

PROPOSAL 233 – 5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream of the Little Susitna weir, as follows:

5 AAC 60.122(a)(9) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:

(9) in the Little Susitna River drainage,

...

(M) the waters within approximately 1,500 feet downstream of the Little Susitna weir are closed to sport fishing as indicated by ADF&G regulatory markers.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

5 AAC 75.050 designates a 300-foot area around any fish weir as closed to sport fishing in order to provide uninterrupted passage for fish and minimize vulnerability of salmon and potential for

overharvest of fish that can become concentrated prior to passing a weir. Increasing the area closed to sport fishing downstream of the Little Susitna River weir is necessary to protect salmon staging in several pools downstream of the weir.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F16-147)

PROPOSAL 234 – 5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Open waters in a closed area on Wasilla Creek within 300 feet of Palmer Fishhook Road to sport fishing, as follows:

5 AAC 60.122(a)(11)(A) is repealed:
(11) the Wasilla Creek drainage, including Rabbit Sough,
(A) **repealed** / **2017** [IS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING WITHIN 300 FEET OF PALMER-FISHHOOK ROAD];

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?
King salmon used to hold downstream of the highway in a deep pool that was created over time by perched culverts. The board adopted regulations to protect those salmon from harassment and poaching. Those culverts were replaced and the stream bed returned to a natural state, thereby eliminating the large hole and the holding behavior of king salmon. Fishing opportunity for Dolly Varden char, particularly by children, was lost when the closure went into effect. Repeal of this regulation would result in the area within 300 feet of Palmer Fishhook Road remaining closed to salmon fishing by a separate regulation while allowing opportunity to fish for other species.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F16-148)

PROPOSAL 235 - 5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Increase the hours open to fishing on Cottonwood Creek, as follows:

Amend the daily hours where salmon fishing is allowed as follows:
... , but fishing is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays and only between the hours of [6:00 A.M. AND 6 P.M.] **5 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Silver and sockeye salmon stocks in Cottonwood Creek are healthy enough that they can once again support a few more hours fishing time in the sport fishery. The fishery is currently open to salmon fishing only in a small section nearly all of which is intertidal. Longer hours of daily fishing time allow anglers to fish

throughout the day under less crowded fishing conditions. This fishery is currently open only two days per week, so there is adequate time for salmon to migrate upstream into waters closed to salmon fishing.

PROPOSED BY: Frede Stier (EF-F16-081)

PROPOSAL 236 - 5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Increase the hours open to fishing in the Wasilla Creek/Rabbit Slough drainage, as follows:

Amend hours in the area below the Alaska Railroad Bridge to read:

. . . , but fishing is allowed only on Saturdays and Sundays and only between the hours of [6 A.M. AND 6 P.M.] **5 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Wasilla Creek / Rabbit Slough drainage coho salmon are abundant enough to allow a few more hours of daily fishing time. The area where sport salmon fishing is allowed is a small portion of the drainage located on the Palmer Hay Flats. The salmon fishery is only open two days per week, so there is plenty of time for salmon to swim through the area when fishing is closed. Having more hours of daily fishing time on the two days per week when the fishery is open allows more participation to occur without crowding other anglers. For people that have other commitments on Saturdays and Sundays this would give more time to participate earlier and later.

PROPOSED BY: Paul Warta (EF-F16-087)

PROPOSAL 237 – 5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Amend the regulations for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages to allow harvest of salmon, other than king salmon, that are less than 16 inches in length, as follows:

5 AAC 59.120(2) is amended to read:

- (2) salmon, other than king salmon,
 - (B) less than 16 inches in length

- (i) may **be taken** [NOT BE RETAINED OR POSSESSED] in flowing waters and unstocked lakes and ponds **from January 1 – December 31; bag and possession limit of 10 fish;** [NO OPEN SEASON; SALMON OTHER THAN KING SALMON, LESS THAN 16 INCHES THAT ARE CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.];

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current regulation does not provide a bag or possession limit for sockeye and pink salmon that are less than 16 inches in length. If adopted, in the flowing waters and unstocked lakes and ponds in the Anchorage Bowl Drainage that are open for salmon fishing, the bag and possession limit for sockeye, pink, and chum salmon that are less than 16 inches in length, would be 10 fish. The bag and possession limit for sockeye,

pink, coho, and chum salmon 16 inches or greater would remain at 3 fish, and the bag limit for king salmon would also not be changed.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F16-130)

PROPOSAL 238 – 5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Add Lower Sixmile Lake to the list of stocked lakes, as follows:

