



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING ON THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF A PRIVATE NONPROFIT HATCHERY PERMIT FOR NORTHERN SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION PROPOSED LITTLE PORT WALTER HATCHERY

The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is holding a public meeting (in accordance with Alaska Statutes 16.10.400-16.10.480) for the purpose of taking public comment on the issuance of a private nonprofit hatchery permit to Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) for operation of the Little Port Walter Hatchery. The hatchery will be located at the site of the Little Port Walter Research Facility on Baranof Island, Alaska, and will produce Chinook salmon.

The meeting will be held at the NSRAA Conference Room, 1308 Sawmill Creek Road, in Sitka, AK on **April 9, 2024**. The hearing will start at 6:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM or earlier if adjourned.

Copies of the Little Port Walter Hatchery permit application and Draft Basic Management Plan will be available for inspection at the meeting or may be obtained in advance by contacting Lorraine Vercessi at ADF&G, Division of Commercial Fisheries, PNP Hatchery Program, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811, telephone: (907) 465-6423 or via email at lorraine.vercessi@alaska.gov. Written comments are encouraged and will be accepted through April 24, 2024, sent to the mail or email address provided above.

If you have special needs in order to participate in this meeting, please contact Lorraine Vercessi no later than April 3, 2024 for assistance in making the arrangements necessary to participate.