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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Gary Mendivil  
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

**FROM:** April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor   
465.4081

**DATE:** May 7, 2021

**RE:** Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Environmental Conservation  
  
Department of Environmental Conservation: Repeal of reindeer slaughter and inspection regulations (18 AAC 32.600-699)

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Attorney General File:	2020200556
Regulation Filed:	5/7/2021
Effective Date:	6/6/2021
Print:	238, July 2021

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law  
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS  
OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

The attached 6 pages of regulations, dealing with 18 AAC 31 Alaska Food Code, and 18 AAC 32 Reindeer and Processing, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Environmental Conservation adopts under the authority of AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.250; and AS 46.03.260 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.

In considering public comments, the Department of Environmental Conservation paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken. The Department of Environmental Conservation also gave special attention to alternate practical methods in this regulatory action as required by AS 46.03.024.

The regulation changes adopted under 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: January 21, 2021  
Anchorage, Alaska

Jason W. Brune

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Jason W. Brune, Commissioner

*April Simpson, for*

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

May 7, 2021, at 1:00p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

*for* *Kevin Meyer*

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Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: June 6, 2021

Register: 238, July 2021

**FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY**

**I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA,  
designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act  
filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff  
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator  
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of  
Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th,  
2018.**



*Kevin Meyer*  
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**KEVIN MEYER  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

18 AAC 31.010(c) is amended to read:

**18 AAC 31.010(c)** The requirements of this chapter do not apply to those portions of a food establishment subject to 18 AAC 32 (milk **and** [,] milk products, [, AND REINDEER SLAUGHTERING AND PROCESSING]) or 18 AAC 34 (seafood processing and inspection). (Eff. 5/18/97, Register 142; am 12/19/99, Register 152; am 6/28/2001, Register 158; am 6/25/2020, Register 234; am 6/6/2021, Register).

<b>Authority:</b>	AS 17.20.005	AS 17.20.072	AS 44.46.020
	AS 17.20.010	AS 17.20.180	
	AS 17.20.020	AS 17.20.290	

18 AAC 31.200(b)(7) is repealed:

*all lowercase*  
~~(b)(7) Repealed 6/6/2021; [REINDEER SLAUGHTERED OR PROCESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 18 AAC 32.600 - 18 AAC 32.699;]~~

(Eff. 5/18/97, Register 142; am 5/23/98, Register 146; readopt 12/19/99, Register 152; am 6/28/2001, Register 158; am 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/28/2006, Register 180; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; am 6/25/2020, Register 234; am 6/6/2021, Register). <sup>238</sup>

<b>Authority:</b>	AS 17.20.005	AS 17.20.040	AS 17.20.346
	AS 17.20.010	AS 17.20.072	AS 44.46.020
	AS 17.20.020	AS 17.20.180	
	AS 17.20.030	AS 17.20.345	

The introductory language of 18 AAC 31.770(a) is amended to read:

18 AAC 31.770. **Meat, poultry, and game slaughtering and processing** (a) Except as provided in 18 AAC 31.205, 18 AAC 31.820, **and** (b) and (c) of this section, [AND 18 AAC 32,]

meat, poultry, and game meat slaughtered, processed, distributed, or sold as part of commerce and intended for human consumption must

...

(Eff. 5/18/97, Register 142; readopt 12/19/99, Register 152; am 6/28/2001, Register 158; am 12/28/2006, Register 180; repealed 6/25/2020, Register 234; am 6/6/2021, Register 238).

<b>Authority:</b>	AS 17.20.005	AS 17.20.070	AS 17.20.290
	AS 17.20.010	AS 17.20.072	AS 17.20.300
	AS 17.20.020	AS 17.20.180	AS 44.46.020
	AS 17.20.040	AS 17.20.200	

The chapter heading of 18 AAC 32 is changed to read: “**Milk and Milk Products.**”

