

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-R-2-29-08

Issued at: Anchorage, Monday,
November 24, 2008

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday,
November 27, 2008

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December
31, 2009, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the daily bag and possession limit for rainbow trout, Arctic char and lake trout in Sand Lake to ten fish of each species with no size limit, and increases the number lines allowed through the ice from two to five. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, November 27, 2008, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.120 General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area **(3)(A)**, **(4)(A)**, **(6)** and **(7)(B)** are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, November 27, 2008, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009:

5 AAC 59.120 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR SEASONS, BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS, AND METHODS AND MEANS FOR THE ANCHORAGE BOWL DRAINAGES AREA.

- (3) rainbow/steelhead trout may be taken from January 1 - December 31 in
 - (A)(i) In Sand Lake; bag and possession limit of ten fish, no size limit; the use of five lines is allowed with two hooks per line, when fishing through the ice, if both hooks are attached to the same single piece of bait.
- (4) Arctic char/Dolly Varden may be taken from January 1 - December 31 in
 - (A)(i) In Sand Lake; bag and possession limit of ten fish; no size limit; the use of five lines is allowed with two hooks per line, when fishing through the ice, if both hooks are attached to the same single piece of bait.
- (6) lake trout may be taken from January 1 - December 31 in
 - (A) In Sand Lake; bag and possession limit of ten fish; no size limit; the use of five lines is allowed with two hooks per line, when fishing through the ice, if both hooks are attached to the same single piece of bait.
- (7) northern pike may be taken from January 1 - December 31; no bag, possession, or size limits; northern pike may be taken in all lakes
 - (B) In Sand Lake; the use of five lines is allowed with two hooks per line, when fishing through the ice, if both hooks are attached to the same single piece of bait, provided that:
 - (1) standard ice fishing gear is used, (2) the fishing gear is closely attended.

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Chuck Brazil
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Sand Lake is not scheduled to be stocked in 2009 due to illegally introduced northern pike. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is currently in the planning phase of the permitting process to treat Sand Lake with rotenone to eradicate northern pike in the fall of 2009. Northern pike have depleted populations of salmon and trout in popular local fisheries on the Kenai Peninsula, the Mat-Su Valley, and in Anchorage. As long as invasive northern pike are in Sand Lake, there is increased potential for them to be introduced to nearby waters. Northern pike, rainbow trout, Arctic char and lake trout all have similar sensitivities to rotenone and this application will remove them from Sand Lake. Therefore it is warranted to liberalize the bag, possession, and capture methods in Sand Lake to maximize recreational fishing opportunities on the fisheries resources prior to restoration of Sand Lake in the fall of 2009.

DISTRIBUTION:

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