

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-CO-D-29-26

Issued at: Sitka, Friday, September
11, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, September 15,
2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday,
October 31, 2026, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the saltwater areas of Bear Cove and Deep Inlet to sport fishing for coho salmon to protect broodstock needed for Medvejie Hatchery.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021.(g)(3) are modified and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021.(g)(10) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, September 15 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2026:

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:

(3) all waters of Bear Cove east of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57° 00.63' N. lat., 135° 09.80' W. long. to a point on the Baranof shoreline at 57° 01.07' N. lat., 135° 09.93' W. long., are closed to sport fishing for coho salmon. Coho salmon may not be possessed or retained; all coho salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

(10) in Deep Inlet, described as those waters south of a line at 56° 59.342' N. lat., 135° 18.541' W. long. and 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 and Deep Inlet are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2026 due to expected harvest lower than anticipated marine survival. Deep Inlet is the backup broodstock source for Medvejie hatchery. To date, no coho salmon have been taken for broodstock and

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expected returns at Deep Inlet are less than forecasted. Two thousand two hundred and fifty (2,250) coho salmon are needed for broodstock. This closure is necessary to attempt to provide enough coho salmon to meet 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.