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Dear Interested Person:

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) proposes to change regulations in Title 18, Chapter 34 of the Alaska Administrative Code, Seafood Processing and Inspections. The amendment proposes the increase of fees for DEC's Environmental Health Laboratory for laboratory analysis and testing for paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) toxin and shellfish growing water.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Department of Environmental Conservation's website at <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/regulations/>, or by contacting Kimberly Stryker by email at kimberly.stryker@alaska.gov or by phone at (907) 269-7645.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes by submitting written comments to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Attention: Kimberly Stryker, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. Additionally, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 269-7654, by electronic mail at kimberly.stryker@alaska.gov, and online by visiting <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/regulations/> and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 11:59 pm on April 17, 2020

We will respond to questions that are relevant to the proposed changes if the questions are received in writing at least ten days before the end of the public comment period. If questions are submitted after that, we may, but we are not required to respond to those questions. The questions and answers will be available on the Department of Environmental Conservation's website at <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/>. One consolidated answer may be provided for a group of questions that are similar, as appropriate.

We do not respond individually to comments on proposed regulations changes. After we have a chance to review the written comments received and then consider them in deciding what changes (if any) to make in our regulations, we will prepare a summary of the comments and our responses to them, which will be sent to everyone who submits a timely written comment on the proposed changes and provides a return mailing or email address. Individual commenters will not be identified in the summary; however, the comments themselves are public records subject to public inspection.

Thank you in advance for taking time to review and comment on the proposed regulatory changes. Tips for commenting effectively on proposed regulations can be found on our website at <http://dec.alaska.gov/commish/regulations/how-to-comment-faq/>.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Stryker
Food Safety & Sanitation Program Manger

Enclosures:

- Public Notice, 18 AAC 34.905
- Additional Regulations Notice Information, 18 AAC 34.905