

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-NP-U-1-19

Issued at: Fairbanks, May 15, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 1, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,
October 14, 2019, unless superseded by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 (Chatanika River and its tributaries and Tolovana River drainage) to two fish, only one of which may be 30 inches or greater in length.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 74.044. Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 74.010. (c)(2)(D) and (c)(27) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 1 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, October 14, 2019:

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for 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, 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;

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

by delegation to:

Heather Scannell
Area Management Biologist

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 (Chatanika River and its tributaries and Tolovana River drainage) 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.

Preliminary subsistence harvest reports indicate that as of April 12, 820 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.