



Fish News

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Fisheries Bills in the 2015/2016 Alaska Legislative session

Here are some of the Alaska legislative actions related to fisheries that we are keeping an eye on in Juneau this session:

HB1 / SB 16 – would establish a comprehensive Arctic policy, where ‘Arctic’ includes the Aleutians.

HB 38 – would establish an aquatic invasive species response fund.

HB 103 – would require the Boards of Fisheries and Game to only adopt regulations in response to Advisory

Committees, State Agencies and petitions (proposals) from the public.

HB 110 / SB 42 – would establish a priority to personal use fisheries after subsistence priority before commercial and other fisheries uses when restrictions are implemented.

HB 112 - would repeal the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and transfer those duties to the Commercial Fisheries division of ADF&G.



HB 119 – would require legislative approval prior to any metallic sulfide mining within the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve.

HJR 6 – resolve to urge the federal government to remediate any contaminated ANCSA lands.

HJR 7 – resolve to oppose the proposed Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

For more information on these and other legislation of the Alaska Legislature, go to www.akleg.gov.

AEB Fishermen's Meeting Teleconference

There will be a **South Alaska Peninsula State-waters Pacific Cod Pre-season Meeting** teleconference **Friday February 27, 2015 at 10am**, moderated by ADF&G Groundfish Manager Mark Stichert.

Teleconference audio will be available at the following sites:

- King Cove Harbor House
- Sand Point Borough office
- False Pass City Office
- Kodiak ADF&G office



ADF&G Groundfish Manager Mark Stichert will moderate a South Alaska Peninsula State-waters Pacific Cod Pre-season meeting teleconference on Friday, Feb. 27th at 10 a.m.

The meeting is also scheduled to be broadcast on KSDP radio and online at www.apradio.org.

This teleconference meeting will be recorded and archived online for any fishermen who are unable to attend.

Mark Stichert will answer questions about the State-waters pot cod season and also give an update on the status of Tanner crab. AEB Natural Resources Director Ernie Weiss will be present in King Cove for the Pre-season meeting teleconference, and in Sand Point February 28 through March 2. The South Peninsula State-waters Pacific Cod season for pot gear will open March 7th.

The 2015 South Alaska Peninsula State-waters Pacific Cod Fishery Management Plan is found at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidpdfs/FMR15-03.pdf>

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