

PROPOSAL 69 - 5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. Allow only single hook lures in Kodiak fresh waters, as follows:

5 AAC 64.022.(a)(15) In Kodiak Area freshwaters, only single hook lures/hooks/ flies may be used.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to address the use of treble hooks versus single hooks on gear used in Kodiak Management Area freshwaters. This is an issue of importance because it is directly related to mortality rates on sport caught salmon and trout. The lure manufacturing companies like Blue Fox that makes Pixies and Vibrax lures are already providing a single hook in their lure packages anyway and ultimately encouraging it w. Numerous hooking mortality studies show that treble hooks have a correspondingly higher rate of mortality on sport caught fish, and no lower rate of fish lost when hooked. Ultimately a ban on treble hooks in fresh water would result in a similar amount of fish caught and harvested and more fish caught and released alive and well, benefitting both man and fish.

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