

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-23-24

Issued at: Sitka, Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 12, 2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2024 unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 1-KS-D-16-24, issued May 13, 2024, which closed sport fishing in Bear Cove to protect king salmon needed for broodstock at Medvejie hatchery. Sufficient broodstock has now been secured and this closure is no longer warranted.

REGULATION: Emergency Order 1-KS-D-16-24 is rescinded.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jake Wieliczkiwicz
Sitka Assistant Area Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

In May 2024 king salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery were not expected to meet the broodstock goal of 4,600 fish and Emergency Order 1-KS-D-16-24 was issued to close sport fishing within Bear Cove to protect king salmon broodstock. Sufficient broodstock has now been secured and surplus king salmon continue to arrive in the terminal area. Rescinding Emergency Order 1-KS-D-16-24 will restore regional regulations to these marine waters and provide sport fishing opportunity for king salmon.

PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:

Emergency Order 1-KS-D-16-24 is rescinded.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-08-24 established regional king salmon bag and possession limits, annual limits and other management provisions remains in effect and these regulations apply within Bear Cove.

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