

PROPOSAL 25

5 AAC 52.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area.

Remove the unbaited, single-hook artificial lure restriction in flowing waters of the Upper Susitna River drainage, as follows:

5 AAC 52.022(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) in all flowing waters **of the Upper Copper River drainage and Tyone River drainage**, only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The bait and hook restriction was originally implemented to protect rainbow trout populations in the Upper Copper River drainage, but were implemented throughout the entire region, unduly complicating sport fishing regulations and restricting fishing opportunity in upper Susitna River drainage. During the open water period (April 16 – October 31) only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used in Lake Louise, Susitna, and Tyone lakes (Tyone River drainage) for lake trout and burbot conservation; including the Tyone River drainage will align tributary regulations with those in the lakes.

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