

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

This is a second **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** adding to the [NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES](#) that was issued on October 20, 2023, and modifying details contained in the first [SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE](#) issued on December 6, 2023, hereby incorporated by reference, concerning proposed regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code. This **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** is being issued to notify the public of the following changes to the procedures for receiving public input for the remaining meeting of the 2023/2024 meeting cycle for the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board).

The December 6, 2023 **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** contained information regarding Traditional Knowledge Reports from the public. This notice modifies the definition of Traditional Knowledge and changes the deadline for the public to sign up to provide a Traditional Knowledge Report at the February 23–March 5, 2024 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.

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

The Board endeavors to incorporate traditional knowledge by seeking and inviting traditional knowledge holders recognized by their community, tribe, or by an organization whose interests encompass the conservation, protection, restoration, or enhancement of fishery resources, to share their experiences, values, alternative and/or independent observations and data collections directly with the Board.

Persons wishing to sign up to present a Traditional Knowledge report at the Upper Cook Inlet finfish meeting must do so by filling out and returning the sign-up card to Art Nelson, the Board of Fisheries Executive Director no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 and can be sent via email to art.nelson@alaska.gov or by fax to (907) 465-6094. The sign up card can be found online at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=02-23-2024&meeting=anchorage>

All other provisions posted in the October 20, 2023 **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES** and the December 6, 2023 **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** remain the same, including the written public comment period and tentative meeting schedule. However, the public is encouraged to check the meeting information website at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>

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

Anyone interested in or affected by subsistence, personal use, commercial fishing, sport, guided sport, or aquatic plant regulations are hereby informed that the Board of Fisheries may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. Under AS 44.62.200(b), the board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice. The board may make changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport or commercial fishing regulations as may be required to

ensure the subsistence priority in AS 16.05.258. On its own motion, after the public hearing, the board may adopt, amend, reject, supplement, or take no action on these subjects without further notice. In addition, the board may adopt other regulations necessary to implement, administer, or enforce the regulations adopted. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR ADF&G.** The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

If you have any questions, contact Art Nelson at (907) 267-2292 or art.nelson@alaska.gov.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05 – AS 16.20; AS 16.40

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

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

Date: January 24, 2024



Art Nelson, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries