NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN PERMIT PROCESSING FEE FOR EEZ-ONLY, CATCHER-SELLER, INDEPENDENT BUYER, AND FISH TRANSPORTER PERMITS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Fish and Game proposes changes to regulations relating to fees for Permit Processing Fee for EEZ-Only, Catcher-Seller, Independent Buyer, and Fish Transporter permits.

The Department of Fish and Game proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Permit Processing Fee for EEZ-Only, Catcher-Seller, Independent Buyer, and Fish Transporter permits, including the following:

5 AAC 39.130. Reports required of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels; transporting requirements, is proposed to be changed to update fees for Permit Processing Fee for EEZ-Only, Catcher-Seller, Independent Buyer, and Fish Transporter permits.

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 Kathleen Jones, Data Processing Manager II, Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Additionally, the Department of Fish and Game will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-4753 and by electronic mail at kathleen.jones@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2017.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Kathleen Jones by submitting written questions to Kathleen Jones, Data Processing Manager II, Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Fish and Game may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Kathleen Jones at (907) 465-4753 no later than April 7, 2017 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Kathleen Jones, Data Processing Manager II, at the mailing address, telephone number or email address above.

After the public comment period ends, 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 16.05.020; AS 16.05.050

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05.020; AS 16.05.050, AS 16.05.671, AS 16.05.690, and AS 16.05.060

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

DATE: 3/15/17

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