

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-NP-01-07

Issued at: Fairbanks

Date: Tuesday May 1, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday June 1, 2007

Expiration Date: October 15, 2007

Unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the sport fish bag and possession limit for northern pike in all lakes and flowing waters of the Minto Flats area to two fish, only one of which may be 30 inches or greater in length. This emergency order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m., Friday June 1, 2007.

REGULATION:

In accordance with 5 AAC 70.044. MINTO FLATS NORTHERN PIKE MANAGEMENT PLAN the provisions of 5 AAC 70.015 SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS IN THE TANANA RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA (c)(2)(D) and (c)(27) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions become effective 12:01 a.m. Friday June 1, 2007:

5 AAC 70.015 SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS IN THE TANANA RIVER MANAGEMENT AREA

(c)(2) in the Chatanika River and its tributaries;

(D) northern pike may be taken only from June 1 through October 14, with a bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one fish may be 30 inches or greater in length;

(c)(27) in the Tolovana River drainage, excluding the Chatanika River drainage, northern pike may be taken only from June 1 through October 14, with a bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one fish may be 30 inches or greater in length;

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Audra L. J. Brase
Lower Tanana River
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The MINTO FLATS NORTHERN PIKE MANAGEMENT PLAN requires the sport fish bag and possession limit to be reduced to two fish per day, only one fish 30 inches or greater, in the lakes and all flowing waters of the Minto Flats area if subsistence harvest reports indicate 750 or more northern pike are harvested from the Chatanika River drainage upstream of the confluence of the Chatanika and Goldstream Creek from January 1 through the ice free period.

Reports from subsistence fishers indicate that as of February 22, 2007 over 1,200 northern pike were harvested from the Chatanika River drainage upstream of the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek. The subsistence pike fishery was closed in this area on February 23, 2007 by Emergency Order 3-NP-UY-01-07. Due to subsistence harvests exceeding 750 northern pike, the sport fish daily bag and possession limit must be reduced to comply with the provisions of the management plan.

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