

PROPOSAL 187

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.

Close Hidden Lake to fishing for Lake Trout from September 15th - November 30th as follows:

Hidden Lake is closed to fishing for Lake Trout from September 15th - November 30th.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? To protect lake trout fish stocks during spawning seasons when they are highly concentrated in the shallow shoals and are susceptible to easily being targeted during the spawning season.

Pressure on a limited lake trout stock has started to increase in the fall and late fall as the open water season is becoming longer with later winter ice formation. Especially during seasons of low salmon returns, more and more people are finding ways to increase and utilize this resource.

This is allowing people to fish and target lake trout during the spawning season. putting increased pressure on the resource during a very susceptible time.

We already have other forms of closure to protect other species during spawning season. By adding this closure, we are helping protect this very limited resource and protect it during a predictable life cycle event.

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