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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frances Leach
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FROM: Kady Dumaguin, Office of the Lt. Governor 
465-3520

DATE: June 30, 2017

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Fisheries

Update to Board of Fisheries Regulations re: May 17-18, 2017 Anchorage Meeting: Bering
Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner Crab Harvest Strategy (5 AAC 35.508)

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| Attorney General File: | JU2017200208 |
| Regulations Filed: | 6/29/2017 |
| Effective Date: | 7/29/2017 |
| Published in Register: | 223, October 2017 |

**ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS
OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**


The attached five pages of regulations, dealing with amendment of the Bering Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner crab harvest strategy, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted at its May 17-18, 2017 meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, under the authority of AS 16.05.251 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Board of Fisheries paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.


The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 6/3/17
Juneau, Alaska


Charles O. Swanton, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on June 29, 2017 at 905 A .m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.


Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska

Effective: July 29, 2017

Register: 223, October 2017

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
P.O. BOX 115526
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

UNDER AS 44.17.010, THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADOPTING REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME UNDER THE ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT ARE DELEGATED TO CHARLES O. SWANTON, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

SIGNED:

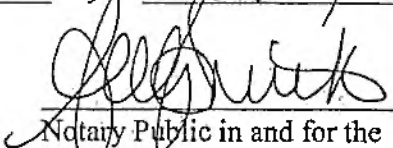


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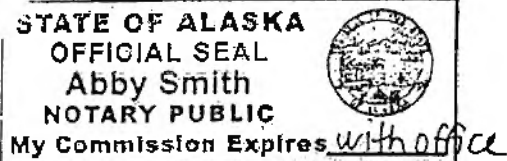
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SIGNED AND SWORN TO before me this 2 day of February, 2015

[NOTARY SEAL]


Notary Public in and for the
State of Alaska

My commission expires: with office



Chapter 35. Tanner Crab Fishery.

Article 10. Registration Area J (Westward).

5 AAC 35.508 is repealed and readopted to read:

Tab → 5 AAC 35.508. Bering Sea District C. *bairdi* Tanner crab harvest strategy. (a) In the Bering Sea District, the commercial *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery will not open if an analysis of preseason survey data indicates the upper bound of the 95 percent confidence interval for the estimated biomass of mature female crab at the time of the survey is below 40 percent of the long-term average (1982-2016) of estimated mature female crab biomass in the Bering Sea District.

(b) If the preseason survey data indicates the upper bound of the 95 percent confidence interval for the estimated biomass of mature female crab at the time of the survey is at or above 40 percent of the long-term average of mature female crab biomass in the Bering Sea District, the department shall establish a separate total allowable catch level for the portions of the Bering Sea District east and west of 166° W. long. under the provisions of (d) and (e) of this section.

(c) If the commercial *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery in the Bering Sea District did not open the previous season under subsection (a), the total allowable catch level as computed under (d) and (e) of this section shall be reduced by one-half the following season if the fishery opens. ^{of this section}

(d) In that portion of the Bering Sea District east of 166° W. long., subject to the provisions of (f) and (g) of this section, the total allowable catch level shall be established as follows:

- (1) if B_E is less than 25 percent of $B_{E(1982-2016)}$, the fishery will not open;
- (2) if 40 percent of the long-term average (1982-2016) of estimated mature female crab biomass in the Bering Sea District is within the 95 percent confidence interval for the

estimated biomass of mature female crab at the time of the survey, the total allowable catch will be computed as follows:

(A) if B_E is equal to or greater than $B_{E(1982-2016)}$, the total allowable catch will be computed as $(0.9) \times (B_E/B_{E(1982-2016)} - 1)) \times C_{E,MSY}$, or, $(0.9) \times C_{E,MSY}$, whichever is less;

(B) if B_E is less than $B_{E(1982-2016)}$, the fishery will not open.

