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5 AAC 01.244. Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan.

Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit, as follows:

We would like to see the board reinstate the 3-mile closure that you put in place during the last in-cycle meeting. We would like to see the board instate a bag limit of 5, of which only one can be over 30". We would also like to see no catch and release, but we realize that this might be difficult if there was a size restriction.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Minto Nenana AC is concerned that the northern pike that overwinter in the Chatanika do not have enough protection from overfishing through the ice. We believe that the large female spawners cannot take this pressure. We are concerned that the few individuals that utilize this fishery could jeopardize the health of the population that others also depend on.

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