

**PROPOSAL 148**

**5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.123. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.**

Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size throughout the Kenai River drainage, as follows:

We would like the regulation to read something like the following: In the entire Kenai River watershed, the use of two unbaited, single hook artificial flies is allowed, provided that flies must have a gap between point and shank of 1/4 inch or less.

Notes: 1) A hook with ¼ inch gap is approximately a size 10 hook. 2) If the BOF and ADF&G are concerned about snagging of sockeye salmon, this allowance of two small flies could be prohibited during the sockeye fishing season or in the Russian River fly fishing only area.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Anglers would like to be able to use two small wet flies in the entire Kenai River drainage year around. This is especially popular during in the winter and early spring when fish are feeding on small aquatic insects. Many people are currently fishing with this method despite the regulations making it legal to only fish with a single hook. This proposal would allow anglers to use two wet flies or nymphs to fish provided the hook size is limited to prevent snagging of salmon. Because of the complexity of the Kenai River regulations we do not know how to word a proposal. Therefore, we would leave the specific wording up to the BOF and ADF&G.

Please note that we are both long time Alaska residents who have extensive fishing experience on the Kenai River. One of us is retired from ADF&G and the USFWS and the other owns a fly shop in Anchorage. The Kenai River regulations are too confusing and should be simplified. We can't imagine how a first time angler on the Kenai must feel when they look at these regulations.

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