

PROPOSAL 72

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

Allow catch-and-release fishing only for Arctic grayling on the Chatanika River, as follows:

The last assessment of the Arctic grayling population in the Chatanika River occurred during 2007. If a new Arctic Grayling population assessment can be done now or in the near future and the results show a decline please consider making the Upper Chatanika River strictly catch and release year round for Arctic Grayling - like the Chena River.

This also includes Lower Chatanika River at the Elliot Highway bridge camping area. That area is "fished out" It would very beneficial to consider making that area strictly catch and release for Arctic Grayling also. Try it for 15-20 years and see what happens to the population and sizes of the larger older grayling.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Arctic Grayling population in the Upper Chatanika River between 38 mile and 58 mile (approximate) on the Steese Highway seem to be in a steady decline for the last 10-15 years.

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