

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 03-NP-04-16

Issued at: Fairbanks, Monday, May 2, 2016

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday,
June 1, 2016

Expiration Date: October 15, 2016
Unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit for northern pike in all lakes and flowing waters of the Minto Flats area to two fish, only one of which may be 30 inches or greater in length.

REGULATION:

Consistent with the 5 AAC 74.044 Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 74.010 Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Tanana River Area (c)(2)(D) and (c)(27) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions become effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2016:

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Tanana River Area.


(c)(2) in the Chatanika River and its tributaries;

(D) northern pike may be taken only from June 1 through October 14, with a bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one fish may be 30 inches or greater in length;

(c)(27) in the Tolovana River drainage, excluding the Chatanika River drainage, northern pike may be taken only from June 1 through October 14, with a bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one fish may be 30 inches or greater in length;

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

by delegation to:


Klaus Wuttig
Area Management Biologist
Tanana River Area

JUSTIFICATION:

The Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan requires the sport fish bag and possession limit to be reduced to two fish, only one fish 30 inches or greater, in the lakes and all flowing waters of the Minto Flats area if subsistence harvest reports indicate 750 or more northern pike are harvested from the Chatanika River drainage upstream of the confluence of the Chatanika and Goldstream Creek from January 1 until these waters are ice free.

Subsistence harvest reports indicate that as of April 21, 2016, over 770 northern pike were harvested from the Chatanika River drainage upstream of the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek. Due to subsistence harvests exceeding 750 northern pike, the sport fish bag and possession limit must be reduced to comply with the provisions of the management plan.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region III Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701, (907) 459-7207.