

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-15-20

Issued at: Homer, Monday, June 1, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2020 **Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order 2-KS-7-06-20 issued February 26, 2020, and closes the waters of the Anchor River and Deep Creek to sport fishing.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122. (a)(2)(C), (E) and (a)(5)(C), (D) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 3 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020:

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

(a)(2) Anchor River drainage, except the Bridge Creek reservoir:

- (C) from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South Forks sport fishing is closed;
- (E) from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South Forks sport fishing is closed;

(a)(5) Deep Creek drainage:

- (C) from its mouth to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately two miles upstream, sport fishing is closed;
- (D) from its mouth to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately two miles upstream, sport fishing is closed;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Mike Booz
Lower Cook Inlet Sport Fish Area Manager

JUSTIFICATION:

As of May 31, 2020, a total of 184 king salmon had been counted on the Anchor River and 138 had been counted on Deep Creek. By this date, in years when the Anchor River sustainable escapement goal (SEG: 3,800-7,600 king salmon) was not achieved, an average of 420 king salmon had been counted. Based on the 2017-2019 Anchor River king salmon run timing, the escapement is projected to be less than 2,000 kings in 2020. Since 2017, an average of 40% of the escapement has been counted during July. The later run timing warrants closing the streams to sport fishing through July 15. The 2020 run strength on Deep Creek appears to be similar to the Anchor River and warrants similar restrictive action.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 2-KS-7-06-20 issued February 26, 2020, which restricted gear to only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the Anchor River and Deep Creek from May 16 through June 30. It is superseded by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.