

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-NP-1-02-20

Issued at Soldotna; Tuesday,
December 31, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
December 31, 2020, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the retention of any species of fish in East Mackey Lake, West Mackey Lake, Sevena Lake, Union Lake, and Derks Lake.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 57.121 (7) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, January 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020:

5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

(7) in Mackey Lakes, Derks Lake, Union Lake, and Sevena Lake all species of fish may not be retained or possessed; and all species of fish caught must be released immediately.

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Colton Lipka
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

East and West Mackey, Sevena, Derks, and Union lakes were successfully treated with rotenone to eradicate nonnative northern pike in September 2014–2017. During 2015–2017 department staff captured and transported approximately 92,000 native fish from Soldotna Creek to these lakes to aid in the restoration of the native fish populations. To allow for the restoration of native fish in the Soldotna Creek drainage, it is prudent to prohibit retention of these native fish stocks until they are able to recolonize and propagate.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99518, (907) 267-2218.