(3) if 40 percent of the long-term average (1982-2016) of estimated mature female crab biomass in the Bering Sea District is below the lower bound of the 95 percent confidence interval for the estimated biomass of mature female crab at the time of the survey, the total allowable catch will be computed as follows:

(A) if B_E is at least 25 percent of but not greater than $B_{E(1982-2016)}$, the total allowable catch will be computed as $(0.9) \times (B_E/B_{E(1982-2016)}) \times C_{E,MSY}$;

(B) if B_E is greater than $B_{E(1982-2016)}$, the total allowable catch will be computed as $(0.9) \times C_{E,MSY}$.

(e) In that portion of the Bering Sea District west of 166° W. long., subject to the provisions of (f) and (g) of this section, the total allowable catch level will be established as follows:

(1) if B_W is less than 25 percent of $B_{W(1982-2016)}$, the fishery will not open;

(2) if 40 percent of the long-term average (1982-2016) of estimated mature female crab biomass in the Bering Sea District is within the 95 percent confidence interval for the estimated biomass of mature female crab at the time of the survey, the total allowable catch will be computed as follows:

(A) if B_W is equal to or greater than $B_{W(1982-2016)}$, the total allowable catch will be computed as $(0.9) \times (B_W/B_{W(1982-2016)} - 1) \times C_{W,MSY}$, or, $(0.9) \times C_{W,MSY}$, whichever is less;

(B) if B_W is less than $B_{W(1982-2016)}$, the fishery will not open.

(3) if 40 percent of the long-term average (1982-2016) of estimated mature female crab biomass in the Bering Sea District is below the lower bound of the 95 percent confidence interval for the estimated biomass of mature female crab at the time of the survey, the total allowable catch will be computed as follows:

(A) if B_W is at least 25 percent of but not greater than $B_{W(1982-2016)}$, the total allowable catch will be computed as $(0.9) \times (B_W/B_{W(1982-2016)}) \times C_{W,MSY}$; or

(B) if B_W is greater than $B_{W(1982-2016)}$, the total allowable catch will be computed as $(0.9) \times C_{W,MSY}$.

(f) Notwithstanding (b) - ^e(d) of this section, the total allowable catch for

(1) that portion of the Bering Sea District east of 166° W. long. may not exceed 50 percent of the estimated biomass of male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab, that are 127 millimeters (five inches) or greater in carapace width, discounted by fishery selectivity, that would survive in the absence of fishing mortality until the estimated mean time of mating; and

(2) that portion of the Bering Sea District west of 166° W. long. may not exceed 50 percent of the estimated biomass of male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab that are 127 millimeters (five inches) or greater in carapace width, discounted by fishery selectivity, that would survive in the absence of fishing mortality until the estimated mean time of mating.

(g) Notwithstanding (d) - (f) of this section, in implementing this harvest strategy, the department shall consider the reliability of estimates of *C. bairdi* Tanner crab, the manageability

of the fishery, and other factors the department determines necessary to be consistent with sustained yield principles, and shall use the best scientific information available and consider all

sources of uncertainty as necessary to avoid overfishing and maintain consistency with the

Board(s) Policy on King and Tanner Crab Resource Management. ^{of Fisheries' italicize} (90-04-FB, dated March 23, 1990) adopted by reference in 5 AAC 35.080

(h) In this section,

(1) "B_E" means the biomass of mature male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in the portion of the Bering Sea District east of 166° W. long. annually estimated at the time of the preseason survey;

(2) "B_{E(1982-2016)}" means the mean value of the biomass of mature male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in the portion of the Bering Sea District east of 166° W. long. annually estimated at the time of the preseason survey for the period 1982-2016;

(3) "B_W" means the biomass of mature male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in the portion of the Bering Sea District west of 166° W. long. annually estimated at the time of the preseason survey;

(4) "B_{W(1982-2016)}" means the mean value of the biomass of mature male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in the portion of the Bering Sea District west of 166° W. long. annually estimated at the time of the preseason survey for the period 1982-2016;

(5) "C_{E,MSY}" means the estimated catch biomass of male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in the portion of the Bering Sea District east of 166° W. long. that are 127 millimeters (five inches) or greater in carapace width, resulting from fishing on the [^] mature male biomass at the estimated mean time of mating at the full-selection F_{MSY} rate or a proxy for the F_{MSY} rate;

