

Region 3-Interior News Release

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Sport Fishing Closure of Kimberly and Polaris Lakes in the North Pole and Eielson Areas

Surface water in Kimberly and Polaris Lakes have tested to exceed EPA and DEC actions levels for PFAS. As a precautionary measure, Kimberly Lake and Polaris Lake are closed to sport fishing effective immediately, and will not be stocked until additional information becomes available.

ADF&G recognizes closing these lakes will reduce fishing opportunity on Eielson Airforce Base and plans to increase stockings in Chena, Birch, and Cushman Lakes. We encourage anglers to give these lakes a try this spring and summer.

For information regarding groundwater contaminants, please contact the Department of Environmental Conservation. For information on any health effects associated with the contaminants, contact the Department of Health and Social Services. For information about fish stockings or alternative local fishing opportunities, contact Heather Scannell (907) 459-7357; heather.scannell@alaska.gov.

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SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-R-U-01-19

Issued at: Fairbanks, April 3, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Tuesday,
December 31, 2019, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes Kimberly Lake and Polaris Lake in the Fairbanks area to sport fishing.

REGULATION:

Under the authority of 16.05.060(a) the provisions of 5 AAC 74.010(c)(33) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions become effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2019:

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

(c)(33) notwithstanding the provisions of this section, Kimberly Lake and Polaris Lake are closed to sport fishing.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Heather Scannell
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

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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.