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Agenda 11: 2024-2025 Call for Proposals Approval

1. Memorandum on Call for Proposals, 2024-2025
2. Draft 2024-2025 Call for Proposals

MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Boards Support Section

TO: Alaska Board of Fisheries

DATE: October 14, 2024

THRU:

PHONE: 907-267-2292

FROM: Art Nelson, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries

SUBJECT: The Alaska Board of
Fisheries 2025/2026 Meeting
Cycle Call for Proposal

In accordance with 5 AAC 96.610, Procedures for developing fish and game regulations, the boards set their call for proposal through (b) Phase 1 as:

(b) Phase 1. Each board will solicit regulatory proposals or comments to facilitate their deliberations. The boards will, in their discretion, limit those sections or portions of the existing regulations that will be open for change. The board will provide forms to be used in preparing proposals. Notices soliciting proposals will be distributed statewide. ...

The next call for proposals will be issued by Boards Support in late November-early December 2024, with a submission deadline of April 10, 2025. Please see the draft call for proposal for your review. The draft call at this juncture will seek regulatory proposals for the following species, uses, and areas:

- All finfish for all uses in the Alaska Peninsula, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area.
- All finfish for all uses in the Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim areas.
- All finfish for all uses in the Chignik area.
- All finfish for all uses in the Bristol Bay area.
- All finfish for all uses in statewide regulations.

I would like the board to discuss and provide guidance as to whether or not the call for proposals should advise the public as to whether or not the board will accept proposals that request the board to make new or modify stock of concern designations.

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[DRAFT] CALL FOR PROPOSALS **Alaska Board of Fisheries**

**THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES CALLS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES
IN THE SUBSISTENCE, PERSONAL USE, SPORT, GUIDED SPORT, AND COMMERCIAL
FISHING REGULATIONS FOR
BRISTOL BAY FINFISH, ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH, ALASKA
PENINSULA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS / CHIGNIK FINFISH AREAS, and STATEWIDE
FINFISH AREAS.**

PROPOSAL DEADLINE – THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for the Bristol Bay; Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim; Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Chignik; and Statewide finfish management areas. Finfish includes salmon, herring, trout, other freshwater finfishes, and groundfish, including Pacific cod, for consideration by the board in its 2025–2026 meeting cycle. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas) under the subsistence proposal policy, 5 AAC 96.615, if proposals are submitted within this deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (2).

To ensure the proposal book is finished in advance of the board meetings, the board sets Thursday, April 10, 2025, as the proposal deadline.

Proposals may be submitted online, email, mail or fax at:

- Online:** <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms>
- Mail:** ADF&G, Boards Support Section
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
- Fax:** (907) 465-6094

Proposals must be received by Thursday, April 10, 2025 at the Boards Support Section office in Juneau. A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date. The Board of Fisheries proposal form, including the on-line proposal form, is available at the Boards Support website, <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms>. Proposal forms are also available at any Boards Support office. Proposals must be submitted on the current approved

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form. Any additional information provided with the form, such as pictures, tables, Internet web links, or charts/maps will not be included in the proposal book.

The completed proposal form must contain a contact telephone number and address. Email addresses are appreciated. Please print or type the individual's or organization's name as appropriate.

All proposals are reviewed prior to publication. Language that is emotionally charged detracts from the substance of the proposal and may draw opposition not germane to the element(s) of the proposal. Such language may be edited or deleted prior to publication. **Proposals that do not meet this call will not be accepted.** Proposals must pertain to the region, species, and uses in this call. Proposals that do not request a regulatory change or are outside the authority of the board will not be accepted. If duplicative proposals are received by the same individual or group only one will be included in the proposal book.

Proposals published in the proposal book will be referenced with the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and include a brief description of the action requested.

Proposal books are sent to advisory committees and the public for review and comment. Proposals are online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook>. Those submitting proposals are encouraged to review the proposal book at their earliest convenience to ensure proposals are included and accurate. Noted errors and omissions should be reported to Boards Support immediately. The public is encouraged to visit the Board of Fisheries website frequently for news and information regarding the upcoming cycle.

Responsive proposals received by the proposal deadline will be considered during the board's 2025/2026 meeting schedule.

For more information, please contact the Art Nelson, Executive Director for the Board of Fisheries at art.nelson@alaska.gov or (907) 267-2292.