

**PROPOSAL 80**

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

Increase the bag and possession limit of stocked species in Koole Lake, as follows:

Amend: 5 AAC 74.010 (c)(29)

In stocked waters, the bag, possession, and size limit for Rainbow Trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, landlocked Salmon, and Arctic Grayling is 10 of all stocked species combined, of which no more than one fish may be 18 inches or greater in length.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In Koole Lake, the bag and possession limit for Rainbow Trout, landlocked Salmon, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, and Arctic Grayling, combined, is five fish, of which only one fish may be 18 inches or greater in length. This restrictive harvest was based on a desire for Koole to grow bigger fish. As harvests have declined and stocking numbers are up, fish are not growing as big and the vast majority of the stocked fish die within a couple of years without being utilized. Managing Koole the same as other stocked lakes will simplify the regulations and likely produce more trophy fish while increasing harvest opportunity.

**PROPOSED BY:** Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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