



Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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Board of Fisheries Forms

Proposals

Proposals are now being accepted for **Lower Cook Inlet area finfish, Upper Cook Inlet area finfish, and Kodiak Area finfish management areas** for the 2026-2027 Board of Fisheries meeting cycle. Please review the [2026/2027 Call for Proposals](#) (PDF 262 kB) for more detailed information. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas) under the subsistence proposal policy, 5 AAC 96.615, if proposals are submitted within this deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (2).

Proposal Deadline: April 10, 2026

- **Upload Document:** Download our proposal submission form as a [Word document](#) (Word doc 31 kB) - or a [PDF file](#) (PDF 272 kB) and fill it out before uploading it [here](#).

Submit Online

- **By Fax:** Download our proposal submission form as a [Word document](#) (Word doc 31 kB) - or a [PDF file](#) (PDF 272 kB) and fill it out before faxing it to 907-465-6094.
- **By Mail:** Download our proposal submission form as a [Word document](#) (Word doc 31 kB) - or a [PDF file](#) (PDF 272 kB) - and fill it out before mailing it to:

Alaska Board of Fisheries
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

About the Proposal Process

1. Call for Proposals

Each board determines what subjects will be considered at their meetings during the coming year and then issues a [Call for Proposals](#) (PDF 262 kB) for those subjects, including a deadline for receiving proposals.

2. Proposal Books Distributed

After the deadline for receiving proposals has passed, a proposal book is published which is distributed statewide for comment.

3. Public Comment Invited

The board accepts written public comment on proposals before each meeting. Submit written comments (100 single-sided pages or less) online on the [Board of Fisheries home page](#); by mail to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526; or by fax to (907) 465-6094.

Comments are due two weeks prior to the meeting during which the topic will be considered.

After the comment deadline, written comments are accepted via fax and in person at the meeting. Comments are limited to 10 single-sided pages in length from any one individual or group, and will not be inserted in board member workbooks until the beginning of the meeting. Once deliberation of proposals begin at a board meeting, the board will **ONLY** accept written public comments that are not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent double-sided pages, unless specific information is requested by the Board that requires more pages than allowed under this standard.

4. Board Meeting Held

At the board meetings, the board hears reports from department staff and comments from the public. The board deliberates each

proposal and acts by either adopting, rejecting, or amending proposals. The board meetings are open to the public during the entire process, with the exception of executive sessions which are rare and held only for issues of pending legislation, personnel, or confidential matters.

5. **Regulation Filed**

Adopted or amended proposals are then written into the proper legal format and submitted to the Department of Law for review and sent to the lieutenant governor for filing before becoming effective.

6. **Summary of Actions Distributed**

Staff prepare a written report summarizing the actions taken by the board to explain the reasons for the board's actions. The reports are distributed to advisory committees and posted on the website.

Long-Term Cycle

Proposed changes to regulations (proposals) are considered for each region once every three years, on the schedule outlined below.

1. Meeting years: 2025-2026, 2028-2029, 2031-2032
 - Alaska Peninsula/Bering Sea-Aleutian Island/Chignik Areas Finfish
 - Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas Finfish
 - Bristol Bay Area Finfish
 - Statewide Provisions for Finfish
2. Meeting years: 2026-2027, 2029-2030, 2032-2033
 - Cook Inlet Area Finfish
 - Kodiak Area Finfish
 - Statewide (except Southeast/Yakutat, and Prince William Sound Tanner Crab) King and Tanner Crab*
3. Meeting years: 2027-2028, 2030-2031, 2033-2034
 - Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp)**
 - Southeast/Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish
 - Statewide (except SE/Yakutat/PWS) Shellfish

**Starting in 2021-2022, the Statewide (except Southeast/Yakutat/PWS Tanner Crab) King & Tanner Crab meeting will become part of Statewide (except SE/Yakutat/PWS) Shellfish. Starting in 2023-2024, this meeting cycle will have only two meetings, Cook Inlet Finfish and Kodiak Finfish.*

The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas), if proposals are submitted by the typical annual deadline in April and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (2).