

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of Board Member Morisky

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**Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 143**

5 AAC 01.244(b) is amended to read:

**5 AAC 01.244. Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan.**

(b) The department shall manage the Minto Flats northern pike subsistence fishery as follows:

(1) the maximum exploitation rate of northern pike in the lakes and flowing waters of the Minto Flats by all users may not exceed 20 percent annually;

(2) the following provisions apply to the harvest of northern pike in the Minto Flats area subsistence fishery:

(A) the open fishing season is from January 1 through December 31;

(B) there **are no bag, possession, annual, or size limits** [IS NO DAILY OR ANNUAL BAG LIMIT], except that in the area described in (G) of this paragraph, the bag **and possession** limit is 10 fish **less than 30 inches in length and all northern pike caught in that area that are 30 inches or greater in length must be released immediately** [, AND THE POSSESSION LIMIT IS 20 FISH];

(C) a person must obtain an ADF&G subsistence harvest permit before participating in the subsistence fishery and must have that permit in possession when participating in the fishery;

(D) gillnets may be used only from April 15 through October 14;

(E) a hook and line attached to a rod or pole may be used only when fishing through the ice;

(F) **in the Chatanika River drainage, from the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek upstream to an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately one river mile of the confluence, subsistence fishing through the ice is closed;**

(G) **in the Chatanika River drainage, from an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately one river mile upstream from the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek to an ADF&G regulatory marker located at the boundary of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area (approximately one mile downstream from the Murphy Dome Road),**

**(i) only single hooks may be used; and**

**(ii)** if the subsistence harvest reports indicate that 1,500 or more northern pike have been harvested [FROM THE CHATANIKA RIVER DRAINAGE UPSTREAM OF THE CONFLUENCE ON THE CHATANIKA RIVER AND GOLDSTREAM CREEK] during the period from January 1 until these waters are free of ice, the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, these waters to fishing for northern pike through the ice [; AND

(G) IN THE CHATANIKA RIVER DRAINAGE UPSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE CHATANIKA RIVER AND GOLDSTREAM CREEK TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT THE BOUNDARY OF THE FAIRBANKS NONSUBSISTENCE AREA (APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE DOWNSTREAM FROM THE MURPHY DOME ROAD), ONLY SINGLE HOOKS MAY BE USED].