

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-13-21

Issued at: Sitka, Tuesday, May 18
2021

Effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday,
Date: June 1, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,
June 14, 2021, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order liberalizes regulations in the saltwater area near Hidden Falls to target hatchery king salmon returning to Hidden Falls Hatchery.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(9) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, June 14, 2021:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (9) the waters of Chatham Strait, within approximately 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28' N. lat., north of 57°06.76' N. lat., and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. lat., 134°49.94' W. long. to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. lat., 134°45.37' W. long.,

(A) the bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) a nonresident's annual harvest limit is four king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: The waters of Chatham Strait are closed through June 14 to the retention of king salmon to protect wild stocks of king salmon returning to mainland rivers. However, returning hatchery king salmon are available for harvest near the Hidden Falls Hatchery. The expected total return of hatchery king salmon to Hidden Falls in 2021 (710 fish) is in excess of broodstock needs (500 fish). The closed area near the hatchery is for additional broodstock protection. This opening will allow opportunity for anglers to retain hatchery king salmon.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: Emergency Order 1-KS-R-05-21 establishes areas and times when king salmon may not be retained in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Sitka, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan; these actions are being taken to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks and meet objectives for king salmon management within the Pacific Salmon Treaty and are not affected by this emergency order.

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