PROPOSAL 240

5 AAC 77.5xx. New section.

Create a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Susitna River drainage, as follows:

New Section <u>5 AAC 77.54x Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Northern Pike Fishery</u> <u>Management Plan. (a) In the Susitna River drainage Units 1-6 during times when salmon</u> <u>are not present and northern pike are prevalent, northern pike may be taken with set gillnet.</u> (1) no annual limit (2) The department will develop permit conditions, reporting <u>requirements, areas, time, and net size on an as needed basis to provide an opportunity to</u> <u>harvest pike for consumption and invasive species control.</u>

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Pike are an invasive species and the department should facilitate the public in helping reduce pike numbers.

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