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## OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Shellene Hutter

Department of Fish and Game

FROM:

Scott Meriwether, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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DATE:

February 28, 2018

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Fish and Game

Board of Fisheries Regulations re: Dec. 1 - 5, 2017 Valdez Meeting: Prince William

Sound Finfish (5 AAC 01.244 - 5 AAC 77.591)

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Linda Miller, Department of Law

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

The attached 22 pages of regulations, dealing with finfish fisheries in the Prince William Sound Area and the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area, as well as Yukon Area subsistence finfish fishery, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted at its December 1–5, 2017 meeting in Valdez, 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

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

Tolong at , 2018 at Ab Q .m., I filed the attached regulations according to the

provisions of A\$ 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

Byron Mallott, Lieutenalt Governor

State of Alaska

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#### 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:

SAM COTTEN

(Please print name)

SIGNED AND SWORN TO before me this 2 day of Fe

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#### Title 5. Fish and Game.

#### Chapter 1. Subsistence Finfish Fishery.

#### Article 4. Yukon Area.

5 AAC 01.244(b)(2)(F) is amended to read:

(F) in the Chatanika River drainage, from the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek to an ADF&G regulatory marker approximately **one**[THREE] river **mile** [MILES] upstream of the confluence, subsistence fishing through the ice is closed;

The introductory language of 5 AAC 01.244(b)(2)(G) is amended to read:

(G) in the Chatanika River drainage, from an ADF&G regulatory marker approximately **one** [THREE] river **mile** [MILES] upstream of the confluence of the Chatanika River and Goldstream Creek to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the boundary of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area (approximately one mile downstream from Murphy Dome Road):[.]

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Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 01.244(b)(2)(G) is unchanged.

(Eff. 5/9/98, Register 146; am 6/17/2001, Register 158; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 5/19/2010, Register 194; am 5/22/2016, Register 218; am 3/29/2018, Register 225) **Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

#### Article 12. Prince William Sound Area.

5 AAC 01.610(g)(2) is amended to read:

(2) during the commercial salmon season, only during open commercial salmon fishing periods in that district and Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

5 AAC 01.610(g) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(4) notwithstanding (g)(2) of this section, subsistence salmon fishing is not allowed 24 hours before open commercial salmon fishing periods in that district. (In effect before 1983; am 6/30/83, Register 86; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 4/30/91, Register 118; am/readopt 5/15/93, Register 126; em am 5/6/94, Register 130; am 5/22/94, Register 130; am 6/7/95, Register 135; am 9/29/95, Register 135; am 3/30/2000, Register 153; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 6/12/2003, Register 166; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

5 AAC 01.620 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(k) Gillnets used to take herring may not exceed 10 fathoms in length. (In effect before 1983; am 6/30/83, Register 86; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 4/30/91, Register 118; readopt 5/15/93, Register 126; am 5/24/97, Register 142; am 3/30/2000, Register 153; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 6/12/2003, Register 166; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

Authority:

AS 16.05,251

AS 16.05.258

5 AAC 01.630 is amended to read:

- (a) Except as provided in this section, fish other than salmon, herring, and freshwater fish species may be taken for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit.
- (b) Salmon, herring, and freshwater fish species may be taken only under authority of a subsistence fishing permit.
  - (c) Repealed 6/2/88.
- (d) Only one subsistence fishing permit **per stock** will be issued to each household per year.

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Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 01.630 is unchanged.

(In effect before 1982; am 4/14/82, Register 82; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 4/9/89, Register 110; em am 6/6/89 — 10/3/89, Register 111; am 4/30/91, Register 118; readopt 5/15/93, Register 126; am 5/24/97, Register 142; am 3/30/2000, Register 153; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 6/12/2003, Register 166; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

Authority:

AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.251

AS 16.05.258

5 AAC 01.647(i)(5) is amended to read:

(5) salmon may be taken only from June 1 through September 1 or until the season is closed by emergency order; fishing periods are from 12:00 noon Friday through

12:00 noon Sunday from June 1 through June 30, and from 12:00 noon Friday through

11:59 p.m. Monday from July 1 through September 1 [TO BE ESTABLISHED BY

EMERGENCY ORDER AND ARE TWO DAYS PER WEEK DURING THE MONTH OF

JUNE AND 3.5 DAYS PER WEEK FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON];

(In effect before 1984; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 4/30/91, Register

118; readopt 5/15/93, Register 126; am 5/24/97, Register 142; am 5/31/97, Register 142; am

3/30/2000, Register 153; am 6/12/2003, Register 166; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am

3/14/2009, Register 189; am 5/12/2011, Register 198; am 3/29 /2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.251

AS 16.05.258

Chapter 24. Prince William Sound Area.

