

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-50-25

Issued at: Palmer, Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 21, 2025

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December 31, 2025, unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-48-25, issued on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 and prohibits the retention of coho salmon and maintains the gear restriction that prohibits the use of bait in all waters of the Deshka River and all waters within a one-half mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River effective 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 21, 2025. Only unbaited, artificial lures may be used. Coho salmon may not be retained or possessed; coho salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. (6)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective, beginning 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 21 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025:

5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area.

(6) in the Deshka River drainage, including Trapper Lake,

(B) in all flowing waters and in all waters within a one-half mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River, from August 21- December 31 bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon and pink salmon, is three fish, of which none may be coho salmon; coho salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately; only unbaited, artificial lures may be used;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Samantha Oslund
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Deshka River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 10,200–24,100 fish. To date, only 831 coho salmon have passed upstream of the weir and the escapement is projected to be 1,126 fish and is not likely to achieve the SEG. Therefore, it is warranted to conserve the remaining coho salmon returning to the Deshka River to maximize the escapement towards the SEG.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.