

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-R-U-04-20

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Monday,  
October 5, 2020

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, October 7,  
2020

**Expiration Date:** Until superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order restricts Bathing Beauty Pond to catch-and-release fishing only for all fish species. Any fish caught while sport fishing may not be retained and must be released immediately.

### **REGULATION:**

Under the authority of 5 AAC 75.003(5) the provisions of 5 AAC 74.010(c)(36) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions become effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2020:

#### **5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.**

(c)(36) Bathing Beauty Pond is open to catch-and-release fishing for all species; any fish species caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed.

Douglas Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to: Heather Scannell  
Heather Scannell  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Recent water quality testing at Bathing Beauty Pond indicated that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) levels were below EPA and DEC action levels (21–26 ppt). However, given the tendency of PFAS to bioaccumulate in fish at rates often exceeding 2,000x that of what is observed in water samples, Bathing Beauty Pond is being restricted to catch-and-release only.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7207.