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

The commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game, under a delegation of authority issued by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) under AS 16.05.270, proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, related to correcting errors and omissions in Title 5 dealing with certain subsistence, commercial, and sport finfish and shellfish fisheries, including the following:

- (1) **5 AAC 01.625. Waters closed to subsistence fishing** is proposed to be changed to clarify the exception to closed waters while subsistence fishing under a permit in the Prince William Sound Area.
- (2) **5 AAC 01.716. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses** is proposed to be changed to clarify the description of certain portions of Districts 12 and 13 of the Southeastern Alaska Area in which there is a customary and traditional finding for subsistence uses of various finfish species.
- (3) **5 AAC 06.320. Fishing periods** is proposed to be changed to correct an error related to the commercial salmon fishing period for the Cape Peirce, Osviak, and Matogak sections in the Bristol Bay Area.
- (4) 5 AAC 27.831. Gillnet specifications and operations for Bristol Bay Area is proposed to be changed by repealing a provision related to the opening of fishing periods by emergency order with 100-fathom length limits for commercial herring gillnet. In 2010, the board changed the 50-fathom length limit to a 100-fathom length limit making the need for a liberalized emergency order fishing period moot.
- (5) **5 AAC 27.899. Superexclusive use areas in Kuskokwim Area** is proposed to be changed by repealing a provision that refers to the former Nunivak Island District cooperative purse seine herring fishery under 5 AAC 27.894, which was repealed in 2006.
- (6) **5 AAC 28.105. Description of Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area districts, subdistricts, sections, and sectors** is proposed to be changed to correct an error in the description of the Icy Bay Subdistrict for the commercial groundfish fishery.
- (7) 5 AAC 28.200 and 5 AAC 28.205. Description of Registration Area E (Prince William Sound) and 5 AAC 38.200 and 5 AAC 38.205. Description of Registration Area E (Prince William Sound) districts and sections are proposed to be changed to correct an omission in the description of the Prince William Sound area and the Outside District for the commercial groundfish and miscellaneous shellfish fisheries in order to be described the same as the changes made for other fishery management areas made in 2012.
- (8) **5 AAC 31.505. Description of Registration Area J districts and sections** is proposed to be changed to correct an error in the description of the Morzhovoi Bay Section of the South Peninsula District commercial shrimp fishery.

- (9) **5 AAC 38.425. Closed waters for scallops in Registration Area J** is proposed to be changed to clarify board intent that the specified closed waters were intended to include the adjacent federal waters.
- (10) 5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area is proposed to be changed to correct an error in a description that references Long Lake in the Ketchikan vicinity.
- (11) 5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet–Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area is proposed to be changed to correct an error related to a bag limit for king salmon.
- (12) **5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area** is proposed to be changed to correct an omission related to sport fishing for salmon in the Tangle Lake system and the use of set lines in Clearwater Lake.
- (13) In sport fishing chapters 5 AAC 47 5 AAC 71 certain provisions related to annual limits for king salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout are proposed to be changed by repealing redundant regulations regarding the requirement for a harvest record on a harvest recording form and annual limits because of a statewide provision regarding those has made it unnecessary to repeat in the area specific chapters. The proposed changes also include shellfish harvest recording form provisions and including references to the statewide provisions for finfish and shellfish harvest records in the applicable general or special provision sections within each chapter.

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 Glenn Haight, Executive Director, Alaska Board of Fisheries, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526 or by facsimile at (907) 465-6094. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2013.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Glenn Haight at (907) 465-6094 no later than November 25, 2013 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Glenn Haight, Executive Director at the mailing address or telephone number above.

After the public comment period ends, the commissioner of 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 16.05.251; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.270 **Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 16.05.251; AS 16.05.258 **Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: <u>11-1-13</u>

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Glenn Haight, Executive Director Alaska Board of Fisheries Department of Fish and Game

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(d))

- 1. Adopting agency: Alaska Board of Fisheries
- 2. General subject of regulation: Certain subsistence, sport, and commercial fisheries in the state.
- 3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 5 AAC 01 5 AAC 74
- 4. Department of Law file number, if any: JU2013200622
- 5. Reason for the proposed action: Correct errors and omissions in Title 5 and update certain regulations based on board intent.
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation: Natural Resources
- 7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): No costs are expected in FY 2014 or in subsequent years.
- 8. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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

10. Date: <u>11-1-13</u>

Prepared by: Name: Title: Telephone:

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Glenn Haight Executive Director, Board of Fisheries (907) 465-4110

Title 5. Fish and Game.

Chapter 01. Subsistence Finfish Fishery.

Article 12, Prince William Sound Area.

5 AAC 01.625(b) is amended to read:

(b) Salmon may not be taken in any area closed to commercial salmon fishing unless permitted in 5 AAC 01.610 - 5 AAC 01.645 [5 AAC 01.610 - 5 AAC 01.648].

(In effect before 1982; am 4/14/82, Register 82; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 4/30/91, Register 118; readopt 5/15/93, Register 126; am 3/30/2000, Register 153; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am ___/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

Article 14. Southeastern Alaska Area.

5 AAC 01.716(4) is amended to read:

(4) salmon, smelt, and Dolly Varden char in waters of Sections 14-B and 14-C, in District 13 in waters along the western shore of Yakobi Island east of a line from Cape Spencer Light to Surge Bay Light, and in District 12 in waters of Basket Bay west of INSIDE A LINE

FROM 57° 30.83' N. LAT., 134° 53.20' W. LONG., TO 57° 39.28' N. LAT.,] 134° 53.88' W. long.;

5 AAC 01.716(6) is amended to read:

(6) salmon and Dolly Varden char in waters of District 12 south of a line from Fishery Point to South Passage Point and north of the latitude of Point Caution, including the waters of Whitewater Bay, and in waters of Section 13-C east of the longitude of Point Elizabeth, including the waters of Rodman Bay;

(Eff. 5/15/93, Register 126; am 5/6/94, Register 130; am 6/15/95, Register 134; am 6/7/95, Register 135; am 6/19/97, Register 142; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/3/2000, Register 154; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am 4/14/2002, Register 162; am 7/18/2003, Register 167; am 5/26/2006, Register 178; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am

____/____, Register)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

Chapter 06. Bristol Bay Area.