(6) "C_{W,MSY}" means the estimated catch biomass of male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in the portion of the Bering Sea District west of 166° W. long. that are 127 millimeters (five inches)

or greater in carapace width, resulting from fishing on the mature male biomass of *C. bairdi* Tanner crab at the estimated mean time of mating at the full-selection F_{MSY} rate or a proxy for the F_{MSY} rate;

(7) "mature female crab" are determined based on observed morphology of the abdominal flap at the time of the survey;

(8) "mature male crab" are crab that are more than 112 millimeters in carapace width in the portion of the Bering Sea District east of 166° W. long., and crab that are more than 102 millimeters in carapace width in the portion of the Bering Sea District west of 166° W. long. (Eff. 8/8/99, Register 151; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am 8/24/2002, Register 163; am 8/14/2005, Register 175; am 8/28/2005, Register 175; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/16/2011, Register 199; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7 / 29/2017, Register 223)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska Department of Law

To: The Honorable Byron Mallott
Lieutenant Governor
(hand delivery)

Date: June 29, 2017

File No.: JU2017200208

Tel. No.: 465-3600

From: Susan R. Pollard *SRPollard*
Chief Assistant Attorney General
and Regulations Attorney
Legislation and Regulations Section

Re: Board of Fisheries Regulations re:
May 17-18, 2017 Anchorage
Meeting: Bering Sea District C.
bairdi Tanner Crab Harvest Strategy
(5 AAC 35.508)

We have reviewed the attached regulations changes from the Board of Fisheries against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. The regulations are regarding the amendment of the Bering Sea District C. *bairdi* Tanner Crab Harvest Strategy.

We find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations.

The original October 28, 2016 affidavit of newspaper publication for these regulations was filed with the Department of Law project file JU2016200584, Register 221 (April 2017); we have included a photocopy of that affidavit of publication.

The October 28, 2016 public notice, the April 12, 2017 supplemental public notice, and the June 3, 2017 certification of adoption order all state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

SRP:ljm
cc w/enc: (via email)

Honorable Sam Cotten, Commissioner, Dept. of Fish and Game
Glenn Haight, Executive Director, Board of Fisheries, Dept. of Fish and Game
Scott Kelley, Director, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Dept. of Fish and Game
Forrest Bowers, Deputy Director, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Dept. of Fish and Game
Tom Brookover, Director, Division of Sport Fisheries, Dept. of Fish and Game
Tom Taube, Deputy Director, Division of Sport Fish, Dept. of Fish and Game
Lisa Olson, Deputy Director, Division of Subsistence, Dept. of Fish and Game
Frances Leach, Fishery Regulations Program Coordinator, AAC Contact, Dept. of Fish and Game
Enforcement Commander, Division of Wildlife Troopers, Dept. of Public Safety
Aaron Peterson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Special Prosecution
Seth Beausang, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Section

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

The Alaska Board of Fisheries proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with fishery and aquatic plant resources in the areas designated below, including the following regulations:

1. IN THE COOK INLET (INCLUDING THE KENAI PENINSULA, KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE, COOK INLET-RESURRECTION BAY SALTWATER, ANCHORAGE BOWL DRAINAGES, KNIK ARM DRAINAGES, SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE, AND WEST COOK INLET SPORT FISH MANAGEMENT AREAS) AND KODIAK AREAS FINFISH FISHERIES REGULATIONS; AND STATEWIDE KING AND TANNER CRAB FISHERIES REGULATIONS (EXCEPT SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS):

