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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Shellene Hutter  
Department of Fish and Game

**FROM:** April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
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**DATE:** May 29, 2019

**RE:** Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Fisheries

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of April Simpson, is written over the "FROM:" line.

Board of Fisheries Regulations re: March 9-11, 2019 Anchorage Meeting: Statewide  
Finfish and Shellfish Fisheries (5 AAC 01.010 - 5 AAC 75.995)

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cc with enclosures: Linda Miller, Department of Law  
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

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


The attached 17 pages of regulations, dealing with subsistence, sport and commercial fishing regulations occurring in finfish and shellfish fisheries occurring statewide are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted at its March 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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: 4-15-19  
Juneau, Alaska

  
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Douglas Vincent-Lang, Commissioner  
Department of Fish and Game

**FILING CERTIFICATION**

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on MAY 29, 2019 at 3:05 P.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

  
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Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor  
State of Alaska

Effective: June 28, 2019

Register: 230, July 2019

**Title 5. Fish and Game.**

**Chapter 01. Subsistence Finfish Fishery.**

**Article 1. Statewide Provisions.**

5 AAC 01.010(h) is amended to read:

(h) The use of live nonindigenous fish as bait is prohibited; [.]

5 AAC 01.010 is amended to add a new subsection to read:

(o) Fish taken and retained for subsistence shall be salvaged for subsistence uses;

(1) in this section, “salvage” means to transport fish to a location where the fish will be processed or preserved for subsistence uses before the fish become spoiled or otherwise unusable for subsistence;

(2) it is a defense to a charge that the failure to salvage the fish was due to circumstances beyond the control of the person charged, including:

(A) theft of the fish;

(B) unanticipated weather conditions or other acts of God;

(C) unavoidable loss in the field to a wild animal. (In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/25/89, Register 110; am 7/16/92, Register 123; am/readopt 5/15/93, Register 126; am 7/3/94, Register 130; am 6/17/2001, Register 158; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 6/28/2019, Register 230)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

**Chapter 15. Chignik Area.**

**Article 3. Salmon Fishery.**

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5 AAC 15.332(g) is amended to read:

(g) A purse seine **is considered to have ceased** [HAS STOPPED] fishing **as specified in 5 AAC 39.260(c)** [WHEN BOTH ENDS OF THE SEINE, EXCLUDING TOW LINES AND STRAPS, ARE ATTACHED TO THE FISHING VESSEL]. (In effect before 1988; am 4/14/93, Register 126; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

## **Chapter 18. Kodiak Area.**

### **Article 3. Salmon Fishery.**

5 AAC 18.332(l) is amended to read:

(l) A purse seine **is considered to have ceased** [HAS STOPPED] fishing **as specified in 5 AAC 39.260(c)** [WHEN BOTH ENDS OF THE SEINE, EXCLUDING TOW LINES AND STRAPS, ARE ATTACHED TO THE FISHING VESSEL]. (In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 4/19/90, Register 114; am 4/14/93, Register 126; am 3/16/96, Register 137; am 5/29/99, Register 150; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

## **Chapter 21. Cook Inlet Area.**

### **Article 3. Salmon Fishery.**

5 AAC 21.310(b)(2)(C)(ii) is amended to read:

(ii) Kenai and East Forelands Sections: from July 8 through August 15, unless closed earlier by emergency order under (iii) of this subparagraph; from August 11 through August 15, the fishery is open for regular periods only; on or after July 8, when the Kasilof Section is open to commercial fishing with set gillnets and the Kenai and East Forelands Sections are closed to commercial fishing with set gillnets, commercial fishing with set gillnets may be allowed within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark in that portion of the Kenai Section north of the latitude of the Blanchard Line at 60° 27.10' N. lat., and south of the latitude of the ADF&G regulatory marker located south of <sup>[T&E]</sup>the Kenai River mouth at 60° 30.49' N. lat., **and is not subject to the time limitations in 5 AAC**

**21.359(e)(3) and 5 AAC 21.360;**

(In effect before 1983; am 6/30/83, Register 86; am 6/30/84, Register 90; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/10/89, Register 110; am 7/21/91, Register 119; am 4/7/93, Register 126; am 6/7/95, Register 135; am 5/31/96, Register 138; am 5/14/97, Register 142; am 5/18/2000, Register 154; am 6/30/2002, Register 162; am 8/8/2003, Register 167; am 2/13/2005, Register 173; am 6/11/2005, Register 174; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 5/21/2011, Register 198; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 6/8/2017, Register 222; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

