

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-KS-7-16-21

**Issued at:** Homer, Thursday, June 3, 2021

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 5, 2021

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021,  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order supersedes emergency order 2-KS-7-09-21 issued February 1, 2021, 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 (a)(2)(C), (E) and (a)(5)(C), (D) are superseded by this emergency order.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. Saturday, June 5 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021:

**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 June 1, 2021, a total of 127 king salmon had been counted in the Anchor River. 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 300 king salmon had been counted. Based on the 2018–2020 Anchor River king salmon run timing, the 2021 escapement is projected to be less than 2,000 king salmon. Since 2017, an average of 48% of the escapement has been counted during July. The later run timing warrants closing the streams to sport fishing through July 15. Deep Creek king salmon escapement is not being monitored this year but has shown similar trends to the trends in the Anchor River.

**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.