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COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (commission) is a state agency established to carry out the Limited Entry Act (the act or AS 16.43). The act limits the number of commercial fishing permits allowed to operate within designated fisheries in Alaska. The stated purpose of the act is to promote the conservation and sustained yield management of Alaska's fishery resources as well as the economic health and stability of the commercial fishing industry in Alaska.

On October 2, 2023, the commission received a petition to issue additional permits in the limited entry Kodiak herring food and bait fishery. In order to find that additional permits should be issued, the commission must conduct an optimum numbers study to determine if more permits are warranted as outlined in AS 16.43.290.

The commission is holding a public meeting on **April 12** in Kodiak, Alaska from **1:30pm to 3:30pm**. This is an in-person meeting only. The meeting will be held at:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Office, Large Conference Room
351 Research Court
Kodiak, Alaska

This public meeting is held to:

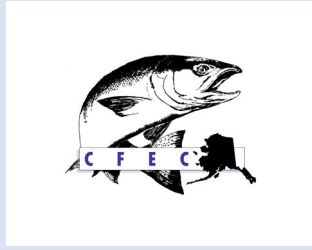
1. Review the petition and the general requirements of an optimum numbers study.
2. Discuss the current Kodiak Herring Food and Bait fishery.
3. Review study methodology and preliminary findings.
4. Seek public input on all aspects of the optimum numbers study, the fishery, and the petition.

A copy of the meeting agenda and meeting material is available online at the Alaska Online Public Notice System at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/> or at the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission website at https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/mnu_Notices_Releases.htm.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, or would like to submit a written public comment, please contact CFEC at either dfg.cfec.publicquestions@alaska.gov or 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

If you are a person with a disability who may need accommodations to attend, please contact Glenn Haight by April 8, 2024, to ensure necessary accommodations can be provided.

By the Direction of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission



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Glenn Haight, Chair
Mike Porcaro, Commissioner

Date: April 1, 2024



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Public Hearing on Optimum Numbers Study for the Kodiak Herring Food & Bait Fishery

April 12, 2024 – 1:30 – 3:30pm
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351 Research Court
Kodiak, Alaska

TENTATIVE AGENDA
(April 1, 2024)

1. Opening comments.
2. Review the petition and the general requirements of an optimum numbers study.
3. Discuss the current Kodiak Herring Food and Bait fishery.
4. Review study methodology and preliminary findings.
5. Discussion on all aspects of the optimum numbers study, the fishery, and the petition.

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Re: Denial of Petition to Issue Additional H1DK Kodiak Herring Food/Bait Permits

Dear Mr. Rose and Mr. Platt:

This letter is an official denial of your October 2, 2023, petition seeking the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (Commission) issue additional H1DK Kodiak herring food/bait permits. This is a limited fishery under 20 AAC 05.822-827 and until we ascertain that additional permits should be issued it is unlawful to do so. To determine if additional permits are warranted, the Commission must conduct an optimum numbers study as authorized under AS 16.43.290. At its public meeting on October 14, 2023, the Commission agreed to conduct an optimum numbers study for this fishery. The Commission has additional studies underway and anticipates initiating this work in the spring of 2024.

We view this denial as a formality. Optimum number studies, once complete, become a Commission regulation. The State of Alaska guides agency regulation actions through the Administrative Procedures Act (APA – AS 44.62). The APA instructs that any person may request an agency create, amend, or repeal a regulation. When received, the agency must either initiate a proposed regulation action or deny the petition within 30 days. An optimum numbers study is an involved review and cannot be completed in 30 days, thus the denial.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Reid Johnson, reid.johnson@alaska.gov, or myself for additional information.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn Haight".

Glenn Haight, Chair/Commissioner
Mike Porcaro, Commissioner

cc: Reid Johnson, Research Section Leader