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5 AAC 21.332(c) is amended to read:

(c) A purse seine is considered to have ceased fishing as specified in 5 AAC 39.260(c)  
[WHEN BOTH ENDS OF THE SEINE ARE FAST TO THE VESSEL]. (In effect before 1985;  
am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/10/89, Register 110; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

## **Chapter 24. Prince William Sound Area.**

### **Article 3. Salmon Fishery.**

5 AAC 24.332(f) is amended to read:

(f) A purse seine is considered to have ceased fishing as specified in 5 AAC 39.260(c)  
[WHEN BOTH ENDS OF THE SEINE OR BOTH ENDS OF THE AGGREGATE OF SEINE  
AND LEAD 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; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

## **Chapter 27. Herring Fishery.**

### **Article 2. General Specifications.**

5 AAC 27.050(f) is amended to read:

(f) A purse seine and a hand purse seine have stopped fishing when both ends of the seine, excluding skiff tow lines and straps, are attached to the fishing vessel. A beach seine has stopped fishing when both ends of the seine are on the beach above the water line or when all of the lead line is removed from the water. (In effect before 1982; am 4/12/82, Register 82; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 3/29/87, Register 101; am 4/7/90, Register 114; am 3/30/95, Register 133; am 4/9/95, Register 134; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/28/ 2019, Register 230)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

### **Chapter 33. Southeastern Alaska Area.**

#### **Article 3. Salmon Fishery.**

5 AAC 33.332(g) is amended to read:

(g) A purse seine is considered to have ceased fishing as specified in 5 AAC 39.260(c) [WHEN THE BUNT END OF THE SEINE IS ATTACHED TO THE PURSE SEINE VESSEL AND THE TOW END OF THE SEINE IS ATTACHED TO THE VESSEL OR MOVING THROUGH THE POWER BLOCK].

(In effect before 1988; am 6/25/89, Register 110; am 4/30/91, Register 118; am 5/17/2008, Register 186; am 5/31/2009, Register 190; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 6/28/ 2019, Register 230)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

**Chapter 34. King Crab Fishery.**

**Article 11. Registration Area O (Aleutian Islands Area).**

5 AAC 34.610(b)(2) is amended to read:

(2) [BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2015,] from 12:00 noon August 1 through 11:59 p.m. April 30, except that the commissioner may, by emergency order, open the season on or after July 15 to accommodate surveys and stock assessment.

(In effect before 1983; am 6/30/83, Register 86; am 6/30/84, Register 90; am 7/14/85, Register 95; am 7/23/88, Register 107; am 9/1/96, Register 139; am 9/19/99, Register 151; am 8/24/2002, Register 163; am 9/11/2002, Register 163; am 8/14/2005, Register 175; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/27/2014, Register 210; am 6/17/2018, Register 226; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 34.612 is repealed and readopted to read:

**5 AAC 34.612. Harvest levels for golden king crab in Registration Area O.** In accordance with 5 AAC 34.080, the Aleutian Islands <sup>Area</sup> golden king crab fishery shall be managed based on the following harvest strategy:

(a) In that portion of the Registration Area O east of 174° W. long., the total allowable catch level shall be established as follows:

(1) if  $MMA_E$  is less than 25 percent of  $MMA_{E(1985-2017)}$ , the fishery will not open;



(2) if  $MMA_E$  is at least 25 percent but not greater than 100 percent of  $MMA_{E(1985-2017)}$ , the number of legal male golden king crab available for harvest will be computed as  $(0.15) \times (MMA_E / MMA_{E(1985-2017)}) \times (MMA_E)$  or 25 percent of  $LMA_E$ , whichever is less; and

(3) if  $MMA_E$  is greater than 100 percent of  $MMA_{E(1985-2017)}$ , the number of legal male golden king crab available for harvest will be computed as  $(0.15) \times (MMA_E)$  or 25 percent of  $LMA_E$ , whichever is less.

