

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-31-25

Issued at: Sitka,
Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, October 2, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday,
October 31, 2025, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the saltwaters of Deep Inlet to sport fishing for coho salmon to protect broodstock for Medvejie Hatchery.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(12) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, October 2 through 11:59 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2025:

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:

(12) in waters of Deep Inlet, south of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 56°59.342'N. lat., 135°18.541'W. long. to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 56° 59.07'N. lat., 135°18.555'W. long., sport fishing for coho salmon is closed. Coho salmon may not be possessed or retained; all coho salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Douglas 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 2025. Deep Inlet is the backup broodstock source for Medvejie hatchery. To date, 100 coho salmon have been taken for broodstock and expected returns at Deep Inlet and Medvejie combined are not expected to reach the 3,000 coho salmon that are needed for broodstock. This closure is necessary to attempt to provide sufficient numbers of coho salmon for 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.