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FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: June 18, 2026

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Fisheries

Board of Fisheries regulations re: Commercial and Sport Fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands Area (5 AAC 01.360)

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THE STATE
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GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

June 18, 2026

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

Re: *5 AAC 01.360 – 5 AAC 65.022: Board of Fisheries - Commercial and Sport Fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, and Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area*
Our file: 2026200262

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 and sport fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, and Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Areas.

The September 24, 2025 public notice, December 7, 2025 supplemental notice, and the May 21, 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,

**CORI MILLS
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 Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island and Chignik areas, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted at its February 18 – 25, 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: 5/21/2026

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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

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

June 18, 2026 at 7:05 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for 
Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor

Effective: July 18, 2026.

Register: 259, October 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**

Title 5. Fish and Game.

Chapter 01. Subsistence Finfish Fishery.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 01.360(a) is amended to read:

(a) In the Unalaska District, salmon may be taken for subsistence purposes [FROM 6:00 A.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M.] from January 1 through December 31 **at any time**, except

...

(In effect before 1988; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am/readopt 5/15/93, Register 126; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

Chapter 09. Alaska Peninsula Area.

5 AAC 09.310(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) Caribou Flats Section: **from June 20 to July 31** [NO OPEN SEASON];

(In effect before 1985; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 12/29/2002, Register 164; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09.320(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) if the upper end of the sockeye salmon escapement goal for the Nelson River is expected to be exceeded prior to August 1, the Caribou Flats Section may be opened during fishing periods established by emergency order.

(In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

((Note to Publisher: Please change the period at the end of 5 AAC 09.320(a)(5) to a semicolon.)))

5 AAC 09.330(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(11) Caribou Flats Section: with drift gillnets or set gillnets only.

(In effect before 1988; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 10/11/95, Register 136; am 6/11/2005, Register 174; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

((Note to Publisher: Please change the period at the end of 5 AAC 09.330(a)(10) to a semicolon.)))

5 AAC 09.331(c) is amended to read:

(c) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 39.250(c), in a set gillnet in the Northern, **Unimak**,

Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern Districts [DISTRICT], the gillnet web may be single filament. (In effect before 1985; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/22/2001, Register 158; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09.350(13) is repealed:

(13) repealed 7 / 18 / 2026 ;

(In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 5/28/92, Register 122; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 1/15/2003, Register 165; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 7/11/2010, Register 195; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09.365(h) is repealed:

(h) Repealed 7 / 18 / 2026 . (In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 4/18/86, Register 98; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 6/9/90, Register 114; am 6/13/92, Register 122; am 6/1/94, Register 130; am 5/17/95, Register 134; am 6/9/96, Register 138; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/3/2001, Register 158; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

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Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09.369(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 7 / 18 / 2026.

(Eff. 5/31/98, Register 146; am 6/4/2004, Register 170; am 6/13/2004, Register 170; am 2/16/2006, Register 177; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2010, Register 194; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 09 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 AAC 09.373. Retention of king salmon taken in a commercial fishery. (a)

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 09.365(e), from June 1 through October 31, all king salmon 28 inches or greater in length caught by an S01M CFEC permit holder may not be retained and must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a S01M CFEC permit holder shall retain all visibly injured or dead king salmon caught by the permit holder and record the injured or dead king salmon on an ADF&G fish ticket as described in 5 AAC 39.130(c).

(c) For purposes of this section, "caught" means brought on board the vessel. (Eff.

7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 15. Chignik Area.

5 AAC 15.200(b) is amended to read:

(b) The Chignik Bay District includes all waters of Chignik Bay and Lagoon west of a line from a point on the northern boundary of the Western District at 56° 16.43' N. lat., 158° 07.20' [NEAR JACK BAY AT 56° 17.60' N. LAT., 158° 12.80'] W. long., to the creek at 56° 24.12' N. lat., 158° 27.73' W. long.

(1) Chignik Bay Section: all waters of Chignik Bay District west of a point on Coffee Point at 56° 19.30' N. lat., 158° 19.46' W. long.;

(2) Jack Bay Section: all waters of the Chignik Bay east of Coffee Point at 56° 19.30' N. lat., 158° 19.46' W. long., and the latitude of a point southwest of Jack Point at 56° 16.43' N. lat., 158° 12.60' W. long.

