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TO: Beth Evers, Habitat Biologist
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FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: June 26, 2026

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Fish and Game

Department of Fish and Game regulations re: Updates to Atlas and Catalog of Waters
Important to Anadromous Fishes (5 AAC 95.011)

Attorney General File:	2026200050
Regulation Filed:	6/26/2026
Effective Date:	7/26/2026
Print:	259, October 2026

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal
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June 26, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
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Re: *5 AAC 95.011: Department of Fish and Game – Updates to Atlas and
Catalog of Waters Important to Anadromous Fishes*
Our file: 2026200050

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Fish and Game 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 Department of Fish and Game after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern adoption by reference of the June 2026 editions of the *Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* and *Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes*.

The May 13, 2026 public notice and the June 24, 2026 adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

CORI MILLS
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Appendix I: Adoption Order

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

The attached regulations, dealing with waters important to the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fishes, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game adopts under the authority of AS 16.05.020 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 Alaska Department of Fish and Game paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

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: 6/24/2026

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Doug Vincent-Lang
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Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on June 26, 2026, at 1:45 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for April Simpson

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom

Effective: July 26, 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.




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**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Title 5. Fish and Game.

Part 5. Protection of Fish and Game Habitat.

Chapter 95. Fish and Game Habitat.

Article 1. Fish Habitat.

5 AAC 95.011(a) is amended to read:

(a) *The Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes*, revised as of June 2026 [2025], and the *Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes*, revised as of June 2026 [2025], are adopted by reference. The six-volume atlas is a compilation of topographic maps upon which are specified the various rivers, lakes, or streams, or parts of the rivers, lakes, or streams, that are important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fish. The catalog is a listing of the water bodies specified in the atlas. The catalog sets out legal descriptions for the mouth and the known upper range of the fish of each stream, river, or lake designated on the maps in the atlas. The atlas and catalog identify the water bodies for which a person or agency shall first notify the department before

- (1) the construction of a hydraulic project;
- (2) using, diverting, obstructing, polluting, or changing the natural flow or bed of a specified river, lake, or stream; or
- (3) the use of wheeled, tracked, or excavating equipment or log-dragging equipment in the bed of a specified river, lake, or stream.

(Eff. 3/1/75, Register 53; am 7/31/82, Register 83; am 10/14/83, Register 88; am 7/27/84, Register 91; am 5/19/85, Register 94; am 5/8/86, Register 98; am 5/1/87, Register 102; am 5/8/88, Register 106; am 6/7/89, Register 110; am 9/29/90, Register 115; am 4/1/92, Register

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121; am 8/30/92, Register 123; am 10/20/93, Register 128; am 4/28/95, Register 134; am 6/22/97, Register 142; am 2/6/99, Register 149; am 1/15/2005, Register 172; am 3/1/2006, Register 177; am 9/15/2006, Register 179; am 6/1/2007, Register 182; am 6/2/2008, Register 186; am 6/1/2009, Register 190; am 6/1/2010, Register 194; am 6/1/2011, Register 198; am 6/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 6/1/2014, Register 210; am 6/1/2015, Register 214; am 6/1/2016, Register 218; am 6/1/2017, Register 222; am 6/1/2018, Register 226; am 6/1/2019, Register 230; am 6/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/1/2021, Register 238; am 6/5/2022, Register 242; am 6/11/2023, Register 246; am 6/21/2024, Register 250; am 6/27/2025, Register 254; am 7 / 26 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.020 AS 16.05.871