

PROPOSAL 84

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana Area.

Repeal the Tanana River Area wild rainbow trout regulation, as follows:

5 AAC 74.010(b)(5) is amended to read:

(5) **repealed** / / / [RAINBOW TROUT: THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT IS 10 FISH, WITH NO SIZE LIMIT];

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current sport fishing regulations for the Tanana River drainage include a general bag and possession limit for wild rainbow trout. Many anglers, particularly those new to Alaska, are unaware that rainbow trout are not native to the Tanana River drainage. The department regularly stocks nonnative rainbow trout into lakes which are under the stocked waters regulations. In stocked waters, the background regulation is 10 fish in combination – only one of which may be 18 inches or longer. Repealing the wild rainbow trout regulation would reduce confusion for anglers who inadvertently believe rainbow trout in lakes are native, and eliminate anglers confusing wild rainbow trout bag, possession, and size limits with stocked waters regulations. In 2017, 92 lakes within the Tanana River drainage were stocked, and 86 of these were stocked exclusively with rainbow trout.

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