

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that an **Environmental Assessment** has been prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to determine the impact of a project that would use rotenone (a pesticide) to remove an illegally introduced northern pike population in the Soldotna Creek drainage, Soldotna, Alaska. The project would be jointly funded by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Sport Fish Restoration Act and the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund).

Northern pike in the Soldotna Creek drainage have eliminated all native fish populations from the western branch of the drainage, have impacted native fish populations in the remainder of the drainage, and serve as a source population for northern pike to spread into other vulnerable habitats within the Kenai River drainage such as the Moose River. The **purpose of the project** is to completely eradicate non-native, invasive northern pike from the Soldotna Creek drainage and restock with native fish rescued from the drainage using a multiphased treatment regime spread over three years.

This notice is also intended to meet the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Final Procedures for Implementation of Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, by giving notice that a **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)** has been signed for the above project. The FONSI and the Environmental Assessment may be inspected at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division website:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Index.cfm?adfg=rotenone.currentprojects>

Any person interested in commenting on this FONSI may submit them by email (mary.price@fws.gov) or mail to: Mary Price, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, 1011 E. Tudor Road (MS 261), Anchorage, Alaska 99503 by September 12, 2014.