

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-CO-E-27-26

Issued at: Douglas, Thursday, August 27, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the waters of Montana Creek and Peterson Creek, including Peterson Lagoon (Juneau Road system), to sport fishing for coho salmon. This closure provides protection for returning coho salmon to increase escapement.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(d)(6), 5 AAC 47.023(e)(1)(C)(ii) and (E)(ii), and 5 AAC 47.023(e)(1)(P) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, September 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 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.

(d) In the Juneau vicinity: in the waters that are adjacent to the Juneau City and Borough road system to a distance one-quarter mile offshore:

(6) in the salt waters within a 200-yard radius of the mouth of Peterson Creek, sport fishing for coho salmon is closed.

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.

(e) In the Juneau vicinity:

(1) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough Road System,

(C) in Montana Creek, including McGinnis Creek,

(i) only unbaited, artificial lures may be used,

(ii) sport fishing for coho salmon is closed;

(E) in Peterson Lagoon,

(i) only unbaited, artificial lures may be used,

(ii) sport fishing for coho salmon is closed;

(O) in Peterson Creek from the creek mouth at salt water to the falls approximately 1.5 miles upstream, sport fishing for coho salmon is closed;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Jessica Etheridge

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Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Montana Creek coho salmon have failed to achieve their escapement goal in 6 of the last 7 years. Similarly, Peterson Creek coho salmon have not achieved their escapement goal in 4 of the last 7 years. For these reasons and considering the harvest potential of sport anglers fishing these drainages, conservative management in Montana Creek including McGinnis Creek, and Peterson Creek and Peterson Lagoon is warranted. Escapement surveys will continue this season and if coho salmon are observed at levels sufficient to allow for a sport fishery, this closure may be rescinded.

DISTRIBUTION:

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