

**PROPOSAL 74**

**5 AAC 74.065. Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan**

Update the Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan, as follows:

5 AAC 74.065 is amended to read:

(d) Regional management approach. Under the regional management approach, stocked waters will be managed so that there will be a reasonable expectation of high catch rates and harvesting a daily bag limit. The bag and possession limit is 10 fish in combination of all stocked species, **of which only two fish may be lake trout**, and only one of those **10 fish in combination**, [FISH] may be 18 inches or greater in length. The fishing season is open year round and bait may be used.

(e) Conservative management approach. Under the conservative management approach, stocked waters will be managed so that there will be a reasonable expectation to catch a daily bag limit with a reasonable chance of catching fish 18 inches or greater in length. The bag and possession limit is five fish in combination of all stocked species, **of which only two fish may be lake trout**, and only one of those **five fish in combination**, [FISH] may be 18 inches or greater in length. The fishing season is open year round and bait may be used.

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**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In 2020 the department added lake trout into the stocking program. Under current regulations for stocked waters lake trout are not included. Under the Regional management approach, which is the least restrictive of the management approaches, the regulations are 10 fish in combination of all stocked species only one of which may be 18 inches or greater in length. The Conservative management approach is the moderately restrictive management approach, and the regulations are five fish in combination of all stocked species only one of which may be 18 inches or greater in length. To remain consistent with general regulations for lake trout in the Tanana Management Area, it is recommended that the stocked lake trout be added to the “stocked species” designation and have a bag and possession limit of two fish.

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