

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-7-25

Issued at: Homer, Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2025

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the waters of the Anchor River and Deep Creek to sport fishing for all species from May 17 through July 15, 2025.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122 (a)(2)(C) and (E) and (a)(5)(C) and (D) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 17 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025:

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

(a)(2) Anchor River drainage, except the Bridge Creek reservoir:

(C) from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South Forks, sport fishing is closed;

(E) from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South Forks, sport fishing is closed;

(a)(5) Deep Creek drainage:

(C) from its mouth to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately two miles upstream, sport fishing is closed;

(D) from its mouth to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately two miles upstream, sport fishing is closed

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Mike Booz
Lower Cook Inlet Sport Fish Area Manager

JUSTIFICATION:

King salmon escapements to the Anchor River have been near the lower end of the escapement goal the past five years and has been missed in three of the last five years. The 2025 preseason forecast is for a run size of 2,931 king salmon, which is below the lower end of the SEG. As outlined in the *Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fishery management plan*, the Anchor River and Deep Creek king salmon sport fisheries will be closed preseason if the Anchor River forecast is below the SEG.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.