(In effect before 1988; am 4/19/90, Register 114; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 6/15/96, Register 138; am 5/29/99, Register 150; am 3/29/2008, Register 185; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 11/10/2024, Register 252; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 15.332(d) is amended to read:

(e) Before January 1, 2027, a [A] seine may not be less than three fathoms or more than 375 meshes in depth. Beginning in 2027, a seine may not be less than three fathoms or more than 335 meshes in depth. In addition, a maximum of 25 meshes of chafing gear with a maximum mesh size of seven inches may be used.

5 AAC 15.332(e) is repealed:

(e) Repealed 7 / 18 / 2026. (In effect before 1988; am 4/14/93, Register 126; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 6/28/2019, Register 230; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 15.350 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(21) from June 1 through July 31, all waters of the Mitrofanina Section that are both south of a line from 55° 53.42' N. lat., 159° 00.45' W. long., to 55° 47.22' N. lat., 159° 24.57' W. long., and east of a line at 55° 55.29' N. lat., 158° 51.58' W. long., to 55° 46.61' N. lat., 158° 46.12' W. long. (In effect before 1983; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 6/2/88, Register 106; am 4/19/90, Register 114; am 4/18/96, Register 138; am 6/15/96, Register 138; am 10/19/96, Register 140; am 5/29/99, Register 150; am 3/13/2005, Register 173; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

((Note to Publisher: Please add a semicolon to the end of 5 AAC 15.350(20).))

5 AAC 15.357(d)(2)(B)(iii) is repealed:

(iii) repealed 7 / 18 / 2026;

(Eff. 5/29/99, Register 150; am 5/4/2002, Register 162; am 3/6/2003, Register 165; am 3/13/2005, Register 173; am 4/9/2005, Register 174; am 3/29/2008, Register 185; am 5/1/2011, Register 198; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 2/22/2015, Register 213; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

((Note to Publisher: Please move the "and" from the end of 5 AAC 15.357(d)(2)(B)(ii) to the end of 5 AAC 15.357(d)(2)(B)(i).))

5 AAC 15 is amended by adding new sections to article 3 to read:

5 AAC 15.363. Chignik Area King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. (a)

The purpose of this management plan is to provide management tools and guidelines to the department for the management of Chignik Area commercial salmon fisheries, while Chignik River king salmon are designated 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.

(b) While the Chignik River king salmon are listed as a stock of management concern, it is the intent of the board that all Chignik Area salmon stocks are managed conservatively from July 1 through July 31 to protect Chignik River king salmon, consistent with 5 AAC 39.222 (policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries).

(c) The department shall manage commercial fisheries in the Chignik Area as follows:

(1) from June 1 through July 31, if more than 1,000 king salmon are harvested within a 48-hour period, the department will immediately close the portions of the Chignik Area determined by the department as primarily responsible for seven days;

(2) from July 1 through July 31, if the department does not expect to achieve the minimum biological escapement goal of 1,300 fish in the Chignik River, the commissioner may, to allow for the harvest of surplus sockeye salmon without jeopardizing local king salmon escapement objectives,

(A) in the Chignik Bay, close all waters south of a line from the tip of Oly's Point at 56° 18.23' N. lat., 158° 36.45' W. long., to a point approximately mid-way between Rocky Point and Jerry's Point at 56° 17.83' N. lat., 158° 33.13' W. long.;

(B) set commercial openings for a period no longer than 48 hours, followed by closures of no less than 72 hours;

(3) from July 1 through July 31, in the Chignik Bay Section, if the department determines that

(A) Chignik River king salmon escapement is projected to exceed the lower bound of the biological escapement goal for king salmon of 1,300 fish, the commissioner may set commercial openings for a period no longer than 48 hours, followed by closures of no less than 48 hours;

(B) Chignik River king salmon escapement is projected to exceed the midpoint of the king salmon escapement goal of 2,000 fish, the commissioner may set commercial openings for a period no longer than 48 hours, followed by closures of no less than 24 hours.

(d) Conditions for reducing management restrictions or delisting Chignik River king salmon as a stock of concern are:

(1) if the biological escapement goal range is met or exceeded in three consecutive years, or four out of six consecutive years, and one qualifying year has met or exceeded the midpoint of the biological escapement goal, and the department is expecting to meet the goal in future years, the department will recommend removing Chignik River king salmon as a stock of management concern at the first in cycle board meeting after this condition is met;

(2) management restrictions may be relaxed in portions of the Chignik Area determined by the department if current data indicates the restrictions are no longer needed to ensure that the midpoint of the biological escapement goal is met;

(3) if two consecutive years of escapements are near the upper bound or above the biological escapement goal range, management restrictions may be relaxed by emergency order.