Article 1. Description of Area.

5 AAC 24.100 is amended to read:

5 AAC 24.100. Description of area. The Prince William Sound Area includes all waters of Alaska between 148° 50.25' W. long. (near Cape Fairfield) [CAPE FAIRFIELD] and 144° W. long. (near Cape Suckling). [CAPE SUCKLING] (In effect before 1988; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.251

#### **Article 2. Fishing Districts and Subdistricts.**

#### 5 AAC 24.200(a) is amended to read:

(a) Copper River District: waters surrounding Hinchinbrook Island between the tip of Hook Point at 60° 20.11' N. lat., 146° 15.02' W. long., and Boswell Rock at 60° 24.76' N. lat., 146° 06.28' W. long., including Boswell Bay, and waters south and east of a line from Boswell Rock at 60° 24.76' N. lat., 146° 06.28' W. long., to 60° 28.02' N. lat., 145° 57.57' W. long., [TO THE RADIO TOWER AT WHITESHED VILLAGE, AND WATERS BETWEEN WHITESHED VILLAGE] and west of a line from a point on the mainland at 60° 10.32' N. lat., 144° 35.49' W. long. [60° 10.21' N. LAT., 144° 35.57' W. LONG.] to the northernmost tip of Fox Island at 60° 10.13' N. lat., 144° 36.01' W. long. and then extending south from Fox Island along 144° 36.12' W. long.

#### 5 AAC 24.200(b) is amended to read:

(b) Bering River District: waters west of <u>144° W. long.</u> [THE LONGITUDE OF CAPE SUCKLING (144° W. LONG.)] and east of a line from a point on the mainland at <u>60° 10.32' N. lat., 144° 35.49' W. long.</u> [60° 10.21' N. LAT., 144° 35.57' W. LONG.] to the northernmost tip of Fox Island <u>at 60° 10.13' N. lat., 144° 36.01' W. long.</u>, and then extending south from Fox Island along 144° 36.12' W. long.

#### 5 AAC 24.200(c) is amended to read:

(c) Eastern District: waters <u>north and east of a line from Shepard Point to Salmo</u>

Point and south and west along the shore to a point at 60° 35.95' N. lat., 145° 47.67' W.

N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long. [OF THE EASTERN MAINLAND SHORE FROM THE RADIO TOWER AT WHITSHED VILLAGE TO POINT FREEMANTLE, INCLUDING BLIGH ISLAND, GOOSE ISLAND, AND OTHER ADJACENT ISLANDS.]

- (1) Valdez Narrows Subdistrict: waters of Port Valdez enclosed by a line from Potato Point at 61° 03.37' N. lat., 146° 41.81' W. long., to Entrance Point at 61° 03.79' N. lat., 146° 39.73' W. long.;
  - (2) Port Fidalgo Subdistrict: waters east of 146° 24.12' W. long.
- 5 AAC 24.200(d) is amended to read:
- (d) Northern District: waters north and west of a line from Point Freemantle at 60° 55.76' N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long., to 60° 36.87' N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long., [OF THE NORTHERN MAINLAND SHORE FROM POINT FREEMANTLE TO A POINT AT THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE OF ESTHER PASSAGE AT 60° 49.33' N. LAT., 147° 51.12' W. LONG., AND WATERS OUTSIDE THE COGHILL DISTRICT AND ALONG THE EASTERN SHORE OF CULROSS ISLAND AND EAST OF A LINE FROM A POINT ON THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF CULROSS ISLAND AT 60° 38.31' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG. TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AT 60° 34.86' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG.] to the northern tip of the Eshamy District [BOUNDARY] at 60° 36.87' N. lat., 148° 06.13' W. long., to the eastern shore of Culross Island at 60° 38.88' N. lat., 148° 06.56' W. long., excluding waters of the Northwestern, Coghill, and Unakwik districts. [PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT, INCLUDING GLACIER ISLAND, FAIRMOUNT ISLAND, PERRY ISLAND, ADJACENT ISLANDS,

AND THE NAKED ISLAND GROUP, EXCEPT WATERS OF UNAKWIK INLET NORTH OF 61° 00.97' N. LAT.]

