

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-6-31-18

Issued at: Anchorage, Monday, July 9, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 15, 2018,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order allows snagging in the Fleming Spit Lagoon area including waters east (upstream) of the culverts on Fleming Spit Creek. The marine waters of the Cordova Terminal Harvest Area outside of the lagoon will remain closed to snagging until they open to snagging by regulation on October 1.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area. (2)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 10 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 15, 2018:

#### **5 AAC 55.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area.**

(2)(C) from June 1 – September 30, in the Cordova vicinity in the salt waters north of a line from Odiak Slough to Stump Point and south of a line from Orca Cannery to Knot Point; from July 10 – July 15, snagging is allowed in all waters of Fleming Spit Lagoon, defined as waters of the lagoon east (upstream) of the culverts on Fleming Spit Creek.

Sam Cotten,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jay Baumer  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

A survey of the Fleming Spit Lagoon estimated 50 stocked king salmon have returned and are holding in the lagoon. These fish have started to color, indicating available fish that may be diminishing in quality. King salmon returning to the portion of the lagoon upstream of the culverts are more difficult to catch using bait or lures and allowing snagging would increase harvest opportunity. Fish returning to this terminal harvest area will not be used for any egg collections. This justifies opening the waters of the lagoon to snagging to allow full utilization of these 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.