

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-E-CS-20-20

Issued at: Juneau, Monday, July 13,
2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday,
August 15, 2020, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: Chum salmon returning to the Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc. Macaulay Salmon Hatchery are needed to meet broodstock goals in 2020. This emergency order closes the waters of Gastineau Channel, within 300 feet of the shoreline from a point at the Wayside Park Pavilion to the Tonsgaard Landing Dock, to snagging and sport fishing for chum salmon.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021. (d)(5) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions become effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 15 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2020:

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:

- (5) in the waters of Gastineau Channel, within 300 feet of the shoreline from a point at the Wayside Park Pavilion at 58° 19'38.5" N, 134° 28'12.7" W, to the Tonsgaard Landing Dock,
- (A) snagging or attempting to snag is prohibited; a fish hooked anywhere other than the mouth must be released immediately back into the water;
 - (B) the retention of chum salmon is prohibited; chum salmon may not be possessed or retained and may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Daniel Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION: Macaulay Salmon Hatchery has a broodstock goal of 200,000 chum salmon. The current projection for 2020 is 100,000 chum salmon. The poor return has made it necessary for the hatchery to collect remote broodstock by collecting chum salmon at Amalga Harbor to supplement the fish returning to the hatchery. Even with this effort the hatchery is still projected to come up short for egg-take goals. Hatchery chum salmon returning to the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery mill about along the shoreline in front of the hatchery and are vulnerable to harvest. This closure is necessary to provide protection to those fish to ensure enough chum salmon make it up the fish ladder. This will provide an opportunity for the 2020 egg-take goal to be met so there is enough broodstock for future production.

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.