

All fishing regulations to be discussed at hearings

The Alaska Board of Fisheries is seeking comments from the public on proposed changes to regulations governing commercial, subsistence and sport fishing, and private nonprofit salmon hatcheries.

The proposed changes will be considered at meetings of the Board of Fisheries to be held in the Commodore Room of the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel in December and at the Baranof Hotel in Juneau in January.

The following topics have been tentatively scheduled for the indicated dates: General Business and Special Reports and Statewide Department Reports, both Dec. 4; Cook Inlet Area, Dec. 5-10; A-Y-K Areas; Dec. 11-13; Bering Sea Herring, Dec. 14-16; Bristol Bay Area, Dec. 17-18; Westward Area, Dec. 19-20; South-eastern Alaska-Yakutat Areas,

Jan. 4-12; Prince William Sound Area, Jan. 13-14; State-wide Fisheries, Jan. 15-16.

A public hearing will be held at approximately 10 a.m. Dec. 5 for those who cannot remain for the entire meeting. Additional public hearings for each area will be held following the staff reports for those areas. Following the public hearing for each area, the Board will take action on proposals for that area.

Anyone planning to give oral testimony must register for each hearing in which they are interested. Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes for individuals and 20 minutes for Advisory Committee and fishermen's association representatives.

Written comments may be sent to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Box 3-2000, Juneau, Alaska 99802.