

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-KS-2-28-24

**Issued at:** Anchorage, Wednesday, June 26, 2024

**Effective Date:** 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 29, 2024

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2024, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Ship Creek to sport fishing for all species from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant Dam through July 13, 2024 and in addition, closes Ship Creek from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam to the retention of king salmon for the remainder of the year.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area (14)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 29 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2024:

**5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.**

(14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(A) the waters from its mouth upstream to a cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam are closed to sport fishing for all finfish species through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 13 and king salmon through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 31;

Doug Vincent-Lang,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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

### JUSTIFICATION:

The William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery collects broodstock from king salmon returning to the Ship Creek drainage for the primary purpose of providing king salmon sport fishing opportunities in the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area and throughout Southcentral Alaska. Seven hundred fifty (750) adult king salmon are required to meet the broodstock needs of the king salmon stocking programs. High and turbid water conditions in the creek have made stream survey conditions difficult. As of June 25, 2024, no king salmon have entered the raceway and only 54 king salmon were observed near the hatchery under

poor survey conditions. Historically, 41% of the run has escaped the fishery by this date in June. Given the uncertainty of the escapement data and the poor performance of other Southcentral king salmon runs this year, it is necessary to prohibit the harvest of Ship Creek king salmon for the remainder of the year so that broodstock needs can be met.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.