

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-16-25

Issued at: Yakutat, Monday, April 28, 2025.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Sunday, June 15, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 15, 2025 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes sport fishing in the Situk River from department markers located 50 yards upstream of the 9-mile Bridge, downstream to department markers located 50 yards downstream of the bridge, from Sunday, June 15 through Friday, August 15.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(b)(6)(F) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Sunday, June 15 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 15, 2025:

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.

(b)(6) in the Situk River drainage,

(F) from Sunday, June 15 through Friday, August 15, sport fishing is closed from department markers located 50 yards upstream of the 9-mile Bridge, downstream to department markers located 50 yards downstream of the bridge;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jason Pawluk
Yakutat Area Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: During the 2025 Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting, the board of fisheries adopted a proposal to close this portion of the Situk River to sport fishing during the time period that king salmon are returning and spawning. This action is expected to reduce incidental hooking mortality of king salmon, known to congregate in this area.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED: Emergency Order 1-KS-H-15-25, which closed sport fishing for king salmon in the Situk River is unaffected by this emergency order.

DISTRIBUTION: The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 747-5551.