

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 2-NP-1-04-23

**Issued at:** Soldotna, 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December 31, 2023, unless superseded by  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 prohibits the retention of any species of fish in East Mackey Lake, West Mackey 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. Sunday, January 1 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2023:

**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 East Mackey Lake, West Mackey Lake, and Derks 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:



Jenny Gates  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

East Mackey Lake, West Mackey Lake and Derks Lake were successfully treated with rotenone during October 2014 to eradicate invasive northern pike. Between 2015-2022, department staff have captured and transported approximately 96,000 native fish from the Soldotna Creek drainage and relocated them to these lakes to aid in the restoration of native fish populations. To allow for the restoration of native rainbow trout in East and West Mackey Lakes and Derks Lake, it is prudent to prohibit retention of rainbow trout until they demonstrate adequate natural propagation.

**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.