- A. In the **commercial, sport, guided sport, personal use, and aquatic plant fisheries:** fishing seasons, periods, and opening and closing times; bag, possession, size, sex, age, and harvest limits; harvest levels, thresholds, goals, and quotas; definitions; bycatch provisions; districts, subdistricts, sections, subsections, areas, and other management boundaries; locations open and closed to fishing; methods and means; gear and vessel restrictions, including marking and operational requirements; registration and permit requirements; registration areas (including nonexclusive, exclusive and superexclusive registration areas); recordkeeping and marking requirements; management plans for conservation and development, including escapement, inriver, and other management goals; landing requirements; provisions for development and allocation among beneficial uses; guiding principles; provisions to regulate, require, restrict or prohibit the retention, tendering, transportation, dispatch, possession, sale, release, or purchase of fish; methods of release; registration, licensing, reporting, and other requirements for sport fishing guides and operators, guided anglers, catchers, processors, buyers, and transporters; onboard observer requirements; fish storage and inspection requirements.
- B. In the **subsistence fisheries:** identification of subsistence uses; fishing seasons, periods, and opening and closing times; bag, possession, size, sex, age, and harvest limits; definitions; districts, subdistricts, sections, subsections, areas, and other management boundaries; locations open and closed to fishing; methods and means; gear and vessel restrictions, including marking and operational requirements; registration and permit requirements; recordkeeping and marking requirements; management plans for conservation and development, including escapement, inriver, and other management goals; landing requirements; provisions for development and allocation among beneficial uses and users, including creating and regulating tier II fisheries; guiding principles; identify customary and traditional uses of fish stocks; determine amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses; establish, regulate, change, or adjust subsistence and personal use fisheries; amend legal gear for all shellfish in the Bering Sea Area north of Cape Newenham.

2. The following topic is added to the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting in Homer, November 30-December 3, 2016:

- A. IN THE STATEWIDE PROVISIONS FOR SPORT FISHING SERVICES AND SPORT FISHING GUIDE SERVICES: Consider amending regulations for sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services in salt water to implement and interpret requirements in statute, amending regulations for sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services in fresh water, and amending fresh and salt water sport fishing guide and operator reporting regulations and correcting certain inconsistencies, ambiguities, errors, and omissions (*newly assigned Proposal 277 which was accepted at the 2016 Work Session, October 2016*).
3. The following topic is added to the Kodiak Finfish meeting in Kodiak, January 10-13, 2017:
 - A. IN THE WESTWARD COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHERY: Consider amending the Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy (*newly assigned Proposal 278 which was a board generated proposal at the 2016 Work Session, October 2016*).
 4. The following topic is added to the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting in Anchorage, February 23-March 8, 2017:
 - A. IN THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY: Consider amending regulations for when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure (*newly assigned Proposal 279 which was a board generated proposal at the 2016 Work Session, October 2016*).
 5. The following topics are added to the Statewide King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues meeting in Anchorage, March 20-24, 2017:
 - A. IN THE GROUND FISH FISHERY GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS: Consider reducing waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area (*Proposal 274, previously postponed at the 2015 Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands-Bering Sea Pacific Cod meeting as Proposal 9*).
 - B. IN THE KUSKOKWIM AREA SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY: Consider
 - i. Creating a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim Area (*Proposal 275, previously postponed at the 2016 Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim Finfish meeting as Proposal 95*).
 - ii. Establishing a permit system in the Kuskokwim Area for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery (*Proposal 276, previously postponed at the 2016 Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim Finfish meeting as Proposal 222*).

- C. IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY: Consider decreasing the number of sockeye salmon that may be retained in the subsistence salmon fishery in the Unalaska Bay District (*newly assigned Proposal 280 which was accepted at the 2016 Work Session, October 2016*).

At its 2016 Work Session, the board decided to convene a joint meeting of its Habitat and Legislation committees to review a request of the board to recommend to the Legislature that it consider placing elements of the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy into Alaska Statute Title 16 habitat permitting laws. These committees will convene November 29, at 7pm in Homer at the Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, (ADF&G) Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, (907) 465-4110, or www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.

Anyone interested in, or affected by, the subject matter contained in this legal notice should make written or oral comments to have their views considered by the board. You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to the 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 ADF&G, Boards Support Section, at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Additionally, the Boards Support Section will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-6094, by email to dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov (PDF format only), or online at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. Individuals and advisory committees directing public comment at an ADF&G office or personnel other than as prescribed above do not have assurance their comments will be received and entered as public comment.

