

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RT-2-10-11

Issued at: Anchorage, June 17, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of rainbow/steelhead trout in the Chester and Campbell creek drainages, including University Lake, and prohibits the use of bait in the Chester Creek drainage. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 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. (2)(D) and (3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011:

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.

- (2) in the Campbell Creek drainage,
 - (D) in the waters downstream of the forks near Piper Street, rainbow/steelhead trout may not be possessed or retained; rainbow/steelhead trout that are caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;
- (3) in the Chester Creek drainage,
 - (A) only unbaited, artificial lures may be used;
 - (B) rainbow/steelhead trout may not be possessed or retained; rainbow/steelhead trout that are caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately;

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Only triploid rainbow trout, which do not spawn, have been stocked into Chester and Campbell creeks since 1999. Both of these streams have populations of wild rainbow trout. Campbell and Chester creeks have not been stocked with rainbow trout since 2007 due to pathology concerns. Both creeks are urban with paved trail access along good portions of their reaches, making them popular spring and summer fisheries. Due to easy access and their popularity as fishing destinations in Anchorage, it is necessary to prohibit the harvest of rainbow trout for 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 these native populations of rainbow/steelhead trout. These two streams will be stocked again next year with fish from the new William Jack Hernandez State Fish Hatchery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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