

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RT-2-05-09

Issued at: Anchorage, Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, April 3, 2009

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of rainbow/steelhead trout in the waters of the Sixmile Creek Drainage on Elmendorf Air Force Base.

This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, April 3, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 59.122(15) **Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area** are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Friday, April 3, 2009, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009:

5 AAC 59.122 Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.

(15) the Sixmile Creek Drainage from its mouth upstream to Lower Six Mile Lake is closed to sport fishing; in the remainder of the Sixmile Creek Drainage, including Lower Six Mile Lake and Upper Six Mile Lake, only unbaited, artificial lures may be used; rainbow/steelhead trout may not be possessed or retained; rainbow/steelhead trout that are caught must be released immediately;

Denby S. Lloyd,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Chuck Brazil
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In 2006, due to the loss of warm water at the state hatcheries, the rainbow trout stocking goal for the Anchorage Management Area was reduced by 66%. The Sixmile Creek Drainage, including Upper Six Mile Lake, was reduced from a release of 2,000 rainbow trout, to 480 rainbow trout. Due to pathology concerns at Elmendorf Hatchery in 2007 and 2008, the Sixmile Creek Drainage, including Upper Six

Mile Lake, was not be stocked with rainbow trout. Pathology concerns continue, and Six Mile Lakes will not be stocked in 2009. The Sixmile Creek Drainage has excellent access and nearby recreational facilities has created very popular sport fisheries. Therefore, it is necessary to prohibit the harvest of these fish in order to conserve their availability for multiple users, provide diversity in the area's sport fisheries, and to protect the native populations of rainbow/steelhead trout that reside there.

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.