

PROPOSAL 168

5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area.

Allow anglers to use two artificial flies in tandem on the Kenai River as follows:

(4) the following sport fishing gear restrictions apply:

(A) in flowing waters, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, with a gap between point and shank of three-eighths inch or less, may be used **except that two artificial flies may be used in tandem provided the combined hook gap does not exceed three-eighths inches;**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Alaska is the only state that prohibits anglers from fishing two flies in tandem for trout. It is a common practice throughout the world and is even allowed in competitive fly fishing where up to three flies can be used. This would also erase confusion with the regulation of “only single hook artificial lures may be used” which does allow for dropper rigs and is widely used in trout management waters throughout the state. By restricting the combined hook gap size, the problem of using multiple hooks to snag salmon would be eliminated because the hooks would have to be very small.

Alternatives Considered: Aligning the Kenai River with the rest of the state where two single hook artificial lures are allowed lead to thoughts that two lures would be used to snag sockeye salmon, by having a low hook gap restriction anyone fishing droppers would have to use very small flies not suitable for salmon fishing.

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