

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-56-24

Issued at: Anchorage, Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 24,
2024

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 30,
2024, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 September 30, 2024.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122 (14)(A) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 24 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 30, 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;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Brittany Blain-Roth
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Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery collects broodstock from coho salmon returning to the Ship Creek drainage for the primary purpose of providing coho salmon sport fishing opportunities in the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area and throughout southcentral Alaska. One thousand (1,000) adult coho salmon are required to meet inriver and brood stock needs of the coho salmon stocking programs. High and turbid water conditions in the creek have made stream survey conditions difficult. However, a partial survey was conducted August 19 and only 181 coho salmon were counted in the section of the creek near the hatchery. On the same day, only 79 coho salmon had entered the raceway to date. Historically, 75% of the run has escaped the fishery by this week in August. Given the low counts in the hatchery raceway and from the partial survey, it is necessary to close Ship Creek to fishing to allow for the remaining coho salmon to return to the hatchery.

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.