

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-45-26

Issued at: Anchorage, Thursday,
August 6, 2026

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, August 7, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59p.m. Thursday,
December 31, 2026, unless superseded by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The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122(a)(14)(B) are superseded by this emergency order.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. Friday, August 7 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026:

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: *Brittany Blain-Roth*
Brittany Blain-Roth
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

On August 5, 2026, approximately 1,100 coho salmon were counted on a foot survey in the section of Ship Creek surrounding the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery. Although this represented only a partial survey of the creek, the count was above average for the first week of August. Historically, when over 1,000 coho salmon are counted above the fishery at this time of year, the hatchery will have a sufficient number of fish to meet broodstock needs while also providing for natural

spawning and fish viewing opportunities 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 for surplus hatchery-produced coho salmon.

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.