<u>REVISED</u> CALL FOR PROPOSALS Alaska Board of Fisheries

THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES CALLS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE SUBSISTENCE, PERSONAL USE, SPORT, GUIDED SPORT, AND COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR BRISTOL BAY FINFISH, ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH, ALASKA PENINSULA / BERING SEA - ALEUTIAN ISLANDS / CHIGNIK FINFISH, STATEWIDE FINFISH GENERAL PROVISIONS, and POLLOCK IN ALL AREAS OF THE STATE.

TWO-PART PROPOSAL DEADLINE:

PROPOSALS (except pollock proposals) – 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

POLLOCK PROPOSALS - 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for Bristol Bay finfish, Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim finfish, Alaska Peninsula / Bering Sea - Aleutian Islands / Chignik finfish, Statewide finfish general provisions, and pollock in all areas of the state for consideration by the board in its 2015-16 meeting cycle. "Statewide finfish" refers to regulatory proposals applicable to statewide and general provisions. Finfish includes salmon, herring, trout, other freshwater finfishes, and groundfish, including Pacific cod and pollock. The board intends to consider any state-waters pollock proposals at its Statewide finfish meeting. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for any area under the subsistence proposal policy, 5 AAC 96.615, if proposals are submitted within the applicable deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (2).

DEADLINE INFORMATION:

To ensure the proposal book is finished in advance of the board meetings, the board sets 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2015, as the proposal deadline for all proposals with the exception of pollock proposals. At its Statewide meeting, March 17-20, 2015, the board announced it will accept for consideration pollock proposals at its Statewide finfish meeting in March 2016. The board sets 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2015 as the proposal deadline for pollock proposals.

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

Online: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms

Email: dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov (Adobe PDF documents only)

Mail: ADF&G, Boards Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Fax: (907) 465-6094

Non-Pollock related proposals must be received by <u>5:00 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2015</u> at the Boards Support Section office in <u>Juneau</u>. A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt.

Pollock related proposals must be received by <u>5:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2015</u> at the Boards Support Section office in <u>Juneau</u>. A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt.

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

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

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

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

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

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook.

Those submitting proposals are encouraged to review the proposal book at their earliest convenience to ensure proposals are included and accurate. Noted errors and omissions should be reported to Boards Support immediately. The public is encouraged to visit the Board of Fisheries website frequently for news and information regarding the upcoming cycle.

Responsive proposals received by the proposal deadline will be considered by the Board of Fisheries during the October 2015 through March 2016 meeting schedule.

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