

**BOARD OF FISHERIES
STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES
MARCH 8–12, 2016**

PROPOSAL 202 – 5 AAC 01.010. Methods, means, and general provisions; 5 AAC 39.105. Types of legal gear; 5 AAC 75.020. Sport fishing gear; 5 AAC 75.022. Freshwater sport fishing; and 5 AAC 77.010. Methods, means, and general restrictions. Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing, as follows:

To prevent the spread of diseases and foreign viruses, felt bottom boots are not permitted on Alaska streams or tidewater, anywhere at any time.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The State of Alaska should make the use of boots with felt soles illegal.

There is much confusion regarding this issue, so much so that they are still being sold. The general public does not know the laws about when or where these soles are legal. Eventually if they are available, they will find their way into the freshwater stream. Does the State of Alaska want to risk its fishery on such a risky option?

Let's just make it simple for everyone, let's make the felt bottoms illegal every day, everywhere at every location.

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