

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 1-SH-E-10-26

**Issued at:** Douglas, Tuesday, April 7, 2026

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2026

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2026, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order closes Peterson Creek, including Peterson Lagoon (Juneau Road system) to sport fishing. This action is being taken to conserve steelhead in Peterson Creek (Southeast Alaska) and to meet objectives for trout management under 5 AAC 75.222. *Policy for the management of sustainable wild trout fisheries.*

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(e)(5) and 5 AAC 47.023(e)(1)(O) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 15 through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2026:

**5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

- (e) In the waters of District 11 as described in 5 AAC 32.200(k)  
(5) in the salt water within a 200-yard radius of the mouth of Peterson Creek, sport fishing is closed.

**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.**

- (e) In the Juneau vicinity:  
(1) in all drainages crossed by the Juneau City and Borough road system,  
(O) in the waters of Peterson Creek, including Peterson Lagoon, from the creek mouth at salt water to the falls approximately 1.5 miles upstream, sport fishing is closed.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Jessica Etheridge  
Juneau Assistant Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:** Based on snorkel survey expansions, in years when concurrent weir counts were available, overall production of steelhead in Peterson Creek has declined in recent years. For 9 years from 2015 through 2023, snorkel survey index counts conducted each spring were below the 1997–2014 average of 28 fish (equivalent to 116 fish), when steelhead abundance in the creek appeared to be relatively stable. In 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 the snorkel survey counts were 6, 3, 11, 24, 18, and 27 fish, respectively, an average of 15 fish. In 2024 the steelhead count showed improvement with a peak count of 57 fish, and in 2025 the peak count was 40 fish. This closure is being continued for the 2026 season to ensure continued sustainable steelhead escapement into Peterson Creek.

**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, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270