

Approved Proposal Number	Applicable regulations	Language location	Brief Summary	Date and time of vote	Comments
	106 5 AAC 01.360(a)	In the proposal with verbal amendment	Modifies fishing times in the Unalaska District subsistence fishery to no longer be restricted to specific	2/25/26 at 3:38pm	Verbal amendment by member Carpenter at 3:36pm to write the changes consistently with other provisions in this section.
	5 AAC 15.200(b); 5 AAC 109 15.357(d)(2)(B)(iii)	In the Proposal	Amends the Chignik Bay area description to establish a Chignik Bay Section and a Jack Bay Section. Also removes the ability for the terminal harvest area know as Jack's Box to be opened by emergency order from July 22 through July 31.	2/23/26 at 1:55 pm	
	110 5 AAC 15.332(e)	RC 164 with verbal amendment	Adds a provision that begins in 2027 that decreases the depth of a purse seine from 375 to 335 meshes and removes the language specific to leads which incorporates lead lengths into the aggregate allowable length for seine gear.	2/23/26 at 10:02am	Verbal amendment at 9:49 am by Member Carpenter to change the number 325 to 335 in (e) for mesh depth measurement.
	111 5 AAC 15.350(21)	RC 188	Adds a closed waters area description in the Chignik management area specific to a portion of the Mitrofiania Section.	2/23/26 at 10:03am	
	112 5 AAC 15.363	RC 198	Establishes a Chignik area king salmon stock of concern management plan.	2/23/26 at 1:29pm	
	5 AAC 09.310(a)(9); 5 AAC 09.320(a)(6); 5 AAC 09.330(a)(11); 5 AAC 113 09.350(13); 5 AAC 09.369(d)	In the Proposal	Opens the previously closed Caribou Flats Section from June 20 to July 31 to set and drift gillnet gear during fishing periods established by emergency order if the upper end of the Nelson River sockeye salmon escapement goal is expected to be exceeded prior to August 1.	2/25/26 at 3:22pm	Resulting language location varies from proposal language.
	114 5 AAC 09.369(n)	In the Proposal	Repeals sunset clause in the Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan.	2/25/26 at 3:25pm	
126 Proposal VOIDED by the Dept. of Law	5 AAC 09.200(d); (d)(7); (e); (e)(5); 5 AAC 09.360(a) -(d); (f) - (i); 5 AAC 09.365(b); (f); (g); 5 AAC 09.366(j)	In the proposal	Moves the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District and adds the majority of sections that make up the “Dolgoi Island area” to the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan. The commercial harvest in this area would be included in the 7.6% Southeastern District Mainland Chignik allocation and there would not be a 191,000 sockeye salmon harvest limit imposed on the “Dolgoi Island area” commercial fishery during June 1–July 25.	2/23/26 at 3:34pm	VOIDED UNDER AS 39.52.430(c) in May 20, 2026 letter from the Department of Law for file number 2026200128 5 AAC 09.366(j) was not repealed in the proposal language, but intent shows that 191,000 fish trigger no longer applies and this subsection was repealed accordingly. The language adopted in proposal 141 language is added to subsection (j). VOIDED UNDER AS 39.52.430(c) in May 20, 2026 letter from the Department of Law for file number 2026200128 Verbal amendment by Member Charberlain put on record at 9:11 am and voted on at 9:15 am to change strike the language following the semicolon in the ne 5 AAC 09.365(d)(2)(B), final language retains that sentence as specified by the Chair's summary at the end of deliberations before the final vote to retain that sentence and change the to 16 to 24. Additionally, at the statewide BOF meeting during miscellaneous business on 3/21/26 the Board clarified an error in the hour calculation of the final fishing period that removed the edit found in RC 245 to 5 AAC 09.365(d)(1)(B).
127 Proposal VOIDED by the Dept. of Law	5 AAC 09.365(a); (d)	RC 245 with verbal amendment	Adds Chinook salmon to the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan. Reduces fishing time for set net gear type in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands fisheries, changes prescribed times for commercial openings and grants EO authority to the department to set commercial openings which will be restricted to no more than three days in a seven-day period and may be open for up to 24 hours a day and removed the chum salmon cap that triggers a reduction of commercial fishing time.	2/25/26 at 10:24am	
	135 5 AAC 09.373; 5 AAC 15.364	RC 149 with verbal amendment	Adds provision to both the Alaska Peninsula and Chignik Area that all king salmon 28 inches or greater in length caught by a S01L or S01M CFEC permit holder may not be retained and must be immediately returned to the water unharmed unless the fish is visibly injured or dead in which case that salmon must be retained and recorded on an ADF&G fish ticket.	2/25/26 at 11:26am	Verbal amendment to strike subsection (b) completely in both newly created subsections by Member Carpenter at 11:23 am and after some discussion was adopted by unanimous consent. VOIDED UNDER AS 39.52.430(c) in May 20, 2026 letter from the Department of Law for file number 2026200128 Note that the introductory language as written in (i) of the proposal language was removed from the original proposal language as unnecessary to be described in regulatory language except for the start date and other language had to be modified to comply with legal drafting standards and emergency order authority to close the statistical areas needed to be granted to the department as the language has implied.
141 Proposal VOIDED by the Dept. of Law	5 AAC 09.366(j)	Intent in the Proposal	Adds provision that if between July 1 and August 10 the harvest of king salmon exceeds 1,000 fish during any open commercial fishing period, the statistical areas identified by the department as primarily responsible will be closed by emergency order during the following commercial fishing period and places a 5,000 fish trigger in the South Alaska Peninsula to close statistical areas primarily responsible for the harvest of king salmon through August 10.	2/25/26 at 2:38pm	
147 Proposal VOIDED by the Dept. of Law	5 AAC 09.331(a)(3)	RC 161	Reduces the depth for drift gillnet gear in the Northwestern, Unimak, and Southwestern Districts from 90 to 70 meshes beginning in 2027.	2/23/26 at 3:46pm	VOIDED UNDER AS 39.52.430(c) in May 20, 2026 letter from the Department of Law for file number 2026200128 New section
148 Proposal VOIDED by the Dept. of Law	5 AAC 09.332(b)	RC 208	Adds a provision that begins in 2027 that decreases the depth of a purse seine from 375 to 335 meshes and removes the language specific to leads which incorporates lead lengths into the aggregate allowable length for seine gear. Also adds the mount of net that may be used for chaffing gear and specifies the mesh size for chafing gear.	2/23/26 at 4:41pm	
	150 5 AAC 09.331(d)	In the proposal	Allows for the use of monofilament web for set gillnets in the Unimak, Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern Districts.	2/23/26 at 4:25pm	VOIDED UNDER AS 39.52.430(c) in May 20, 2026 letter from the Department of Law for file number 2026200128
	154 5 AAC 27.610(b)	In the Proposal	Establish a summer herring food and bait fishery in the Sand Point, Pavlof & King Cove Districts.	2/23/26 at 4:52pm	

