

PROPOSAL 140 – 5 AAC 73.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Yukon River Area. Repeal Yukon River Area rainbow trout regulations, as follows:

5 AAC 73.010(b)(4) is repealed:

(b) ...

...

(4) **repealed** _____ / _____ / _____ [RAINBOW TROUT: THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT IS TWO FISH, OF WHICH ONLY ONE FISH MAY BE 20 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH];

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current Yukon River Area sport fishing regulations include a bag and possession limit for rainbow trout. Wild or stocked populations of rainbow trout are not present in the Yukon River drainage. The species has not been captured or observed during department assessment projects or reported in the Statewide Harvest Survey. The current regulation imposes unnecessary language for a species that is not present in the Yukon River drainage and may cause confusion among sport anglers who may expect to catch rainbow trout in the Yukon River drainage since there is a bag and possession limit in regulation.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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