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Federal Subsistence Board invites comments on Proposed Rule for Cook Inlet Area subsistence fishing regulations

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) is accepting public comments on the proposed rule for Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—Cook Inlet Area Regulations, which published in the Federal Register on October 1, 2018 (83 FR 49322). This proposed rule would revise the regulations for seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means for the subsistence taking of fish in the Cook Inlet Area of Alaska. This action would also reorganize specific regulations addressing the Kenai River, which would provide clarity for the public, and allow the Federal Subsistence Board to correct regulatory conflicts that have arisen based on recent rulemaking.

Comments and proposals to change this proposed rule must be received or postmarked by October 31, 2018.

You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- Electronically, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> (search for FWS-R7-SM-2018-0003, which is the docket number for this rulemaking).
- Hard copy, via U.S. mail or hand-delivery to:
USFWS, Office of Subsistence Management
1011 East Tudor Road, MS 121
Attn: Theo Matuskowitz
Anchorage, AK 99503-6199
- By hand delivery to the Designated Federal Official attending the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council public meeting (see meeting information below).

All comments will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means any personal information provided will be posted. You may request at the top of your document that personal information be withheld from public review; however, there is no guarantee this request will be accommodated.

The Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council will have a substantial role in reviewing this proposed rule and making recommendations for the final rule. The Federal Subsistence Board, through the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, will hold a public meeting at which this proposed rule will be discussed, October 29 – 30, 2018 in

Cordova, Alaska (more information can be found at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions>). The location and date may change based on weather or local circumstances.

The Board will discuss and evaluate proposed changes to this proposed rule during a public meeting scheduled to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, in January 2019.

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