156	5 AAC 65.022(b) - (d)	RC 146	Changes special provisions specific to the King Salmon, Bear, Nelson and Sandy River drainages and special provisions are instated for the entirety of the Bering Sea drainage. A bag and possession limit of one fish for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length for Alaska residents and an annual limit of two king salmon is established and non-residents may not retain king salmon over 20 inches.	2/25/26 at 3:37pm	5 AAC 65.022(b)(2) was removed as redundant language to 5 AAC 65.022(1)(A)(ii).
188	5 AAC 27.865(b)(5);(8)	RC 169	Reallocates up to 10 percent of the Togiak District herring sac roe guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery if the GHF is not achieved by May 31. Also removes a sunset clause that expired in 2022.	2/23/26 at 5:04pm	



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May 20, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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Re: Disapproval of Regulations for Filing
5 AAC 01.360 – 5 AAC 65.022: Board of Fisheries – Commercial and
Sport Fisheries
Our file: 2026200128

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the regulations adopted by the Board of Fisheries at its February 18 – 24, 2026 meeting and submitted for legal review on March 21, 2026, concerning regulation of subsistence, commercial, and sport fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island, and Chignik Finfish areas.

The regulation changes related to Proposals 126, 127, 141, 147, and 148 are disapproved under AS 44.62.060(b)(1) in conformance with the Order of Corrective Action issued by the Acting Attorney General on May 19, 2026.¹ The disapproved regulation changes may not be filed or take effect except pursuant to a subsequent lawful adoption by the Board of Fisheries.

To accommodate an efficient review of the remaining regulation changes adopted by the Board during its February meeting, the Board's administrative staff is instructed to resubmit the remaining regulation changes to the Department of Law for legal review with all changes related to the disapproved proposals removed.

¹ The Acting Attorney General voided Proposals 126, 127, 141, 147, and 148 under AS 39.52.430(c) and AS 39.52.330.