Article 3. Salmon Fishery.

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5 AAC 06.320(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) in the Cape Peirce, Osviak, and Matogak Sections from 9:00 a.m. Monday to
 <u>9:00 a.m. Saturday</u> [9:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY];

(In effect before 1985; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 6/10/90, Register 114; am 6/19/92, Register 122; am 4/9/95, Register 134; am 5/24/96, Register 138; am 5/14/98, Register 146; am 6/3/2001, Register 158; am 4/9/2010, Register 194; am _____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

Chapter 27. Herring Fishery.

Article 12. Bristol Bay Area (Registration Area T).

5 AAC 27.831(e) is repealed:

(e) Repealed ______. [THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, FISHING PERIODS DURING WHICH NO SINGLE HERRING GILLNET MAY EXCEED 100 FATHOMS IN LENGTH AND NO MORE THAN 100 FATHOMS OF HERRING GILLNET MAY BE OPERATED FROM ANY HERRING FISHING VESSEL.]

(In effect before 1982; am 4/14/82, Register 82; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 4/7/90, Register 114; am 5/2/92, Register 122; am 4/9/95, Register 134; am 5/14/98, Register 146; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 2/28/2010, Register 193; am ___/___, Register ____)

Authority: [AS 16.05.060] AS 16.05.251

Article 13. Kuskokwim Area (Registration Area W).

5 AAC 27.899(f) is repealed:

(f) Repealed __/___ [NOTWITHSTANDING (a) – (d) OF THIS SECTION, A PURSE SEINE VESSEL USED IN THE TAKING OF HERRING AND THE VESSEL'S OPERATOR WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TAKING OF HERRING IN ANOTHER SUPEREXCLUSIVE OR NON-EXCLUSIVE USE AREA MAY BE USED IN THE TAKING OF HERRING AND MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE TAKING OF HERRING IN THE NUNIVAK ISLAND DISTRICT COOPERATIVE PURSE SEINE FISHERY AS SPECIFIED IN 5 AAC 27.894].

(Eff. 5/1/87, Register 102; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 4/16/2000, Register 154; am 5/19/2004, Register 170; am ___/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 28. Groundfish Fishery.

Article 4. Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area (Register Area A).

5 AAC 28.105(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) Icy Bay Subdistrict: All waters of the Southeast District between 140° W. long. and 144° W. long., including Yakutat Bay three miles seaward of a line from Ocean Cape at 59° 30' N. lat.;

(Eff. 7/30/89, Register 111; am 4/15/94, Register 130; am 4/4/97, Register 142; am 6/15/97, Register 142; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/3/2000, Register 154; am 6/11/2000, Register 154; am 6/14/2000, Register 154; am 7/14/2000, Register 155; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am

____/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.10,190

Article 5. Prince William Sound Area (Registration Area E).

5 AAC 28.200 is amended to read:

5 AAC 28.200. Description of Prince William Sound Area. The Prince William Sound Area consists of the waters of Alaska bounded on the west by a line **running** [THAT RUNS] along the longitude of Cape Fairfield at 148° 50.25' W. long. [(148° 50.25' W. LONG.)], south

to the latitude of Cape Douglas at 58° 51.10' N. lat., then west to 149° W. long., then south along 149° W. long., and on the east by the longitude of Cape Suckling at 144° W. long. [(144° W. LONG.).] (Eff. 7/30/89, Register 111; am 4/4/97, Register 142; am 6/15/97, Register 142; am 6/3/2000, Register 154; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am

____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

The introductory language of 5 AAC 28.205(b) is amended to read:

(b) Outside District: all waters in the Prince William Sound Area that are seaward of the Inside District and between a line running along the longitude of Cape Fairfield at 148° 50.25' W. long., south to the latitude of Cape Douglas at 58° 51.10' N. lat., then west to 149° W. long., then south along 149° W. long., [(148° 50.25' W. LONG.)] and the longitude of Cape Suckling at 144° W. long. [(144° W. LONG.).] The Outside District sections are as follows:

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(Eff. 4/4/97, Register 142; am 6/15/97, Register 142; am 6/3/2000, Register 154; am 3/11/2001,

Register 157; am ____/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 31. Shrimp Fishery.

Article 10. Registration Area J (Westward).

5 AAC 31.505(c)(8) is amended to read:

(8) Morzhovoi Bay Section: all waters enclosed by a line from Thin Point at 54° 57.32' N. lat., 162° 33.50' W. long. to Cape Pankof at 54° 39.60' N. lat., 163° 03.70' W. long. [54° 39.60' N. LAT., 160° 03.70' W. LONG.], and a line across Isanotski Strait at 54° 51.30' N. lat.

(In effect before 1981; am 6/28/81, Register 78; am 7/25/82, Register 83; am 6/30/83, Register 86; am 6/30/84, Register 90; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 5/8/98, Register 146; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am ___/__/, Register)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 38. Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishery.

Article 7. Registration Area E (Prince William Sound).

5 AAC 38.200 is amended to read:

5 AAC 38.200. Description of Registration Area E. Registration Area E has as its western boundary <u>a line running along</u> the longitude of Cape Fairfield <u>at 148° 50.25' W. long.</u>, <u>south to the latitude of Cape Douglas at 58° 51.10' N. lat., then west to 149° W. long., then</u> <u>south along 149° W. long.</u> [(148° 50.25' W. LONG.)] and as its eastern boundary the longitude of Cape Suckling <u>at 144° W. long.</u> [(144° W. LONG.).] (In effect before 1988; am 7/30/89, Register 111; am 5/8/98, Register 146; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am ___/___,

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 38.205(b) is amended to read:

(b) Outside District: all waters in the Prince William Sound Area that are seaward of the Inside District and between <u>a line running along</u> the longitude of Cape Fairfield <u>at 148° 50.25'</u> <u>W. long., south to the latitude of Cape Douglas at 58° 51.10' N. lat., then west to 149° W. long., then south along 149° W. long., [(148° 50.25' W. LONG.)] and the longitude of Cape Suckling <u>at 144° W. long.</u> [(144° W. LONG.).] The Outside District sections are as follows:</u>

(1) Eastern Section: all waters of the Outside District east of 147° W. long., with the following subsections:

(A) East Kayak Subsection: waters between 144° 00' W. long. and the longitude of the Cape Saint Elias lighthouse at <u>144° 35.90' W. long</u>. [144° 35.09' W. LONG.], and south of Kayak Island;

(B) West Kayak Subsection: waters between 146° 00' W. long. and the longitude of the Cape Saint Elias lighthouse at <u>144° 35.90' W. long</u>. [144° 35.09' W. LONG.], and north of Kayak Island;

(2) Western Section: all waters of the Outside District west of 147° W. long.

