

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-R-2-05-10

Issued at: Anchorage, April 23, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, April 26, 2010

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the Sixmile Creek drainage on Elmendorf Air Force Base to all fishing from April 26 to June 14; only unbaited artificial lures may be used and retention of rainbow/steelhead trout is prohibited for the remainder of the year. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Monday, April 26, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010.

### 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to the seasons, bag, possession and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area are superseded by this emergency order.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., Monday, April 26, 2010, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2010:

### **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

(A) from its mouth upstream to Lower Six Mile Lake is closed to fishing;

(B) from the outlet of Lower Six Mile Lake and including Upper Six Mile Lake fishing is closed from April 26 to June 14;

(i) only unbaited, artificial lures may be used;

(ii) 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:

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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 percent. The Sixmile Creek Drainage, including Upper Six Mile Lake, was reduced from a release of 2,000 rainbow trout, to 480. Since 2007, due to pathology concerns at Elmendorf Hatchery, the Sixmile Creek Drainage, including Upper Six Mile Lake, has not been stocked with any rainbow trout. The Sixmile Creek Drainage has excellent access and nearby recreational facilities have created a very popular sport fishery. Therefore, it is necessary to close the drainage to all sport fishing during the spring spawning period and to prohibit the harvest of these fish the remainder of the year 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.

**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.