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MEMORANDUM

TO: Shellene Hutter, Program Coordinator
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FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: June 12, 2026

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Fisheries

Board of Fisheries regulations re: Commercial and Sport Fisheries in the Bristol Bay Area (5 AAC 06.320(a)(2) – 5 AAC 67.022(d)(12))

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THE STATE
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GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

June 11, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: *5 AAC 06.320(a)(2) - 5 AAC 67.022(d)(12): Board of Fisheries -
Commercial and Sport Fisheries in the Bristol Bay Area*
Our file: 2026200052

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Fisheries against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter 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 Board of Fisheries after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern commercial, subsistence, and sport fisheries in the Bristol Bay area.

The September 24, 2025 public notice, December 7, 2025 supplemental notice, and the January 29, 2026 certification order all state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

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ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

The attached regulations, dealing with commercial and sport fisheries in the Bristol Bay area, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted at its January 13 – 18, 2026 meeting, 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: 1/29/2026

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Doug Vincent-Lang
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Douglas S. Vincent-Lang, Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

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I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

June 12, 2026 at 9:15 a.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for *April Simpson*

Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor

Effective: July 12, 2026.

Register: 259, October 2, 2026.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, 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:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

5 AAC 06.320(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) in the Kulukak Section, **during fishing periods established by emergency order for up to 96 hours per week** [FROM 9:00 A.M. MONDAY TO 9:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY];

(In effect before 1985; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 6/10/90, Register 114; am 6/19/92, Register 122; am 4/9/95, Register 134; am 5/24/96, Register 138; am 5/14/98, Register 146; am 6/3/2001, Register 158; am 4/9/2010, Register 194; am 2/23/2014, Register 209; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 4/16/2023, Register 246; am 7/10/2025, Register 255; am 7 / 12 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 06.331(m)(8) is amended to read:

(8) in the Ugashik District, in that portion of the east bank of the Ugashik River from a point at 57° 30.74' N. lat., 157° 24.10' W. long. to 57° 32.27' N. lat., 157° 24.36' W. long., no part of a set gillnet may be more than **1,000** [800] feet from the 18-foot high tide mark.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 06.331(n) is amended to read:

(n) In the Nushagak District [, AND SUBJECT TO (v) OF THIS SECTION], a CFEC salmon interim-use or entry permit holder may not set or operate a set gillnet seaward of set gillnets operated by another CFEC salmon interim-use or entry permit holder. In addition, no part of a set gillnet, anchor, peg, stake, buoy, or other device used to set the gillnet may be seaward of the following offshore locations:

...

5 AAC 06.331(v) is repealed:

(v) Repealed 7 / 12 / 2026. (In effect before 1984; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 7/14/85, Register 95; am 4/18/86, Register 98; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 6/10/90, Register 114; am 5/15/91, Register 118; am 6/19/92, Register 122; am 7/12/92, Register 123; am 6/24/93, Register 126; am 6/5/94, Register 130; am 4/9/95, Register 134; am 5/24/96, Register 138; am 6/21/97, Register 142; am 5/14/98, Register 146; am 6/22/2001, Register 158; am 4/9/2004, Register 170; am 6/13/2004, Register 170; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am 5/26/2006, Register 178; am 3/30/2007, Register 181; am 4/9/2010, Register 194; am 4/4/2013, Register 206; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 5/24/2015, Register 214; am 4/16/2016, Register 218; am 6/26/2016, Register 218; am 7/15/2016, Register 219; add'l am 7/15/2016, Register 219; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 9/24/2021, Register 239; am 4/16/2023, Register 246; am 11/10/2024, Register 252; am 7 / 12 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 06.335(c) is amended to read:

(c) In the Nushagak District, no part of a

(1) drift gillnet may be operated within 100 feet of the inshore end of a set gillnet,
except that in the locations described in 5 AAC 06.331(n), no part of a drift gillnet may be
operated inshore of a set gillnet; **and**

(2) drift gillnet vessel, gillnet, line, buoy, or other device used to drift a gillnet
may be operated in a manner that comes into contact with a set gillnet, line, anchor, peg,
stake, buoy, or pulley used in the operation of a set net. (In effect before 1985; am 5/11/85,
Register 94; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 4/4/2013, Register 206; am 4/16/2016, Register 218;

am 7 / 12 / 2026, Register 259.)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 06.341 is repealed and readopted to read:

5 AAC 06.341. Vessel specifications and operations. (a) No vessel registered for salmon net fishing may be more than 32 feet in overall length, as measured in a straight line between the extremities of the vessel, except as provided in (b) of this section.

