

Submitted by: Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of Board Member Morisky
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Substitute Language for proposal 7:

5 AAC 55.022(4)(C) is amended to read:

(4) rainbow/steelhead/cutthroat trout, as follows:

(C) in all other waters not specified in this paragraph, [EXCEPT THE COPPER RIVER DELTA SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA SPECIFIED IN 5 AAC 55.033:] may be taken from June 15 - April 14; bag and possession limit of two fish, and notwithstanding 5 AAC 75.222, with a size limit of at least 11 inches in length but not more than 16 inches in length;

5 AAC 55.023(6) is repealed:

[(6) IN THE COPPER RIVER DELTA SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA FOR TROUT DESCRIBED IN 5 AAC 55.033,

(A) ONLY CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING IS ALLOWED FOR ALL TROUT SPECIES;

(B) ONLY UNBAITED, SINGLE-HOOK, ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED FOR ALL SPORT FISHING;]

5 AAC 55.033 is repealed:

[5 AAC 55.033. COPPER RIVER DELTA SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA FOR TROUT. (A) THE COPPER RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA FOR TROUT CONSISTS OF ALL WATERS OF ALASKA DRAINING INTO THE GULF OF ALASKA THAT ARE SOUTH OF MILES GLACIER, EAST OF THE COPPER RIVER, EXCLUDING THE CLEAR CREEK DRAINAGE, AND WEST OF CAPE SUCKLING.

(B) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN 5 AAC 55.022 OR BY EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED UNDER AS 16.05.060, ONLY UNBAITED, SINGLE-HOOK, ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED IN THE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

(C) FISHING FOR TROUT IN THE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA UNDER THIS SECTION IS CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY; ALL TROUT CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, MANAGE THE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA TO MAINTAIN HISTORIC SIZE AND AGE DISTRIBUTIONS OF ALL TROUT SPECIES. (EFF. 3/16/2000, REGISTER 153)]