

**PROPOSAL 237,**

**5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area.**

Allow bow and spear as legal gear for northern pike and Alaska blackfish year round in the Palmer-Wasilla Zone, as follows:

Deleted: ~~XXX~~

Deleted: , as follows

Amend the Palmer-Wasilla Zone Flowing Waters so that the open season is June 15-April 14, but that bow-fishing and spearing is allowed for Northern Pike and Alaskan Blackfish year round, including the currently closed time, following all current regulations pertaining to bow-fishing.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Invasive Northern Pike and Alaska Blackfish have been found and documented in various waters in the Knik Arm and Susitna River drainages, several of which fall in the "Palmer-Wasilla Zone Flowing Waters" management area. This management area is open to fishing June 15 - April 14, which excludes the spawning season for Rainbow trout, as well as that of Northern Pike. This denies an excellent opportunity for harvesting Northern pike with a bow-fishing setup when they are in shallow waters for the spring spawn when tend to allow people to approach more closely.

**PROPOSED BY:** Paul Warta

(EF-F23-002)

\*\*\*\*\*