5 AAC 59.120(3)(A) is amended to read:

- (3) rainbow/steelhead trout may be taken from January 1 – December 31 in
 - (A) stocked lakes and ponds; bag and possession limit of five fish, of which only one may be 20 inches or greater in length; for the purpose of this subparagraph, “stocked lakes and ponds” include Alder Pond, Airstrip/Willow Pond, Beach Lake, Campbell Point Lake, Cheney Lake, University Lake (Behn or APU Lake), Clunie Lake, Delong Lake, Dishno Lake, Edmunds Lake, Fish Lake, Green Lake, Gwen Lake, Hillberg Lake, Jewell Lake, Lake Otis, Lower Fire Lake, **Lower Sixmile Lake**, Mirror Lake, Otter Lake, Rabbit Lake, Sand Lake, Spring Lake, Taku Campbell Lake, Triangle Lake, Upper Sixmile Lake, and Waldon Lake;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently, Upper Six Mile Lake is listed in the stocked lakes list but Lower Six Mile Lake is not. Fish are stocked into Upper Sixmile Lake and are able to move freely between the two lakes. Currently these lakes have different regulations even though they are connected by a culverted road crossing that remains passable all year. These lakes should be managed as a single unit. With the proximity of these bodies of water to each other it will also simplify regulations and make enforcement easier.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F16-133)

PROPOSAL 239 - 5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Create a youth-only fishery on Ship Creek, as follows:

5 AAC 59.120. (14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

(X) A person 16 years of age or older may not sport fish in the Ship Creek youth fishery zone, established by ADF&G regulatory markers to include a portion of the Ship Creek between the upstream side of the C Street Bridge and upstream to the downstream side restaurant bridge, during designated youth fishery days, which occur from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the third Saturday in June.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Establish a youth-only fishery on a section of Ship Creek to allow anglers 15 years of age and younger the ability to fish for king salmon.

PROPOSED BY: Dustin D. Slinker (EF-F16-090)

PROPOSAL 240 – 5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Close all fishing on a portion of Campbell Creek when that portion is not open to coho salmon fishing, as follows:

5 AAC 59.122(a)(2)(A) is amended by adding a new sub-subparagraph to read:

(2) in the Campbell Creek drainage,

(A) sport fishing is closed from

(iv) the downstream side of the Lake Otis Parkway Bridge to an ADF&G marker at the forks near Piper Street from October 2 – July 13;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This section of Campbell Creek has been identified by law enforcement as a section that is heavily utilized by poachers targeting king and sockeye salmon migrating to their spawning grounds. This regulation would decrease poaching and aid law enforcement of unlawful fishing in this area.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F16-131)

PROPOSAL 241 – 5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Extend the area closed to sport fishing on Ship Creek, as follows:

5 AAC 59.122(a)(14) is amended to read:

(14) in the Ship Creek drainage,

...

(F) the waters from the cable 100 feet downstream of the Chugach Power Plant dam upstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located **300 feet above the Elmendorf Power Plant Dam** [100 FEET UPSTREAM OF THE CHUGACH POWER PLANT DAM] are closed to sport fishing;

(G) **repealed** / **2017** [FROM ADF&G REGULATORY MARKERS LOCATED 100 FEET UPSTREAM OF THE CHUGACH POWER PLANT DAM TO THE UPSTREAM SIDE OF THE REEVE BOULEVARD BRIDGE,

(i) ONLY ONE UNBAITED, SINGLE-HOOK, ARTIFICIAL LURE MAY BE USED;

(ii) RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT MAY NOT BE RETAINED; RAINBOW/STEELHEAD TROUT CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY AND RETURNED TO THE WATER UNHARMED;

(iii) SPORT FISHING IS CLOSED FROM APRIL 15 — JUNE 14];

(H) **repealed** ____ / ____ /**2017** [THE WATERS UPSTREAM OF THE UPSTREAM SIDE OF THE REEVE BOULEVARD BRIDGE TO ADF&G REGULATORY MARKERS LOCATED 300 FEET ABOVE THE ELMENDORF POWER PLANT DAM ARE CLOSED TO ALL SPORT FISHING];

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This section of Ship Creek is already closed to salmon fishing, but open to trout (catch-and-release) and Arctic char/Dolly Varden (harvest) fishing. It has been identified by law enforcement as a section that is heavily utilized by salmon poachers. The salmon in this area are critical to the salmon broodstock at William Jack Hernandez Hatchery. This regulation would aid law enforcement staff and assure more fish would be able to make it to the hatchery.

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