(b) In that portion of the Registration Area O west of  $174^\circ$  W. long., the total allowable catch level shall be established as follows:

(1) if  $MMA_W$  is less than 25 percent of  $MMA_{W(1985-2017)}$ , the fishery will not open;

(2) if  $MMA_W$  is at least 25 percent but not greater than 100 percent of  $MMA_{W(1985-2017)}$ , the number of legal male golden king crab available for harvest will be computed as  $(0.20) \times (MMA_W / MMA_{W(1985-2017)}) \times (MMA_W)$  or 25 percent of  $LMA_W$ , whichever is less; and

(3) if  $MMA_W$  is greater than 100 percent of  $MMA_{W(1985-2017)}$ , the number of legal male golden king crab available for harvest will be computed as  $(0.20) \times (MMA_W)$  or 25 percent of  $LMA_W$ , whichever is less.

(c) In implementing this harvest strategy, the department shall consider the reliability of abundance estimates of golden king crab, the manageability of the fishery, and other factors the department determines necessary to <sup>manage</sup> 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.

(d) In this section,

<sup>Registration</sup> (1)  $MMA_E$  means the abundance of male golden king crab in the portion of the Aleutian Islands Management Area O east of  $174^\circ$  W. long., that are greater than or equal to 111 millimeters in carapace length estimated by the stock assessment model for the time prior to the start of the fishery;

(2)  $MMA_{E(1985-2017)}$  means the mean value of the abundance of male golden king crab in the portion of the <sup>Registration</sup> Aleutian Islands Management Area O east of  $174^\circ$  W. long., that are greater than or equal to 111 millimeters in carapace length estimated by the stock assessment model for the time prior to the start of the fishery for the period 1985 – 2017;

<sup>Registration</sup> (3)  $LMA_E$  means the abundance of male golden king crab in the portion of the Aleutian Islands Management Area O east of  $174^\circ$  W. long., that are greater than or equal to 136 millimeters in carapace length estimated by the stock assessment model for the time prior to the start of the fishery;

<sup>Registration</sup> (4)  $MMA_W$  means the abundance of male golden king crab in the portion of the Aleutian Islands Management Area O west of  $174^\circ$  W. long., that are greater than or equal to 111 millimeters in carapace length estimated by the stock assessment model for the time prior to the start of the fishery;

(5)  $MMA_{W(1985-2017)}$  means the mean value of the abundance of male golden king crab in the portion of the <sup>Registration</sup> Aleutian Islands Management Area O west of  $174^\circ$  W. long., that are greater than or equal to 111 millimeters in carapace length estimated by the stock assessment model for the time prior to the start of the fishery for the period 1985 – 2017;

<sup>Registration</sup> (6)  $LMA_W$  means the abundance of male golden king crab in the portion of the Aleutian Islands Management Area O west of  $174^\circ$  W. long. that are greater than or equal to 136 millimeters in carapace length estimated by the stock assessment model for the time prior to the

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start of the fishery. (9/12/2008, Register 187; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 8/10/2018, Register 227; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

### **Chapter 35. Tanner Crab Fishery.**

#### **Article 10. Registration Area J (Westward).**

The section heading of 5 AAC 35.509 is changed to read:

#### **5 AAC 35.509. Eastern and Western Aleutian District Tanner crab harvest strategy.**

5 AAC 35.509 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(i) In the Western Aleutian District, male Tanner crab five and one-half inches carapace width or greater may be taken only under the conditions of a permit issued by the commissioner.

(j) The permit required in (i) of this section, may

(1) specify season dates to consider the timing of mating and molting;

(2) specify areas of fishing operations by district or geographic location to distribute effort;

(3) specify the amount and configuration of pots as needed to minimize bycatch and evaluate fishery performance;

(4) specify harvest limits to prevent localized depletion;

(5) require a department representative to be onboard during fishing operations to collect biological or fishery dependent information needed for stock assessment;

(6) require completion of logbooks provided by the department that include the date, the specific location of harvest by latitude and longitude, the number of pots fished, the average depth of each pot fished, the time gear is deployed and removed from the water of each set, and the number of crab retained and discarded for the target and each bycatch species; a person may not make a false entry in the logbook required in this section. (Eff. 9/12/2008, Register 187; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

## **Chapter 39. General Provisions.**

### **Article 2. Salmon Fishery.**

5 AAC 39.260(c) is amended to read:

(c) A purse seine has ceased fishing when both ends of the seine, excluding skiff tow lines and straps, are attached to the seine vessel [UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN 5 AAC 03 – 5 AAC 38, A PURSE SEINE IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE CEASED FISHING WHEN ALL THE RINGS ARE OUT OF THE WATER].

