

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-E-26-24

Issued at: Juneau, Wednesday,
August 07, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday,
August 31, 2024, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order supersedes Emergency Order 1-KS-E-20-24, issued June 20, 2024, which closed waters in the Juneau area to sport fishing for king salmon. This emergency order opens the fresh waters of Fish Creek Pond to sport fishing and maintains the closure to sport fishing for king salmon in the salt waters of the hatchery sport harvest area in Stephens Passage, Auke Bay, Fritz Cove, and Gastineau Channel, and prohibits snagging within a 300-yard radius of the Wayside Park Fishing Dock (Channel Wayside fishing dock).

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(d)(5) and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(n)(5) and (6) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 10 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, August 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 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:

(5) in the waters of Gastineau Channel within a 300-yard radius of the Channel Wayside fishing dock located near the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery,

(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) sport fishing for king salmon is closed; king salmon may not be taken or possessed;

(n) In the Juneau vicinity:

(5) in a designated saltwater sport harvest area in the vicinity of Juneau, consisting of the contiguous waters of Stephens Passage, Auke Bay, Fritz Cove, and Gastineau Channel, enclosed on the west by a line running from the tip of Point Louisa to the navigational aid at the northern tip of Portland Island (58° 21.13'N. lat., 134° 45.52'W. long.) then along the eastern shore of Portland Island to its most southern point and ending on Douglas Island at the northern tip of Outer Point, and enclosed on the east by a line located approximately ¼ mile south of the Dupont dock and extending across Gastineau Channel between department markers: sport fishing for king salmon is closed, king salmon may not be taken or possessed;

(6) in the salt waters of Lena Cove south of a line from Pt. Lena to a regulatory marker on the mainland shore located at 58° 24.20'N. lat., 134° 45.64'W. long.,

(A) the bag and possession limit is four king salmon, no size limit;

(B) king salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit;

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Daniel Teske
Juneau Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

Emergency Order 1-KS-E-20-24 was issued to protect king salmon broodstock returning to Fish Creek Pond. Remote broodstock collection efforts in Fish Creek Pond will conclude on August 8. Therefore, the sport fishing closure in Fish Creek Pond is no longer required. The closures in Stephens Passage, Auke Bay, Fritz Cove, and Gastineau Channel, and the prohibition of snagging within a 300-yard radius of the Wayside Park Fishing Dock to protect hatchery-produced king salmon returning to the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery remain necessary to ensure adequate broodstock is available to meet egg-take goals needed for future production.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

The sport fishing closure in Fish Creek Pond established by a portion of Emergency Order 1-KS-E-20-24 is rescinded. The remaining portions of 1-KS-E-20-24 remain in effect and are continued under this emergency order.

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, (907) 465-4270.