(In effect before 1988; am 9/12/97, Register 143; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am 7/13/2012,

Register 203; am ___/ ___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Article 9. Registration Area J (Westward).

5 AAC 38.425(6) is amended to read:

(6) all waters on the south side of the Alaska Peninsula west of a line extending south from Seal Cape along 158° 26.00' W. long., east of a line extending south from Three Star Point along 159° 10.48' W. long., and north of 55° 33.98' N. lat., and all waters [OF ALASKA] on the south side of the Alaska Peninsula west of a line extending south from Cape Pankof along 163° 03.70' W. long. and east of a line extending south from Scotch Cap Light at 164° 44.72' W. long., except that weathervane scallops may be taken in the waters specified in 5 AAC 38.420(c); 5 AAC 38.425(14) is amended to read:

(14) the waters of [ALASKA OF] the Bering Sea

(A) between 162° W. long. to 164° W. long. and 56° N. lat. and 57° N.

lat.;

(B) east of 162° W. long.;

(In effect before 1981; am 6/28/81, Register 78; am 6/30/84, Register 90; am 7/12/86, Register 99; am 9/19/90, Register 115; am 7/23/94, Register 131; am 9/12/97, Register 143; am 7/5/2000, Register 155; am 2/16/2006, Register 177; am 8/23/2009, Register 191; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am ___/ __/2013, Register ___)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 47. Southeast Alaska Area.

5 AAC 47.020(1) is amended to read:

(1) king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; must be 28 inches or greater in length; the commissioner shall establish bag, possession, and annual limits, by emergency order, as specified in 5 AAC 47.055; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 47.024];

5 AAC 47.020(4) is amended to read:

(4) steelhead: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; bag limit of one fish; possession limit of two fish; must be 36 inches or greater in length; annual limit of two fish; a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 47.024(c)];

(Eff. 4/15/94, Register 130; am 5/2/97, Register 142; am 8/16/97, Register 143; am 9/28/97, Register 143; am 5/25/2000, Register 154; am 5/19/2001, Register 158; am 6/1/2003, Register 166; am 5/31/2009, Register 190; am 6/21/2009, Register 190; am 7/29/2009, Register 191; am 10/18/2009, Register 192; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 7/13/ 2012, Register 203; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am __/__/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

The section title of 5 AAC 47.021 is changed as follows:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of <u>the</u> Southeast Alaska Area.

5 AAC 47.021(j)(2) is amended to read:

(j) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

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(2) Behm Canal and the contiguous bays and enclosed by a line from Point Eva to Cactus Point, a line from Point Lees to Elsie Point, and a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located at the longitude of the outlet of Long Lake <u>(131° 26.15' W. long.)</u> [(130° 26.10' W. LONG.)], are closed to sport fishing for salmon;

(Eff. 6/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/18/2003, Register 167; am 7/26/2003, Register 167; em am 4/13/2005 – 8/10/2005, Register 174; am 5/26/2006, Register 178; add'l am 5/26/2006, Register 178; am 5/31/2009, Register 190; am 7/29/2009, Register 191; am 5/12/2011, Register 198; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am ___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 47.022(b)(4) is amended to read:

(4) steelhead: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; bag limit of one fish;
 possession limit of two fish; must be 36 inches or greater in length; annual limit of two fish; a
 harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 47.024(c)];

5 AAC 47.022(c)(1)(C) is amended to read:

(1) king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; no size limit; bag, possession, and annual limits, as follows:

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(C) the commissioner shall establish, by emergency order, the nonresident annual limit for king salmon 28 inches or greater as specified in 5 AAC 47.055; a harvest record is required for a nonresident as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 47.024];

5 AAC 47.022(c)(4) is amended to read:

(4) steelhead: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; bag limit of one fish; possession limit of two fish; must be 36 inches or greater in length; annual limit of two fish; a harvest record is required as specified in **5 AAC 75.006** [5 AAC 47.024(c)];

(Eff. 4/15/94, Register 130; em am 5/15/94 - 9/11/94, Register 130; em am 6/7/95 - 10/4/95, Register 134; em am 6/7/96 – 10/4/96, Register 139; am 5/2/97, Register 142; am 5/16/97, Register 142; am 5/25/97, Register 142; am 4/23/98, Register 146; am 5/25/2000, Register 154; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am 5/19/2001, Register 158; am 6/1/2003, Register 166; am

/____, Register)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

The section title of 5 AAC 47.023 is changed as follows:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

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5 AAC 47.024 is repealed:

5 AAC 47.024. Harvest record required; annual limit. Repealed. (Eff. 4/15/94,

Register 130; am 5/25/97, Register 142; am 5/25/2000, Register 154; am 6/1/2003, Register 166; repealed _____, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register _____, ____ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.024 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and steelhead trout appear in the general provisions for salt waters in 5 AAC 47.020 and for fresh waters in 5 AAC 47.022.

Chapter 52. Upper Copper River and Upper

Susitna River Area.

