

**PROPOSAL 83 – 5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area; and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.** Repeal gear regulations for northern pike, as follows:

5 AAC 56.120(7) is repealed:

(7) **repealed** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ /**2017** [NORTHERN PIKE MAY BE TAKEN FROM JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31; NO, BAG, POSSESSION, OR SIZE LIMIT; NORTHERN PIKE MAY BE TAKEN

(A) NORTHERN PIKE MAY BE TAKEN BY SPEAR AND BOW AND ARROW; THE ARROW MUST HAVE A BARBED TIP AND BE ATTACHED BY A LINE TO THE BOW; FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, ‘BOW’ MEANS A LONG BOW, RECURVE BOW, COMPOUND BOW, AND CROSSBOW;

(B) WITH TWO HOOKS PER LINE WHEN FISHING THE ICE AND IF BOTH HOOKS ARE ATTACHED TO THE SAME SINGLE PIECE OF BAIT];

5 AAC 57.121(1)(I) is repealed:

(1) sport fishing gear restrictions:

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(I) **repealed** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ /**2017** [IN MACKAY LAKES, DERKS LAKE, SEVENA LAKE, UNION LAKE, AND THE UNNAMED LAKES ON TOTE ROAD, FIVE LINES MAY BE USE TO FISH FOR NORTHERN PIKE THROUGH THE ICE; ALLOWABLE GEAR IS LIMITED TO STANDARD ICE FISHING GEAR AS SPECIFIED IN 5 AAC 57.120(9)(B); FISHING GEAR MUST BE CLOSELY ATTENDED AS SPECIFIED IN 5 AAC 75.033; ALL OTHER SPECIES OF FISH CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY];

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Northern pike regulations on the Kenai Peninsula are no longer necessary due to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game’s successful eradication program. Existing regulations may allow anglers to claim they are fishing for pike in lakes subjected to general provisions, which has the potential to become a conservation concern because other species may be harvested. The remaining unnamed lakes on Tote Road can be managed by emergency order, prior to eradication.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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