

PROPOSAL 228

5 AAC 01.244. Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan.

Decrease the size of the area closed to subsistence fishing through the ice for northern pike on the Chatanika River.

5 AAC 01.244 (b)(2)(F) and (G) are amended to read:

(F) in the Chatanika River drainage, from the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek to an ADF&G regulatory marker approximately [THREE RIVER MILES] **one river mile** upstream of the confluence, subsistence fishing through the ice is closed;

(G) in the Chatanika River drainage, from an ADF&G regulatory marker approximately [THREE RIVER MILES] **one river mile** upstream of the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the boundary of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area (approximately one mile downstream from Murphy Dome Road).

- (i) only single hooks may be used, and
- (ii) if the subsistence harvest reports indicate that 1,500 or more northern pike have been harvested during the period from January 1 until these waters are free of ice, the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, these waters to fishing for northern pike through the ice.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The recent closure of the primary harvest area resulted in the unintended consequence of not providing a reasonable opportunity for subsistence.

PROPOSED BY: Fairbanks Advisory Committee