Comments are generally due no later than two weeks prior to the meeting during which the topics are considered. Unless otherwise specified for a particular meeting in a published notice, written comments exceeding the page limit from any one individual or group relating to proposals at any one meeting will not be accepted. Written comments limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group are accepted after the two-week deadline and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the meeting, and are also accepted during the meeting and until the board begins proposal deliberations.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT STANDARD:

Once a meeting begins and during a meeting written comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if the required number of copies are provided (typically in excess of 25 copies). Individuals not in attendance at a meeting may fax comments to 907-465-6094. As a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier.

Once proposal deliberations begin, the board will **ONLY** accept written comments on the topics being considered at the meeting from any one individual or group that are not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent number of double-sided pages, unless specific information is requested by the board that requires more pages than allowed under this standard.

Each meeting will generally start at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of the meeting dates below unless the board directs a different start time. The public oral testimony period of each regulatory meeting begins after staff reports and continues until everyone who has signed up on a timely basis and is present at the meeting has an opportunity to be heard. The board will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chair at each meeting. The length of oral statements may be limited to three minutes or less. Additional public hearings with board committees may be held during the meeting.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Lower Cook Inlet Finfish
November 30-December 3, 2016
Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center, Homer
Comment deadline: November 15, 2016

Kodiak Finfish
January 10-13, 2017
Best Western Kodiak Inn, Kodiak
Comment deadline: December 27, 2016

Upper Cook Inlet Finfish
February 23-March 8, 2017
Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage
Comment deadline: February 9, 2017

Statewide King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues (Except Southeast and Yakutat)
March 20-24, 2017
Coast International Inn, Anchorage
Comment deadline: February 27, 2017

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 or call (907) 465-4110. Please carefully review the **PROPOSAL INDEX** available for the meeting for specific proposals to be addressed by the board. Copies of the proposal indices are in the proposal book, available online at <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us>, and at the relevant meeting. The board may also include accepted agenda change requests as new proposals following its October 18-20, 2016 work session. Any additional proposals will be noticed and made available online and upon request.

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

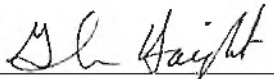
on these subjects without further notice. In addition, the board may adopt other regulations necessary to implement, administer, or enforce the regulations adopted. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR ADF&G.** 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 are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation in order to participate in the proposed regulation process, please contact Glenn Haight at (907) 465-4110 no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of each meeting to ensure necessary accommodations can be provided.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

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



Glenn Haight, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries

10/27/2016
Date

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION

(AS 44.62.190(g))

1. Adopting Agency: Alaska Board of Fisheries.
 2. General subject of regulations: IN THE COOK INLET (INCLUDING THE KENAI PENINSULA, KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE, COOK INLET-RESURRECTION BAY SALTWATER, ANCHORAGE BOWL DRAINAGES, KNIK ARM DRAINAGES, SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE, AND WEST COOK INLET SPORT FISH MANAGEMENT AREAS) AND KODIAK AREAS FINFISH FISHERIES REGULATIONS; AND STATEWIDE KING AND TANNER CRAB FISHERIES REGULATIONS (EXCEPT SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS).
 3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 01 - 5 AAC 77.
 4. Department of Law file number (if any):
 - JU2016200584 – Lower Cook Inlet Finfish
 - JU2016200585 – Kodiak Finfish
 - JU2016200586 – Upper Cook Inlet Finfish
 - JU2016200587 – Statewide King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues
 5. Reason for proposed actions: Implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40.
 6. Appropriation/Allocation: Natural Resources and all RDUs
 7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: 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:

Glenn Haight, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
(907) 465-4110
Email: glenn.haight@alaska.gov
 9. The origin of the proposed action:
 - staff or state agency
 - general public
 10. Date: October 27, 2016
- Prepared by:
Glenn Haight, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries
(907) 465-4110

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

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the Bering Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner crab harvest strategy at 5 AAC 35.508.

