

PROPOSAL 253

5 AAC 59.185. Special management areas for rainbow trout in the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.

Allow anglers to use two artificial flies in tandem in a portion of Campbell Creek as follows:

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(a) unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 59.120 and 5 AAC 59.122 or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure may be used in the special management areas for rainbow trout described in (b) of this section **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. There is no biological reason to limit the very small number of people who fish Campbell Creek above the forks the additional opportunity to fish two flies.

Alternatives: Allow to two flies if their combined hook gap is a certain size, this was deemed unnecessarily restrictive and hard to enforce

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