

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA COMMERCIAL
SALMON FISHING REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

The Alaska Board of Fisheries proposes to adopt regulation changes in 5 AAC Chapter 33 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with sunset provisions in Southeastern Alaska commercial salmon fishing regulations, including the following:

- (1) The following regulations are proposed to be changed by amending the sunset date from the 2020 fishing season to the 2021 season, as follows for:
 - a. 5 AAC 33.366(a)(2) in the Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans.
 - b. 5 AAC 33.376(b)(1)(D) in the District 13: Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.
 - c. 5 AAC 33.383(d)(4) in the District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, (ADF&G) Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, (907) 465-4110, or www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.

At its Special Meeting on the Board of Fisheries Meeting Cycle for 2020/2021 re: COVID-19, the board took a number of other actions. In consideration of the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the board approved postponing its 2020/2021 meetings to 2021/2022 with dates to be determined at a special board meeting on March 8, 2021. In doing so, the board approved keeping its current 2021/2022 meeting schedule as planned. The board also extended the current call for proposals (for Bristol Bay, Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim, Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea finfish, and statewide finfish), to May 10, 2021, and determined emerging issues for Southeast, Yakutat, Prince William Sound, and shellfish statewide may be submitted as agenda change requests by August 23, 2021.

The board will hold its special meeting on March 8, 2021 through web conference to review the proposed regulation, and review and approve a revised schedule for the 2021/2022 meeting cycle. Meetings for rescheduling from 2020/2021 include the Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp), the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting, and the Statewide All Shellfish (except Southeast, Yakutat, and Prince William Sound), including Prince William Sound Shrimp.

This meeting is open to the public. A live audio stream is intended to be available on the board's website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov where the interested public may also view the meeting in a live format. The agenda and any other meeting documents, will be available prior to the meeting on the board's meeting information webpage at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, and meeting scheduling decisions, by

submitting written comments limited to no more than 100 single-sided or 50 double-sided pages to the ADF&G, Boards Support Section, at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Additionally, the Boards Support Section will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-6094, by email to dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov, or online at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. Individuals and advisory committees directing public comment at an ADF&G office or personnel other than as prescribed above are advised that such comments will not be received and entered as public comment. The comments on the proposed regulation and other actions must be received not later than Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation in order to participate in the proposed regulation process or the March 8, 2021 meeting, please contact Glenn Haight at (907) 465-4110 by March 2, 2021 to ensure necessary accommodations can be provided.

After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulatory actions are not expected to require an increased appropriation.



Glenn Haight, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries

January 29, 2021

Date

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION

(AS 44.62.190(g))

1. Adopting Agency: Alaska Board of Fisheries.
2. General subject of regulations: IN THE SOUTHEASTERN FISHERIES.
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 33.
4. Department of Law file number (if any):
5. Reason for proposed actions: Implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40.
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Natural Resources and all RDUs
7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: It is not possible to estimate the costs. However, these actions are not expected to require any additional costs.
8. The name of the contact person for the regulations:
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9. The origin of the proposed action:
 staff or state agency
 general public
10. Date: January 29, 2021
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