

PROPOSAL 226

5 AAC 61.110. General Provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Susitna River Drainage Area

Allow anglers to use two artificial lures in tandem in Susitna River Drainage waters as follows:

In the Susitna River Drainage allow the use of dropper flies with the following language where it appears adding the bold section:

Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used **except that two artificial flies may be used in tandem.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Alaska is the only western 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.

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