

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-R-2-02-23

Issued at: Palmer, Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Sunday, January 1, 2023

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday,
December 31, 2023, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order adds Leech, Summit, Zero, Kings, and Anderson Lakes to the list of lakes stocked with hatchery fish. The bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is five fish, of which only one may be 20 inches or greater in length.

REGULATION:

Under the authority of 16.05.060(a) the provisions of 5 AAC 60.120. (3)(B) for the following lakes are added to the stocked lakes listing. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, January 1 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023:

5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area.

(3) rainbow/steelhead trout

(B) may be taken in stocked lakes and ponds from January 1 – December 31; bag and possession limit of five fish, of which only one may be 20 inches or greater in length; for the purposes of this subparagraph, “stocked lakes and ponds” include Anderson Lake, Barley Lake, Bear Paw Lake, Bench Lake, Beverly Lake, Big Beaver Lake, Blair Lake, Bocker Lake, Bruce Lake, Buck Lake, Canoe Lake, Carpenter Lake, Coyote Lake, Dawn Lake, Diamond Lake, Echo Lake (Kepler/Bradley), Farmer Lake, Finger Lake, Florence Lake, Golden Lake, Goober Lake, Homestead Lake, Honeybee Lake, Ida Lake, Irene Lake, Kepler/Bradley Lakes, Kings Lake, Klaire Lake, Kalmbach Lake, Knik Lake, Knob Lake, Lalen Lake, Leech Lake, Little Beaver Lake, Little Lonely Lake, Loberg (Junction) Lake, Long Lake (MP 86 Glenn Hwy), Loon Lake, Lorraine Lake, Lucille Lake, Lynne Lake, Marion Lake, Matanuska Lake, Meirs Lake, Memory Lake, Morvro Lake, North Knob Lake, North Rolly Lake, Prator Lake, Ravine Lake, Reed Lake, Reflections Lake, Rhein Lake, Rocky Lake, Ruby Lake, Rush Lake, Seventeenmile Lake, Seymour Lake, Slipper (Eska) Lake, South Rolly Lake, Summit Lake, Tanaina Lake, Twin Island Lake, Vera Lake, Victor Lake, Visnaw Lake, Walby Lake, Weiner Lake, West Beaver Lake, Wolf Lake, and Zero Lake;

Doug Vincent-Lang,
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Samantha Oslund,
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Five lakes - Leech, Summit, Zero, Kings, and Anderson Lakes - have been added to the stocking program in the Northern Cook Inlet management area in June 2020. Leech Lake is part of the Matanuska Lakes Complex and is accessible by foot from the Matanuska Lake trailhead and is stocked with 500 catchable rainbow trout. Summit Lake is in Hatcher Pass and is stocked with 500 catchable rainbow trout. Zero Lake is in the Houston area and is stocked with 4,000 fingerling rainbow trout. Northern pike were eradicated from Kings and Anderson lakes in 2020. Both lakes were stocked the following year, with 11,000 rainbow trout fingerling stocked into Anderson Lake and 3,000 rainbow trout catchables stocked into Kings Lake. This stocking practice is scheduled in the Statewide Stocking Plan on an annual basis. The stocking program provides alternative opportunities for anglers that might otherwise direct their efforts toward native fish that are vulnerable to overfishing.

DISTRIBUTION:

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