

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
Regulation Proposal Form 2024-2025**

**Proposals must be received Tuesday, April 10, 2025**

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**BOARD OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS**

Subsistence                       Personal Use                       Sport                       Commercial

**\*Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?**

- Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea, and Chignik Pacific Cod
- Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish
- Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim Finfish
- Bristol Bay Finfish
- Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues

**Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.**

**1. Alaska Administrative Code Number: 5 AAC \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?**

The current regulations for personal use salmon fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik regions lack sufficient safeguards to prevent the illegal sale of salmon. Individuals are exploiting the personal use home pack permit system by retaining fish under the guise of personal use and then selling them for profit. This undermines the integrity of personal use fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik regions, threatens sustainable management of salmon stocks in these areas, and creates unfair competition with legitimate commercial fishermen. This practice must be addressed to ensure that personal use fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik regions remain for personal consumption only and do not become a conduit for illicit commercial activity.

**\*3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)**

- We recommend implementing the following measures to address the issue of illegal fish sales in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik regions:
1. **Mandatory Fin Clipping:** Introduce a regulation requiring all personal use fishery participants in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island, and Chignik areas to clip the tails of their salmon before leaving the fishing site. Specifically, **all salmon retained under a personal use permit in these regions must have both tips of the tail fin removed prior to concealment or transport from the fishing site.** This will provide a clear visual indicator that the fish was harvested under a personal use permit and is not intended for commercial sale.
  2. **Permit Logging and Reporting:** Ensure that participants accurately log their catches on their permits and require permit holders to report their harvests online by a specified date for the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik regions. This data will support enforcement efforts and provide accurate information for fishery management in these areas.
  3. **Enhanced Enforcement:** Increase enforcement efforts to monitor personal use fishing activities in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik regions and ensure compliance with fin clipping and reporting requirements. Stiff penalties should be imposed for violations, including fines and loss of future personal use fishing privileges.
  4. **Regulatory Language Addition:** Add the following language to the relevant section of 5 AAC: **"Salmon harvested under a personal use permit in the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik regions and not marked by clipping both tips of the tail fin as required is considered to be in possession for the purpose of commercial sale and is subject to penalties as defined under Alaska Statute."**

**4. Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.**

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**\*Submitted By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Individual or Group**

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**\*Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*City, State** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*ZIP Code** \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Indicates a required field*