

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-KS-E-20-24

**Issued at:** Juneau, Thursday,  
June 20, 2024

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Monday,  
June 24, 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August 31, 2024 unless superseded by  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-07-24 and closes the salt waters of the hatchery sport harvest area in Stephens Passage, Auke Bay, Fritz Cove, and Gastineau Channel, prohibits snagging within a 300-yard radius of the Wayside Park Fishing Dock (Channel Wayside fishing dock) and closes sport fishing in the fresh waters of Fish Creek Pond. King salmon regulations for Lena Cove initially implemented by Emergency Order 1-KS-E-07-24, continue to remain in effect.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(d)(5) and 5 AAC 47.023(e)(1)(M) are superseded and the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(n)(5) and (6) are added by this emergency order.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. Monday, June 24 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;

**5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska Area**

(e) In the Juneau vicinity:

(1) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough road system,

(M) in Fish Creek Pond, sport fishing is closed;

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Daniel J. Teske  
Juneau Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Based on the low number of king salmon that have returned to the hatchery to date and low number of tagged Macaulay Hatchery king salmon recovered in both sport and commercial fisheries a low return of hatchery-produced king salmon is anticipated. These closures are necessary to protect broodstock needed for future production. Hatchery-produced king salmon returning to the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery and Fish Creek Pond migrate through these areas and are vulnerable to harvest. These closures are necessary to ensure adequate broodstock is available to meet egg-take goals needed for future production.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:** Emergency Order 1-KS-E-07-24 which initially established sport fishing regulations for king salmon in the designated sport harvest area is superseded by this emergency order.

Emergency Order 1-KS-R-08-24 established the regional bag, possession and annual limits for the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery for the 2024 season and remains unaffected outside the time and area specified by this emergency order.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 110024, Juneau, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.