

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 (*replaces previous substitute language submitted in RC 32*)

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 is no daily or annual bag limit, except that in the area described in (G) of this paragraph, the bag limit is 10 fish, 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 three river miles of the confluence, subsistence fishing through the ice is closed;

(G) in the Chatanika River drainage, from an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately three river miles 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].