5 AAC 39.260(j) is amended to read:

(j) A seine vessel must be attached to one end, and only one end, of a purse seine or lead when it is in operation. Any line used to make the attachment may not be more than 13 [10] fathoms in length.

(In effect before 1985; am 5/31/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/25/89, Register 110; am 1/24/2008, Register 185; am 5/17/2008, Register 186; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 6/28/2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

### **Chapter 47. Southeast Alaska Area.**

5 AAC 47.030(l) is amended to read:

(l) A person sport fishing from a charter vessel when releasing a nonpelagic rockfish shall immediately use a deep water release mechanism to return the fish to the depth it was hooked or to a depth of at least 100 feet. A charter vessel must have at least one functional deep water release mechanism on board and readily available for use when sport fishing activities are taking place. Upon request, **a person sport fishing from a charter vessel and the operator of the**

**vessel must present** a deep water release mechanism <sup>CAPS</sup> (must be presented) to a local representative or federal law enforcement officer charged with enforcing fish and game laws of the department <sup>I</sup> or a peace officer of the state. In this subsection, "deep water release

mechanism" means a device designed to return a rockfish back near the bottom where it was hooked, or to a specified depth, and to assist the fish in recompression and to improve the fish's chance of survival. Beginning January 1, 2020, [THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION

APPLY TO PERSONS SPORT FISHING FROM ALL VESSELS AND ALL VESSELS

WHEN SPORT FISHING ACTIVITIES ARE TAKING PLACE] **a person sport fishing from a**

**vessel and the operator of the vessel must comply with the requirements of 5 AAC**

<sup>f</sup>  
**75.020(e)**. (Eff. 4/15/94, Register 130; am 5/2/97, Register 142; am 5/9/98, Register 146; am 5/25/2000, Register 154; am 6/1/2003, Register 166; am 3/13/2004, Register 169; em am 4/13/2005 - 8/10/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 5/31/2009, Register 190;

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am 6/10/2010, Register 194; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 6/17/2018, Register 226; am  
6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

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

5 AAC 52.022(a)(11) is amended to read:

(11) whitefish may be taken from October 1 - March 31 by spear or bow and arrow; [AN ARROW MUST HAVE A BARBED TIP AND BE ATTACHED BY A LINE TO A BOW;]

5 AAC 52.022(a)(12) is amended to read:

(12) suckers may be taken from January 1 - December 31 by spear or bow and arrow; [AN ARROW MUST HAVE A BARBED TIP AND BE ATTACHED BY A LINE TO A BOW;]

(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; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

**Chapter 55. Prince William Sound Area.**

5 AAC 55.022(c) is amended to read:

(c) Beginning January 1, 2020, a person sport fishing from a vessel **and the operator of the vessel must comply with the requirements of 5 AAC 75.020(e)** [WHEN RELEASING A ROCKFISH SHALL IMMEDIATELY RELEASE THE FISH AND USE A DEEP WATER RELEASE MECHANISM TO RETURN THE FISH TO THE DEPTH IT WAS HOOKED OR TO A DEPTH OF AT LEAST 100 FEET. A VESSEL MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE FUNCTIONAL DEEP WATER RELEASE MECHANISM ON BOARD AND READILY AVAILABLE FOR USE WHEN SPORT FISHING ACTIVITIES ARE TAKING PLACE. UPON REQUEST, A DEEP WATER RELEASE MECHANISM MUST BE PRESENTED TO A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OR A PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE. IN THIS SUBSECTION, "DEEP WATER RELEASE MECHANISM" MEANS A DEVICE DESIGNED TO RETURN A ROCKFISH TO NEAR THE BOTTOM WHERE IT WAS HOOKED, OR TO A SPECIFIED DEPTH, AND TO ASSIST THE FISH IN RECOMPRESSION AND TO IMPROVE THE FISH'S CHANCE OF SURVIVAL]. (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; am 8/10/2018, Register 227; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