The section title of 5 AAC 52.022 is changed as follows:

5 AAC 52.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 52.022 is amended to read:

(a) Unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 52.023, or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and method and means that apply to sport fishing for finfish in the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area:

5 AAC 52.022(a)(3)(A) is amended to read:

(A) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of one fish; annual limit of four fish; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006

[5 AAC 52.024]; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it;

(Eff. 5/4/94, Register 130; am 5/5/94, Register 131; am 4/11/97, Register 142; am 7/8/99, Register 151; am 3/16/2000, Register 153; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 4/24/2009, Register; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am ____/ ___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

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5 AAC 52.024 is repealed:

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5 AAC 52.024. Harvest record required; annual limit. Repealed. (Eff. 5/5/94, Register 130; am 3/30/2000, Register 153; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; repealed ______, Register _____)

Editor's note: In Register _____, ____ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 52.024 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon appear in the general provisions in 5 AAC 52.022.

Chapter 56. Kenai Peninsula Area.

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 56.120 is amended to read:

5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 56.122 or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are the general seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means that apply to sport fishing for finfish in the Kenai Peninsula Area: Register _____, ____ 2014 FISH AND GAME

5 AAC 56.120(4)(C) is amended to read:

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(4) rainbow/steelhead trout, as follows:

(C) there is an annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length, and a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u>; notwithstanding the annual limit established for rainbow/steelhead trout in this subparagraph, the annual limit for rainbow/steelhead trout in the combined waters of the Kenai Peninsula Area and in the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for rainbow/steelhead trout under 5 AAC 57 – 5 AAC 62 is two rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length [5 AAC 56.124];

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am ___/___, Register)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

The section title of 5 AAC 56.122 is changed as follows:

5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 56.122(a) is amended to read:

(a) Unless otherwise specified by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the general seasons. bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means set out in 5 AAC 56.120 and 5 AAC 75 for the Kenai Peninsula Area:

5 AAC 56.122(a)(2)(E) is amended to read:

(2) Anchor River drainage, except the Bridge Creek reservoir:

. . .

(E) sport fishing is open for king salmon from its mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South forks only on the weekend, and the Monday and Wednesday following that weekend, before Memorial Day weekend and the following four weekends and the Monday and Wednesday following each of those weekends; for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, the bag and possession limit is one fish; as part of the Cook Inlet region annual limit specified for king salmon in (c) of this section, a person may not retain more than two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length each year from the Anchor River and Deep Creek combined; a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 56.124]; a person who takes and retains a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from either Deep Creek or the Anchor River may not sport fish in either drainage for the rest of that day; a king salmon 20 inches or greater

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in length that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

5 AAC 56.122(a)(5)(D) is amended to read:

(5) Deep Creek Drainage:

(D) open to sport fishing for king salmon from its mouth upstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located two miles upstream only on Memorial Day weekend and the following two weekends and the Monday following each of those weekends; bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; as part of the Cook Inlet region annual limit specified for king salmon in (c) of this section, a person may not retain more than two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length each year from the Anchor River and Deep Creek combined; a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 56.124]; a person who takes and retains a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length from either Deep Creek or the Anchor River may not sport fish for any species of finfish in either drainage for the rest of that day; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

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5 AAC 56.122(a)(6)(D)(iii) is amended to read:

(6) Ninilchik River drainage:

(D) open to sport fishing for king salmon from its mouth upstream to ADF&G regulatory markers located approximately two miles upstream

(iii) with an annual limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, except as provided in (c) of this section; a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 56.124]; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag and possession limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

The introductory language of 5 AAC 56.122(a)(8)(A) is amended to read:

(8) Kasilof River drainage, excluding Crooked Creek and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries:

(A) king salmon 20 inches or greater in length may be taken from January 1 – June 30, upstream of Sterling Highway Bridge, and from January 1 – July 31, downstream of the Sterling Highway Bridge; bag and possession limit of one fish; annual limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, except as provided in (c) of this section; a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 56.124]; from January 1 – June 30,

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5 AAC 56.122 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) Notwithstanding an annual limit established in this section for king salmon, the annual limit for king salmon in the combined waters of the Kenai Peninsula Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for king salmon under 5 AAC 57 – 5 AAC 62 is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from that portion of the Kenai River drainage open to king salmon fishing, and not more than two of which may be taken, in combination, from Deep Creek and the Anchor River, except that from January 1 through June 30, a king salmon less than 28 inches in length taken from the Kenai River does not count towards the annual limit. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 3/15/2008, Register 185; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am 7/7, Register 1)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 56.124 is repealed:

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5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Repealed. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 3/15/2008, Register 185; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; repealed ____/ ___, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register ______ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 56.124 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for rainbow trout/steelhead appear in the general provisions in 5 AAC 56.120 and for king salmon in the special provisions in 5 AAC 56.122.

Chapter 57. Kenai River Drainage Area.

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 57.120 is amended to read:

5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 57.121 – 5 AAC 57.123 or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are the general seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means that apply to sport fishing for finfish in the Kenai River Drainage Area: 5 AAC 57.120(2)(A)(ii) is amended to read:

(2) king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, as follows:

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(ii) if retention is permitted under this subparagraph, a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish; <u>except as provided in (b)(1) of this section</u>, there is an annual limit of two king salmon and a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 57.124];

5 AAC 57.120(6)(A) is amended to read:

(6) rainbow/steelhead trout

(A) are subject to an annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length, <u>except as provided in (b)(2) of this section</u>, and a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 57.124];

5 AAC 57.120 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) Notwithstanding an annual limit established in this section for

(1) king salmon, the annual limit for king salmon in the combined waters of the Kenai River Drainage Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for king salmon under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 62 is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from that portion of the Kenai River drainage open to king salmon fishing, and not more than two of which may be taken, in combination, from Deep Creek and the Anchor River, except that from January 1 through June 30, a king salmon less than 28 inches in length taken from the Kenai River does not count towards the annual limit;

(2) rainbow/steelhead trout, the annual limit for rainbow/steelhead trout in the combined waters of the Kenai River Drainage Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for rainbow/steelhead trout under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 62 is two rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am

____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 57.124 is repealed:

5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Repealed. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; repealed ____/___, Register ____)

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Editor's note: In Register _____, ____ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 57.124 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and rainbow trout/steelhead appear in the general provisions in 5 AAC 57.120.

Chapter 58. Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay

Saltwater Area.