- (1) Perry Island Subdistrict: waters of the Northern District west of a line from the western entrance to Eaglek Bay at 60° 49.68' N. lat., 147° 44.95' W. long. [60° 49.66' N. LAT., 147° 44.92' W. LONG.], to the northernmost tip of Axel Lind Island at 60° 48.03' N. lat., 147° 42.65' W. long., and from the southernmost tip of Axel Lind Island at 60° 47.08' N. lat., 147° 43.00' W. long., to the northern tip of Lone Island at 60° 41.88' N. lat., 147° 45.03' W. long., and from the southern tip of Lone Island at 60° 39.62' N. lat., 147° 46.31' W. long., due south to the border of the Southwestern District at 60° 36.87' N. lat. [TO THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE ESHAMY DISTRICT];
- (2) Cannery Creek Subdistrict: waters of the Northern District in Unakwik Inlet south of 61° 00.97' N. lat., and north of the latitude of Unakwik Point at 60° 53.61' N. lat.;

Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 24.200(d) is unchanged.

5 AAC 24.200(f) is amended to read:

(f) Coghill District: waters north and east of a line from Point Pigot at 60° 48.21' N. lat., 148° 20.90' W. long. to a point on the mainland shore at 60° 45.85' N. lat., 148° 13.73' W. long., to a point west of Point Culross at 60° 45.61' N. lat., 148° 11.75' W. long., [60° 45.45' N. LAT., 148° 11.07' W. LONG.] continuing east along the shore to [AND FROM] Point Culross at 60° 45.44' N. lat., 148° 08.81' W. long., [60° 45.58' N. LAT., 148° 08.74' W. LONG.] to a point west of Culross Light at 60° 45.06' N. lat., 148° 08.04' W. long., [60° 45.16' N. LAT., 148° 07.87' W. LONG.] to Point Perry at 60° 45.02' N. lat., 147° 57.69' W. long., [60° 45.05' N. LAT., 147° 57.62' W. LONG.] to the west island of the Bald Head Chris Islands at 60° 47.90' N.

**lat., 147° 51.77' W. long.,** [60° 47.97' N. LAT., 147° 51.62' W. LONG.] to a point on the mainland at **60° 49.27' N. lat.** [60° 49.26' N. LAT.], 147° 51.20' W. long.

- (1) Esther Subdistrict: waters of the Coghill District south and east of a line from a point on the western shore of Esther Island at 60° 48.08' N. lat., 148° 08.54' W. long., to Esther Rock at 60° 48.08' N. lat., 148° 10.75' W. long., [148° 10.67' W. LONG.] to Point Culross at 60° 45.44' N. lat., 148° 08.81' W. long., [60° 45.58' N. LAT., 148° 08.74' W. LONG.] to a point west of Culross Light at 60° 45.06' N. lat., 148° 08.04' W. long. [60° 45.16' N. LAT., 148° 07.87' W. LONG.], and south of a line crossing Esther Passage from 60° 49.53' N. lat., 147° 52.62' W. LONG. TO 60° 49.51' N. LAT., 147° 54.82' W. LONG.];
- (2) Granite Bay Subdistrict: waters of Port Wells east of a line from Esther Rock at 60° 48.08' N. lat., 148° 10.75' W. long., [148° 10.67' W. LONG.] to a point at 60° 51.68' N. lat., 148° 09.84' W. long., and to a point at 60° 55.81' N. lat., 148° 05.89' W. long., including all waters of Esther Passage north of a line at 60° 49.53' N. lat. [60° 49.51' N. LAT.];
- (3) Bettles Bay Subdistrict: waters west of a line from Point Pigot at 60° 48.21' N. lat., 148° 20.90' W. long., to a point at 60° 48.03' N. lat., 148° 20.26' W. long., to Point Pakenham at 61° 00.36' N. lat., 148° 05.45' W. long. [61° 00.45' N. LAT., 148° 04.85' W. LONG.];
  - (4) General Subdistrict: all remaining waters of the Coghill District.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 24.200(g) is amended to read:

(g) Northwestern District: waters south and west of a line from Point Pigot at 60° 48.21' N. lat., 148° 20.90' W. long., to a point on the mainland shore at 60° 45.85' N. lat., 148°

13.73' W. long., to a point west of Point Culross at 60° 45.61' N. lat., 148° 11.75' W. long., [60° 45.45' N. LAT., 148° 11.07' W. LONG.] and from Point Culross at 60° 45.44' N. lat., 148° 08.81' W. long., [60° 45.58' N. LAT., 148° 08.74' W. LONG.] to a point west of Culross Light at 60° 45.06' N. lat., 148° 08.04' W. long., [60° 45.16' N. LAT., 148° 07.87' W. LONG.] and from a point on the eastern shore of Culross Island at 60° 38.88' N. lat., 148° 06.56' W. long., to the northern tip of the Eshamy District at 60° 36.87' N. lat., 148° 06.13' W. long., [80UTHERN END OF CULROSS ISLAND AT 60° 38.31' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG. TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AT 60° 34.86' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG. TO THE ESHAMY DISTRICT BOUNDARY AT THE LIGHT ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF THE ENTRANCE TO PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT,] including Culross Passage and waters of Culross Bay.

