

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

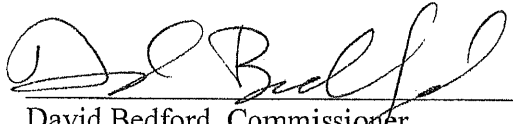
The attached 18 pages of regulations, dealing with subsistence and commercial, finfish fisheries are hereby certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted at its February 20 - March 5, 2011 meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, under the authority of AS 16.05.251, and AS 16.05.258 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Board of Fisheries paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 4/20/11
Juneau, Alaska

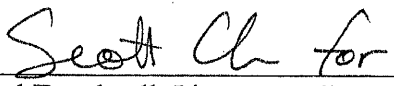

David Bedford, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

FILING CERTIFICATION

✓ Scott Clark for

I, Mead Treadwell, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

April 21, 2011 at 1:23 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.


Mead Treadwell, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: May 21, 2011

Register: 198, July 2011

(a) The purpose of this management plan is to ensure adequate escapements of salmon into the Northern District drainages and to provide management guidelines to the department. The department shall manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery to minimize the harvest of Northern District and Kenai River coho salmon in order to provide sport and guided sport fishermen a reasonable opportunity to harvest these salmon stocks over the entire run, as measured by the frequency of inriver restrictions. The department shall manage the Central District commercial drift gillnet fishery as follows:

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5 AAC 21.353(a)(2)(A)^g is repealed and readopted to read:

(A) from July 9 through July 15,

(i) fishing during the first regular fishing period ^{is} restricted to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections; additional fishing time is allowed only in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections; (of the Upper Subdistrict)

(ii) fishing during the second regular fishing period is restricted (of the Upper Subdistrict) to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections and Drift Gillnet Area 1;

(iii) at run strengths greater than 2,300,000 sockeye salmon to the Kenai River, the commissioner may, by emergency order, open one additional 12-hour fishing period in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict and Drift Gillnet Area 1;

5 AAC 21.353(a)(2)(B)(i) is amended to read:

(i) at run strengths of less than 2,300,000 [2,000,000] sockeye salmon to the Kenai River, fishing during one [TWO] regular 12-hour fishing period [PERIODS] will be restricted to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict [AND DRIFT GILLNET AREA 1];

5 AAC 21.353(a)(2)(B)(ii) is amended to read:

(ii) at run strengths of 2,300,000 to 4,600,000 [2,000,000 to 4,000,000] sockeye salmon to the Kenai River, fishing during one [TWO] regular 12-hour fishing period per week [PERIODS] will be restricted to either the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict or [AND] Drift Gillnet Area 1, or both [AREAS 1 and 2];

(Eff. 6/11/2005, Register 174; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 9/12/2008, Register 187; am

5 / 21 /2011, Register 198)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 21 is amended by adding a new section to read: