

PROPOSAL 247

5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area.

Prohibit chumming in Big, Mirror, and Flat Lakes as follows:

5 AAC 60.122(a)(5)(F) is amended to read:

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(F) in Big Lake, **Mirror Lake, and Flat Lake,**

(i) from November 1 – April 30, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used, except when fishing through the ice, two lines may be used, if only one single hook is used on each line; **a person may not place in the water any substance for the purpose of attracting fish by scent, including**

- 1. fish eggs in any form;**
- 2. natural or preserved animal, fish, fish oil, shellfish, or insect parts;**
- 3. natural or processed vegetable matter; and**
- 4. natural or synthetic chemicals.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Regulations prohibiting use of bait during the ice fishery on Big Lake are difficult to enforce. Determining whether an angler is using bait or an attractant on the hook while chumming is difficult; an angler may be scenting hooks under the guise of chumming to attract fish.

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