

**PROPOSAL 167**

**5 AAC 75.024. Gear for fly-fishing-only waters.**

Allow the use of two artificial flies, as follows:

Change the regulation for “Gear for fly-fishing only regulations” as follows: ... “with not more than **two** [ONE] unweighted, single-hook fly with gap between point and shank of 3/8 inch or less; and” ... add the following as the third bullet: **Note that this definition supersedes all other regulations related to specific waters by allowing the use of two artificial flies Statewide but not the use of two artificial lures.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Statewide regulations at “gear for fly-fishing-only waters” (e.g. page 7 of the Southcentral regulations) do not allow for the commonly accepted practice of using two flies in tandem i.e. two wet flies/nymphs or the “hopper-dropper” combination. Other places in the Southcentral regulations (p. 65 Anchor River; p. 66 Deep Creek; p. 51 Kenai River; p. 57 Kenai River) or the Bristol Bay regulations, (p. 20 Brooks River; p. 18 Iliamna Lake region), for example, also only allow for the use of a single artificial fly.

We propose that Statewide regulations and other regulations specific to individual waters be changed to allow for the use of two artificial flies.

If the regulation is not changed sport anglers will not have the opportunity to fish with two flies, and common practice which has been employed in the rest of the world since fly-fishing was invented. People may be concerned that this proposal will increase the ability to snag fish, but by retaining the 3/8 inch or less hook size limitation, this should be avoided.

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