

**PROPOSAL 91**

**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.**

Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek, as follows:

5 AAC 52.023 (14), (15), and (17) are amended to read:

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(14) in Mendeltna Creek drainage,

(A) in all flowing waters, including all waters within one-quarter mile of Mendeltna Creek’s confluence with Tazlina Lake,

(i) Sport fishing for salmon is closed; salmon may not be taken or possessed;

(ii) **repealed**[ARCTIC GRAYLING MAY BE TAKEN ONLY FROM JUNE 1 – MARCH 31, WITH A BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF TWO FISH, WHICH MUST BE GREATER THAN 12 INCHES IN LENGTH];

(15) in Moose Lake,

(C) **repealed**[ARCTIC GRAYLING MAY BE TAKEN ONLY FROM JUNE 1 – MARCH 31, WITH A BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF TWO FISH];

(17) in Our Creek,

(A) **repealed**[ARCTIC GRAYLING MAY BE TAKEN ONLY FROM JUNE 1 – MARCH 31, WITH A BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF TWO FISH];

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Due to sustainability concerns, regulations for Arctic grayling were restricted for Mendeltna Creek (2000), Moose Lake and Our Creek (2003). Our Creek and Moose Lake had been used for Arctic grayling egg collection to support the regional stocking program, which potentially removed some unknown level of future production. Since 2000, angler effort on all these systems has greatly decreased and egg collections from Moose Lake and Our Creek were terminated after 2001. Changing these special regulations to general provisions for the Upper Copper and Upper Susitna River Area will simplify Arctic grayling regulations and provide additional fishing opportunity.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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