This is a **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** adding to the **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES** that was issued on October 27, 2016, 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 topic being added to the board schedule to be considered at the meeting noted:

- The following additional topic will be addressed at the board's Special Bering Sea Tanner Crab Harvest Strategy meeting scheduled for May 17-18, 2017 at the Anchorage Sheraton, 401 E 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska:

IN THE WESTWARD TANNER CRAB AREA: Board generated proposal to review and amend the Bering Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner crab harvest strategy. (*Newly assigned Proposal 281.*)

Anyone interested in, or affected by, the subject matter contained in this legal notice should make written or oral comments to have their views considered by the board. You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to the 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 ADF&G, Boards Support Section, at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Additionally, the Boards Support Section will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-6094, by email to dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov (PDF format only), or online at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. Individuals and advisory committees directing public comment at an ADF&G office or personnel other than as prescribed above do not have assurance their comments will be received and entered as public comment. Written comments must be received no later than May 12, 2017. Written comments exceeding the page limit will not be accepted. Written comments limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group are accepted after the above deadline and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the meeting, and are also accepted during the meeting and until the board begins proposal deliberations. The Additional Public Comment Standard explained in the October 27, 2016 **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES** also applies to this meeting.

If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation in order to participate in the proposed regulation process, please contact Glenn Haight at (907) 465-4110 no later than two weeks prior to the meeting to ensure necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, or for a copy of the October 27, 2016 **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES**, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, phone 907-465-4110, or access the Internet at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>

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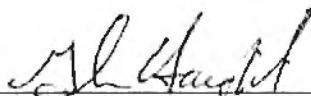
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Statutory Authority: AS 16.05 – AS 16.20; AS 16.40

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: April 11, 2017



Glenn Haight, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(g))

1. Adopting Agency: Alaska Board of Fisheries.
2. General subject of regulations: TANNER CRAB FISHERY REGULATIONS.
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 35.
4. Department of Law file number (if any):
 - o JU2017200208 – Bering Sea *C. bairdi* Tanner Crab Harvest Management Strategy
5. Reason for proposed actions: Implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40.
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Natural Resources and all RDUs
7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: 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:

Glenn Haight, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
(907) 465-4110
Email: glenn.haight@alaska.gov
9. The origin of the proposed action:
 - staff or state agency
 - general public

10. Date: April 11, 2017

Prepared by:
Glenn Haight, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries
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**AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS
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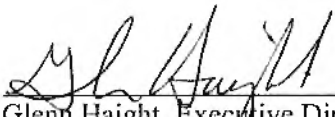
I, Glenn Haight, Executive Director of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 5 AAC dealing with the review and amendment of the Bering Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner crab harvest strategy has been given by being

- (1) published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- (2) furnished to interested persons;
- (3) furnished to appropriate state officials;
- (4) furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulations;
- (5) electronically transmitted to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- (6) furnished to the Legislative Affairs Agency, Legislative Legal and Research Services;
- (7) posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1).

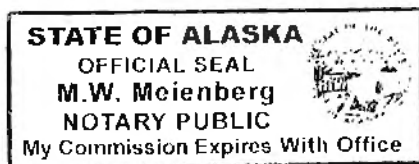
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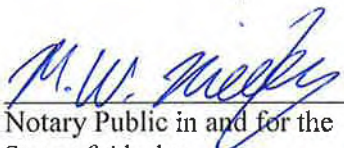
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Alaska Board of Fisheries

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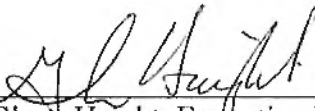
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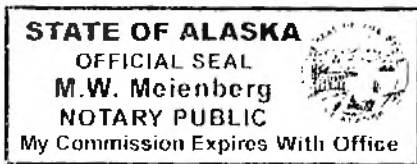
On May 17-18, 2017, at the Sheraton Hotel, 401 East 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, the Alaska Board of Fisheries presided over a public hearing held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 5 AAC dealing with the review and amendment of the Bering Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner crab harvest strategy.


