salmon may not be taken or possessed;

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Daniel Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: Based on the low number of king salmon that have returned to the hatchery to date, a low number of tagged Macaulay Hatchery king salmon recovered in both the sport and commercial fisheries, and age data from these tag recoveries, indicates poor survival of the brood year expected to produce the majority of returning female king salmon. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of king 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.