**Chapter 59. Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area.**

5 AAC 59.120(7)(A) is amended to read:

(A) by spear and bow and arrow; [THE ARROW MUST HAVE A BARBED TIP AND BE ATTACHED BY A LINE TO THE BOW; FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, "BOW" MEANS A LONG BOW, RECURVE BOW, COMPOUND BOW, OR CROSSBOW;]

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am 2/23/2014, Register 209; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 6/8/2017, Register 222; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

**Chapter 60. Knik Arm Drainages Area.**

5 AAC 60.120(7)(A) is amended to read:

(A) by spear and bow and arrow; [THE ARROW MUST HAVE A BARBED TIP AND BE ATTACHED BY A LINE TO THE BOW; FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "BOW" MEANS A LONG BOW, RECURVE BOW, COMPOUND BOW, OR CROSSBOW;]

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am 2/23/2014, Register 209; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251



**Chapter 61. Susitna River Drainage Area.**

(A)  
5 AAC 61.110(a)(8) is amended to read:

(A) all lakes by spear and bow and arrow; [THE ARROW MUST HAVE  
A BARBED TIP AND BE ATTACHED BY A LINE TO THE BOW; FOR THE  
PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, "BOW" MEANS A LONG BOW,  
RECURVE BOW, COMPOUND BOW, OR CROSSBOW;]

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am 2/23/2014, Register 209; am  
6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

**Chapter 62. West Cook Inlet Area.**

5 AAC 62.120(7)(A) is amended to read:

(A) by spear and bow and arrow; <sup>CAPS</sup> [the arrow must have a barbed tip and be  
<sup>CAPS</sup> attached by a line to the bow; ] FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH,  
"BOW" MEANS A LONG BOW, RECURVE BOW, COMPOUND BOW, OR  
CROSSBOW;]

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 11/12/2006, Register 180; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am  
2/23/2014, Register 209; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 62.122(1)(C) is amended to read:

(C) northern pike may be taken by spear, sport fishing gear, or bow and arrow; [THE ARROW MUST HAVE A BARBED TIP AND BE ATTACHED TO THE BOW WITH A LINE;]

(Eff. 10/1/2006, Register 179; am 6/4/2008, Register 186; am 6/12/2011, Register 198; am 3/22/2014, Register 209; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 6 / 28 / 2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

## **Chapter 75. Statewide Provisions.**

### **Article 2. Methods and Means.**

5 AAC 75.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

<sup>f</sup>  
(~~e~~) Beginning January 1, 2020, a person sport fishing from a vessel when releasing a rockfish shall immediately use a deep water release mechanism to return the fish to the depth it was hooked or to a depth of at least 100 feet. A vessel must have at least one functional deep water release mechanism on board and readily available for use when sport fishing activities are taking place. Upon request, a person sport fishing from a vessel and the operator of the vessel must present a deep water release mechanism to a local representative of the department, peace officer of the state<sup>^</sup>, or federal law enforcement officer charged with enforcing fish and game laws. In this subsection, "deep water release mechanism" means a device designed to return a rockfish to near the bottom where it was hooked, or to a specified depth, and to assist the fish in recompression and to improve the fish's chance of survival. (In effect before 1988; am

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3/13/2004, Register 169; am 6/10/2010, Register 194; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 6/28/  
2019, Register 230 )

**Authority:** AS 16.05.251

#### Article 9. Definitions.

5 AAC 75.995(a) is amended by adding <sup>a</sup>new paragraph<sup>s</sup> to read:

(55) "bow and arrow" <sup>means</sup> a bow is defined as a long bow, recurve bow, compound bow, <sup>or</sup> and crossbow. <sup>with an</sup> An arrow <sup>with</sup> must have a barbed tip and be attached by a line to the bow;

5 AAC 75.995(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(56) "guided sport ecotourism fishing" means taking or assisting another to take fish in order to demonstrate fishing techniques or for other educational purposes, where all fish taken are returned to the water unharmed for compensation or with the intent to receive

compensation. (In effect before 1983; am 4/3/83, Register 85; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 6/30/84, Register 90; am 4/18/86, Register 98; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 7/30/89, Register 111; am 6/5/94, Register 130; am 5/13/95, Register 134; am 2/25/98, Register 145; am 4/23/98, Register 146; am 5/19/2001, Register 158; am 3/13/2004, Register 169; am 2/10/2005, Register 173; am 5/26/2006, Register 178; am 9/12/2008, Register 187; am 3/14/2009, Register 189; am 6/10/2010, Register 194; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 3/4/2015, Register 213; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 8/27/2016, Register 219; am 3/15/2017, Register 221; am <sup>3/28/2019</sup> 6/26/2016, Register <sup>229</sup> 218; am 6/28/ 2019, Register 230 )