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
File No. 2026200128

May 20, 2026
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Sincerely,

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Shellene Hutter, Program Coordinator
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FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: June 18, 2026

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Fisheries

Board of Fisheries regulations re: Commercial and Sport Fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands Area (5 AAC 01.360)

Attorney General File:	2026200262
Regulation Filed:	6/18/2026
Effective Date:	7/18/2026
Print:	259, October 2026

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June 18, 2026

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Re: *5 AAC 01.360 – 5 AAC 65.022: Board of Fisheries - Commercial and Sport Fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, and Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area*
Our file: 2026200262

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Fisheries against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Fisheries after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern commercial and sport fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, and Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Areas.

The September 24, 2025 public notice, December 7, 2025 supplemental notice, and the May 21, 2026 certification order all state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

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

The attached regulations, dealing with commercial and sport fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island and Chignik areas, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted at its February 18 – 25, 2026 meeting, under the authority of AS 16.05.251 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 described in 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: 5/21/2026

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Douglas S. Vincent-Lang, Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

April Simpson for
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FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

June 18, 2026 at 7:05 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for *Nancy Dahlstrom*
Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor

Effective: July 18, 2026.

Register: 259, October 2026.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Title 5. Fish and Game.

Chapter 01. Subsistence Finfish Fishery.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 01.360(a) is amended to read:

(a) In the Unalaska District, salmon may be taken for subsistence purposes [FROM 6:00 A.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M.] from January 1 through December 31 at any time, except

...

(In effect before 1988; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am/readopt 5/15/93, Register 126; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

Chapter 09. Alaska Peninsula Area.

5 AAC 09.310(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) Caribou Flats Section: from June 20 to July 31 [NO OPEN SEASON];

(In effect before 1985; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09.320(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) if the upper end of the sockeye salmon escapement goal for the Nelson River is expected to be exceeded prior to August 1, the Caribou Flats Section may be opened during fishing periods established by emergency order.

(In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

((Note to Publisher: Please change the period at the end of 5 AAC 09.320(a)(5) to a semicolon.)))

5 AAC 09.330(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(11) Caribou Flats Section: with drift gillnets or set gillnets only.

(In effect before 1988; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 10/11/95, Register 136; am 6/11/2005, Register 174; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

((Note to Publisher: Please change the period at the end of 5 AAC 09.330(a)(10) to a semicolon.)))

5 AAC 09.331(c) is amended to read:

(c) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 39.250(c), in a set gillnet in the Northern, Unimak,

Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern Districts [DISTRICT], the gillnet web may be single filament. (In effect before 1985; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/22/2001, Register 158; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259.)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09.350(13) is repealed:

(13) repealed 7 / 18 / 2026;

(In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 1/15/2003, Register 165; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 7/11/2010, Register 195; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259.)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09.365(h) is repealed:

(h) Repealed 7 / 18 / 2026. (In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 4/18/86, Register 98; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 6/13/92, Register 122; am 6/1/94, Register 130; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 6/9/96, Register 138; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/3/2001, Register 158; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259.)

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Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09.369(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 7 / 18 / 2026.

(Eff. 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 6/13/2004, Register 170; am 2/16/2006, Register 177; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 AAC 09.373. Retention of king salmon taken in a commercial fishery. (a)

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 09.365(e), from June 1 through October 31, all king salmon 28 inches or greater in length caught by an S01M CFEC permit holder may not be retained and must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a S01M CFEC permit holder shall retain all visibly injured or dead king salmon caught by the permit holder and record the injured or dead king salmon on an ADF&G fish ticket as described in 5 AAC 39.130(c).

(c) For purposes of this section, "caught" means brought on board the vessel. (Eff.

7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 15. Chignik Area.

5 AAC 15.200(b) is amended to read:

(b) The Chignik Bay District includes all waters of Chignik Bay and Lagoon west of a line from a point on the northern boundary of the Western District at 56° 16.43' N. lat., 158° 07.20' [NEAR JACK BAY AT 56° 17.60' N. LAT., 158° 12.80'] W. long., to the creek at 56° 24.12' N. lat., 158° 27.73' W. long.

(1) Chignik Bay Section: all waters of Chignik Bay District west of a point on Coffee Point at 56° 19.30' N. lat., 158° 19.46' W. long.;

(2) Jack Bay Section: all waters of the Chignik Bay east of Coffee Point at 56° 19.30' N. lat., 158° 19.46' W. long., and the latitude of a point southwest of Jack Point at 56° 16.43' N. lat., 158° 12.60' W. long.

