

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN REGULATIONS
AND OF A PUBLIC MEETING

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, proposes to adopt a regulation change in Title 20, Chapter 05 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with fishery gear codes including the following:

The Commission proposes to amend 20 AAC 05.220(a) to allow the use of pot gear as authorized by the Board of Fisheries in the Prince William Sound sablefish fisheries, and to establish a gear code for aquatic farming.

You may comment on the proposed regulation, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Susan Haymes at Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99801-8079 or by email: susan_haymes@cfec.state.ak.us. The comments must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2006**.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Susan Haymes at (907) 789-6160 no later than March 31, 2006, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Susan Haymes, Law Specialist, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, Juneau, AK 99801-8079, (907) 789-6160, Fax: (907) 789-6170, Email: susan_haymes@cfec.state.ak.us or go to <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us>.

After the public comment period ends, the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.** Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.43.100; AS 16.43.110(a)

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.43.100; AS 16.43.140; AS 16.43.990.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Under the Open Meetings Act (AS 44.62.310), the Commission will conduct a public meeting in the Commission's Conference Room, 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, Alaska, on **April 13, 2006** at 3:30 p.m. to consider action upon the proposed regulation. You can contact Susan Haymes for a copy of the agenda on the Friday before the scheduled meeting. No public testimony will be accepted at this meeting.

By Direction of the
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
Frank Homan, Chairman
Peter Froehlich, Commissioner
Bruce Twomley, Commissioner

/s/ Frank Homan

February 23, 2006