

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-R-2-01-11

Issued at: Anchorage, January 27, 2011

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, January 29, 2011

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the daily bag and possession limit for rainbow trout, Arctic char and Arctic grayling in Anchorage area stocked lakes to two fish of each species of which only one of each species may be 12 inches or greater in length. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, January 29, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011.

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 Drainage Area. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, January 29, 2011, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2011:

(3) rainbow/steelhead trout may be taken from January 28 – December 31 in

(A) Stocked lakes and ponds; bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one may be 12 inches or greater in length; for the purpose of this subparagraph, “stocked lakes and ponds” include Alder Pond, Airstrip/Willow Pond, Beach Lake, Campbell Point Lake, Cheney Lake, University Lake (Behn or APU Lake Clunie Lake, DeLong Lake, Dishno Pond, Edmunds Lake, Fish Lake, Green Lake, Gwen Lake, Hillberg Lake, Jewel Lake, Lake Otis, Lower Fire Lake, Mirror Lake, Otter Lake, Rabbit Lake, Sand Lake, Spring Lake, Symphony Lake, Taku Campbell Lake, Triangle Lake, Upper Sixmile Lake, Waldon Lake;

(4) Arctic char/Dolly Varden may be taken from January 28 – December 31 in

(A) Stocked lakes and ponds; bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one may be 12 inches or greater in length; for the purpose of this subparagraph, “stocked lakes and ponds” has the meaning given in (3)(A) of this section;

(5) Arctic grayling maybe taken from January 28 – December 31 in

(A) Stocked lakes and ponds; bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one may be 12 inches or greater in length; for the purpose of this subparagraph, “stocked lakes and ponds” has the meaning given in (3)(A) of this section;

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Anchorage area stocked lakes are popular and important fishing areas for Alaska's largest urban center. Area stocked lakes average 40,000 angler days of effort each year, and almost all fish stocked each summer are harvested that same year. There are 26 stocked lakes in the Anchorage area and an annual stocking goal of 4,600 catchable-size (about 8 inches in length) Arctic char, 5,000 fingerling Arctic grayling, and 108,650 catchable-size rainbow trout. ADF&G is transitioning to the new Jack Hernandez State Fish Hatchery. During this transition, the catchable-size fish program has been eliminated. To conserve the catchable-size fish and help ensure angler opportunity throughout the fishing season, it is necessary to reduce the bag and possession limit in Anchorage stocked lakes from five per day of each species to two per day of each species, with only one of each species greater than 12 inches in length each day. The Jack Hernandez State Fish Hatchery is scheduled to start incubating rainbow trout eggs in the spring of 2011. These fish are expected to be of catchable size in 2012, when the Anchorage Area Lakes Stocking Program is scheduled to resume.

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.