

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 1-CO-D-29-24**

**Issued at:** Sitka, Wednesday,  
September 18, 2024

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Friday,  
September 20, 2024

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Thursday,  
October 31, 2024 unless superseded by a  
subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the saltwater area of Bear Cove to sport fishing to protect coho salmon needed for broodstock at Medvejie Hatchery.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, September 20 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, October 31, 2024:

#### **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 Island shoreline at 57°01.07' N. lat., 135°09.93' W. long. are closed to sport fishing;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jake Wieliczekiewicz  
Sitka Assistant Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

Coho salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2024. To date, approximately 700 coho salmon have been collected for broodstock while 2,250 are needed. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of 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, Juneau, AK 99811-0024, (907) 465-4270.