

PROPOSAL 11

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

Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek, as follows:

In both the Anchor River and Deep Creek-; September 1-October 31: Only one, unbaited single hook artificial lure [OR FLY IS ALLOWED], **or two unbaited single hook flies is allowed. Both lures and flies must have a gap between point and shank of 3/8 inch or less.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Anglers would like to be able to use two small flies in the Anchor River and Deep Creek during the period between Sept 1 and Oct 31. “Swinging” two small flies is an increasingly popular modern fly fishing method for steelhead. During this period the regulations currently allow the use of “only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly.” Prior to this, the use of bait and multiple hooks is allowed. We understand this regulation is intended to protect steelhead which we support. This proposal would allow anglers to use two wet flies or nymphs to fish for both steelhead (and Dolly Varden) provided the hook size is limited to prevent snagging. In recent years, we have seen increased snagging and release of steelhead by people using large hooks on flies or lures. In the event that the BOF does not allow the use of two flies, we still request that hook size for both flies and lures be limited to prevent snagging.

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