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# MEMORANDUM


## State of Alaska Department of Law

**To:** The Honorable Kevin Meyer  
Lieutenant Governor  
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**From:** Susan R. Pollard   
Chief Assistant Attorney General  
and Regulations Attorney  
Legislation and Regulations Section

**Re:** Board of Fisheries Regulations re:  
March 9-11, 2019 Anchorage  
Meeting: Statewide Finfish and  
Shellfish Fisheries  
(5 AAC 01.010 – 5 AAC 75.995)

We have reviewed the attached regulations changes from the Board of Fisheries against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. The regulations concern subsistence, sport, and commercial fishing regulations occurring in finfish and shellfish fisheries statewide. The board requests that these regulations be filed by May 31, 2019 in order to be effective by July 1, 2019.

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, 2018 affidavit of newspaper publication for these regulations was filed with the Department of Law project file 2018200692 Part 1, Register 229, (April 2019); we have included a photocopy of that affidavit of publication.

The October 28, 2018 public notice and the April 15, 2019 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.

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 Douglas Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Dept. of Fish and Game  
Glenn Haight, Executive Director, Board of Fisheries, Dept. of Fish and Game  
Sam Rabung, 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  
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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 [www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov), and at the relevant meeting. 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

10/26/2018

Date

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION

(AS 44.62.190(g))

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2. General subject of regulations: IN THE BRISTOL BAY AREA, INCLUDING THE BRISTOL BAY COMMERCIAL HERRING AREA; IN THE ARCTIC-KOTZEBUE, NORTON SOUND-PORT CLARENCE, YUKON, AND KUSKOKWIM AREAS (collectively referred to as Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim or A-Y-K Areas), INCLUDING THE KUSKOKWIM AND BERING SEA-KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL HERRING AREAS, AND IN THE NORTH SLOPE, NORTHWESTERN, YUKON RIVER, TANANA RIVER, AND KUSKOKWIM-GOODNEWS SPORT FISH AREAS; IN THE ALASKA PENINSULA, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, CHIGNIK, AND ATKA-AMLIA AREAS, INCLUDING THE ALASKA PENINSULA-ALEUTIAN ISLANDS COMMERCIAL HERRING AREA AND THE ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SPORT FISH AREA; IN THE SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA, CHIGNIK, BERING SEA-ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, AND CHUKCHI-BEAUFORT COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH AREAS; AND STATEWIDE (GENERAL PROVISIONS) FINFISH .
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 01 - 5 AAC 77.
4. Department of Law file number (if any):
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  - JU2018200694 - Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands Finfish
  - JU2018200695 – Statewide Finfish 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 26, 2018                      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 occurring statewide has been given by being

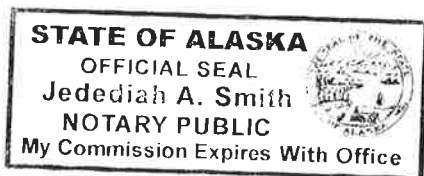
- (1) published in a newspaper or trade publication;
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As required by AS 44.62.190(g), additional regulations notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those 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: April 9, 2019  
Juneau, Alaska

  
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Glenn Haight, Executive Director  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.



  
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Notary Public in and for the  
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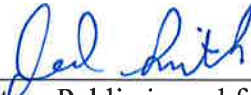
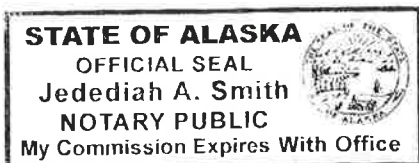
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Signed

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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
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Sheraton Hotel, Howard Rock Ballroom, Anchorage  
Comment deadline: February 20, 2019

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 [www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov), and at the relevant meeting. 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.

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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.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Glenn Haight, Executive Director  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Date: 10/26/2018