

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-61-23

Issued at: Anchorage, Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 17, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday
December 31, 2023, unless superseded by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, in the Ship Creek drainage from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam, to six fish.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122(a)(14)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 17 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023:

5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages area.

(a) Unless otherwise specified by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are localized additions and exceptions to the general seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means specified in 5 AAC 59.120 and 5 AAC 75 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;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brittany Blain-Roth

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Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish hatchery has completed the king salmon egg take and has opened the hatchery raceway to collect coho salmon broodstock. As of August 14, 2023, a total of 1,184 coho salmon were counted on a foot survey above the fishery. Historically, when over 1,000 coho salmon are counted above the fishery it is anticipated that the hatchery will have adequate coho salmon for broodstock and adequate fish for natural spawning in Ship Creek. Therefore, it is warranted to

increase the coho salmon bag and possession limit in the Ship Creek fishery to provide additional sport fish harvest opportunity of surplus hatchery fish.

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.