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Agenda 9: 2026-2027 Call for Proposals Review & Approval

1. Memorandum on Call for Proposals for the 2026/2027 Meeting Cycle
2. Draft 2026/2027 Call for Proposals

MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME Boards Support Section

TO: Alaska Board of Fisheries

DATE: October 19, 2025

THRU:

PHONE: 907-267-2292

FROM: Art Nelson, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries

SUBJECT: Approving the 2026/2027
Meeting Cycle Call for
Proposals

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 later this year, with a proposal deadline of April 10, 2026. 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 regions.

- All finfish for all uses in the Cook Inlet region (upper and lower).
- All finfish for all uses in the Kodiak region.

This draft is the same as the call approved by the board at last year's worksession, with two differences. First, the regions/fisheries are updated to cover the appropriate topics in the board's 3-year meeting cycle. Second, there is the additional new language suggested (highlighted in yellow) to solicit proposals addressing Administrative Order 360 from Governor Dunleavy. The full text of AO 360 is

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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 THE
LOWER AND UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH, and KODIAK FINFISH FISHERIES.**

PROPOSAL DEADLINE – FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet finfish, and Kodiak finfish management areas. Finfish includes salmon, herring, trout, other freshwater finfishes, and groundfish, including Pacific cod, for consideration by the board in its 2026–2027 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 (a)(2).

To ensure the proposal book is finished in advance of the board meetings, the board sets Friday, April 10, 2026, 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 Friday, April 10, 2026 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 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.

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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 for review and comment. Proposals are posted online for the public 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 2026/2027 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.