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5 AAC 24.200(g)(2) is amended to read:

(2) Culross Island Subdistrict: waters of Culross Passage south of a line from 60° 45.85' N. lat., 148° 13.73' W. long., to a point at 60° 45.61' N. lat., 148° 11.75' W. long., [EAST OF A LINE FROM POINT PIGOT AT 60° 48.21' N. LAT., 148° 20.90' W. LONG. TO A POINT AT 60° 40.71' N. LAT., 148° 13.87' W. LONG., SOUTH OF A LINE FROM POINT PIGOT TO A POINT WEST OF POINT CULROSS AT 60° 45.45' N. LAT., 148° 11.07' W. LONG.] and waters of Culross Bay south and west of a line from Point Culross at 60° 45.44' N. lat., 148° 08.81' W. long., to a point west of Culross Light at 60° 45.06' N. lat., 148° 08.04' W. long., and waters of Port Nellie Juan north and east of a line from 60° 34.86' N. lat., 148° 08.62' W. long., to a point at 60° 36.49' N. lat., 148° 11.40' W. long. [60° 45.16' N. LAT., 148° 07.87' W. LONG., INCLUDING WATERS OF CULROSS BAY AND CULROSS

PASSAGE, AND NORTH OF A LINE FROM A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AT 60° 34.86' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG. TO A POINT ON THE MAINLAND AT 60° 36.46' N. LAT., 148° 11.37' W. LONG.];

#### 5 AAC 24.200(g)(3) is amended to read:

(3) Port Nellie Juan Subdistrict: waters of Port Nellie Juan and Kings Bay south and west [SOUTHWEST] of a line from a point [ON THE MAINLAND] at 60° 34.86' N. lat., 148° 08.62' W. long., to a point at 60° 36.49' N. lat., 148° 11.40' W. long. [60° 36.46' N. LAT., 148° 11.37' W. LONG. TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES WEST OF THE PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AT 60° 34.86' N. LAT., 148° 08.62' W. LONG., INCLUDING PORT NELLIE JUAN LIGHT AND KINGS BAY.]

#### 5 AAC 24.200(i) is amended to read:

- (i) Southwestern District: state waters south and west of a line from a point at 60° 36.87' N. lat., 148° 06.13' W. long., to a point at 60° 36.87' N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long., to a point at 60° 17.94' N. lat., 147° 33.94' W. long., to a point at 59° 59.47' N. lat., 147° 47.52' W. long., to a point at 59° 50.93' N. lat., 148° 02.27' W. long., excluding the Eshamy and Northwestern districts [MAINLAND WATERS FROM THE OUTER POINT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF GRANITE BAY TO CAPE FAIRFIELD AND WATERS SURROUNDING KNIGHT ISLAND, CHENEGA ISLAND, BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, EVANS ISLAND, ELRINGTON ISLAND, LATOUCHE ISLAND, AND ADJACENT ISLANDS].
- (1) Port San Juan Subdistrict: waters of Elrington Passage north of 59° 59.97' N. lat. and west of 148° 00.11' W. long., and the waters within one mile of the northern and eastern

shore of Evans Island, from Evans Point at 60° 07.95' N. lat., 147° 54.86' W. long., south to [THE LATITUDE OF THE NORTHERN TIP OF ELRINGTON ISLAND] 148° 00.11' W. long.;

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Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 24.200(i) is unchanged.

5 AAC 24.200(j) is amended to read:

- (j) Montague District: state waters south and east of a line from a point at 60° 36.87'

  N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long., to a point at 60° 17.94' N. lat., 147° 33.94' W. long., to a point at 59° 59.47' N. lat., 147° 47.52' W. long., to a point at 59° 50.93' N. lat., 148° 02.27' W. long., and west of a line from a point at 60° 36.87' N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long., to a point at 60° 12.86' N. lat., 146° 45.08' W. long., and waters surrounding [MONTAGUE ISLAND, GREEN ISLAND,] Middleton Island [,] and adjacent islands.
- (1) Port Chalmers Subdistrict: waters of the Montague District in Montague Strait, north of [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED ON THE WEST SHORE OF MONTAGUE ISLAND AT] 60° 02.50' N. lat., and south of [AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED NEAR GRAVEYARD POINT ON THE WEST SHORE OF MONTAGUE ISLAND AT] 60° 20.02' N. lat. [60° 20.00' N. LAT.];
  - (2) General Subdistrict: all remaining waters of the Montague District.
- 5 AAC 24.200(k) is amended to read:
- (k) Southeastern District: <u>state waters south and east of a line from Shepard Point, to</u>

