

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-CO-E-23-22

Issued at: Juneau, Tuesday,
September 6, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 8,
2022

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday,
December 31, 2022

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the waters of Peterson Creek and Peterson Lagoon, near Juneau, to sport fishing for coho salmon. In addition, only unbaited, artificial lures may be used in Peterson Creek and Peterson Lagoon. This closure and terminal gear restriction provides protection for returning coho salmon in order to achieve the sustainable escapement goal range.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (e)(1)(E) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 8 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2022:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(e) In the Juneau vicinity:

- (1) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough road system,
 - (E) in Peterson Lagoon and Peterson Creek,
 - (i) only unbaited, artificial lures may be used;
 - (ii) sport fishing for coho salmon is closed;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Patrick Fowler
Regional Management Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Peterson Creek has failed to meet the sustainable escapement goal range for coho salmon in 4 of the last 6 years when data was available (2016-2017 and 2020-2021, met goal in 2018, no data available for 2019). Inseason fisheries performance data indicates a below average return of coho salmon to the Juneau area. For these reasons and considering the potential harvest power of sport anglers fishing on the Juneau road system, conservative management of coho salmon in Peterson Creek and Lagoon is warranted. Escapement surveys will continue this season and if coho salmon are observed in abundance the need for this action will be revisited.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.