

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-40-17

Issued at: Anchorage, Friday, August 25, 2017

Effective Date: 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 25, 2017

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December 31, 2017, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for coho salmon, 16 inches or greater in length, to six fish in the Ship Creek drainage from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant Dam.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122 Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. (14)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 25, 2017, through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017:

5 AAC 59.122 Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area

(14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(B) the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon, 16 inches or greater in length is six fish; all of which may be coho salmon.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jay Baumer
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of August 25, 2017, a total of 352 coho salmon brood stock have been collected at the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery. Another 1,638 coho salmon were counted by foot survey immediately below the hatchery. The hatchery has met the coho salmon brood stock goal and there is an adequate amount of fish to spawn naturally in Ship Creek. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the coho salmon bag and possession limit in the section open to salmon fishing on Ship Creek to allow for increased harvest of surplus hatchery fish.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.