

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-43-25**

**Issued at:** Anchorage, Wednesday,  
July 30, 2025

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 31, 2025

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December 31, 2025, unless superseded by  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

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order increases the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king 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The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122(a)(14)(B) are superseded by this emergency order.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, July 31 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025:

**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;

Douglas Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Donald Arthur  
Assistant Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

As of July 29, 2025, nearly 1,100 coho salmon were counted on a foot survey upstream of the Ship Creek sport fishery. This is the highest number of coho salmon counted in Ship Creek during July in the last decade. Historically, when over 1,000 coho salmon are counted above the fishery there are adequate coho salmon for broodstock, natural spawning, and viewing needs in Ship Creek. Therefore, it is

warranted to increase the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon 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 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.