

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

**Regulation Proposal Form 2020-2021**

**Proposals must be received ~~Friday, April 10, 2020~~ **Friday, April 24, 2020.** *The proposal deadline has been extended given complications due the COVID-19 pandemic.***

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**<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.proposal&board=fisheries>**

**BOARD OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS**

Subsistence                       Personal Use                       Sport                       Commercial

**\*Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?**

- Prince William Sound Finfish & Shellfish
- Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish
- Statewide Other Shellfish (excluding Southeast, Yakutat, and Prince William Sound)

**Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.**

**1. Alaska Administrative Code Number:** 5 AAC... Multiple sections as appropriate

**\*2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?**

The Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) believes that the harvest of fish by non-resident sport anglers has increased in the Southeast and Yakutat Areas, while subsistence users have been subject to increasing regulation and restrictions and are experiencing a more difficult time competing for and harvesting fish and shellfish.

The only method to account for non-resident sport harvest is by a statewide mail survey. Other than major sport fisheries, response rates are too low to accurately assess if non-resident harvest is contributing to localized depletion of resources or if the competition with subsistence users is increasing.

The Council also believes that unguided non-resident sport fishermen are taking multiple daily harvest limits. The Council believes harvest limits for unguided non-residents are not enforced and are unaccounted, since non-resident unguided fishermen do not have to record their harvest, except for species with an annual limit, before leaving the fishing site; unlike subsistence fishermen.

Presently, recording species with an annual limit is only an enforcement tool. It does not contribute to harvest accounting since there is no requirement to submit the harvest record to ADF&G.

**\*3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)**

All non-resident sport fishermen in the Southeast and Yakutat Areas (fresh and saltwater) shall complete and submit a logbook of all fish and shellfish harvested. Harvest shall be documented in the logbook before leaving each fishing site. Logbooks shall be returned to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game by December 31 (or whatever date is appropriate) each year.

It is recommended that this regulation be evaluated after 6 years of harvest data has been gathered and analyzed to determine if the perceived increase in competition or use exists. If there are no documented problems then the regulation should be removed.

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