The section title of 5 AAC 58.022 is changed as follows:

5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 58.022(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided in (b) <u>and (c)</u> of this section, the following are the seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and special provisions for finfish and shellfish in the Cook Inlet–Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area:

5 AAC 58.022(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) king salmon: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; bag and possession limit of two fish; no size limit; an annual harvest limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, except as provided in (c) of this section; a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 58.024]; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water shall be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

5 AAC 58.022(b)(1)(A) is repealed and readopted to read:

(1) in waters of Cook Inlet north of the latitude of Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. lat.):

(A) king salmon:

(i) may be taken from January 1 – December 31; bag and possession limit of one fish; no size limit; an annual harvest limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, except as provided in (c) of this section; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water shall be retained and becomes a part of the bag of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

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(ii) the salt waters within a one mile radius of the terminus of the
Ninilchik River are closed to sport fishing for king salmon from January 1 – June
30, except that sport fishing from shore is allowed on Memorial Day weekend and
the following two weekends and the Monday following each of those weekends;

(iii) in the salt waters south of the latitude of the mouth of the Ninilchik River (60° 03.99' N. lat.) to the latitude of Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. lat.), and within one mile of shore, a person may not, after taking a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, fish for any species of fish on that same day as specified in 5 AAC 58.055(e);

5 AAC 58.022(b)(2)(A) is amended to read:

(A) king salmon: from October 1 – March 31, king salmon do not need to be entered on a harvest record and do not count against the annual limit set out in (a)(1) of this section [AND 5 AAC 58.024];

5 AAC 58.022(b)(3)(A)(i) is amended to read:

(i) king salmon: from May 1 – August 31, the bag and possession limit is two fish; from September 1 – April 30, the bag and possession limit is one fish; king salmon do not need to be entered on a harvest record and do not count against the annual limit set out in (a)(1) of this section [AND 5 AAC 58.024];

5 AAC 58.022(b)(3)(B)(i) is amended to read:

(i) king salmon: from January 1 – December 31, the bag and possession limit is one fish; king salmon do not need to be entered on a harvest record and do not count against the annual limit set out in (a)(1) of this section [AND 5 AAC 58.024];

5 AAC 58.022 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) Notwithstanding an annual limit established in this section for king salmon, the annual limit for king salmon in the combined waters of the Cook Inlet–Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for king salmon under 5 AAC 56 – 5 AAC 62 is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from that portion of the Kenai River drainage open to king salmon fishing, and not more than two of which may be taken, in combination, from Deep Creek and the Anchor River, except that from January 1 through June 30, a king salmon less than 28 inches in length taken from the Kenai River does not count towards the annual limit. (Eff. 2/25/98, Register 145; am 3/5/99, Register 149; am 6/13/99, Register 150; am 5/18/2000, Register 154; am 7/5/2000, Register 155; am 3/8/2002, Register 161; am 8/24/2002, Register 163; am 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 6/5/2003, Register 166; am 3/13/2004, Register 169; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am 2/13/2005, Register 173; am 8/14/2005, Register 175; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 3/15/2008, Register 185; am 9/12/2008, Register 187; am 4/24/2009, Register

190; am 8/23/2009, Register 191; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am

6/1/2013, Register 206; am ___/ ___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 58.024 is repealed:

5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits. Repealed. (Eff. 2/25/98. Register 145; am 6/13/99, Register 150; am 3/8/2002, Register 161; am 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; repealed ////, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register _____, 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 58.024 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006. which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon appear in 5 AAC 58.022.

5 AAC 58.060(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) the annual limit and harvest record specified in 5 AAC 58.022 [AND 5 AAC 58.024] do not apply.

(Eff. 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; am ___/___/, Register)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 58.065(b)(3) is amended to read:

(3) in the North Gulf Coast, the annual limit and harvest record specified in 5 AAC 58.022 [AND 5 AAC 58.024] do not apply.

(Eff. 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am / / , Register)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

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Chapter 59. Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 59,120 is amended to read:

5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Area. Unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 59.122 or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are the general seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means that apply to sport fishing for finfish in the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area:

5 AAC 59.120(3)(B) is amended to read:

(B) flowing waters and unstocked lakes and ponds; bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one may be 20 inches or greater in length; an annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006; notwithstanding the annual limit established for rainbow/steelhead trout in this subparagraph, the annual limit for rainbow/steelhead trout in the combined waters of the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area and in the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for rainbow/steelhead trout under 5 AAC 56 – 5 AAC 62 is two rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length [5 AAC 62.124];

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am / / , Register)

AS 16.05.060 Authority: AS 16.05.251

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 59.122 is amended to read:

5 AAC 59.122. Special provisions for the seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Unless otherwise specified by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are localized additions and exceptions to the general seasons, bag, possession, annual, and [THE] size limits, and methods and means specified in 5 AAC 59.120 and 5 AAC 75 for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area:

5 AAC 59.122(2)(G) is amended to read:

(G) a person 16 years of age or older may not sport fish in Campbell Creek between Dimond Boulevard and the Old Seward Highway during the designated youth fishing days which occur on the last Saturday and Sunday in June from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; during the designated youth fishing days, king salmon may be taken with a bag and possession limit of one fish 20 inches or greater in length, and 10 fish less than 20 inches in length; **except as provided in (b) of this section,** there is an annual limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length and a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 59.124]; after taking a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, a person may not sport fish for any species of finfish in waters open to king salmon fishing on that same day;

5 AAC 59.122(4)(G) is amended to read:

(G) the bag and possession limit for king salmon is one fish, 20 inches or greater in length; **except as provided in (b) of this section**, there is an annual limit of two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length and a harvest record is required as specified in **<u>5 AAC 75.006</u>** [5 AAC 59.124]; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length
that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person who originally hooked it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

5 AAC 59.122(14)(C) is amended to read:

(C) the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; **except as provided in (b) of this section**, there is an annual harvest limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length and a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 59.124]; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water must be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person that originally hooked the fish; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

5 AAC 59.122 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) Notwithstanding an annual limit established in this section for king salmon, the annual limit for king salmon in the combined waters of the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for king salmon under 5 AAC 56 – 5 AAC 62 is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from that portion of the Kenai River drainage open to king salmon fishing, and not more than two of which may be taken, in combination, from Deep Creek and the Anchor

River, except that from January 1 through June 30, a king salmon less than 28 inches in length taken from the Kenai River does not count towards the annual limit. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am

____/___/___, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 59.124 is repealed:

5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl

Drainages Area. Repealed. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; repealed ___/__/___, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register , 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 59.124 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006. which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout appear in 5 AAC 59.120 and 5 AAC 59.122.

