

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-CO-D-28-23

Issued at: Sitka, Thursday, October 5, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday,
October 7, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday,
November 15, 2023, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the saltwater area of Bear Cove to sport fishing to protect coho salmon needed for broodstock at Medvejie Hatchery.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, October 7, through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2023:

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

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(3) all waters of Bear Cove east of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57° 00.63' N. lat., 135° 09.80' W. long. to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57° 01.07' N. lat., 135° 09.93' W. long. are closed to sport fishing;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Troy Tydingco
Sitka Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Coho salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2023. To date, only 660 female coho salmon have been collected for broodstock while 1,200 are needed. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of coho salmon to meet broodstock needs.

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.