

**PROPOSAL 254**

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

Add a portion of Chester Creek to the Anchorage Bowl Drainages special management areas for trout 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

(b) rainbow trout catch-and-release special management areas are those waters managed to maintain historical size and age distributions. the rainbow trout catch-and-release special management area in the Anchorage bowl drainages area is in that portion of Campbell Creek upstream from the forks at piper street **and Chester Creek and it's tributaries, except APU/University Lake and the portion downstream of University Lake to Elmore.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Anchorage is blessed to have a very good wild trout fishery in the heart of the city, by correctly managing Chester Creek trophy trout will continue to be quietly produced in Anchorage. Chester Creek has more and better trout fishing opportunities than Campbell Creek, indeed the only rainbow trout of any size regularly encountered above the forks of Campbell Creek are either very small (2-6 inches) or catchable hatchery fish, whereas the entire Chester Creek drainage hosts rainbow trout of a variety of sizes, and very few hatchery fish are encountered. The APU/University Lake is the site of stocking, and by not including that portion as a special management area residents will continue to have a reasonable opportunity to harvest rainbow trout.

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