

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-58-21

Issued at: Anchorage, Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 19, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 fish 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 (14)(B) are superseded by this emergency order.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. Thursday, August 19 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021:

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; of which no more than three per day and three in possession may be sockeye, chum, or pink salmon in combination.

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jay Baumer
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of August 16, 2021, a total of 299 coho salmon have been collected at the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery for brood stock. An additional 2,264 coho salmon were counted by foot survey immediately downstream of the hatchery. It is anticipated that the hatchery will meet the coho salmon brood stock goal and there is an adequate number of fish to spawn naturally in Ship Creek. Therefore, it is warranted to increase the coho salmon bag limit in the Ship Creek fishery to provide additional opportunity of harvest surplus 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.