SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Fish and Game proposes changes to regulations relating to updating reporting requirements of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels, transporting requirements, and methods used by the Department of Fish and Game to announce certain emergency orders.

The Department of Fish and Game proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with reporting requirements of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels, transporting requirements, and announcement of emergency orders, including the following:

- (1) **5 AAC 39.130. Reports required of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels; transporting requirements** is proposed to be changed to update certain provisions regarding reporting, including application for intent to operate and submission of fish tickets in paper form and under the e-Landings Electronic Reporting System, and update definition of terms used in the section.
- (2) **5 AAC 39.195. Announcement of emergency orders** is proposed to be changed to include certain methods and media that the department uses to announce emergency orders and were not included, and in some cases not available, when the regulation originally became effective, and remove methods that are obsolete.

This is a **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** adding to the **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES** that was issued on October 10, 2014 concerning these proposed regulation changes. This **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** is being issued to extend the written comment period in order to ensure that interested persons are given ample opportunity to comment on these proposed regulation changes. If you previously submitted written comments under the October 10, 2014 **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES**, you need not resubmit those comments under this notice as those comments are part of the record and will be considered by the department. Please note that the person to submit written comments to below has changed under this **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE**.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Forrest Bowers, Deputy Director, Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Additionally, the Department of Fish and Game will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2604 and by electronic mail at forrest.bowers@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2014.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Forrest Bowers at (907) 465-4210 no later than December 12, 2014 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Forrest Bowers, Deputy Director at the mailing address, telephone number or email address above.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Fish and Game 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 regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05.020; AS 16.05.050; AS 16.05.671; AS 16.05.690

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05.060; AS 16.05.671; AS

16.05.690

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased

appropriation.

DATE: 11/17/14

Forrest Bowers, Deputy Director Division of Commercial Fisheries

Department of Fish and Game

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- 1. Adopting agency: Department of Fish and Game
- 2. General subject of regulation: Reporting requirements for certain fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels, transporting requirement, and announcements of emergency orders.
- 3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 5 AAC 39.130; 5 AAC 39.195
- 4. Department of Law file number: JU2013200619
- 5. Reason for the proposed action:
 - () compliance with federal law
 - () compliance with new or changed state statute
 - () compliance with court order
 - (x) development of program standards
 - () other: (please list)
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation: Natural Resources/Commercial Fisheries
- 7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): No costs are expected in FY 2015 or in subsequent years
- 8. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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Title: Deputy Director

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9. The origin of the proposed action: staff of state agency

10. Date: 11/17/14 Prepared by:

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