  Salmo point, and south and west along the shore to a point at 60° 35.95' N. lat., 145° 47.67'

W. long., to a point at 60° 36.87' N. lat., 146° 58.73' W. long., to a point at 60° 12.86' N. lat., 146° 45.08' W. long., excluding the Copper River and Bering River districts [WATERS SURROUNDING HAWKINS ISLAND, HINCHINBROOK ISLAND, AND ADJACENT ISLANDS, EXCEPT THE WATERS OF HINCHINBROOK ISLAND ON THE SOUTHEAST SHORE BETWEEN HOOK POINT AND BOSWELL ROCK]. (In effect before 1985; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 3/29/87, Register 101; am 4/9/89, Register 110; am 4/30/91, Register 118; am 5/24/97, Register 142; am 5/31/97, Register 142; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 8/27/2016, Register 219; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

#### Article 3. Salmon Fishery.

5 AAC 24.301 is amended to read:

5 AAC 24.301. Seaward boundary of districts. For the purpose of managing the historical salmon net fishery in the vicinity of the Copper River and Bering River, the outer boundary of the Copper River and Bering River Districts is a line <a href="from a point at 60° 01.16">from a point at 60° 01.16</a> N. lat., 144° 00.00' W. long., to a point at 59° 57.98' N. lat., 144° 00.00' W. long., to a point at 59° 44.29' N. lat., 144° 36.12' W. long., to a point at 60° 17.13' N. lat., 146° 15.02' W. long., to Hook Point at 60° 20.11' N. lat., 146° 15.02' W. long. [THREE MILES DUE SOUTH FROM A LINE FROM CAPE SUCKLING (144° W. LONG.) TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF PINNACLE ROCK TO AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED AT THE TIP OF

HOOK POINT ON HINCHINBROOK ISLAND AT APPROXIMATELY 60° 20.02' N. LAT., 146° 15.12' W. LONG.] (In effect before 1988; am 5/24/97, Register 142; am 3/11/2001, Register 157; am 3/29 /2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 24.332(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except for the first five fathoms in length of the purse seine, a purse seine may not be less than 200 meshes or more than 335 meshes in depth, or less than 125 fathoms or more than 225 [150] fathoms in length, hung measure, or with mesh size greater than four inches stretched measure, except that the first 25 meshes immediately above or below the lead line may be a chafing strip with a mesh size no larger than seven and one-half inches stretched measure. Leads deeper than the seine or exceeding 75 fathoms in length, or leads with mesh size between four inches and six and one quarter inches [LESS THAN SIX AND ONE-QUARTER INCHES] may not be used, except as specified in 5 AAC 39.260(f) for a cork line border strip and lead line chafing strip. The aggregate of seine and lead may not be more than 225 fathoms in length.

5 AAC 24.332(f) is amended to read:

(f) A purse seine is considered to have ceased fishing when both ends of the seine <u>or</u>

<u>both ends of the aggregate of seine and lead</u> are attached to the fishing vessel. (In effect before 1981; am 4/15/81, Register 78; am 8/6/81, Register 79; am 6/30/84, Register 90; am 4/9/89, Register 110; am 4/30/91, Register 118; am 3/30/2000, Register 153; am 3/30/2006, Register

177; am 5/17/2008, Register 186; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 24.370(e)(2)(A) is amended to read:

(A) the district is closed to salmon fishing before July 18, except within

the Armin F. Koernig Hatchery Special Harvest Area and Terminal Harvest

Area which may be opened for the harvest of enhanced salmon stocks

returning to the Armin F. Koernig salmon hatchery and where, to the extent

practical, the department shall manage to reduce the harvest of stocks bound

for other districts;

(Eff. 4/30/91, Register 118; am 5/24/97, Register 142; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 5/20/2004, Register 170; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 4/23/2006, Register 178; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

#### Chapter 28. Groundfish Fishery.

#### Article 5. Prince William Sound Area (Registration Area E).

- 5 AAC 28.206 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
- (d) In the Prince William Sound Area, prior to operating a vessel in a directed fishery for lingcod or Pacific cod during a parallel season, or Pacific cod during a state-waters season as

described in 5 AAC 28.267, the vessel operator or authorized agent of the vessel operator must obtain a fishery-specific registration for that vessel. (Eff. 4/4/97, Register 142; am 7/5/2000, Register 155; am 3/30/2003, Register 165; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 4/20/2012, Register 202; am 3/29/2015, Register 213; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

Authority:

AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 28.210(c)(2) is amended to read:

(2) as bycatch up to 20 percent by <u>round</u> weight of the directed finfish species on board a vessel, unless the commissioner closes the season and opens another season in which the bycatch is prohibited or further limited [; BYCATCH TAKEN UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IS COUNTED AS PART OF ANY BYCATCH LIMIT ESTABLISHED UNDER 5 AAC 28.070(b)].

