

PROPOSAL 144

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

Align spring sport fishing dates for Bishop and Bench creeks, as follows:

5 AAC 56.122 is amended to read:

(a)(3) Bishop Creek Drainage, including Daniels Creek:

(A) from **June 11 – April 30**, [JUNE 15-APRIL 14] flowing waters are open to sport fishing;

(a)(14) Bench Creek drainage, including Bench Lake, **from June 11 – April 30, waters are open to sport fishing;** [IS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING FROM MAY 2-JUNE 10]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This change will bring Bishop and Bench creeks into regulatory alignment with other streams within the Northern Kenai Peninsula Management Area that have spring spawning closures and improve regulatory simplicity while providing reasonable protection for spawning resident species of fish.

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