

Fisheries board solicits shellfish/finfish comments

JUNEAU — The Alaska Board of Fisheries is actively soliciting public comments on proposed changes in certain commercial, sport and subsistence shellfish and finfish regulations. A public hearing concerning the changes will begin at 10:00 a.m. March 29, 1979, at the Anchorage Westward Hilton.

All proposals have now been compiled and published and are available for review from Fish and Game offices throughout

the State. Ronald O. Skoog, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, strongly urges fishermen to review the proposals and make their opinions known to the Board of Fisheries.

The Fisheries Board's discussion will follow five days of joint hearings held with the Board of Game to deal with general subsistence provisions and with a proposal to alter the structure of the fish and game regulatory system.

The Fisheries Board's agenda calls for a public hearing and consideration of changes in subsistence fishing regulations followed by other proposed regulatory changes. These proposed changes include commercial and subsistence shellfish fishing, sport fishing along the pipeline corridor and private non-profit hatchery regulations.

Comments may be offered orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be mailed to the Board in care of the Department of Fish and Game in Juneau, but must be received on or before March 23, 1979. Comments received after that date will be accepted, but cannot be assured of consideration.