

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON GEAR CODES AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION
The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission proposes to change regulations to allow holders of Northern Southeast Inside sablefish longline permits to operate pot gear in that fishery, and to allow holders of Area L Tanner crab permits to fish the Semidi Island Overlap Section of the Kodiak District.

The Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 20, Chapter 05 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with fisheries gear use and access, including the following:

- (1) 20 AAC 05.220(a) is proposed to be changed as follows: to add pot gear usage under gear code 61 for the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict, Chatham Strait, sablefish longline fishery, as is already allowed for the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict, Clarence Strait, sablefish longline fishery. This would implement Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal 220 which passed March 15, 2022, amending Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulation 5 AAC 28.130(f) to allow use of pot gear in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict.
- (2) 20 AAC 05.230(a)(5) is proposed to be changed as follows: to allow Tanner crab interim-use permits issued for Area L, Chignik, to use the Semidi Island Overlap Section of the Kodiak District described in 5 AAC 35.505(a)(5). This change would make the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission regulations consistent with Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulation, 5 AAC 35.506(b), that allows a Chignik Tanner crab permit holder to register and take Tanner crab in the Semidi Island Overlap Section of the Kodiak District, as specified in 5 AAC 35.507.

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 Nicole Lynch at Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99811-0302. Additionally, the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission will accept comments by electronic mail at nicole.lynch@alaska.gov. The comments must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2022.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Nicole Lynch by email at nicole.lynch@alaska.gov or at Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99811-0302. 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 <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation to participate in this process, please contact Nicole Lynch at nicole.lynch@alaska.gov or (907) 790-6941 not later than

July 1, 2022, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx> or at the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission webpage at <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us>; or you may contact Nicole Lynch, Adjudications Section Lead, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99811-0302, (907)790-6941, email: nicole.lynch@alaska.gov.

After the public comment period ends, the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission 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. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory authority: AS 16.43.100; AS 16.43.110

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 16.43.100; AS 16.43.110; AS 16.43.140; AS 16.43.200; AS 16.43.990.

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 the Commission's Notice of Proposed Regulation Changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to CFEC at P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, AK 99811-0302, or email: nicole.lynch@alaska.gov and provide your name and preferred contact method for receiving notices.

Date: June 9, 2022



Glenn Haight, Chair
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission