

**PROPOSAL 203**

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

Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek, as follows:

5 AAC 47.023 (e)(I)(J) is amended to read:

(e) In the Juneau vicinity:

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

(J) Auke Nu Creek, Kowee Creek on Douglas Island, [SHEEP CREEK], and Waydelich Creek (Wadleigh Creek) are closed to sport fishing for salmon.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The salmon fishing closure in Sheep Creek is no longer necessary. This closure was established to protect hatchery broodstock. Recently the Sheep Creek hatchery facility was removed and the site is no longer used for broodstock collection making the closure unnecessary. This action will provide additional fishing opportunity and simplify regulation by removing an unnecessary regulation.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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