

PROPOSAL 219 - 5 AAC 61.114. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Allow a unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery on resident species when waters of Montana Creek are closed to fishing for king salmon, as follows:

Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. (1) and (10)

The solutions proposed would be to amend 5 AAC 61.114 in such a matter as to open that portion of Montana Creek upstream of the Alaska Railroad bridge upstream to the ADFG marker located one-half mile upstream of the Parks Highway to fishing for resident species during those days now closed to all fishing. Regulations currently in place upstream of the marker include catch and release of rainbow trout and Arctic grayling and methods and means are limited to only one unbaited, single-hook artificial lure. No retention (catch and release only) of rainbow trout and Arctic grayling and the unbaited, single-hook artificial lure provisions would govern fishing in the now closed waters if this proposal were to be adopted. In addition it should be made clear that a person may not sport fish for king salmon in these waters except when the waters are specifically open to sport fishing for king salmon. That portion of Montana Creek downstream of the Alaska Railroad bridge and including all flowing waters within a one-half mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River would remain closed as currently described in regulation. This proposal is not meant to change any aspect of the regulations within the times and areas currently open to fishing for king salmon.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Montana Creek from an ADFG marker located one-half mile above the Parks Highway downstream and including all flowing waters within one-half mile radius of its confluence with the Susitna River is closed to all fishing except when open to fishing for king salmon from mid-June through July 13. In 2016 this closure consists of a total of 17 days. Within the area described, the opportunity to fish for resident species and the conservation of king salmon can be accomplished during this time period in most of the area described in regulation. It is not meant to change any aspect of the regulations within the times and areas currently open to fishing for king salmon.

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