

PROPOSAL 89

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

Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise, as follows:

5 AAC 52.023(13)(C) is amended to read:

(C) the bag and possession limit for burbot is **two** [ONE] fish, with no size limit;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Historically, Lake Louise burbot were overfished when both set lines and liberal bag limits were allowed prior to 1988. The lake has been closed or restricted to a bag limit of one burbot since 1991 to allow the population to recover. A 2023 population survey of Lake Louise burbot indicated the population has increased and recovered to a level that would sustain increased fishing mortality associated with a two fish bag and possession limit. Lake Louise is part of the Tyone River drainage, and this regulation would align burbot regulations among other lakes within the drainage.

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