

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-H-21-17

Issued at: Sitka, Friday, July 7, 2017.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday,
Date: July 10, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
August 15, 2017 unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the area of the Situk River closed to sport fishing by relocating the ADF&G regulatory marker approximately 2,100 feet downstream of the department's fish counting weir located at river mile 1.8.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023 (b)(6)(F) are added. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 10 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2017:

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.

(b)(6)(F) the waters from ADF&G regulatory markers 300 feet upstream of the ADF&G fish counting weir located at river mile 1.8 downstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately 2,100 feet downstream of the weir, are closed to sport fishing.

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Matt Catterson
Sitka Area Assistant Management Biologist
Division of Sport Fish

JUSTIFICATION:

5 AAC 47.030(f) allows the department to close an area around a fish weir to sport fishing in order to provide uninterrupted passage for fish and minimize vulnerability of salmon to sport fishing pressure that can become concentrated prior to passing a weir. Closing a portion of the Situk River to sport fishing is necessary to protect king salmon staging in several pools downstream of the weir from incidental hooking and catch-and-release angling practices.

DISTRIBUTION:

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