

PROPOSAL 33

5 AAC 52.023. Special provisions for season, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area.

Allow harvest of rainbow trout 18 inches or less in the Gulkana River, as follows:

There are approximately 13,000 rainbow trout in the Gulkana with 7,000 greater than 18 inches. Allow anglers to retain 1 rainbow trout under 18 inches. If not on the entire Gulkana, then at least above the “No bait” marker on the mainstem above the West Fork confluence, an area of high abundance usually only accessible by floaters, who should have the opportunity to eat a normally hooked rainbow trout instead of releasing it dead or dying.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Inability to retain any Rainbow Trout in the Gulkana River, even those fish caught on King gear that have died, or will likely die, upon release.

PROPOSED BY: Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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