

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MEETING ON THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF PRIVATE NONPROFIT HATCHERY PERMIT FOR SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION'S PROPOSED DEER MOUNTAIN 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 Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, for operation of the Deer Mountain Hatchery (DMH) in Ketchikan, Alaska.

The hearing will be held at the Deer Mountain Hatchery at 1158 Salmon Row, Ketchikan, Alaska, on **Tuesday, June 27**, **2017**. The hearing will start at 6:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM or earlier if adjourned.

Copies of the DMH 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 July 12, 2017.

If you have special needs in order to participate in this meeting, please contact Lorraine Vercessi no later than June 20, 2017, for assistance in making the arrangements necessary to participate.