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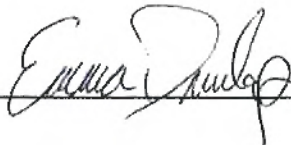
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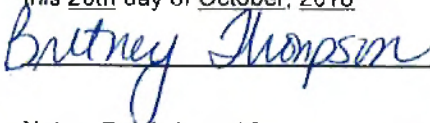
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

The Alaska Board of Fisheries proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with fishery and aquatic plant resources in the areas designated below, including the following regulations:

6. IN THE COOK INLET (INCLUDING THE KENAI PENINSULA, KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE, COOK INLET-RESURRECTION BAY SALTWATER, ANCHORAGE BOWL DRAINAGES, KNIK ARM DRAINAGES, SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE, AND WEST COOK INLET SPORT FISH MANAGEMENT AREAS) AND KODIAK AREAS FINFISH FISHERIES REGULATIONS; AND STATEWIDE KING AND TANNER CRAB FISHERIES REGULATIONS (EXCEPT SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS):

A. In the **commercial, sport, guided sport, personal use, and aquatic plant fisheries**: fishing seasons, periods, and opening and closing times; bag, possession, size, sex, age, and harvest limits; harvest levels, thresholds, goals, and quotas; definitions; districts, subdistricts, sections, subsections, areas, and other management boundaries; locations open and closed to fishing; methods and means; gear and vessel restrictions, including marking and operational requirements; registration and permit requirements; registration areas (including nonexclusive, exclusive and superexclusive registration areas); recordkeeping and marking requirements; management plans for conservation and development, including escapement, inriver, and other management goals; landing requirements; provisions for development and allocation among beneficial uses; guiding principles; provisions to regulate, require, restrict or prohibit the retention, tendering, transportation, dispatch, possession, sale, release, or purchase of fish; methods of release, registration, licensing, reporting, and other requirements for sport fishing guides and operators, guided anglers, catchers, processors, buyers, and transporters; onboard observer requirements; fish storage and inspection requirements.

B. In the **subsistence fisheries**: identification of subsistence uses; fishing seasons, periods, and opening and closing times; bag, possession, size, sex, age, and harvest limits; definitions; districts, subdistricts, sections, subsections, areas, and other management boundaries; locations open and closed to fishing; methods and means; gear and vessel restrictions, including marking and operational requirements; registration and permit requirements; recordkeeping and marking requirements; management plans for conservation and development, including escapement, inriver, and other management goals; landing requirements; provisions for development and allocation among beneficial uses and users, including creating and regulating tier II fisheries; guiding principles; identify customary and traditional uses of fish stocks; determine amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses; establish, regulate, change, or adjust subsistence and personal use fisheries; amend legal gear for all shellfish in the Bering Sea Area north of Cape Newenham.

7. The following topic is added to the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting in Homer, November 30-December 3, 2016:

A. IN THE STATEWIDE PROVISIONS FOR SPORT FISHING SERVICES AND SPORT FISHING GUIDE SERVICES: Consider amending regulations for sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services in salt water to implement and interpret requirements in statute, amending regulations for sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services in fresh water, and amending fresh and salt water sport fishing guide and operator reporting regulations and correcting certain inconsistencies, ambiguities, errors, and omissions (newly assigned Proposal 277 which was accepted at the 2016 Work Session, October 2016).

8. The following topic is added to the Kodiak Finfish meeting in Kodiak, January 10-13, 2017:

A. IN THE WESTWARD COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHERY: Consider amending the Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy (newly assigned Proposal 278 which was a board generated proposal at the 2016 Work Session, October 2016).

9. The following topic is added to the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting in Anchorage, February 23-March 8, 2017:

A. IN THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY: Consider amending regulations for when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure (newly assigned Proposal 279 which was a board generated proposal at the 2016 Work Session, October 2016).