(Eff. 7/30/89, Register 111; am 4/7/93, Register 126; am 4/4/97, Register 142; am 6/15/97, Register 142; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 3/30/2000, Register 153; am 7/29/2000, Register 155; am 3/30/2003, Register 165; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 4/20/2012, Register 202; am 3/29/2015, Register 213; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

Authority:

AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 28.230 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

- (j) Except as provided in (k) of this section, in a groundfish fishery, a person may have only one type of legal gear on board the vessel.
- (k) In a groundfish fishery, mechanical jigging machines and hand troll gear may be used at the same time. If mechanical jigging machines and hand troll gear are being used under this subsection, only that gear may be on board the vessel. (Eff. 7/30/89, Register 111; am 4/7/93, Register 126; am 5/22/94, Register 130; am 4/4/97, Register 142; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 7/5/2000, Register 155; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/20/2006, Register 179; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 3/29/2015, Register 213; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 28.272(f) is amended to read:

commercial sablefish fishery shall obtain sablefish log [LOG] sheets provided by the department [FOR THE LONGLINE SABLEFISH FISHERY WILL BE ISSUED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION]. The vessel operator must have the log sheets on board the vessel at all times and must submit to the department no later than seven days following delivery completed log sheets that correspond with each ADF&G sablefish fish ticket.

[LOG SHEETS MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CORDOVA OFFICE, AT THE ADDRESS OR FACSIMILE NUMBER SPECIFIED ON THE LOG SHEET, WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER EACH LANDING OF SABLEFISH.]

#### (1) A log sheet under this section must:

(A) include the date, the specific location of harvest by latitude and longitude, the number of hooks fished or the number of pots fished, the average depth, and the time gear is deployed and hauled, for each set;

(B) include for the target species, and for each bycatch species, the number of fish retained and discarded for each set;

(C) be updated not later than 11:59 p.m. local time on the day after the day of operation; and

(D) be made available to a local representative of the department upon request.

(2) A person may not make a false entry in a log sheet described in this section. (Eff. 3/30/2003, Register 165; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

Chapter 52. Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area.

5 AAC 52.022(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) in all flowing waters <u>of the Upper Copper River drainage and Tyone River</u> <u>drainage</u>, only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures may be used;

(Eff. 5/4/94, Register 130; am 5/5/94, Register 131; am 4/11/97, Register 142; am 7/8/99, Register 151; am 3/16/2000, Register 153; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 3/30/2006, Register

177; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 2/23/2014, Register 209; am 2/22/2015, Register 213; am 3 /29 /2018, Register 225)

Authority:

AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 52.023(9)(D) is amended to read:

- (D) in all flowing waters from 100 yards upstream from the narrows at the Paxson Lake outlet downstream to the confluence with the Middle Fork,
  - (i) sport fishing for [KING] salmon is closed; [KING] salmon may not be taken or possessed;
    - (ii) repealed 3/29/2018;

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Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 52.023(9)(D) is unchanged.

- 5 AAC 52.023(18) is amended to read:
  - (18) In Paxson Lake,
    - (A) repealed 3/29/2018;
    - (B) repealed 3/29/2018;
  - (C) sport fishing for salmon is closed; salmon may not be taken or possessed;
  - (D) rainbow/steelhead trout may not be retained or possessed; all rainbow/steelhead trout caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed;

(E) the bag and possession limit for Arctic grayling is five fish, of which only one may be 14 inches or greater in length;

(F) the bag and possession limit for lake trout is one fish, with no size limit;

5 AAC 52.023(20) is amended to read:

- (20) in the Summit Lake drainage,
  - (A) repealed 3/29/2018;
  - (B) repealed 3/29/2018;
- (C) sport fishing for salmon is closed; salmon may not be taken or possessed;
- (D) rainbow/steelhead trout may not be retained or possessed; all rainbow/steelhead trout caught must be released immediately and returned to the water unharmed;
- (E) the bag and possession limit for burbot is two fish, with no size limit;
- (F) the bag and possession limit for Arctic grayling is two fish, of which only one may be 14 inches or greater in length;
- (G) the bag and possession limit for lake trout is one fish, with no size limit; (Eff. 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 5/19/2004, Register 170; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 2/22/2015, Register 213; am 3/29/2015, Register 213; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

Authority:

AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 52.055(g) is amended to read:

(g) The department shall manage Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, Our Creek, and the Gulkana River drainage upstream of Paxson Lake as described in 5 AAC 52.023(9)(C) and <u>5</u>

AAC 52.023(20)(F) [5 AAC 52.023(20)(B)] under the conservative management approach.

