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Advisory Announcement

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Chignik Commercial Salmon Fishery Update #03;

Implementation of New Board of Fisheries Regulations – Effective July 18, 2026

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (the Board) adopted several regulatory changes affecting the Chignik Management Area (Area L) during its 2025/2026 meeting cycle. Some of these regulations were not in effect at the start of the 2026 fishing season. Following review by the Lieutenant Governor's Office and completion of the public notice process, the regulations become effective July 18, 2026.

The majority of Board-adopted changes affecting the 2026 commercial salmon season have already been implemented through Emergency Orders, including management measures associated with the Chignik Area Chinook Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan, Chinook salmon retention requirements, and other in-season actions. Those provisions remain in effect and are unchanged by the July 18 implementation date. This announcement serves to notify permit holders that these measures are now formally incorporated into regulation.

The following regulatory changes were not addressed through previous Emergency Orders and are provided for informational purposes.

Chignik Bay District Boundary Redefinition

Effective at 12:01 a.m. Saturday July 18, the Chignik Bay District is revised to include both the Chignik Bay Section and the Jack Bay Section. As a result, all gear requirements applicable to the Chignik Bay District will now apply within the Jack Bay Section. The Jack Bay Section has been established as its own statistical area (271-14).

Within the Chignik Bay District – including the new Jack Bay Section beginning at **12:01 a.m. Saturday July 18** – purse seines and hand purse seines **may not be less than 100 fathoms or more than 125 fathoms in length (5 AAC 15.332 (c)).**

See **5 AAC 15.200 (b and c)** below which define the Chignik Bay and Western Districts as:

(b) The Chignik Bay District includes all waters of Chignik Bay and Lagoon west of a line from a point on the northern boundary of the Western District at 56° 16.43' N. lat., 158° 07.20' W. long., to the creek at 56° 24.12' N. lat., 158° 27.73' W. long.

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(1) *Chignik Bay Section*: all waters of Chignik Bay District west of a point on Coffee Point at 56° 19.30' N. lat., 158° 19.46' W. long.;

(2) *Jack Bay Section*: all waters of the Chignik Bay east of Coffee Point at 56° 19.30' N. lat., 158° 19.46' W. long., and the latitude of a point southwest of Jack Point at 56° 16.43' N. lat., 158° 12.60' W. long.).

(c) *The Western District* includes all waters south of the latitude of a point southwest of Jack Point at 56° 16.43' N. lat., 158° 12.60' W. long., excluding the waters of Chignik Lagoon, and north and east of a line extending 170° from Coal Cape at 55° 53.42' N. lat., 159° 00.45' W. long.