10. The following topics are added to the Statewide King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues meeting in Anchorage, March 20-24, 2017:

A. IN THE GROUND-FISH FISHERY GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS: Consider reducing waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area (Proposal 274, previously postponed at the 2015 Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands-Bering Sea Pacific Cod meeting as Proposal 9).

B. IN THE KUSKOKWIM AREA SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY: Consider

i. Creating a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim Area (Proposal 275, previously postponed at the 2016 Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim Finfish meeting as Proposal 95).

ii. Establishing a permit system in the kuskokwim Area for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery (Proposal 276, previously postponed at the 2016 Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim Finfish meeting as Proposal 222).

C. IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY: Consider decreasing the number of sockeye salmon that may be retained in the subsistence salmon fishery in the Unalaska Bay District (newly assigned Proposal 280 which was accepted at the 2016 Work Session, October 2016).

At its 2016 Work Session, the board decided to convene a joint meeting of its Habitat and Legislation committees to review a request of the board to recommend to the Legislature that it consider placing elements of the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy into Alaska Statute Title 16 habitat permitting laws. These committees will convene November 29, at 7pm in Homer at the Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center.

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Comments are generally due no later than two weeks prior to the meeting during which the topics are considered. Unless otherwise specified for a particular meeting in a published notice, written comments exceeding the page limit from any one individual or group relating to proposals at any one meeting will not be accepted. Written comments limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group are accepted after the two-week deadline and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the meeting, and are also accepted during the meeting and until the board begins proposal deliberations.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT STANDARD:

Once a meeting begins and during a meeting written comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if the required number of copies are provided (typically in excess of 25 copies). Individuals not in attendance at a meeting may fax comments to 907-465-6094. As a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier.

Once proposal deliberations begin, the board will **ONLY** accept written comments on the topics being considered at the meeting from any one individual or group that are not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent number of double-sided pages, unless specific information is requested by the board that requires more pages than allowed under this standard.

Each meeting will generally start at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of the meeting dates below unless the board directs a different start time. The public oral testimony period of each regulatory meeting begins after staff reports and continues until everyone who has signed up on a timely basis and is present at the meeting has an opportunity to be heard. The board will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chair at each meeting. The length of oral statements may be limited to three minutes or less. Additional public hearings with board committees may be held during the meeting.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Lower Cook Inlet Finfish
November 30-December 3, 2016
Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center, Homer
Comment deadline: November 15, 2016

Kodiak Finfish
January 10-13, 2017
Best Western Kodiak Inn, Kodiak
Comment deadline: December 27, 2016

Upper Cook Inlet Finfish
February 23-March 8, 2017
Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage
Comment deadline: February 9, 2017

Statewide King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues (Except Southeast and Yakutat)
March 20-24, 2017
Coast International Inn, Anchorage
Comment deadline: February 27, 2017

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 or call (907) 465-4110. Please carefully review the **PROPOSAL INDEX** available for the meeting for specific proposals to be addressed by the board. Copies of the proposal indices are in the proposal book, available online at <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us>, and at the relevant meeting. The board may also include accepted agenda change requests as new proposals following its October 18-20, 2016 work session. Any additional proposals will be noticed and made available online and upon request.

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Statutory Authority: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

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

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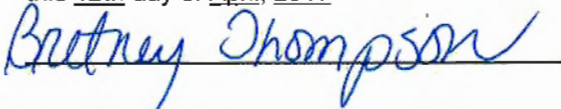
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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the Bering Sea District C. Bairdi Tanner crab harvest strategy at 5 AAC 35.508.

This is a **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** adding to the **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES** that was issued on October 27, 2016, 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 topic being added to the board schedule to be considered at the meeting noted:

- The following additional topic will be addressed at the board's Special Bering Sea Tanner Crab Harvest Strategy meeting scheduled for May 17-18, 2017 at the Anchorage Sheraton, 401 E 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska:

IN THE WESTWARD TANNER CRAB AREA: Board generated proposal to review and amend the Bering Sea District C. Bairdi Tanner crab harvest strategy. (Newly assigned Proposal 281.)

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Date: April 11, 2017

/s/
Glenn Haight, Executive Director
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