

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 8, Chapter 55 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the commercial fishermen's fund, including the following:

1. 8 AAC 55.010 is proposed to be changed to establish standards and procedures for payment of fund benefits.
2. 8 AAC 55.015 is proposed to add a section that establishes standards and procedures for a request for an extension of duration of care or a request for additional benefits.
3. 8 AAC 55.020 is proposed to be changed to establish procedures for filing a claim against the fund.
4. 8 AAC 55.025 is proposed to add a section that establishes procedures for filing a petition with the fund.
5. 8 AAC 55.030 is proposed to be changed to clarify procedures for appealing a decision of the administrator and the council.
6. 8 AAC 55.035 is proposed to add a section relating to a fund claim of subrogation against a fisherman.
7. 8 AAC 55.040 is proposed to be changed to define "injury."

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Marie Marx, Division of Workers' Compensation, P.O. Box 115512, Juneau, AK 99811-5512, or by electronic mail at [workerscomp@alaska.gov](mailto:workerscomp@alaska.gov) or by facsimile at 907-465-2797. The comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 5, 2012.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on March 1, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 12:00 p.m. who did not have the opportunity to comment at the following location:

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Building, Juneau  
1111 W 8th St., Room 303  
Juneau, Alaska

Oral comments may also be submitted by teleconference at the hearing to be held on March 1, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Alaska time by calling 800-315-6338 and entering access code 2790#.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Marie Marx at 907-465-2790 no later than February 23, 2012, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes may be obtained by writing Marie Marx, Division of Workers' Compensation, P.O. Box 115512 Juneau, AK 99811-5512, or go to <http://labor.state.ak.us/wc/home.htm>.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will either

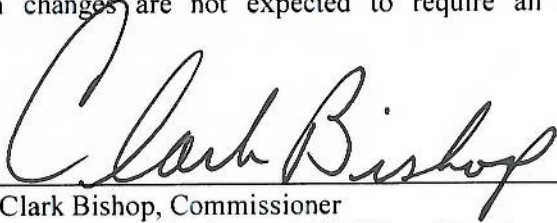
adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

**Statutory Authority:** AS 23.35.050

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 23.35.040, AS 23.35.050, AS 23.35.070, AS 23.35.090, AS 23.35.100, AS 23.35.130, AS 23.25.140, AS 23.25.145

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 2-1-12

  
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Clark Bishop, Commissioner  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development