

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

The Alaska Board of Fisheries proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with commercial salmon fishing in the Chignik Area, including the following:

IN THE CHIGNIK AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY:

Fishery management measures related to a Chignik Area cooperative commercial salmon fishery, including, but not limited to, participation requirements for cooperative members, fishing seasons, periods, harvest levels or quotas, locations open and closed to fishing, methods and means, gear and vessel restrictions, operation of gear, registration and permit requirements, cooperative fishery application requirements, fish delivery requirements, harvest records, fish tickets, open and closed areas; allocations among beneficial uses; possession, transport, or release of fish; adjustments of management measures in the open fishery.

You may comment on the proposed regulations changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes by submitting written comments to the Board of Fisheries at Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526, or by fax at 907-465-6094. Written comments should be submitted to the Boards Support Section office, at the above address, by 5 p.m. on November 1, 2005, to insure inclusion in the board workbooks. Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held at the time and place noted in the meeting schedule below. Written comments will be accepted on any subject in this notice and may be submitted to the Board of Fisheries any time before the proposal is voted on by the board in deliberations at the scheduled meeting, but, as a practical matter comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526, Tel. (907)465-4110, or on the internet at: <http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/boards/bofhome.htm>

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Chignik Area Salmon Cooperative Fishery

November 15, 2005, 8:30 A.M.

Downtown Marriott Hotel, 820 W. Seventh Ave., Anchorage, AK

The public hearing portions for the meeting will begin immediately after staff reports and continue until everyone who has signed up has been given the opportunity to be heard. Additional public hearings with board committees may be held throughout the meeting just before the consideration and adoption of proposed changes in the regulations. An agenda will be posted daily during the meeting. The board will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chair at the meeting. The length of oral statements may be limited to five minutes or less. Anyone interested in, or affected by, the subject matter contained in this legal notice should make written or oral comments if they wish to have their views considered by the board.

Board of Fisheries may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. In addition, the board may adopt other regulations necessary to implement, administer, or enforce the regulations adopted. On its own motion, at the scheduled meeting and after public hearing, the board will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them.

The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR STAFF.** Pursuant to AS 44.62.200(b), the board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice. The board may also make changes to the commercial fishing regulations as may be required to ensure the subsistence priority in AS 16.05.258.

Any changes to meeting location, dates or times, or rescheduling of topics or subject matter will be announced by news release. Please watch for these announcements in the news media or call (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the process on the proposed regulations, please contact Diana Cote at (907) 465-4110 no later than November 1, 2005, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 16.05.251 - AS 16.05.258

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

Date: October 11, 2005



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Alaska Board of Fisheries