(In effect before 1988; am 4/19/90, Register 114; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 6/15/96, Register 138; am 5/29/99, Register 150; am 3/29/2008, Register 185; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 11/10/2024, Register 252; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 15.332(d) is amended to read:

(e) Before January 1, 2027, a [A] seine may not be less than three fathoms or more than 375 meshes in depth. Beginning in 2027, a seine may not be less than three fathoms or more than 335 meshes in depth. In addition, a maximum of 25 meshes of chafing gear with a maximum mesh size of seven inches may be used.

Register 259, October 2026 FISH AND GAME

5 AAC 15.332(e) is repealed:

(e) Repealed 7 / 18 / 2026. (In effect before 1988; am 4/14/93, Register 126; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 6/28/2019, Register 230; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 15.350 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(21) from June 1 through July 31, all waters of the Mitrofanina Section that are both south of a line from 55° 53.42' N. lat., 159° 00.45' W. long., to 55° 47.22' N. lat., 159° 24.57' W. long., and east of a line at 55° 55.29' N. lat., 158° 51.58' W. long., to 55° 46.61' N. lat., 158° 46.12' W. long. (In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 4/19/90, Register 114; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 6/15/96, Register 138; am 10/19/96, Register 140; am 5/29/99, Register 150; am 3/13/2005, Register 173; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

((Note to Publisher: Please add a semicolon to the end of 5 AAC 15.350(20).)))

5 AAC 15.357(d)(2)(B)(iii) is repealed:

(iii) repealed 7 / 18 / 2026;

(Eff. 5/29/99, Register 150; am 5/4/2002, Register 162; am 3/6/2003, Register 165; am 3/13/2005, Register 173; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am 3/29/2008, Register 185; am 5/1/2011, Register 198; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 2/22/2015, Register 213; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

((Note to Publisher: Please move the "and" from the end of 5 AAC 15.357(d)(2)(B)(ii) to the end of 5 AAC 15.357(d)(2)(B)(i).))

5 AAC 15 is amended by adding new sections to article 3 to read:

5 AAC 15.363. Chignik Area King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. (a)

The purpose of this management plan is to provide management tools and guidelines to the department for the management of Chignik Area commercial salmon fisheries, while Chignik River king salmon are designated as a stock of management concern, which will result in the sustained yield of king salmon stocks large enough to meet sustainable escapement goals, while allowing for harvest opportunity in the subsistence, sport, and commercial fisheries.

(b) While the Chignik River king salmon are listed as a stock of management concern, it is the intent of the board that all Chignik Area salmon stocks are managed conservatively from July 1 through July 31 to protect Chignik River king salmon, consistent with 5 AAC 39.222 (policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries).

(c) The department shall manage commercial fisheries in the Chignik Area as follows:

(1) from June 1 through July 31, if more than 1,000 king salmon are harvested within a 48-hour period, the department will immediately close the portions of the Chignik Area determined by the department as primarily responsible for seven days;

(2) from July 1 through July 31, if the department does not expect to achieve the minimum biological escapement goal of 1,300 fish in the Chignik River, the commissioner may, to allow for the harvest of surplus sockeye salmon without jeopardizing local king salmon escapement objectives,

(A) in the Chignik Bay, close all waters south of a line from the tip of Oly's Point at 56° 18.23' N. lat., 158° 36.45' W. long., to a point approximately mid-way between Rocky Point and Jerry's Point at 56° 17.83' N. lat., 158° 33.13' W. long.;

(B) set commercial openings for a period no longer than 48 hours, followed by closures of no less than 72 hours;

(3) from July 1 through July 31, in the Chignik Bay Section, if the department determines that

(A) Chignik River king salmon escapement is projected to exceed the lower bound of the biological escapement goal for king salmon of 1,300 fish, the commissioner may set commercial openings for a period no longer than 48 hours, followed by closures of no less than 48 hours;

(B) Chignik River king salmon escapement is projected to exceed the midpoint of the king salmon escapement goal of 2,000 fish, the commissioner may set commercial openings for a period no longer than 48 hours, followed by closures of no less than 24 hours.