Chapter 60. Knik Arm Drainages Area.

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 60.120 is amended to read:

5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Unless otherwise

specified in 5 AAC 60.122 or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are the general seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means that apply to sport fishing for finfish in the waters of the Knik Arm Drainages Area:

5 AAC 60.120(3)(A) is amended to read:

(A) are subject to an annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length, except that in stocked lakes, the annual limit is 10 fish 20 inches or greater in length; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006; notwithstanding the annual limit established for rainbow/steelhead trout in this subparagraph, the annual limit for rainbow/steelhead trout in the combined waters of the Knik Arm Drainages Area and in the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for rainbow/steelhead trout under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 62 is two rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length, except that in stocked lakes the annual limit is 10 rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length [5 AAC 60.124];

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am

____/___, Register ____)

Autbority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 60.122 is amended to read:

5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Unless otherwise specified by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are localized additions and exceptions to the general seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means specified in 5 AAC 60.120 and 5 AAC 75 for the Knik Arm Drainages Area:

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5 AAC 60.122(8)(E) is amended to read:

(E) in the Eklutna Tailrace, from its confluence with the Knik River upstream to an ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately 100 feet downstream of the Old Glenn Highway, and in the waters within a one-half mile radius and downstream a distance of two miles from its confluence with the Knik River, from January 1 – December 31, the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is one fish; after taking a bag limit of one king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, a person may not sport fish for any species of finfish on that same day; bait is allowed; <u>except as provided in (b) of the section, there is</u> an annual limit of five <u>king salmon 20</u> <u>inches or greater in length and</u> [FISH;] a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 60.124];

5 AAC 60.122(9)(A) is amended to read:

(A) from January 1 – July 13, in flowing waters from its mouth upstream to the Parks Highway sport fishing is open for king salmon with a bag and possession limit of one fish 20 inches or greater in length; <u>except as provided in (b) of this section</u>, there is an annual limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length and a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 60.124];

5 AAC 60.122 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) Notwithstanding an annual limit established in this section for king salmon, the annual limit for king salmon in the combined waters of the Knik Arm Drainages Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for king salmon under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 62 is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from that portion of the Kenai River drainage open to king salmon fishing, and not more than two of which may be taken, in combination, from Deep Creek and the Anchor River, except that from January 1 through June 30, a king salmon less than 28 inches in length taken from the Kenai River does not count towards the annual limit. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am

____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 60.124 is repealed:

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5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Repealed. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; repealed _____, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register _____, ____ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 60.124 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout appear in 5 AAC 60.120 and 5 AAC 60.122.

Chapter 61. Susitna River Drainage Area.

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 61.110 is amended to read:

5 AAC 61.110. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the Susitna River Drainage Area. Unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 61.112 - 5 AAC 61.123 or by emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are the general seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the Susitna River Drainage Area: 5 AAC 61.110(1)(A) is amended to read:

(1) king salmon

(A) 20 inches or greater in length may be taken only from January 1 - 1July 13; bag and possession limit is one fish; except as provided in (b) of this section, there is an annual limit of five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length [FISH] and a harvest record is required, as specified in **5 AAC 75.006** [5 AAC 61.124]; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length removed from the water shall be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish;

5 AAC 61.110(3)(A) is amended to read:

(A) are subject to an annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length, except that in stocked lakes the annual limit is 10 fish, 20 inches or greater in length; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 61.124];

5 AAC 61.110(3)(D) is amended to read:

(D) may be taken in stocked lakes and ponds from January 1 – December 31; bag and possession limit of five fish, of which only one may be 20 inches or greater in length; the annual limit for rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length is 10

fish, and a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 61.124]; for the purposes of this subparagraph, "stocked lakes and ponds" include Benka Lake. Christiansen Lake, Crystal Lake, Gate Lake, Kashwitna Lake, North Friend Lake, South Friend Lake, Tigger Lake, West Sunshine Lake, Willow Lake, Y Lake, Mile 180 Lake (Broad Pass Lake), and Peggy Lake;

5 AAC 61.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) Notwithstanding an annual limit established in this section for

(1) king salmon, the annual limit for king salmon in the combined waters of the Susitna River Drainage Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for king salmon under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 62 is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from that portion of the Kenai River drainage open to king salmon fishing, and not more than two of which may be taken, in combination, from Deep Creek and the Anchor River, except that from January 1 through June 30, a king salmon less than 28 inches in length taken from the Kenai River does not count towards the annual limit;

(2) rainbow/steelhead trout, the annual limit for rainbow/steelhead trout in the combined waters of the Susitna River Drainage Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for rainbow/steelhead trout under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 62 is two rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length, except that in stocked lakes the annual limit is 10 rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am ___/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 61.124 is repealed:

5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River

Drainage Area. Repealed. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; repealed _____, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register _____, ____ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 61.124 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout appear in 5 AAC 61.110.

Chapter 62. West Cook Inlet Area.

