

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-NP-1-03-18

Issued at: Soldotna, Friday, December 29, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, January 1, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,
December 31, 2018, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of any species of fish in East Mackey Lake, West Mackey Lake, Sevena Lake, Union Lake, and Derks Lake.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.120 General provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. (a)(12) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, January 1 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2018:

5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

- (a) Unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 57.121 – 5 AAC 57.123 or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are the general seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means that apply to sport fishing for finfish in the Kenai River Drainage Area:

(12) in Mackey Lakes, Derks Lake, Union Lake, and Sevena Lake all species of fish caught must be released immediately, no retention of any species is allowed;

Sam Cotten,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jason Pawluk
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

East and West Mackey, Sevena, Derks, and Union lakes were successfully treated with rotenone to eradicate nonnative northern pike in September 2014–2017. During 2015–2017 department staff captured and transported approximately 92,000 native fish from Soldotna Creek to these lakes to aid in the restoration of the native fish populations. To allow for the restoration of native fish in the Soldotna Creek drainage, it is prudent to prohibit retention of these native fish stocks until they are able to recolonize and propagate.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99518, (907) 267-2218.