

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-DV-1-52-13

Issued at: Soldotna, Tuesday, November 19,
2013

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, November 21, 2013

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday,
April 30, 2014, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the use of five lines while fishing for northern pike through the ice in Stormy Lake and prohibits the retention of Arctic char/Dolly Varden in Stormy Lake. Sport fishing through the ice is permitted using two closely attended lines, provided only one hook or artificial lure is used on each line. This emergency order is effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, November 21, 2013 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. (13) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, November 21, 2013 through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2014:

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

(13) in Stormy Lake, Arctic char/Dolly Varden may not be retained or possessed; Arctic char/Dolly Varden caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed; allowable gear is limited to standard ice fishing gear as specified in 5 AAC 75.021.

Cora Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Robert N. Begich
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Stormy Lake was treated with rotenone to eradicate northern pike in September 2012 and it is believed the treatment was successful. Therefore, liberal fishing methods for northern pike are no longer warranted and standard sport fishing regulations for ice fishing should apply. Prior to the treatment, eggs were taken from native Arctic char where they were hatched and reared in the William Jack Hernandez Hatchery. Stocking of these fingerling Arctic char back into Stormy Lake occurred in 2013. Arctic char are a species with slow growth rates and low population densities and it is unknown how long it will take for these fish to become sexually mature and to reestablish natural production. To allow for the restoration of native fish in Stormy Lake, it is prudent to apply conservative regulations on this stock until they are able to propagate.

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