

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-NP-1-01-06

Issued at Soldotna: Thursday, December 28, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Sunday, January 1, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, April 30, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order adds Scout Lake to the list of lakes on the Kenai Peninsula in which five lines may be used to fish for northern pike through the ice. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, January 1, 2006, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, April 30, 2006. Anglers wishing to retain species of fish other than northern pike in Scout Lake while fishing through the ice will be continue to be restricted to the use of up to two lines.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.023 SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE. (c)(1)(I) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Sunday, January 1, 2006, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, April 30, 2006:

5 AAC 56.023 SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE.

(c)(1)(I) in Mackey Lakes, Derks Lake, Sevena Lake, Cisca Lake, Union Lake, the unnamed lakes on Tote Road, and Scout Lake, five lines may be used to fish for northern pike through the ice;

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

George Pappas,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) discovered northern pike in Scout Lake while sampling in September 2005. Northern pike are not native to the Kenai Peninsula and were likely introduced to Scout Lake illegally. In an effort to reduce the population of northern pike in Scout Lake, the special regulations of other local lakes that contain northern pike will also apply to Scout Lake. Beginning on January 1, 2006, anglers sport fishing through the ice will be allowed to use five lines provided that: (1) standard ice fishing gear is used, (2) the fishing gear is closely attended, and (3) all other species of fish caught are released immediately. Increasing the total number lines for sport fishing through the ice will assist with the process of reducing the northern pike population in Scout Lake.

DISTRIBUTION:

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