#### **Article 4. Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing.**

18 AAC 32.600 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.600. Purpose and applicability.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.601 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.601. Requirements adopted by reference.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.605 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.605. Permit application requirements.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.610 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.610. Fees.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.615 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.615. Facility plan approval.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.620 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.620. Facility requirements.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.625 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.625. Water, wastewater, solid waste, and plumbing.** Repealed (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.630 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.630. Toilet and handsink requirements.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.635 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.635. Equipment and utensil design, location, and storage.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6/6/2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.640 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.640. Cleaning and sanitizing.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.645 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.645. Food condition and source.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.645 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.650. Personnel.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.655 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.655. Sanitation plan.** Repealed (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.660 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.660. Hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) plan.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.665 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.665. Thermal processing.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.670 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.670. Humane slaughter.** Repealed (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.675 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.675. Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.680 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.680. Evisceration and handling of carcasses.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.685 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.685. Official mark of inspection and labeling.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.690 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.690. Inspections.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.693 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.693. Permit suspension and facility closure.** Repealed. (Eff. 9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; am 11/7/2017, Register 224; repealed 6 / 6 / 2021, Register 238).



18 AAC 32.695 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.695. Examination, detention, and destruction of food.** Repealed. (Eff.

9/6/2003, Register 167; am 12/3/2010, Register 196; am 11/7/2017, Register 224; repealed 6/6  
2021, Register 238).

18 AAC 32.699 is repealed:

**18 AAC 32.699. Definitions for 18 AAC 32.600 - 18 AAC 32.699.** Repealed. (Eff.

12/3/2010, Register 196; repealed 6/6 2021, Register 238).

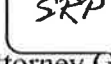
# MEMORANDUM

## State of Alaska Department of Law

**To:** The Honorable Kevin Meyer  
Lieutenant Governor

**Date:** May 6, 2021

**File No.:** 2020200556

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

**Tel. No.:** 907-269-7941

**Re:** DEC Repeal of 18 AAC 32.600-699;  
Reindeer slaughter and inspection  
regulations

**From:** Brad Sharp  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Law  
Legislation and Regulations Section

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, 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 regulations were adopted by the Department of Environmental Conservation after the close of the public comment period. The regulations concern repeal of obsolete provisions regarding reindeer slaughter and make conforming changes.

The repeal of 18 AAC 32.600-699 and conforming amendments under 18 AAC 31 address that, due to alternative available legal authority, certain regulations related to reindeer slaughter and preparation have not been used since their adoption in 1999. Specifically, 18 AAC 32.600(c)(3) excuses reindeer meat from being prepared in accordance with 18 AAC 32 if it is instead prepared in accordance with 18 AAC 31.820(b) while 9 C.F.R. secs. 300-500 provides federal guidance on meat inspection and certification. These alternative regulations have functionally rendered 18 AAC 32 600-699 obsolete, resulting in this proposed repeal.

SRP:bws

The November 20, 2020 public notice states 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 a minor technical edit.

cc:

The Honorable Jason Brune, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Conservation

Gary Mendivil, Regulations Contact  
Department of Environmental Conservation

Christina Carpenter, Director  
Division of Environmental Health  
Department of Environmental Conservation

Robert Gerlach, VMD, State Veterinarian  
Office of the State Veterinarian

Shannon Miller  
Division of Environmental Health  
Department of Environmental Conservation

Jenn Currie, Senior Assistant Attorney General,  
Environmental Section  
Department of Law

REINDEER SLAUGHTERING AND PROCESSING: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES  
IN THE REGULATIONS OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONSERVATION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to repeal the Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing regulations, and includes conforming edits, currently established in 18 AAC 32 Article 4.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to repeal 18 AAC 32 Article 4 Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing regulations and includes conforming edits. The intended effect of this repeal is to remove regulations that have never been used by animal owners due to alternative state (18 AAC 31) and federal (9 C.F.R. § 300-592) regulation options. The repeal includes the following:

