

PROPOSAL 173

5 AAC 75.995. Definitions.

Define “ecotourism”, as follows:

5 AAC 75.995. is amended to read:

(x) Unless otherwise provided in 5 AAC 47 – 5 AAC 75 “ecotourism” is defined as an activity that includes demonstration of fishing techniques, capture of fish and shellfish species that are released unharmed, and/or education and interpretation of the demonstrated fishery to their clients. The business must meet the requirements of 5 AAC 75.085.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? “Ecotourism” is referenced but not defined in regulation under 5 AAC 47.090 and 5 AAC 75.085. There has been increased interest by businesses to provide ecotourism activities to educate clients about Alaska fisheries and fishery resources. Some businesses are uncertain if they meet the ecotourism definition as it is not defined. This would provide clarity in the sport fishing regulations.

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