

PROPOSAL 36

5 AAC 52.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area.

Increase the bag and possession limit of lake trout in Crosswind Lake, as follows:

3 lake trout one over 30” per year in Crosswinds Lake

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Overabundance of lake trout in Crosswinds Lake. PWSA has been planting up to 10 million sockeye salmon smelt each year over 20 years. This has increased the trout population 10-fold & in some cases the big fish are starting to get skinny. Small fish are taking over lake. There May need to be more liberal limits in the future or big fish will start to diminish due to competition from small fish. This number of trout is starting to diminish the smelt fry to the point the Gulkana Hatchery can't meet their egg take goals since 2015. If the stocking doesn't keep smelt coming at a regular rate you will see skinny lake trout in all size ranges & big fish could starve out. It only makes good since to let fishers take more fish when there is so many fish available. This regulation will promote a healthy sport fishery. Due to cost of flying there are less and less fishermen participating in this fishery.

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