

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SHRIMP POT
FISHERY IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY
COMMISSION.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) proposes to change regulations concerning the Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishery.

The CFEC proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 20, chapter 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the limitation of entry under AS 16.43 into the Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishery, P09E and P91E, including the following:

1. **20 AAC 05.310(i)** is proposed to be amended to add the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery as a fishery that has reached levels of participation that require limitation of entry.
2. **20 AAC 05.320(h)** is proposed to be amended to add the maximum number of entry permits allowed for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.
3. **20 AAC 05.330** is proposed to be amended to add a subsection (z), which sets the qualification date for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.
4. **20 AAC 05** is proposed to be amended to add the following new sections to Article 6:
 - **20 AAC 05.837. General provisions relating to the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.**
 - Subsection (a) provides the eligibility criteria for those who wish to apply for an entry permit into the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.
 - Subsection (b) provides the application dates for applicants.
 - **20 AAC 05.838. Priority classification system for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.**
 - Subsection (a) establishes the use of a point system for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.
 - Subsection (b) provides the point scale the CFEC will use.
 - **20 AAC 05.839. Point system for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.**
 - Subsection (a) establishes the criteria used to measure an applicant's past participation in the fishery, the maximum number of points available for past participation, and the criteria used for the awarding of points.
 - Subsection (b) establishes criteria used to measure an applicant's economic dependence on the fishery, as well as criteria used to measure applicants' consistent participation and financial investment in the fishery. Additionally,

this subsection provides the maximum number of points available for this subsection and the criteria used for awarding points.

- **20 AAC 05.840. Designation of significant and minor hardship classifications for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.**
 - Subsection (a) establishes priority classifications that will be designated as applicants who would suffer significant economic hardship if excluded from the fishery and the kind of permit these classifications will receive from the CFEC.
 - Subsection (b) establishes priority classifications that will be designated as applicants who would suffer minor economic hardship if excluded from the fishery and the kind of permit these classifications will receive from the CFEC.

- **20 AAC 05.841. Definitions.**
 - Paragraphs (1) through (3) define the terms “commercially harvested”, “participation” or “participating”, and “pounds,” as those terms are used in 20 AAC 05.837 – 20 AAC 05.839.

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 the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission at P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0302. Additionally, the commission will accept comments by facsimile at 907-789-6170, and by electronic mail at DFG.CFEC.PublicQuestions@alaska.gov. 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 not later than 5:00 P.M. on June 28, 2024.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Glenn Haight by e-mail at DFG.CFEC.PublicQuestions@alaska.gov and by mail at P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0302. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The CFEC 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/>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Glenn Haight at glenn.haight@alaska.gov and 907-790-6942 not later than June 17, 2024, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Glenn Haight at glenn.haight@alaska.gov and 907-790-6942.

After the public comment period ends, the CFEC will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to

take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.43.100; AS 16.43.110; AS 16.43.240; AS 16.43.260; AS 16.43.270

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 16.43.100; AS 16.43.110; AS 16.43.240; AS 16.43.260; AS 16.43.270

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 July 11, 2024, at 10:00am to consider action upon the proposed regulations. You can contact Glenn Haight for a copy of the agenda on the Friday before the scheduled meeting. No public testimony will be accepted at this meeting.

The CFEC 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 CFEC notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to Glenn Haight by e-mail at glenn.haight@alaska.gov and by mail at P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0302, giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

Individuals can also sign up to receive automated notifications of all State of Alaska notices, including public notice for regulation changes, by subscribing to the Alaska Online Public Notices System: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx>.

Date: May 24, 2024



Glenn Haight, Commissioner