(b) The measurement of overall length of a vessel does not include anchor rollers, safety equipment, fish drop out baskets, gillnet rollers, gillnet roller mounts, outdrives, outdrive guards, outdrive mounting boxes, outdrive grounding guards, trim tabs, cooling systems, exhaust systems, and safety platforms, subject to the following limitations:

(1) an anchor roller may not extend more than 18 inches beyond the 32-foot overall length, and any portion that extends beyond the 32-foot overall length may not be more than 16 inches in width or height; no mechanical machinery of the anchoring system may be beyond the 32-foot overall length;

(2) no part of a cooling system may extend more than 18 inches beyond the 32-foot overall length;

(3) exhaust systems may not extend more than 18 inches beyond the 32-foot overall length;

(4) a fish drop out basket

(A) may not extend more than six feet beyond the 32-foot overall length;

(B) may be incorporated with the outdrive guard;

(5) a gillnet roller mount may not

- (A) extend more than 18 inches beyond the 32-foot overall length;
 - (B) provide any flotation, deck space, storage, or structural support to the vessel; or
 - (C) be used on the bow of a vessel;
- (6) no part of an outdrive may extend more than six feet beyond the 32-foot overall length;
- (7) no part of an outdrive grounding guard may extend more than five feet beyond the 32-foot overall length;
- (8) an outdrive guard
- (A) may be incorporated with a fish drop out basket;
 - (B) may not extend more than eight feet beyond the 32-foot overall length in any respect;
- (9) an outdrive mounting box may be no larger than 38 inches in height and 38 inches in width and may not extend more than six inches beyond the 32-foot overall length, per outdrive unit;
- (10) safety equipment may not extend more than 18 inches beyond the 32-foot overall length;
- (11) a safety platform
- (A) may not extend more than 36 inches beyond the 32-foot overall length;
 - (B) may not be more than 36 inches wide;
 - (C) may be mounted on the outdrive guard or fish drop out basket;

(12) a vessel may have up to two safety platforms on its stern if the safety platforms are located at the furthest point on opposite sides of the vessel;

(13) a trim tab may not extend more than 18 inches beyond the 32-foot overall length;

(14) if a trim tab incorporates jet reversing water flow ducting, the ducting may be no more than 18 inches aft of the 32-foot overall length.

(c) In this section,

(1) "anchor roller" means a device placed on the bow of a vessel used solely in the aid of deploying and retrieving anchor gear, and does not provide any flotation, planing surface, sea keeping ability, buoyancy, deck space, or structural support to the vessel;

(2) "cooling system" means condensers, hoses, tubing, or transom coolers attached to the stern or the trim tabs of a vessel used for refrigerated sea water systems or engines; a "cooling system" does not provide any flotation, sea keeping ability, deck space, or structural support to the vessel;

(3) "exhaust systems" means exhaust tips and baffles off the stern of a vessel;

(4) "fish drop out basket" means a device with non-metallic webbing that is skeletal in nature solely used to prevent the loss of fish from a gillnet after the fish leaves the water and before it is brought on board the vessel; a "fish drop out basket" does not provide any flotation, planing surface, deck space, storage, or structural support to the vessel;

(5) "flotation" means the structure or piece of equipment has a sealed void and is filled or built with material capable of adding positive buoyancy;

(6) "gillnet roller" means a device used solely in the aid of deploying and retrieving drift gillnet gear; a "gillnet roller" does not include any structure attached to the vessel

to mount a gillnet roller beyond the 32-foot overall length;

(7) "gillnet roller mount" means an attachment to the stern of a vessel to mount a gillnet roller beyond the 32-foot overall length;

(8) "outdrive" means part of the propulsion system of a vessel used for either steering or thrust; an "outdrive" does not provide flotation or planing surface to the vessel; an "outdrive" may include steering rudders for a vessel powered by propeller;

(9) "outdrive grounding guard" means a guard

(A) that may provide outdrive safety from grounding when located directly beneath an outdrive;

(B) of skeletal structure that is constructed of tubing or plate strips equal to or less than four inches in width, with a minimum of four inch spacing between;

(10) "outdrive guard" means a device of skeletal construction used solely to protect the outdrive unit of the vessel; an "outdrive guard" does not provide any flotation, planing surface, sea keeping ability, buoyancy, deck space, or structural support to the vessel;

(11) "outdrive mounting box" means an extension of the transom that the outdrive for the vessel extends through;

(12) "safety equipment" means equipment placed on the stern of a vessel for safe operation and includes ladders, lighting, and transducers; "safety equipment" does not provide flotation, planing surface, sea keeping ability, buoyancy, deck space, or structural support to the vessel;

