

Attention Anglers!



HARVEST INCENTIVE FOR NORTHERN PIKE FROM ALEXANDER LAKE

ADF&G tagged 100 northern pike in 2019 for research purposes.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is requesting anglers help with capturing northern pike from Alexander Lake, which is one of the most heavily-impacted areas by this invasive species in Southcentral Alaska. ADF&G is offering anglers a \$100 Visa gift card for each confirmed tagged northern pike head from Alexander Lake. Visa gift cards are only being issued for the first 35 confirmed tagged northern pike heads. In addition, for every tagged northern pike caught, the angler's name will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 Visa gift card. The more northern pike an angler catches, the better the odds they have of receiving a gift card. Gift cards will not be offered for harvested northern pike without a tag. Alexander Lake is accessible in the winter by snowmachine (about 40-miles one way from Dëshka Landing) or by plane.

The tags are very small and will not be visible to anglers. They can only be detected by a tag scanner in the ADF&G Palmer office. Therefore, to be eligible for the Visa gift cards anglers must bring in the heads (or whole body) of the northern pike they harvested into the Palmer office on Mondays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Information received from anglers will provide ADF&G northern pike biologists with fishing effort and harvest data, biological samples which will be used for generating age-class structure and movement patterns, and assistance with estimating the size of the pike population in the lake.

For additional information or to schedule a different day, please contact Palmer Fishery Biologist Parker Bradley at (907) 746-6328 or by email parker.bradley@alaska.gov.

Rules:

1. Obey all sport fishing regulations for Alexander Lake and respect private property in the area. Please contact the Palmer Office at (907) 746-6300 for tips on how to ice fish for northern pike.
2. Retain northern pike heads from Alexander Lake. The heads may be frozen but must be individually frozen and not in a pile. Each head will be scanned individually.
3. Northern pike heads will be scanned at the ADF&G Palmer Office each Monday between January 6 through April 13, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Palmer office is located at 1801 South Margaret Drive, Suite 2.
4. The deadline to turn in northern pike is April 13, 2020. No northern pike will be scanned after that date.
5. The winner of the \$1,000 gift card will be contacted on April 15.