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 62.120 is amended to read:

5 AAC 62.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the West Cook Inlet Area. Unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 62.122 or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060, the following are the general seasons, bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits, and methods and means for the West Cook Inlet Area: 5 AAC 62.120(1)(A) is amended to read:

(1) king salmon

(A) 20 inches or greater in length may be taken only from January 1 - 1June 30; bag and possession limit is one fish; there is an annual limit of five fish and a harvest record is required, as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 62.124]; a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length that is removed from the water shall be retained and becomes a part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish; notwithstanding the annual limit established for king salmon in this subparagraph, the annual limit for kings salmon in the combined waters of the West Cook Inlet Area and the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for king salmon under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 61 is five king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, not more than two of which may be taken from that portion of the Kenai River drainage open to king salmon fishing, and not more than two of which may be taken, in combination, from Deep Creek and the Anchor River, except that from January 1 through June 30, a king salmon less than 28 inches in length taken from the Kenai River does not count towards the annual limit;

5 AAC 62.120(3)(A) is amended to read:

(3) rainbow/steelhead trout

(A) are subject to an annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length and a harvest record is required as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006; notwithstanding the</u> annual limit established for rainbow/steelhead trout in this subparagraph, the annual limit for rainbow/steelhead trout in the combined waters of the West Cook Inlet and in the other areas in the Cook Inlet region that are open to sport fishing for rainbow/steelhead trout under 5 AAC 56 - 5 AAC 61 is two rainbow/steelhead trout 20 inches or greater in length [5 AAC 62.124];

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am

____/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 62.124 is repealed:

5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area. Repealed. (Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 3/2/2011, Register 197; repealed _____, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register _____, ____ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 62.124 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which applies on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout appear in 5 AAC 62.120.

Chapter 64. Kodiak Area.

The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 64.022(a) is amended to read:

5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area. (a) Unless otherwise specified in this section, 5 AAC 64.051, and 5 AAC 64.060, or by an emergency order issued under AS 16.05.060 [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (b) AND (c) OF THIS SECTION AND 5 AAC 64.051], the following are the bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and special provisions for finfish and shellfish in the waters of the Kodiak Area:

5 AAC 64.022(a)(1)(A)(i) is amended to read:

(i) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of two fish; annual limit of five king salmon; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 64.025];

5 AAC 64.022(a)(3)(B) is amended to read:

(B) Kodiak Remote Zone: may be taken from January 1 – December 31; bag and possession limit of two fish, of which only one may be 20 inches or greater in

length; annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length; a harvest record is required as specified in **5 AAC 75.006** [5 AAC 64.025];

(Eff. 3/13/96, Register 137; am 8/14/96, Register 139; am 4/2/99, Register 149; am 4/20/2002, Register 162; am 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 3/13/2004, Register 169; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 4/21/2011, Register 198; am 5/1/2011, Register 198; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am ___/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 64.025 is repealed:

5 AAC 64.025. Harvest record required; annual limits. Repealed. (Eff. 4/20/2002, Register 162; am 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; repealed ____/___, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register , 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 64.025(a) and (c) were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which apply on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout appear in 5 AAC 64.022.

In Register 206, July 2013, the provisions of 5 AAC 64.025(b) were repealed because the substance of that subsection regarding annual limits and reporting requirements for sharks appears in the provisions of 5 AAC 75.012, which applies on a statewide basis.

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5 AAC 64.060(b)(5) is amended to read:

(5) the annual limit and harvest record specified in 5 AAC 64.022 [AND 5 AAC 64.025] do not apply.

(Eff. 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 2/10/2005, Register 173; am 4/25/2008, Register 186; am

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Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 65. Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.

The section title of 5 AAC 65.020 is changed as follows:

5 AAC 65.020. Bag limits, possession limits, annual limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.

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The introductory language of 5 AAC 65.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, <u>or by an emergency order issued</u> <u>under AS 16.05.060</u>, bag limits, possession limits, <u>annual limits</u>, and size limits for finfish and shellfish in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area are as follows:

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BAG, POSSESSION, ANNUAL, AND SIZE LIMIT

5 AAC 65.020(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) rainbow/steelhead trout

2 per day, 2 in possession, only 1 daily and in possession may be 20 inches or greater in length; annual limit of 2 fish 20 inches or Runway Lake; harvest record required as

specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 65.024(b)].

(In effect before 1983; am 4/3/83, Register 85; am 5/22/88, Register 106; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 9/2/90, Register 115; am 5/2/92, Register 122; am 4/9/95, Register 134; am 4/2/99, Register 149; am 8/8/99, Register 151; am 6/14/2001, Register 158; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am

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6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; add'l am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am

_____, Register _____)

Authority: <u>AS 16.05.060</u> AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 65.024 is repealed:

Editor's note: In Register , 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 65.024(b) were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which apply on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for rainbow/steelhead trout appear in 5 AAC 64.022.

In Register 206, July 2013, the provisions of 5 AAC 65.024(c) were repealed because the substance of that subsection regarding annual limits and reporting requirements for sharks appears in the provisions of 5 AAC 75.012, which applies on a statewide basis.

Chapter 67. Bristol Bay Area.

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The section title and introductory language of 5 AAC 67.020 is amended to read:

5 AAC 67.020. Bag limits, possession limits, <u>annual limits</u>, and size limits for Bristol Bay Area. Except as otherwise provided in 5 AAC 67.022, <u>or by an emergency order issued</u> <u>under AS 16.05.060</u>, bag limits, possession limits, <u>annual limits</u>, and size limits for finfish and shellfish in the Bristol Bay Area are as follows:

SPECIES

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BAG, POSSESSION, ANNUAL, AND SIZE LIMITS

5 AAC 67.020(1) is amended to read:

(1) king salmon

(fresh waters)

3 per day, and 3 in possession, 20 inches or greater in length, of which only 1 fish may be 28 inches or greater in length, 10 per day, 10 in possession, under 20 inches in length (jack salmon), 5 fish annual limit, and a harvest record is required, as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u> [5 AAC 67.024(b)], 20 inches or greater in length in combination of king salmon taken from fresh and salt waters; a king salmon removed from the water shall be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing

the fish.

5 AAC 67.020(2) is amended to read:

(2) king salmon

(salt waters)
3 per day, 3 in possession, of which only 2 fish may be 28 inches or greater in length; 5 fish annual limit, and a harvest record is required, as specified in <u>5 AAC 75.006</u>
[5 AAC 67.024], 20 inches or greater in length, in combination of king salmon taken from fresh and salt waters; a king salmon removed from the water shall be retained and becomes part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it; a person may not remove a king salmon from the water before releasing the fish.

5 AAC 67.020(12) is amended to read:

(12) king crab
 6 per day, 6 in possession; male crab only; 6.5 inches
 minimum carapace width; a shellfish harvest recording
 form as specified in 5 AAC 75.016 is required.

