

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

The Alaska Board of Fisheries proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations contained in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with fishery resources in the areas designated below, including the following:

IN THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA GROUND FISH REGULATIONS (5 AAC 47):

In the **sport and guided sport fisheries**: bag, possession, and annual harvest limits and reporting requirements for sablefish (black cod).

IN THE SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE AREA FINFISH REGULATIONS (5 AAC 61):

In the **sport and guided sport fisheries**: bag, size, possession, and annual harvest limits, utilization requirements, and methods and means for Northern Pike in Alexander Lake.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, tel. (907) 465-4110 or go to the internet at: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/>

You may comment on the regulation changes, including the potential costs to the private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments limited to no more than 10 single sided pages 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, so that the comments will be received no later than 12:00 Noon, Monday, April 27, 2009.

The board will hold a public meeting by teleconference at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009 to take action on these topics. **NO ORAL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.** Public listen-only sites will be available at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices in Anchorage (333 Raspberry Road), Juneau (1255 W. 8th Street), Palmer (1800 Glenn Highway), Petersburg (16 Sing Lee Alley), and Sitka (304 Lake Street).

Any changes to meeting locations, dates or times, or rescheduling of topics or subject matter will be announced by news release. Please watch for these announcements in the news media or call (907) 465-4110.

Anyone interested in or affected by sport, or guided sport fishing regulations, is hereby informed that, by publishing this legal notice, the Board of Fisheries may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. Pursuant to AS 44.62.200(b), the board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice. The board may make changes to the sport or guided sport fishing regulations as may be required to ensure the subsistence priority in AS 16.05.258. On its own motion, after reviewing public comment, the board may adopt, amend, reject, supplement, or take no action on these subjects without further notice. In addition, the board may adopt other regulations necessary to implement, administer, or enforce the regulations adopted. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD.** The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed

regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the process on the proposed regulations, please contact Jim Marcotte at (907) 465-4110 no later than seven days before the special accommodation is needed to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05; AS 16.40

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 16.05.060; AS 16.05.251; AS 16.40.280.

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

Date: March 25, 2009



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Alaska Board of Fisheries