

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 an optimum number for the Bristol Bay salmon drift gillnet fishery including the following:

The Commission proposes to adopt 20 AAC 05.1147 to establish an optimum number of entry permits for the Bristol Bay salmon drift gillnet fishery. The Commission is proposing an optimum number from 800 to 1200 permits. However, depending on public comment and further analysis an optimum number finally adopted could have different boundaries.

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, 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 February 15, 2005**.

Written comments would be especially helpful to the Commission.

Oral or written comments may also be submitted at hearings to be held on: **January 25, 2005** in the Aerie Conference Room, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, Alaska from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 3:00 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment; **January 26, 2005** in the Bristol Bay Native Association's Conference Room, Dillingham, Alaska from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 2:00 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment; **February 1, 2005** in Room 111, Terry Miller Building, Juneau Legislative Information Office, Juneau, Alaska from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 2:00 p.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. Persons may also comment at the February 1 hearing via the following Legislative Information Offices: Anchorage, Suite 200, 716 W 4th Ave.; Bethel, 301 Willow St.; Cordova, 705 2nd St.; Dillingham, Kangiiqutaq Building; Fairbanks, Suite 101, 119 N. Cushman; Homer, Suite 102A, 345 W. Sterling Hwy.; Kenai, Suite 217, 145 Main St. Loop; Kodiak, 112 Mill Bay Road; Mat-Su, 600 E. Railroad Ave., Wasilla; Petersburg, 11B Gjoa St.; Sitka, 210 Lake St.

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 January 17, 2005, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation change, 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>.

The Bristol Bay Salmon Drift Gillnet Fishery Optimum Number Report, upon which the Commission based its optimum number regulatory proposal for the Bristol Bay drift salmon gillnet fishery is available without charge at the Commission's web site, <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us>. Requests for paper copies should be submitted to Susan Haymes at the address listed above with a \$10.00 fee for each copy. An executive summary of the report is also available at the commission's web site or by request without charge.

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.**

Statutory Authority: AS 16.43.100; AS 16.43.110(a)

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.43.100; AS 16.43.290; 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, Juneau, Alaska, on **February 24, 2005** 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, Commissioner
Mary McDowell, Commissioner
Bruce Twomley, Chairman

/s/ Bruce Twomley

October 21, 2004