

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-NP-1-01-07

Issued at Soldotna: Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2007, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order adds Scout and Arc lakes to the list of lakes on the Kenai Peninsula in which five lines may be used to fish for northern pike through the ice, provided standard ice fishing gear is used, the fishing gear is closely attended, and all other species of fish caught are released immediately. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2007. There are no bag, possession, or size limits for northern pike. Anglers wishing to retain species of fish other than northern pike in Scout and/or Arc lakes while fishing through the ice will continue to be restricted to the use of no more than two lines.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.121 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE LOWER SECTION OF THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE AREA (1)(I) are superseded by this emergency order and the provisions of 5 AAC 57.122 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE MIDDLE SECTION OF THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE AREA (4)(F) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2007, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2007:

5 AAC 57.121 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE LOWER SECTION OF THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE AREA

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

5 AAC 57.122 SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LOCALIZED ADDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE MIDDLE SECTION OF THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE AREA

(4)(F) in Scout Lake, five lines may be used to fish for northern pike through the ice;

Denby Lloyd,
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to:

George E. 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 and in Arc Lake during 2000. Northern pike are not native to the Kenai Peninsula and were likely introduced to Scout and Arc lakes illegally. This is the first year for Arc Lake and the second year for Scout Lake of efforts to reduce the population of northern pike by liberalizing the number of lines an angler can use while fishing through the ice. This Emergency Order means that the special regulations for other local lakes that contain northern pike will also apply to Scout and Arc lakes. Beginning on January 10, 2007, 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. When fishing through the ice for northern pike, anglers may use two hooks on a single line, provided that both hooks are attached to one single piece of bait. Increasing the total number of lines for sport fishing through the ice will assist with the process of reducing the northern pike population in Scout and Arc lakes.

DISTRIBUTION:

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