

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-56-18

Issued at: Anchorage, Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,
December 31, 2018, unless superseded by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 per day and six in possession 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The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122 (14)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 15 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2018:

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 13, 2018, a 150 coho salmon broodstock have been collected at the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery (hatchery). Another 1,539 coho salmon were counted by foot survey immediately below the hatchery. It is anticipated that the hatchery will meet the coho salmon broodstock 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 Ship Creek fishery to provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity 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.