

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS  
OF THE ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME

The Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game (Joint Board) propose to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with local fish and game advisory committees; adoption of fish and game regulations, including the procedure for accepting proposals; subsistence uses, and nonsubsistence areas, including the following:

**MEMBERSHIP AND AREAS OF JURISDICTION OF LOCAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEES**, including establishing committees or restructuring committees for certain areas.

**FUNCTION AND UNIFORM RULES OF OPERATION OF LOCAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEES**, including designating seasons for specific user groups, standards for active status, submission of minutes, procedures for elections, and committee participation at board meetings.

**QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEES**, including standards for officers.

**ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEES**, including staff assistance.

**ADOPTION OF FISH AND GAME REGULATIONS** including the procedure for accepting proposals, and meetings of the Joint Board.

**REGIONAL COUNCILS**, including repeal of councils and reassignment of duties to advisory committees.

**SUBSISTENCE USES & PROCEDURES**, including procedures for determining amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses; definitions for nonsubsistence harvest and noncommercial, and repeal of the reference to proximity of user's domicile to stock or population.

**NONSUBSISTENCE AREAS**, including the amend or repeal of nonsubsistence areas.

**NON-REGULATORY DISCUSSION ITEMS:** In addition to the regulatory items above the Joint Board will take public comments on, and consider, the following matter:

**CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD-GENERATED PROPOSAL**, these criteria were established to guide the Alaska Board of Fisheries member when deliberating on whether to develop a board-generated proposal. The criteria are identified under 2013-270-FB at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.findings>

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 limited to no

more than 100 single-sided or 50 double-sided pages to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, or by fax to (907) 465-6094, or electronic submission at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard>, so that the comments are received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2013. Written public comments over 100 single-sided or 50 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group relating to proposals at the meeting will not be accepted. Written public comments limited to 10 single-sided or five double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group will also be accepted after the September 25, 2013 deadline, but will not be inserted in board member workbooks until the beginning of the meeting. Written comments will be accepted on any subject in this notice and may be submitted to the Joint Board any time before the proposal is voted on by the Joint Board in deliberations at the meeting scheduled below, but as a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 25 copies are provided. Oral comments may also be presented as explained below.

The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. on the first day of the meeting date noted below. The public hearing portion of the meeting will begin following staff reports and continue until everyone who has signed up and is present has been given the opportunity to be heard. Additional public hearings with board committees may be held throughout the meeting before consideration and adoption of proposed changes in the regulations for the various topics. An agenda will be posted daily during the meeting. The Joint Board will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chair at the meeting. The length of oral statements may be limited to five minutes or less for private persons and 15 minutes or less for fish and game advisory committee and federal regional council representatives. Anyone interested in, or affected by, the subject matter contained in this legal notice should make written or oral comments if they wish to have their views considered by the Joint Board.

### **TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game

October 12-16, 2013

Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska

Any changes to meeting locations, dates or times, or rescheduling of topics or subject matter will be announced by news release. Please watch for these announcements in the news media on the Boards Support Section website at <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us> or call (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability needing special accommodations in order to participate in this process, please contact Boards Support at (907) 465-4110 no later than ten days before the accommodation is needed to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Boards Support Section at the above address or visit the website: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us>

Anyone interested in or affected by the subject matter included in this notice, including advisory committee composition, membership qualifications, rules of operation, procedures for adoption of fish and game regulations, or Joint Board nonsubsistence areas, is hereby informed that, by publishing this legal notice the Joint Board may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. THE JOINT BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF ACTUAL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR DEPARTMENT STAFF. Pursuant to AS 44.62.200, the Joint Board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice.

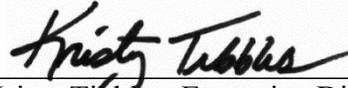
After reviewing written public comments and considering oral public comments, the Joint Board may adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or amend, reject, supplement, defer or decide to take no action on the proposed regulation changes. The language of the final regulations may be different from the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 16.05.251; AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.260

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 16.05.251; AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.260

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: August 28, 2013



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Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director  
Alaska Board of Game

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION  
(AS 44.62.190(d))

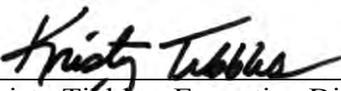
1. Adopting agency: Joint Board of Fisheries and Game (Joint Board)
2. General subject of regulations: Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees; Procedures for Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations; Subsistence Uses and Nonsubsistence Areas
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 96; 5 AAC 97; 5 AAC 98; and 5 AAC 99
4. Department of Law file number, if any: JU2013200548
5. Reason for the proposed action:
  - compliance with federal law
  - compliance with new or changed state statute
  - compliance with court order
  - development of program standards
  - other: (please list) Updating standards in regulations
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Natural Resources and all RDUs
7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): It is not possible to estimate the costs. However, these actions are not expected to require any additional costs.
8. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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9. The origin of the proposed action:
  - staff or state agency
  - general public

10. Date: August 23, 2013

Prepared by:

  
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