

PROPOSAL 23

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area..

Repeal special regulations for northern pike in Volkmar Lake, as follows:

5 AAC 74.010 (c)(28) is repealed:

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(28) repealed / / [IN VOLKMAR LAKE, THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR NORTHERN PIKE IS TWO FISH, OF WHICH ONLY ONE FISH MAY BE 30 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH];

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Volkmar Lake is a remote lake with 15 recreational cabins located 16 air miles to the northeast of Delta Junction. The lake has light fishing pressure due to access and is managed using a restrictive bag, possession, and size limit of two northern pike, only one of which may be 30 inches or greater in length. Access is only by float/ski plane to fly-in or snow machines along a 24-mile winter trail to the lake.

The current regulations are unnecessarily restrictive due to low effort and harvest. Removing the special regulations would default to the general bag, possession, and size limits for northern pike (five fish, of which only one may be ≥ 30 inches in length) and would simplify regulations and increase harvest opportunity.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

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