

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 3-R-U-03-20

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, September 24,  
2020

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 26,  
2020

**Expiration Date:** Until superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order restricts Bear and Moose lakes to catch-and-release fishing only for all fish species. Any fish caught while sport fishing may not be retained and must be released immediately.

### **REGULATION:**

Under the authority of 5 AAC 75.003(5) the provisions of 5 AAC 74.010(c)(35) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions become effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 26, 2020:

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

(c)(35) Bear and Moose lakes are open to catch-and-release fishing for all species; any fish species caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed.

Douglas Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to: *Heather Scannell*  
Heather Scannell  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

This past summer Eielson Air Force Base personnel and private contractors conducted water quality testing at several lakes on and adjacent to the base. Results from Bear and Moose lakes indicated that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) levels exceeded EPA and DEC action levels. To reduce the potential for PFAS contamination while still allowing sport fish opportunity, Bear and Moose lakes are restricted to catch-and-release only.

**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.