CALL FOR PROPOSALS Alaska Board of Fisheries

THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES CALLS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE SUBSISTENCE, PERSONAL USE, SPORT, GUIDED SPORT, AND COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LOWER AND UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH, KODIAK FINFISH, and STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB GENERAL PROVISIONS.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE - MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for Lower and Upper Cook Inlet finfish, Kodiak finfish, and Statewide (except Southeast and Yakutat) King and Tanner crab for consideration by the board in its 2016–17 meeting cycle. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas) under the subsistence proposal policy, 5 AAC 96.615, if proposals are submitted within this deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (2).

To ensure the proposal book is finished in advance of the board meetings, the board sets Monday, April 11, 2016, as the proposal deadline.

Proposals may be submitted online, email, mail or fax at:

Online:	http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms
Email:	dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov (Adobe PDF documents only)
Mail:	ADF&G, Boards Support Section P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526
Fax:	(907) 465-6094

Proposals must be received by <u>Monday, April 11, 2016</u> at the Boards Support Section office in <u>Juneau</u>. A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date. The Board of Fisheries proposal form, including the online proposal form, is available at the Boards Support website, <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms</u>. Proposal forms are also available at any Boards Support office. Proposals must be submitted on the current approved form. Any additional information provided with the form, such as tables, Internet web links, or charts, will not be included in the proposal book.

The completed proposal form must contain a contact telephone number and address. Email addresses are appreciated. Please print or type the individual's or organization's name as appropriate.

All proposals are reviewed by the board's proposal review committee prior to publication. Language that is emotionally charged detracts from the substance of the proposal and may draw opposition not germane to the element(s) of the proposal. The proposal review committee reserves the right to edit proposals containing such language. **Proposals that do not meet the call will not be accepted**. Proposals must pertain to the region, species, and uses in this call. If duplicative proposals are received by the same individual or group only one will be included in the proposal book.

Proposals published in the proposal book will be referenced with the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and include a brief description of the action requested.

Proposal books are sent to advisory committees and the public for review and comment. Proposals are online at:

<u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook</u>. Those submitting proposals are encouraged to review the proposal book at their earliest convenience to ensure proposals are included and accurate. Noted errors and omissions should be reported to Boards Support immediately. The public is encouraged to visit the Board of Fisheries website frequently for news and information regarding the upcoming cycle.

Responsive proposals received by the proposal deadline will be considered by the Board of Fisheries during the October 2016 through March 2017 meeting schedule.

For more information, please contact the Alaska Board of Fisheries Executive Director, (907) 465-4110.