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5 AAC 74.044. Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan.

Modify gear specifications for the Minto Flats northern pike sport fishery, as follows:

A more sportsman and humane solution would be to use single hooks only for sport fishing in the Minto area. Casting baits can be easily modified to a single hook.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Northern Pike in Minto Flats are being caught with large baits, many containing multiple treble hooks, thereby causing serious damage to the fish's mouth during hook retrieval, usually using a pliers. Therefore, the fish cannot feed and will probably end in their demise.

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