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## **Comments invited on proposed changes to Federal subsistence fisheries regulations and nonrural determinations**

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) is accepting written comments, through June 29, 2018, on proposed changes to Federal subsistence fisheries regulations and nonrural determinations. These proposed changes would affect Federal subsistence open seasons, harvest limits, methods for the taking of fish, and customary and traditional use determinations for the 2019-2021 regulatory years. The Board will make threshold decisions on proposals to change nonrural status in January 2019, but will not make a final decision on any nonrural determination proposals until January 2021.

Copies of the proposal book can be found at <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/proposal/current> or by contacting the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888.

Comments should reference the proposal number and should be sent to Theo Matuskowitz by email at [subsistence@fws.gov](mailto:subsistence@fws.gov). Those without e-mail access can fax comments to (907) 786-3898 or mail them to:

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To ensure written comments are included in OSM regulatory analyses, please submit them by June 29, 2018. The public is also welcome to provide oral or written comments at the Regional Advisory Council meetings in August through November 2018, or at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting in Anchorage in January 2019; however, these comments will not be included in the proposal analyses. After December 31, 2018, anyone wishing to provide written comments may do so only by delivering them directly to the Board at its regulatory meeting scheduled to begin on January 29, 2019. The commenter must include 30 copies of their written comments for distribution at the meeting. No written comments will otherwise be accepted after that deadline.

Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found on the web at [www.doi.gov/subsistence](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence) or by visiting [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](http://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

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