

## Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used in the following waters:

**Agulowak River** from Conquest's cabin upstream to a department marker at the outlet of Lake Narka. (Year round)

**Goodnews and Kanektok Rivers** and their tributaries, all flowing waters upstream of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge wilderness area boundary. No person may sport fish within 300 feet of a legally operating subsistence set gill net downstream of the area boundary. (Year round)

**Koktuli River** and its tributaries upstream from ¼ mile above its confluence with the Mulchatna River. (Year round)

**Kvichak River** and its tributaries, and all drainages flowing into Lake Iliamna and Six-Mile Lake, excluding Lake Clark and its tributaries above Six-Mile Lake and including only those waters of Lake Iliamna within a ½ mile radius of the Kvichak River outlet. (Year round)

**Naknek River** in all flowing waters upstream of the department markers placed ½ mile east of Rapids Camp and including a ¼ mile radius around all inlet and outlet streams into all lakes. Also in the Naknek River drainage, excluding the Brooks River drainage and Naknek Lake within a ¼ mile radius of the mouth of the Brooks River and the Savonoski River drainage, rainbow trout 18 inches or more in length must be released immediately. (March 1 -Nov. 14 only unbaited, artificial lures.)

**Nuyakuk River** from the outlet of Tikchik Lake to an island located approximately two miles downstream of Nuyakuk Falls. (Year round)

**Stuyahok River** and its tributaries upstream from ¼ mile above its confluence with the Mulchatna River. (Year round)

**Tikchik River** and its tributaries. (Year round)

## Rainbow Trout Catch and Release Waters, and Fly Fishing Only Areas

Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used **and** the noted additional restrictions apply. From **June 8 through October 31** rainbow trout may not be retained in the following waters:

**Agulukpak River** upstream from an island located two miles downstream from the outlet of Beverley Lake. (June 8-August 31, only unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies.)

**American Creek**, all waters.

**Aniak River** all flowing waters upstream of confluence with Doestock Creek.

**Brooks River** and within a ¼ mile radius into Naknek Lake.

**Copper River** drainage in all flowing waters downstream from Lower Copper Lake, and within ½ mile radius into Lake Iliamna (June 8-October 31, only unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies.)

**Gibraltar River** in all flowing waters and ½ mile radius into Lake Iliamna (June 8-October 31 only unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies.)

**Kukakiek Lake** in all waters within ½ mile of lake outlet.

**Kulik River** and within ¼ mile radius into Nonvianuk and Kulik Lakes.

**Lower Talarik Creek** and within ½ mile radius into Lake Iliamna. (June 8-October 31 only unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies.)

**Moraine Creek** all waters, (June 8-October 31 only unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies.)

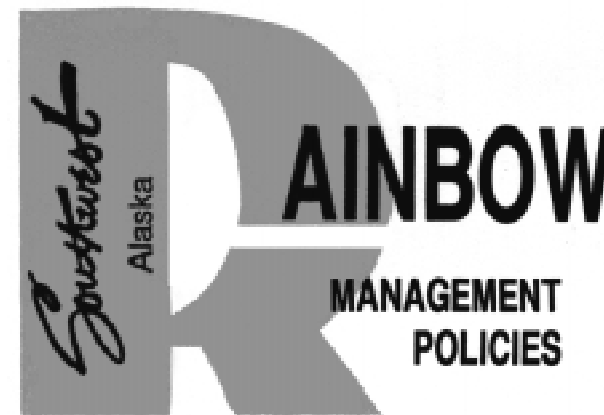
**Negukthlik River**, all waters.

**Nushagak River** drainage upstream of its confluence with Harris Creek to its confluence with the Chechitnok River. (From June 8 through July 31 rainbow trout may not be possessed or retained.)

**Tazimina River** one mile upstream from its mouth in Six-mile Lake to the falls.

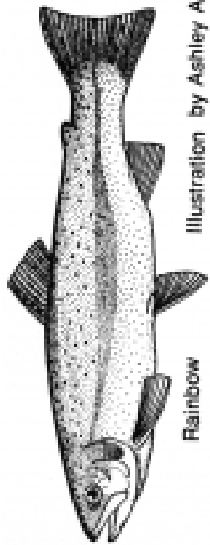
**Ungalikthluk River**, all waters.

**Upper Talarik Creek** and within ½ mile radius into Lake Iliamna.



New regulations based on wild trout management policies now apply to popular rainbow trout waters in Southwest Alaska. These regulations were passed by the Alaska Board of Fisheries after two years of public meetings and involvement by anglers, guides, lodge owners, area residents, and the department. Management policies were adopted by the board to sustain quality wild stock rainbow populations while providing a variety of sport fishing opportunities through establishment of special areas. Also, the new board policies allow for economic development while acknowledging the value of the rainbow trout fishery to the people of Alaska.

These policies resulted in three different types of restrictions on rainbow trout anglers in southwest Alaska. First, in order to decrease mortality on rainbow trout, only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used year round in many popular rainbow trout fisheries. Secondly, sections of the rivers covered by the policies were designated as special management areas for catch and release only during the summer months when fishing is most intense. Finally, sections of six rivers were restricted to fly fishing only during the summer months.



Rainbow

Illustration by Ashley A. Dean

Many of the waters are closed from April 10 through June 7 during the spawning season. Helicopters may not be used for transporting sport anglers and sport-caught fish to or from many of these waters. Consult the sport fishing regulations summary for complete regulations.