(Eff. 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 15.364. Retention of king salmon taken in a commercial fishery. (a) From June 1 through October 31, all king salmon 28 inches or greater in length caught by an S01L CFEC permit holder may not be retained and must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, an S01L CFEC permit holder shall retain all visibly injured or dead king salmon caught by the permit holder and record the injured or dead king salmon on a fish ticket.

(c) For purposes of this section, "caught" means brought on board the vessel. (Eff.

7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.251

Chapter 27. Herring Fishery

5 AAC 27.610 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) In the Sand Point, Pavlof, and King Cove Districts, herring may be taken from July 16

through September 15 (food and bait season) only during fishing periods established by emergency order. (In effect before 1982; am 4/14/82, Register 82; am 4/16/83, Register 86; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 5/11/85, Register 94; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 4/7/90, Register 114; am 4/9/92, Register 122; am 5/2/92, Register 122; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 4/5/2001, Register 158; am 8/10/2018, Register 227; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

5 AAC 27.865(b)(5) is amended to read:

(5) after the herring spawn-on-kelp harvest and the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery have been subtracted **as described in (4) of this subsection**, the remaining harvestable surplus is allocated to the Togiak District herring fishery; the department shall manage **the remaining harvestable surplus**

(A) to allocate [FOR A] removal of 30 percent of that surplus by the gillnet fleet and 70 percent by the purse seine fleet; **and**

(B) if the Togiak District herring sac roe guideline harvest level is not achieved in a given year, to allocate 10 percent of the remaining guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery; for purposes of this paragraph, the Togiak District herring sac roe guideline harvest level is achieved if 80 percent is harvested by May 31 [,

EXCEPT THAT THE ALLOCATIONS IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE 20 PERCENT BY THE GILLNET FLEET AND 80 PERCENT BY PURSE SEINE FLEET THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022;]

5 AAC 27.865(b)(8) is repealed:

(8) repealed 7 / 18 / 2020. (In effect before 1982; am 4/14/82, Register 82; am 4/28/84, Register 90; am 4/2/88, Register 105; am 4/7/90, Register 114; am 4/2/92, Register 122; am 4/5/2001, Register 158; am 6/22/2001, Register 158; am 4/9/2004, Register 170; am 4/21/2004, Register 170; am 3/30/2007, Register 181; am 4/16/2016, Register 218; am 5/31/2019, Register 230; am 3/27/2022, Register 241; am 4/16/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2020, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251

Chapter 65. Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.

5 AAC 65.022(b) is amended to read:

(b) In the **Bering Sea** [KING SALMON RIVER AND BEAR RIVER] drainages **of the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area**,

(1) a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length **for**

(A) Alaska residents: bag and possession limit of one fish; annual limit of two fish; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.006;

(B) non-residents: king salmon may not be possessed or retained; a king salmon caught must be released immediately; [MAY NOT BE RETAINED OR POSSESSED AND MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY; A PERSON

(1) MAY NOT REMOVE A FISH FROM THE WATER BEFORE RELEASING THE FISH;

(2) [MAY USE] only an unbaited, single hook, artificial lure or fly **may be used from January 1 - July 25, except that in the Sandy River drainage only unbaited, single-hook artificial lures or flies may be used year-round.**

5 AAC 65.022(c) is amended to read:

(c) In the Sandy River drainage

[(1) ONLY UNBAITED, SINGLE-HOOK, ARTIFICIAL LURES OR UNBAITED, SINGLE-HOOK, ARTIFICIAL FLIES MAY BE USED;

(2) THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR KING SALMON 20 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH IS ONE FISH PER DAY AND ONE FISH IN POSSESSION, WITH AN ANNUAL LIMIT OF TWO KING SALMON 20 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH;

(3)] rainbow/steelhead trout may not be retained **and** [; A RAINBOW/ STEELHEAD TROUT CAUGHT IN THE SANDY RIVER DRAINAGE] must be released immediately.

5 AAC 65.022(d) is repealed:

(d) Repealed 7 / 18 / 2026.

(Eff. 4/9/95, Register 134; am 4/11/98, Register 146; am 4/2/99, Register 149; am 6/13/99, Register 150; am 6/19/99, Register 150; am 6/14/2001, Register 158; am 6/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/5/2016, Register 218; am 6/23/2023, Register 246; am 7 / 18 / 2026, Register 259)

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