

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

This **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE** amends the Notice of Proposed Changes that was issued on October 27, 2005 concerning proposed regulation changes in Title 5 of The Alaska Administrative Code dealing with fishery resources by adding the following topics to be considered at the meetings noted:

The following topic will be addressed at the board's **Southeast and Yakutat Groundfish, Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, Misc. Shellfish Meeting** scheduled to begin **February 20, 2006** at the Ted Ferry Civic Center, 888 Venetia Ave., Ketchikan, Alaska:

1) **IN THE BERING SEA – ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA (REGISTRATION AREA O):** In the **commercial Pacific cod fisheries:** fishing seasons, periods, opening and closing times; harvest limits, harvest levels or quotas; districts, subdistricts, sections, subsections, areas, and other management boundaries; locations open and closed to fishing; gear and vessel restrictions, definitions, operational requirements, registration and permit requirements; registration areas (including exclusive and super exclusive registration areas), permits, harvest record, harvest marking requirements; management plans for conservation, development and allocation among beneficial uses; require, restrict or prohibit the retention, sale, or purchase of fish; registration and reporting requirements for catchers, processors, buyers and transporters; onboard observer requirements.

The following two topics will be addressed at the board's **Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, Misc. Shellfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting** scheduled to begin **March 17, 2006** at the Millennium Hotel, 4800 Spenard Rd., Anchorage, Alaska:

2) **IN THE SHELLFISH AND GROUND FISH FISHERIES STATEWIDE:** Escape mechanism requirements for shellfish and groundfish/bottomfish pots.

3) **IN THE SALTWATER GUIDED SPORT FISHERIES:** bag, possession, size, sex, and harvest limits, harvest levels or quotas; districts, subdistricts, sections, subsections, areas, and other management boundaries; methods and means; gear and vessel restrictions, marking, definitions, operational requirements, registration and permit requirements; registration areas, permits, harvest record, harvest marking requirements; management plans for conservation, development and allocation among beneficial uses; require, restrict or prohibit the retention of fish; registration and reporting requirements for sport fishing guides, and guided anglers.

In addition, notice also is given that the board will meet jointly with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (council) on Friday, February 3, 2006, at the Fourth Avenue Theater at 630 West 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Agenda items will include discussion and information exchange on creation of a Pacific cod fishery in state waters in the Aleutian Islands area, and may include other topics of mutual interest. The meeting is open to the public. The board will not take any regulatory action at this meeting.


All other provisions posted in the October 27, 2005 Notice of Proposed Changes remain the same, including the public comment periods and tentative meeting schedule.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, including Board Proposal D (Aleutian (Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan), or for a copy of the October 27, 2005 Notice of Proposed Changes, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526, phone 907-465-4110, or access the internet at: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/index.php>.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulatory actions are not expected to require an increased appropriation.



Date: January 11, 2006

Jim Marcotte, Acting Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries

FORM FOR ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

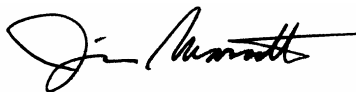
1. Adopting Agency: Alaska Board of Fisheries.
2. General subject of regulation: Commercial Pacific cod fishery in the Bering Sea – Aleutian Islands Area (Registration Area O); Escapement mechanisms in all shellfish and groundfish/bottomfish pots statewide; harvest, gear, retention, and other provisions for the saltwater guided sport fisheries statewide.
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 28, 39, 47, 55, 58, 64, 65, and 75.
4. Reason for proposed action: Supplemental topics for the February 2006 and March 2006 Board of Fisheries meetings. Implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40.
5. Program category and BRU affected: Natural Resources and all BRUs.
6. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: These actions are not expected to require any additional costs.
7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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8. The origin of the proposed action:
 staff or state agency
 federal government
 general public
 petition for regulation
 other (please list)

9. Date: January 11, 2006

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