

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN REGULATION  
AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION
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The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission proposes to adopt a change in regulation that will allow holders of Southern Southeast Inside sablefish longline entry permits to operate pot gear in that fishery.
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The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission proposes to adopt a regulation change in Title 20, Chapter 05 of the Alaska Administrative Code, as follows

The Commission proposes to:

1. Amend 20 AAC 05.220(a) to include pot gear for permits issued for the Southern Southeast Inside sablefish longline fishery.

A copy of the proposed regulation change is available online at the Alaska Online Public Notice System at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx> or at the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission webpage at [https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/mnu\\_Regulations.htm](https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/mnu_Regulations.htm), or you may contact Doug Rickey, Law Specialist, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99811-0302, (907) 790-6963, fax: (907) 790-7063, email [doug.rickey@alaska.gov](mailto:doug.rickey@alaska.gov).

You may comment on the proposed regulation change, 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 99811-0302, or by email to: [doug.rickey@alaska.gov](mailto:doug.rickey@alaska.gov), or by facsimile at (907) 790-7063. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received **no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 17, 2017**.

You may also submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Doug Rickey, Law Specialist, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite 109, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99811-0302, or by fax: (907) 790-7063, email [doug.rickey@alaska.gov](mailto:doug.rickey@alaska.gov). The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and [https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/mnu\\_Regulations.htm](https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/mnu_Regulations.htm).

Oral or written comments may also be presented at a **public hearing** to be held on **February 17, 2017**, at the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Conference Room, 8800 Glacier Hwy., Suite 109, Juneau, Alaska. The hearing will be held from **3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** and may be extended to accommodate those present before 4:30 p.m. If you wish to participate in the meeting by telephone, please contact Doug Rickey at Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, 8800 Glacier Highway, Suite

109, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99811-0302, or by email to: [doug.rickey@alaska.gov](mailto:doug.rickey@alaska.gov), or by telephone at (907) 790-6963, or by facsimile at (907) 790-7063, and you will be provided with the appropriate telephone number prior to the meeting.

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) 790-6963 no later than February 3, 2017, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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; and AS 16.43.140.

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

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 99811-0302, 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  
Benjamin Brown, Commissioner

/s/ Bruce Twomley

Date: December 19, 2016.