

**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,

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(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(G) **repealed** / / **2017** [FROM ADF&G REGULATORY MARKERS LOCATED 100 FEET UPSTREAM OF THE CHUGACH POWER PLANT DAM TO THE UPSTREAM SIDE OF THE REEVE BOULEVARD BRIDGE,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(H) **repealed** / / **2017** [THE WATERS UPSTREAM OF THE UPSTREAM SIDE OF THE REEVE BOULEVARD BRIDGE TO ADF&G REGULATORY MARKERS LOCATED 300 FEET ABOVE THE ELMENDORF POWER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.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F16-132)  
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