5 AAC 67.020(13) is amended to read:

(13) Tanner crab 12 per day, 12 in possession; male crab only; 6.5 inches minimum carapace width; a shellfish harvest recording form as specified in 5 AAC 75.016 is required.

5 AAC 67.020(14) is amended to read:

(14) Dungeness crab 12 per day, 12 in possession; male crab only; 6.5 inches minimum carapace width; a shellfish harvest recording form as specified in 5 AAC 75.016 is required.

(In effect before 1983; am 4/3/83, Register 85; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 5/22/88, Register 106; am 5/29/88, Register 106; am 7/26/90, Register 115; am 9/2/90, Register 115; am 6/19/92, Register 122; am 3/24/95, Register 133; am 4/23/98, Register 146; am 6/14/2001, Register 158; am 4/9/2004, Register 170; am 2/28/2010, Register 193; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am / / , Register)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251 5 AAC 67.024 is repealed:

5 AAC 67.024. Harvest record required; annual limits. Repealed. (Eff. 3/24/95, Register 133; am 4/23/98, Register 146; am 6/14/2001, Register 158; am 4/9/2004, Register 170; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; repealed ____/ ___, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register , 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 67.024(a) and (b) were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions for king salmon appear in 5 AAC 75.006 and for shellfish appear in 5 AAC 75.016, which apply on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and requirement for a shellfish harvest recording form appear in 5 AAC 67.020 and 5 AAC 67.022.

In Register 206, July 2013, the provisions of 5 AAC 67.024(c) were repealed because the substance of that subsection regarding annual limits and reporting requirements for sharks appears in the provisions of 5 AAC 75.012, which applies on a statewide basis.

Chapter 70. Northwestern Area.

The section title of 5 AAC 70.011 is changed as follows:

5 AAC 70.011. Seasons and bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits for the Northwestern Area.

5 AAC 70.011(b)(10) is amended to read:

(10) blue and red king crab: the bag and possession limit is six male crab; the size limit for blue king crab is five inches minimum carapace width; the size limit for red king crab is 4.75 inches minimum carapace width; a shellfish harvest recording form as specified in 5 AAC 75.016 is required;

5 AAC 70.011(c)(9)(B) is amended to read:

(9) in the Unalakleet River drainage,

(B) the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish; an angler fishing for king salmon must possess and complete a current year's nontransferable harvest record as described in **5 AAC 75.006** [5 AAC 70.024(b)];

(Eff. 5/19/2004, Register 170; am 6/7/2007, Register 182; am 9/12/2008, Register 187; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 4/13/2013, Register 206; am ___/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 70.024 is repealed:

5 AAC 70.024. Harvest record required; annual limits. Repealed. (Eff. 3/15/95,

Register 133; am 6/14/2001, Register 158; am 5/19/2004, Register 170; am 6/7/2007, Register

182; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; repealed ____/___, Register ____)

Editor's note: In Register ______ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 70.024 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions for king salmon appear in 5 AAC 75.006 and for shellfish appear in 5 AAC 75.016, which apply on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon in the Unalakleet River drainage and requirement for a shellfish harvest recording form appear in 5 AAC 70.011.

Chapter 71. Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area.

The section title of 5 AAC 71.010 is changed as follows:

5 AAC 71.010. Seasons and bag, possession, <u>annual</u>, and size limits for the Kuskokwim–Goodnews Area.

5 AAC 71.010(c)(3)(A) is amended to read:

(3) in the Aniak River drainage,

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(A) the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish, with an annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length; an angler fishing for king salmon must possess and complete a current year's nontransferable harvest record as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 71.024];

5 AAC 71.010(c)(4)(B) is amended to read:

(4) in the Kisaralik River drainage.

(B) downstream from approximately 60° 49.50' N. lat., 160° 55' W. long. (Akiak Village Lodge site), the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is two fish, of which only one fish may be 20 inches or greater in length; annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length; an angler fishing for rainbow trout must possess and complete a current year's nontransferable harvest record as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 71.024];

5 AAC 71.010(c)(5) is amended to read:

(5) in the Kwethluk River drainage, the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is two fish, of which only one fish may be 20 inches or greater in length; annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length; an angler fishing for rainbow trout must possess and

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complete a current year's nontransferable harvest record as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 71.024];

5 AAC 71.010(c)(6) is amended to read:

(6) in the Kasigluk River drainage, the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout is two fish, of which only one fish may be 20 inches in length or greater; annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length; an angler fishing for rainbow trout must possess and complete a current year's nontransferable harvest record as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 71.024];

5 AAC 71.010(c)(8)(B) is amended to read:

(8) in the Arolik River drainage, the bag and possession limit for

(B) rainbow trout is two fish, of which only one fish may be 20 inches or greater in length; annual limit of two fish 20 inches or greater in length; an angler fishing for rainbow trout must possess and complete a current year's nontransferable harvest record as specified in 5 AAC 75.006 [5 AAC 71.024];

(Eff. 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 6/7/2009, Register 190; am 4/13/2013, Register 206; am _/___/, Register ____)

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5 AAC 71.024 is repealed:

5 AAC 71.024. Harvest record required; annual limits. Repealed. (Eff. 3/14/2009,

Register 189; repealed _____, Register _____)

Editor's note: In Register _____, ____ 2014, the provisions of 5 AAC 71.024 were repealed because the substance of the harvest record provisions appear in 5 AAC 75.006, which apply on a statewide basis, and the annual limit provisions for king salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout appear in 5 AAC 71.010(c).

Chapter 74. Tanana River Area.

5 AAC 74.010(c)(24)(A) is repealed:

(24) in the Tangle Lake system, including all waters of the Delta River drainage upstream from Wild Horse Creek,

(A) repealed /// [SPORT FISHING FOR SALMON IS CLOSED];

5 AAC 74.010(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(22) in Clearwater Lake, the use of set lines is prohibited. (Eff. 3/14/2009,

Register 189; am 6/7/2009, Register 190; am 11/28/2009, Register 192; am 5/19/2010, Register

194; am 4/13/2013, Register 206; am ___/___, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251