(13) "safety platform" means usable deck space located on the stern of a vessel for safety purposes; a "safety platform" does not provide any flotation, planing surface, sea keeping ability, buoyancy, storage, or structural support to the vessel;

(14) "trim tab" means an extension of the bottom of the vessel, at the transom, that functions to provide trim to a vessel while underway; a "trim tab" does not provide any flotation or buoyancy. (In effect before 1981; am 6/28/81, Register 78; am 6/10/90, Register 114; am 5/14/98, Register 146; am 7 / 12 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 06.369(c)(3) is amended to read:

(3) the commissioner may increase, by emergency order, the fishing periods in the Togiak River Section of the Togiak District [BY A MAXIMUM OF 48 HOURS EACH WEEK,] in addition to the normal weekly schedule, if the commissioner determines that sockeye salmon run strength warrants additional fishing time.

(Eff. 5/24/96, Register 138; am 12/1/2004, Register 172; am 4/16/2016, Register 218; am 7 / 12 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

5 AAC 06.391(a) is amended to read:

(a) The purpose of this management plan is to provide management tools and guidelines to the department for the management of Nushagak District salmon fisheries, while Nushagak River king salmon are **designated** [LISTED] as a stock of management concern, which will result in the sustained yield of king salmon stocks large enough to meet sustainable escapement goals, while allowing for harvest opportunity in the subsistence, sport, and commercial fisheries.

This management plan is in effect until the lower bound of the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) adopted in 5 AAC 06.361(b)(1)(A) of 55,000 fish

(1) is met or exceeded in three consecutive years and is expected to be met in future years; or

(2) is met in four out of six consecutive years and is expected to be met in future years.

5 AAC 06.391(d)(1) is amended to read:

(1) the sockeye salmon sonar estimate in the Nushagak River is projected to exceed **eight** [SIX] percent of the Nushagak River sockeye salmon run based on the Nushagak River sockeye salmon preseason forecast and inseason assessment of run size; or

5 AAC 06.391(d)(2) is amended to read:

(2) the sockeye salmon count past the Wood River counting tower is projected to exceed **12** [10] percent of the Wood River sockeye salmon run size based on the Wood River sockeye salmon preseason forecast and inseason assessment of run size.

5 AAC 06.391(e) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(3) in the Nushagak River drainage, the use of bait and multiple hooks is prohibited in the sport fishery between May 1 and July 31.

5 AAC 06.391(f) is amended to read:

(f) **In the subsistence fishery, if the spawning escapement of king salmon in the Nushagak River is projected to be less than 55,000 fish, the commissioner may establish, by emergency order, fishing periods during which the time or area is reduced for the inriver**

salmon subsistence fishery in the Nushagak River [SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES WILL BE MANAGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REST OF THIS TITLE].

5 AAC 06.391 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) All king salmon caught under a S03T or S04T CFEC permit must be retained. King salmon taken during commercial fishing must be sold, delivered, processed, or otherwise lawfully transferred to the commercial market and may not be retained for the purposes of 5 AAC 39.010, except that king salmon may be donated to a food bank, charitable organization, or tribal or village entity providing food distribution services in the Bristol Bay region. All donated king salmon must be recorded on an ADFG fish ticket as donated species at the time of delivery for the targeted species. The fish ticket must accompany the donated fish until the fish reach the point of donation. A fish ticket must be submitted to the department for all king salmon caught, including for the purposes of donation, within seven days of landing the fish. For the purposes of this subsection,

- (1) "caught" means brought on board the vessel or shore;
- (2) "charitable organization" has the meaning given in AS 17.20.347;
- (3) "food bank" has the meaning given in AS 17.20.347;
- (4) "landing" means successfully removing the fish out of the water. (Eff.

6/25/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 12 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 67.022(d)(12) is amended to read:

- (12) the bag and possession limit for king salmon is three fish 20 inches or greater

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in length, of which only one fish may be over 28 inches or greater in length; the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is five fish, only two [THREE] of which may be 28 inches or greater in length;

(Eff. 3/24/95, Register 133; am 5/24/96, Register 138; am 4/23/98, Register 146; am 6/14/2001, Register 158; am 4/9/2004, Register 170; am 3/30/2007, Register 181; am 11/28/2009, Register 192; am 2/28/2010, Register 193; am 4/4/2013, Register 206; am 5/8/2013, Register 206; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 4/16/2016, Register 218; am 8/27/2016, Register 219; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 4/16/2023, Register 246; am 4/28/2024, Register 250; am 7 / 12 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251