- 18 AAC 32.600: Purpose and applicability;
- 18 AAC 32.601: Requirements adopted by reference;
- 18 AAC 32.605: Permit application requirements;
- 18 AAC 32.610: Fees;
- 18 AAC 32.615: Facility plan approval;
- 18 AAC 32.620: Facility requirements;
- 18 AAC 32.625: Water, wastewater, solid waste, and plumbing;
- 18 AAC 32.630: Toilet and handsink requirements;
- 18 AAC 32.635: Equipment and utensil design, location, and storage;
- 18 AAC 32.640: Cleaning and sanitizing;
- 18 AAC 32.645: Food condition and source;
- 18 AAC 32.650: Personnel;
- 18 AAC 32.655: Sanitation plan;
- 18 AAC 32.660: Hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) plan;
- 18 AAC 32.665: Thermal processing;
- 18 AAC 32.670: Humane slaughter;
- 18 AAC 32.675: Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection;
- 18 AAC 32.680: Evisceration and handling of carcasses;
- 18 AAC 32.685: Official mark of inspection and labeling;
- 18 AAC 32.690: Inspections;
- 18 AAC 32.693: Permit suspension and facility closure;
- 18 AAC 32.695: Examination, detention, and destruction of food;
- 18 AAC 32.699: Definitions for 18 AAC 32.600 – 18 AAC 32.699.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Shannon Miller, Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. Additionally, the Department of Environmental Conservation will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 269-7654, by electronic mail at [shannon.miller@alaska.gov](mailto:shannon.miller@alaska.gov), and online by visiting <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/regulations/reindeer-slaughtering-processing/> and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 11:59pm on December 23, 2020.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Shannon Miller, Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501 or by email to [shannon.miller@alaska.gov](mailto:shannon.miller@alaska.gov). The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Environmental Conservation will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/regulations/reindeer-slaughtering-processing/faq/>. The Department of Environmental Conservation may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Garrett Odom by electronic mail at [garrett.odom@alaska.gov](mailto:garrett.odom@alaska.gov) or by phone at (907) 465-3945 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 not later than December 11, 2020 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System, at <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/regulations/reindeer-slaughtering-processing/>, or by contacting Shannon Miller by email at [shannon.miller@alaska.gov](mailto:shannon.miller@alaska.gov) or by phone at (907) 269-6066.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Environmental Conservation will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

**Statutory authority:** AS 03.05.011; AS 17.20.005; AS 17.20.010; AS 17.20.020; AS 17.20.072; AS 17.20.180; AS 44.46.020

**Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific:** AS 03.05.011; AS 17.20.005; AS 17.20.010; AS 17.20.020; AS 17.20.072; AS 17.20.180; AS 44.46.020

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

The Department of Environmental Conservation keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the Department of Environmental Conservation notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to the Department of Environmental Conservation, Environmental Health Program Coordinator Shannon Miller at [shannon.miller@alaska.gov](mailto:shannon.miller@alaska.gov), giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

Date: November 20, 2020

  
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Jason W. Brune, Commissioner

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION  
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
2. General subject of regulation: Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 18 AAC 32 Article 4
4. Department of Law file number, if any: 2020200556
5. Reason for the proposed action:  
  
☐ Compliance with federal law or action (identify): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Compliance with new or changed state statute  
☐ Compliance with federal or state court decision (identify): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Development of program standards  
☒ Other (identify): Repeal Regulations
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Environmental Health / Environmental Health OMB # 3202
7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action: The Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to repeal regulations to Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing.

A private person: No impacts. These regulations were promulgated in 1999, however, they have never been used due to state (18 AAC 31) and federal (9 C.F.R. § 300-592) slaughter and processing options available to animal owners.

8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):

	Initial Year FY <u>2021</u>	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Capital Cost	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
1002 Federal receipts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
1003 General fund match	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
1004 General fund	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
1005 General fund/ program	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (identify)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Name: Shannon Miller

Title: Program Coordinator II

Address: 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501

Telephone: (907) 269-6066

E-mail address: shannon.miller@alaska.gov

10. The origin of the proposed action:

☒ Staff of state agency  
☐ Federal government  
☐ General public  
☐ Petition for regulation change<sup>7</sup>.  
☐ Other (identify):

11. Date: November 12, 2020 Prepared by: 

Name: Shannon Miller

Title: Program Coordinator II

Telephone: (907) 269-6066

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION  
AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Robert Gerlach VMD, State Veterinarian, of the Department of Environmental Conservation, under penalty of perjury, certify the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed the repeal of 18 AAC 32 Article 4 Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing has been given by being

- (1) published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- (2) furnished to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed action with the state agency;
- (3) furnished to appropriate state officials;
- (4) furnished to interested persons;
- (5) furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
- (6) furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- (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, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (2), (4) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