(d) Conditions for reducing management restrictions or delisting Chignik River king salmon as a stock of concern are:

(1) if the biological escapement goal range is met or exceeded in three consecutive years, or four out of six consecutive years, and one qualifying year has met or exceeded the midpoint of the biological escapement goal, and the department is expecting to meet the goal in future years, the department will recommend removing Chignik River king salmon as a stock of management concern at the first in cycle board meeting after this condition is met;

(2) management restrictions may be relaxed in portions of the Chignik Area determined by the department if current data indicates the restrictions are no longer needed to ensure that the midpoint of the biological escapement goal is met;

(3) if two consecutive years of escapements are near the upper bound or above the biological escapement goal range, management restrictions may be relaxed by emergency order.

(Eff. 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 15.364. Retention of king salmon taken in a commercial fishery. (a) From June 1 through October 31, all king salmon 28 inches or greater in length caught by an S01L CFEC permit holder may not be retained and must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, an S01L CFEC permit holder shall retain all visibly injured or dead king salmon caught by the permit holder and record the injured or dead king salmon on a fish ticket.

(c) For purposes of this section, "caught" means brought on board the vessel. (Eff.

7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 27. Herring Fishery

5 AAC 27.610 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) In the Sand Point, Pavlof, and King Cove Districts, herring may be taken from July 16

through September 15 (food and bait season) only during fishing periods established by emergency order. (In effect before 1982; am 4/14/82, Register 82; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 4/7/90, Register 114; am 4/9/92, Register 122; am 5/2/92, Register 122; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 4/5/2001, Register 158; am 8/10/2018, Register 227; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

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5 AAC 27.865(b)(5) is amended to read:

(5) after the herring spawn-on-kelp harvest and the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery have been subtracted as described in (4) of this subsection, the remaining harvestable surplus is allocated to the Togiak District herring fishery; the department shall manage the remaining harvestable surplus

(A) to allocate [FOR A] removal of 30 percent of that surplus by the gillnet fleet and 70 percent by the purse seine fleet; and

(B) if the Togiak District herring sac roe guideline harvest level is not achieved in a given year, to allocate 10 percent of the remaining guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery; for purposes of this paragraph, the Togiak District herring sac roe guideline harvest level is achieved if 80 percent is harvested by May 31 [, EXCEPT THAT THE ALLOCATIONS IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE 20 PERCENT BY THE GILLNET FLEET AND 80 PERCENT BY PURSE SEINE FLEET THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022;]

5 AAC 27.865(b)(8) is repealed:

(8) repealed 7 / 18 / 2020. (In effect before 1982; am 4/14/82, Register 82; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 4/7/90, Register 114; am 4/2/92, Register 122; am 4/5/2001, Register 158; am 6/22/2001, Register 158; am 4/9/2004, Register 170; am 4/21/2004, Register 170; am 3/30/2007, Register 181; am 4/16/2016, Register 218; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 3/27/2022, Register 241; am 4/16/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060

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Chapter 65. Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.

5 AAC 65.022(b) is amended to read:

(b) In the Bering Sea [KING SALMON RIVER AND BEAR RIVER] drainages of the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area,

(1) a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length for

(A) Alaska residents: bag and possession limit of one fish; annual limit of two fish; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006;

(B) non-residents: king salmon may not be possessed or retained; a king salmon caught must be released immediately; [MAY NOT BE RETAINED OR POSSESSED AND MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY; A PERSON

(1) MAY NOT REMOVE A FISH FROM THE WATER BEFORE
RELEASING THE FISH;

(2) [MAY USE] only an unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly may be used from January 1 - July 25, except that in the Sandy River drainage only unbaited, single-hook artificial lures or flies may be used year-round.

5 AAC 65.022(c) is amended to read:

(c) In the Sandy River drainage

[(1) ONLY UNBAITED, SINGLE-HOOK, ARTIFICIAL LURES OR UNBAITED, SINGLE-HOOK, ARTIFICIAL FLIES MAY BE USED;

(2) THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR KING SALMON 20 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH IS ONE FISH PER DAY AND ONE FISH IN POSSESSION, WITH AN ANNUAL LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON 20 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(3)] rainbow/steelhead trout may not be retained and [; A RAINBOW/ STEELHEAD TROUT CAUGHT IN THE SANDY RIVER DRAINAGE] must be released immediately.

5 AAC 65.022(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 7 / 18 / 2026.

(Eff. 4/9/95, Register 134; am 4/11/98, Register 146; am 4/2/99, Register 149; am 6/13/99, Register 150; am 6/19/99, Register 150; am 6/14/2001, Register 158; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

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