

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-R-U-02-21

Issued at: Fairbanks, March 30, 2021

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2021

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,
March 31, 2022

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order restricts Piledriver Slough and Moose Creek 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. Thursday, April 1, 2021:

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

(c)(35) Piledriver Slough and Moose Creek 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:

Fish tested in Piledriver Slough and Moose Creek were contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Portions of both Piledriver Slough and Moose Creek are within or immediately downstream of the known groundwater contamination plume associated with Eielson Air Force Base. To be consistent with the precautionary approach that has been used on stocked waterbodies in the area, Piledriver Slough and Moose Creek are restricted to catch-and-release fishing.

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.