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# Agenda Item 9: 2027-2028 Call for Proposals Approval

1. Memorandum on Call for Proposals, 2027-2028

2. Draft 2027-2028 Call for Proposals

# MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Boards Support Section

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| TO: | Alaska Board of Fisheries | DATE: | October 23, 2026 |
| THRU: | | PHONE: | 907-267-2292 |
| FROM: | Art Nelson, Executive Director<br>Alaska Board of Fisheries | SUBJECT: | Setting the Alaska Board of Fisheries 2027/2028 Meeting Cycle Call for Proposals |

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In accordance with 5 AAC 96.610, Procedures for developing fish and game regulations, the boards set their call for proposal through (b) Phase 1 as:

> *(b) Phase 1. Each board will solicit regulatory proposals to facilitate that board's deliberations. The boards may limit those sections or portions of the existing regulations that will be open for change. The board will provide forms to be used in preparing proposals. Notices soliciting proposals will be distributed statewide. …*

The next call for proposals will be issued by Boards Support in late November-early December 2026, with a deadline of April 12, 2027. Please see the draft call for proposals for your review. The draft call at this juncture will seek regulatory proposals for the following species, uses, and regions.

- All finfish and shellfish for all uses in the Prince William Sound area.
- All finfish and shellfish for all uses in the Southeastern and Yakutat areas.
- All shellfish for all uses in all other regions.

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# 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 SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT FINFISH AND SHELLFISH, PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND (INCLUDING UPPER COPPER AND UPPER SUSITNA RIVERS) FINFISH AND SHELLFISH, AND ALL OTHER SHELLFISH STATEWIDE.**

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE – MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2027**

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for Southeast and Yakutat finfish and shellfish, Prince William Sound finfish and shellfish (including the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River), and all other shellfish statewide. Finfish includes salmon, herring, trout, other freshwater finfishes, and groundfish, including Pacific cod, for consideration by the board in its 2027–2028 meeting cycle. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas) under the subsistence proposal policy, 5 AAC 96.615, if proposals are submitted within this deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (a)(2).

To ensure the proposal book is finished in advance of the board meetings, the board sets Monday, April 12, 2027, as the proposal deadline.

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

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

***Mail:*** ADF&G, Boards Support Section
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

***Fax:*** (907) 465-6094

**Proposals must be received by Monday, April 12, 2027at the Boards Support Section office in Juneau. 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

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form. Any additional information provided with the form, such as pictures, tables, Internet web links, or charts/maps will not be included in the proposal book.

Proposals must be submitted on the form provided by Boards Support at the weblink above. Proposals must not exceed three pages in length. Do not include photos, tables, or graphs in your proposal, those will not be printed in the proposal book. The completed proposal form must contain a contact telephone number and address. Email addresses are appreciated. Please print or type the individual's or organization's name as appropriate.

All proposals are reviewed 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. Such language may be edited or deleted prior to publication. **Proposals that do not meet this call will not be accepted**. Proposals must pertain to the region, species, and uses in this call. Proposals that do not request a regulatory change or are outside the authority of the board will not be accepted. 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 for review and comment. Proposals are posted online for the public 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 during the board's 2027/2028 meeting schedule.

For more information, please contact the Art Nelson, Executive Director for the Board of Fisheries at art.nelson@alaska.gov or (907) 267-2292.