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# Fish News

May 6, 2011

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## Upcoming Fishery Meetings in the Region:

- The SEDM charter sampling meeting will be held on May 17, 2011.
- The Federal Fishery Observer Meeting will also be held on May 17, 2011.
- The CFEC discussion of limited entry into the State Waters P. cod fishery and Alaska Peninsula crab fisheries will be held on May 18, 2011.



All meetings will begin at **2:00 p.m.** and will be held at the **Aleutian East Borough offices in Sand Point.**

Dial in instructions will be posted in advance of the meeting.

## **BOF Executive Director Retires; New Executive Director Named**

Jim Marcotte, the Executive Director of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, begins his retirement in one week. His last day on the job will be next Friday, May 13, 2011. Jim has served as Executive Director for the Board of Fisheries since Jan. 4, 2006. Previously, Jim served as Executive Director of the Board of Game for two years before his promotion. He started with the Alaska Board Support Section in 1995. Monica Wellard, Assistant Director for Fish & Game - Sport Fish, will soon fill his shoes as the new Executive Director for the Board of Fisheries. Wellard will take the helm on Monday, May 16, 2011.



**Jim Marcotte's last day on the job as Executive Director for the Alaska Board of Fisheries is Friday, May 13, 2011.**

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### **BOF Deadline: May 16<sup>th</sup> - Last Day to Submit Proposals for P. Cod Fisheries**

The Board of Fisheries is extending the proposal deadline from April 8, 2011 to May 16, 2011 for Pacific cod fishery regulations for the Prince William Sound Area (Registration Area E), Cook Inlet Area (Registration Area H), Kodiak Area (Registration Area K), Chignik Area (Registration Area L) and South Alaska Peninsula Area (Registration Area M). Proposed changes would address coordination of the state-waters and all regulations dealing with Pacific cod fishing seasons with Gulf of Alaska federal sector splits scheduled for implementation in January 2012.

Proposals may be submitted by mail, fax or online. For more information, visit the link below.

[Link - Supplemental Call for Proposals](#)

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## Federal Subsistence Board Asks for Lower Gulf Salmon Bycatch



**The Federal Subsistence Board voted to recommend a hard cap of 15,000 Chinook salmon caught as bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska.**

The Federal Subsistence Board announced this week that it's recommending the North Pacific Fishery Management Council significantly decrease the salmon bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea pollock fisheries. The Board voted at its May 3 - 4, 2011 meeting in Anchorage to propose a hard cap of 15,000 Chinook salmon caught as bycatch in the Gulf, and a hard cap of 50,000 chum salmon in the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

During its April meeting, the Council adopted a preliminary preferred alternative of a prohibited species catch limit of 22,500 Chinook salmon for the western and central Gulf of Alaska pollock fisheries. The Council is scheduled to take final action on king salmon bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fishery during its June meeting in Nome (see links below). The Council will take final action on Bering Sea bycatch of chum salmon at its December meeting in Anchorage.

The Board also agreed with a federal recommendation that two subsistence users be added to its membership. For more information, visit the links below:



**The Federal Subsistence Board recommended a hard cap of 50,000 chum salmon in the Bering Sea pollock fishery during its May 3 - 4, 2011 meeting.**

[Read more - Dutch Harbor Fisherman article](#)

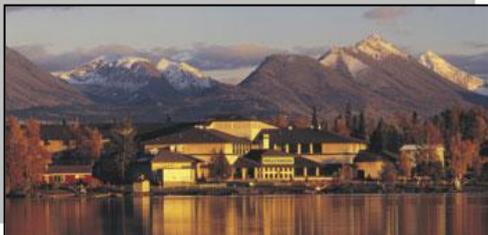
[Read more - Alaska Public Radio Network story](#)

[Agenda - Council Meeting in Nome - June 6 - 14, 2011](#)

[News & Notes - Council April 2011 newsletter](#)

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## Area M Fishermen & Families Eligible for Special Hotel Rate



Area M fishermen and their families are eligible for a special rate of \$89 per night at the Millenium Alaskan Hotel in Anchorage. For details and to make reservations, call the Millenium at (907) 243-2300.

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