There is no notary public or other official empowered to administer oaths available to notarize this document as a result of social distancing requirements implemented statewide.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Robert Gerlach**

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Robert Gerlach VMD, State Veterinarian  
Office of the State Veterinarian

State of Alaska  
Anchorage, Municipality of Anchorage



AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Robert Gerlach VMD, State Veterinarian, for the Department of Environmental Conservation, under penalty of perjury, state the following:

In compliance with AS 44.62.215, the Department of Environmental Conservation has kept a record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the Department of Environmental Conservation regulation repeal of 18 AAC 32 Article 4 Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing.

There is no notary public or other official empowered to administer oaths available to notarize this document as a result of social distancing requirements implemented statewide.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Robert Gerlach**

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Robert Gerlach VMD, State Veterinarian  
Office of the State Veterinarian

State of Alaska  
Anchorage, Municipality of Anchorage

# ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Lisi Misa being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is a representative of the Anchorage Daily News, a daily newspaper. That said newspaper has been approved by the Third Judicial Court, Anchorage, Alaska, and it now and has been published in the English language continually as a daily newspaper in Anchorage, Alaska, and it is now and during all said time was printed in an office maintained at the afore-said place of publication of said newspaper. That the annexed is a copy of an advertisement as it was published in regular issues (and not in supplemental form) of said newspaper on

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and that such newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of said period. That the full amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is not in excess of the rate charged private individuals.

Signed



Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 24th day of November 2020.

Notary Public in and for  
The State of Alaska.  
Third Division  
Anchorage, Alaska

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

4/14/2021

ANGELA M SIMMONS  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of Alaska

### REINDEER SLAUGHTERING AND PROCESSING: NOTICE OF PROPOSED REPEAL IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

The Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 18, Chapter 32 of the Alaska Administrative Code, under Article 4, dealing with Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing, including conforming edits. The intended effect of this repeal is to remove regulations that have never been used by animal owners due to alternative state (18 AAC 31) and federal (9 C.F.R. § 300.592) regulation options. The repeal includes the following:

18 AAC 32.600: Purpose and applicability; 18 AAC 32.601: Requirements adopted by reference; 18 AAC 32.605: Permit application requirements; 18 AAC 32.610: Fees; 18 AAC 32.615: Facility plan approval; 18 AAC 32.620: Facility requirements; 18 AAC 32.625: Water, wastewater, solid waste, and plumbing; 18 AAC 32.630: Toilet and hand sink requirements; 18 AAC 32.635: Equipment and utensil design, location, and storage; 18 AAC 32.640: Cleaning and sanitizing; 18 AAC 32.645: Food condition and source; 18 AAC 32.650: Personnel; 18 AAC 32.655: Sanitation plan; 18 AAC 32.660: Hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) plan; 18 AAC 32.665: Thermal processing; 18 AAC 32.670: Humane slaughter; 18 AAC 32.675: Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection; 18 AAC 32.680: Evisceration and handling of carcasses; 18 AAC 32.685: Official mark of inspection and labeling; 18 AAC 32.690: Inspections; 18 AAC 32.693: Permit suspension and facility closure; 18 AAC 32.695: Examination, detention, and destruction of food; 18 AAC 32.699: Definitions for 18 AAC 32.600 - 18 AAC 32.699.

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If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Garrett Odum by electronic mail at [garrett.odum@alaska.gov](mailto:garrett.odum@alaska.gov) or by phone at (907) 465-3945 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8923/TTY or dial 711 not later than December 11, 2020 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System, at <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/regulations/reindeer-slaughtering-processing/>, or by contacting Shannon Miller by email at [shannon.miller@alaska.gov](mailto:shannon.miller@alaska.gov) or by phone at (907) 269-6066.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Environmental Conservation will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory authority: AS 03.05.011; AS 17.20.005; AS 17.20.010; AS 17.20.020; AS 17.20.072; AS 17.20.180; AS 44.46.020

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 03.05.011; AS 17.20.005; AS 17.20.010; AS 17.20.020; AS 17.20.072; AS 17.20.180; AS 44.46.020

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

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