(Eff. 5/19/2004, Register 170; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

Authority:

AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.251

#### Chapter 55. Prince William Sound Area.

5 AAC 55.022(a)(8) is amended to read:

(8) lingcod: may be taken only from July 1 – December 31; bag <u>and possession</u> limit of <u>one</u> [TWO] fish; [POSSESSION LIMIT OF FOUR FISH;] must be 35 inches or greater in length including the head, or 28 inches or greater in length with the head removed;

5 AAC 55.022(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) rockfish:

(A) may be taken from <u>January 1 – December 31</u> [MAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 15]; bag limit of four fish; possession limit of eight fish, of which only

one [TWO] per day and in possession may be nonpelagic rockfish; [THE FIRST TWO NONPELAGIC ROCKFISH CAUGHT MUST BE RETAINED AND BECOME PART OF THE BAG LIMIT OF THE PERSON ORIGINALLY HOOKING THE FISH;] no size limit;

(B) repealed 3 /29 /2018;

(Eff. 5/4/94, Register 130; am 9/5/97, Register 143; am 3/16/2000, Register 153; am 7/5/2000, Register 155; am 9/30/2000, Register 155; am 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 3/13/2004, Register 169; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am 3/30/2006, Register 177; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 8/23/2009, Register 191; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 3/29/2015, Register 213; am 7/22/2017, Register 223; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

The introductory language of 5 AAC 55.023(1)(A) is amended to read:

(A) in all freshwater drainages crossed by the Copper River Highway from and including Eyak River to the Million Dollar Bridge, including Clear Creek at mile 42 [DOWNSTREAM OF THE CARBON MOUNTAIN ROAD BRIDGE],

Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 52.023(1)(A) is unchanged.

5 AAC 55.023(8)(A) is repealed:

(A) repealed 3/29/2018;

(Eff. 5/11/2003, Register 166; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am 9/1/2006, Register 179; am 4/24/2009, Register 190; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 3/29/2015, Register 213; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.251

Chapter 77. Personal Use Fishery.

Article 12. Prince William Sound Area.

5 AAC 77.591(f) is amended to read:

(f) The maximum harvest level for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishery is 100,000 - 150,000 salmon, not including any salmon in excess of the inriver goal or salmon taken after August 31. [IF THE COPPER RIVER DISTRICT COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY IS CLOSED FOR 13 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS, THE MAXIMUM HARVEST LEVEL IN THE CHITINA SUBDISTRICT IS REDUCED TO 50,000 SALMON.]

(Eff. 6/12/2003, Register 166; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 3/29/2015, Register 213; am 3/29/2018, Register 225)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.251

### **MEMORANDUM**

# State of Alaska

Department of Law

To: The Honorable Byron Mallott

Lieutenant Governor

(hand delivery)

Date: February 27, 2018

File No.: JU2017200511 Part 1

Tel. No.: 465-3600

From: Susan R. Pollard

Chief Assistant Attorney General

and Regulations Attorney

Legislation and Regulations Section

Re: Board of Fisheries Regulations re:

Dec. 1 - 5, 2017 Valdez Meeting: Prince William Sound Finfish

(5 AAC 01.244 - 5 AAC 77.591)

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 finfish fisheries in the Prince William Sound Area and the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area, as well as the Yukon Area subsistence finfish fishery.

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 October 29, 2017 public notice and the February 26, 2018 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

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
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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:

- 1. IN THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA (INCLUDING THE UPPER COPPER RIVER AND UPPER SUSITNA RIVER AREA) FINFISH FISHERIES; SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS FINFISH AND SHELLFISH FISHERIES, INCLUDING ALL SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS CRAB, SHRIMP, AND MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH FISHERIES; AND STATEWIDE DUNGENESS CRAB, SHRIMP, AND MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH (EXCEPT SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS) FISHERIES:
  - 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 or modification of customary and traditional subsistence uses and amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence; 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; regulations for the subsistence priority; landing requirements; provisions for development and allocation among beneficial uses and users, including creating and regulating tier II fisheries; guiding principles; otherwise establish, regulate, change, or adjust subsistence fisheries.
- 2. The following topic is added to the Prince William Sound Finfish meeting in Valdez, December 1-5, 2017:

- A. IN THE YUKON AREA SUBSISTENCE FINFISH FISHERY: Decrease the size of the area closed to subsistence fishing through the ice for northern pike on the Chatanika River (newly assigned Proposal 228, formerly ACR #1).
- 3. The following topics are added to the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting in Sitka, January 11-23, 2018:
  - A. IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AREA PERSONAL USE FISHERY: Require a permit for the taking of king crab for personal use and amend the bag and possession limits (newly assigned Proposal 234 which was accepted as a board generated proposal at the 2017 Work Session).
  - B. IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AREA DUNGENESS CRAB COMMERCIAL FISHERY: Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan and amend the fishing seasons (newly assigned Proposal 235 which was accepted as a board generated proposal at the 2017 Work Session).
- 4. The following topics are added to the Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp and Other Miscellaneous Shellfish meeting in Anchorage, March 6-9, 2018:
  - A. IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA KING CRAB COMMERCIAL FISHERY: Repeal fixed total allowable catch (TAC) and adopt an Aleutian Islands Area golden king crab harvest strategy that uses biomass estimates generated from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game stock assessment model to establish TAC (newly assigned Proposal 229, formerly ACR #2).
  - B. IN THE YUKON AREA SUBSISTENCE AND COMMERCIAL FINFISH FISHERIES:
    - i. Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence uses in Yukon Area Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (newly assigned Proposal 230, formerly ACR #13).
    - ii. Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon Area Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon (newly assigned Proposal 231, formerly ACR #14).
    - iii. Consider criteria to allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishery periods for other salmon species (newly assigned Proposal 232, formerly ACR #15).
    - iv. Clarify Yukon Area District 1 boundary, allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in District 1, and reduce waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in District 1 (newly assigned Proposal 233, formerly ACR #18).

C. IN THE ALASKA PENINSULA-ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA COMMERCIAL HERRING FISHERY: Increase the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocation, eliminate the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocations between gear types, and change the season for the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery (newly assigned Proposal 236 which was accepted as a board generated proposal at the 2017 Work Session).

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 <a href="mailto:dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov">dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov</a> (PDF format only), or online at <a href="mailto:www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov">www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov</a>. Individuals and advisory committees directing public comment at an ADF&G office or personnel other than as prescribed above are advised that such comments will not 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 <u>ONLY</u> 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

#### Prince William Sound Finfish

December 1-5, 2017 Valdez Convention & Civic Center, Valdez Comment deadline: November 17, 2017

#### Southeast and Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish

January 11-23, 2018 Harrigan Centennial Hall, Sitka Comment deadline: December 28, 2017

# Statewide (Except Southeast and Yakutat) Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, Other Miscellaneous Shellfish and Supplemental Issues

March 6-9, 2018 Egan Civic and Convention Center Comment deadline: February 23, 2018

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 <a href="https://www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov">www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov</a>, and at the relevant meeting. The board may also include accepted agenda change requests as new proposals following its October 17-19, 2017 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

10/27/2017

Date

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION

(AS 44.62.190(g))

- 1. Adopting Agency: Alaska Board of Fisheries.
- 2. General subject of regulations: IN THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA (INCLUDING THE UPPER COPPER RIVER AND UPPER SUSITNA RIVER AREA) FINFISH FISHERIES; SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS FINFISH AND SHELLFISH FISHERIES, INCLUDING ALL SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS CRAB, SHRIMP, AND MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH FISHERIES; AND STATEWIDE DUNGENESS CRAB, SHRIMP, AND MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH (EXCEPT SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS) FISHERIES.
- 3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 01 5 AAC 77.
- 4. Department of Law file number (if any):
  - o JU2017200511 Prince William Sound Finfish
  - o JU2017200512 Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish
  - JU2017200513 Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish 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:
  - [X] staff or state agency
  - [X] general public
- 10. Date: October 27, 2017 P

Prepared by: Glenn Haight, Executive Director Alaska Board of Fisheries (907) 465-4110

## AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 finfish fisheries in the Prince William Sound Area and the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area, as well as Yukon Area subsistence finfish fishery, 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).

As required by AS 44.62.190(g), additional regulations notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (5) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulations notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

DATE: 12/15/12

Glenn Haight, Executive Director Alaska Board of Fisheries

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING

I, Glenn Haight, Executive Director of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, being sworn, state the following:

On December 1-5, 2017, at the Valdez Convention and Civic Center, 314 Clifton Drive, Valdez, 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 finfish fisheries in the Prince William Sound Area and the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River Area, as well as Yukon Area subsistence finfish fishery.

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Juneau, Alaska

Glenn Haight, Executive Director

Alaska Board of Fisheries

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