

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-2-26-18

Issued at: Anchorage, Friday, June 29, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Expiration Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2018,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes Ship Creek to sport fishing for all species 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bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area (14)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 3 through 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2018:

**5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.**

(14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(A) the waters from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam are closed to sport fishing.

Sam Cotten,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jay Baumer  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery collects broodstock from king salmon returning to the Ship Creek drainage for the primary purpose of providing king salmon sport fishing opportunities in the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area and throughout southcentral Alaska while reducing angling pressure on wild stocks. Seven hundred fifty (750) adult king salmon are required to meet the brood needs of king salmon stocking programs. High and turbid water conditions at the William Jack Hernandez Hatchery delayed the opening of the raceway until June 25. These stream conditions also delayed a stream survey until June 28. As of June 28, 2018, only 4 king salmon have entered the raceway and only 45 king salmon

were observed in the stream from the hatchery down to the sport fishery. In typical years 40% of the run has escaped the fishery by this week in June. Given the uncertainty of the escapement data and the poor performance of other Southcentral king salmon runs this year, both wild and hatchery, it is prudent to prohibit the harvest of Ship Creek king salmon so that broodstock needs can be met.

**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.