

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN REGULATIONS  
AND OF A PUBLIC MEETING

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission proposes to change regulations on scallop administrative areas, reduced permit fees, Norton Sound herring permit maximum numbers, and emergency transfers of non-transferable dive fishery permits.

The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 20, Chapter 05 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with miscellaneous regulations, including the following:

The Commission proposes to:

1. Amend 20 AAC 05.230(a)(13) to allow for two administrative areas in the scallop fishery;
2. Amend 20 AAC 05.245(c-e), 20 AAC 05.250(b), and 20 AAC 05.1910(h) to update the references to the federal guidelines used to determine eligibility for reduced permit fees;
3. Amend 20 AAC 05.320(c) to increase by three the maximum number of Norton Sound herring gillnet permits; and
4. Amend 20 AAC 05.1740(b) to provide for the emergency transfer of non-transferable dive fishery permits.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Doug Rickey at Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99801-8079 or by email: [doug.rickey@alaska.gov](mailto:doug.rickey@alaska.gov) . The comments must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 7, 2013.**

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Doug Rickey at (907) 789-6160 no later than October 1, 2013, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Doug Rickey, Law Specialist, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99801-8079, (907) 789-6160, Fax: (907) 789-6170, email [doug.rickey@alaska.gov](mailto:doug.rickey@alaska.gov) 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 16.43.110; AS 16.43.140; AS 16.43.150; AS 16.43.160; AS 16.43.180; AS 16.43.200; and AS 16.43.240.

**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 **October 11, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.** to consider action upon the proposed regulations. You can contact Doug Rickey for a copy of the agenda on the Friday before the scheduled meeting. No public testimony will be accepted at this meeting.

The Commission keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Regulation Changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to CFEC at 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99801-8079, or email: [doug.rickey@alaska.gov](mailto:doug.rickey@alaska.gov), giving your name, and either your email address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

By Direction of the  
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission  
Bruce Twomley, Chairman  
Ben Brown, Commissioner

/s/ Bruce Twomley

Date: August 27, 2013.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION  
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting Agency: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
2. General subject of regulation: Change regulations on scallop administrative areas, reduced permit fees, electronic documents, Norton Sound herring permit maximum numbers, and emergency transfers of non-transferable dive fishery permits.
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 20 AAC 05.230, 245, 250, 320, 1740. and 1910.
4. Reason for the proposed action:
  - compliance with federal law
  - compliance with new or changed state statute
  - compliance with court order
  - development of program standards
  - other: (please list)

5. RDU/component affected: Natural Resources Management, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

6. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars)

	Initial Year FY2014	Subsequent Years
Cost	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
General Funds	\$ _____	\$ _____
Federal Funds	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Funds	\$ _____	\$ _____
(specify)	_____	_____

7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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8. The origin of the proposed action:

staff of state agency  
 federal government  
 general public  
 petition for regulation  
 other (please list)

9. Date: August 27, 2013

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