

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF BOARD OF FISH AND GAME ACTION TO ADOPT, AMEND OR REPEAL REGULATIONS IN TITLE 5 AAC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fish and Game, pursuant to authority vested by AS 16.05.250, AS 16.10.150 and AS 16.50.030, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code to implement and interpret the provisions of Chapters 5, 10 and 50 of Title 16 of the Alaska Statutes, including, but not limited to the following:

COMMERCIAL FISH:

1) Areas closed to salmon: Enlarging the closed areas at Portage Bay, Humpy Cove, Alek River and Kachemak Bay; establishing new closed areas in St. James Bay, part of Goodnews Bay, Eagle Bay and part of the Southeast district of Prince William Sound; redefining the Kukak Bay and East River closed areas; reducing the closed areas in Uganik Passage, Middle Bay, Kalsin Bay, Saltery Cove, Women's Bay, Sister Lake, and Ninilchik River; and deleting the closed areas for the Afognak district and Seldovia Bay.

2) Requiring salmon vessel and net registration by June 1 in the Kuskokwim district; establishing minimum and maximum distances between units of gear in the Aleutian Islands area; establishing minimum and maximum lengths for gill nets in Districts 1 and 11 in the Southeastern Alaska area; and replacing gill net schedules with maximum lengths for gill nets in the Bristol Bay area.

3) Establishing a quota of 32,000 king salmon for subdistrict 1 of the Kuskokwim district; requiring identification of gill nets and fishwheels by permanent registration number in the A-Y-K area; prohibiting transfer of gear from subdistricts 3 and 4 to 1 and 2 of the Yukon district until after the king salmon season; and restricting the offshore peg of a set net to within 400 feet of high water on a 12-foot tide in the Bristol Bay Area.

4) Establishing a General district and enlarging the Naknek-Kvichak and Egegik districts in the Bristol Bay area; and dividing district 14 in the Southeastern Alaska area into two districts.

5) Amending provisions relating to storage of crab pots, and changing seasons and closed areas for the taking of scallops.

6) Requiring permits for herring pounds, and restricting their use in the Alaska Peninsula and Chignik areas; and in the Southeastern Alaska area prohibiting harvest of herring spawn from artificial substrates; establishing herring quotas in districts 10, 11 and 13, and establishing a three-month closure in all other districts; and reducing the quotas for herring spawn on kelp.

7) Emending regulations relating to seasons, fishing periods, fishing gear, quotas, areas and districts, registration, and definitions governing the commercial taking of fish, shell fish and herring spawn.

SPORT FISH:

1) Amending of bag limits, size limits, seasons and definitions.

2) Creating the following closed areas: Eccles Creek, Hartney Creek, Bishop Creek, Kenai Lake and tributaries, Williwaw Creek, and Island Lake Creek; redefining the closed areas in the Valdez area, Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, Buskin River and at Iguigig; deleting the closed areas at Tabay Lake, Tebay River, and Little Salcha River; clarifying the boundaries of the Western Kenai Peninsula area and Upper Cook Inlet area; providing open areas at Ship Creek and Kenai River; including part of the Naknek River in the Bristol Bay Trophy Fish areas; redefining the Naknek River area and Tanana River drainage; and establishing a Beaufort Sea drainage area.

3) Establishing a quota of 1,000 king salmon for Upper Cook Inlet; deleting the single hook requirement on part of the Naknek River drainage; providing for fishing with flies only in Kulik River; prohibiting spearing of pike on the Tanana River drainage; and providing for fishing with lures only in the Funnel River.

GAME AND GUIDING:

1) Requiring camp registration for brown/grizzly bear hunting in Unit 10 and requiring the hunter to present the skin and skull of brown, grizzly and polar bears for sealing.

2) Deleting the general bag limit of one brown or grizzly bear every four years and establishing bag limits by units and areas.

3) Amending the open and closed seasons and areas on brown and grizzly bear including deleting the spring season in Units 11, 12, 18, 20B, 20C, and 21 through 26.

4) Repealing regulations restricting guides guiding on not more than four successful brown or grizzly bear hunts per year and requiring them to use harvest control tags.

The regulations proposed to be adopted constitute a total of 108 commercial fish proposals, 40 sport fish proposals and 34 game and guiding proposals selected by the Board for action following hearings held in Anchorage in December of 1969. Copies of the proposed regulations may be inspected or obtained from the Department of Fish and Game, Support Building, Juneau, Alaska, or at any field office of the department.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that any interested person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the action proposed at public proceedings to be held in the Pioneer Hall, 612 "F" Street, Anchorage, Alaska at 1:00 p.m. on February 9, 1970. Written comments may be mailed to the Alaska Board of Fish and Game, c/o Department of Fish and Game, Support Building, Juneau, Alaska. Comments should be addressed to specific proposals. The Board of Fish and Game, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested person, may at such public hearing or thereafter adopt the proposals summarized without further notice.

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