

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

This is a **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** adding to the [NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES](#) that was issued on October 20, 2023, hereby incorporated by reference, concerning proposed regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code. This **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** is being issued to notify the public of the following changes to the procedures for receiving public input for the remaining meetings of the 2023/2024 meeting cycle for the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board).

The board invites additional public input as it relates to Traditional Knowledge (TK) of the fishery resources under consideration for the Kodiak and Upper Cook Inlet management areas.

During a meeting of the board's Committee on Process, Management, and Research, held on November 21, 2023 and during the board's regulatory meeting on Lower Cook Inlet Finfish issues held on November 28-December 1, 2023, the board developed a definition of TK and procedures to be used for its upcoming meetings.

The board considers Traditional Knowledge to be knowledge, or a way of knowing, that is unique to a given culture or society, and, often through language, encompasses a worldview that defines specific relationships between humans and nonhuman attributes of the world. As knowledge that derives from both personal and the cumulative experiences of one's forbearers, it is grounded in generational knowledge but also subject to change and refinement. It is characterized by a long time scale. It is usually local in scale and often provides a counterpoint to more broad-based, scientifically produced knowledge.

The board welcomes TK reports in written and/or oral format. Written reports specific to TK can be submitted at any time during the written comment periods previously specified in the October 20, 2023 **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES**. Oral TK reports will be received as a new agenda item following **STAFF REPORTS** and before **PUBLIC TESTIMONY** and persons interested providing an oral TK report must sign up with Boards Support staff in person no later than noon on the first day of the upcoming January 9-12, 2024 meeting for Kodiak finfish or the February 23-March 6, 2024 Upper Cook Inlet finfish meetings.

All other provisions posted in the October 20, 2023 **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES** remain the same, including the public comment period and tentative meeting schedule. However, the public is encouraged to check the meeting information website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation in order to participate in the proposed regulation process, please contact Art Nelson at (907) 267-2292 no later than two weeks prior to the meeting to ensure necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, or for a copy of the October 20, 2023 **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES**, contact the ADF&G, Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, phone 907-465-4110, or access the Internet at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>

Anyone interested in or affected by subsistence, personal use, commercial fishing, sport, guided sport, or aquatic plant regulations are hereby informed that the Board of Fisheries may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. Under 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 make changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport or commercial fishing regulations as may be required to ensure the subsistence priority in AS 16.05.258. On its own motion, after the public hearing, the board may adopt, amend, reject, supplement, or take no action on these subjects without further notice. In addition, the board may adopt other regulations necessary to implement, administer, or enforce the regulations adopted. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR ADF&G.** 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 – AS 16.20; AS 16.40

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 16.05

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

Date: December 6, 2023



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