

# Research Tip – Alaska Administrative Code

The *Alaska Administrative Code* (AAC) contains rules and regulations promulgated by state agencies. These agencies are part of the executive branch and derive their regulatory powers from enabling legislation enacted by the state legislature. While regulations are not the same as statutes, which are passed directly by the legislature, they still have the force of law. The legislature sets out policies and guidelines which are then fleshed out into specific rules by the agency.

When creating rules and regulations, the agencies must follow the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) which, in general, requires agencies to publish proposed rules and allow time for public comments. After the comments are meaningfully considered and addressed, the final rule is issued. The final rule is then sent to the Lieutenant Governor for filing and publishing in the AAC, usually taking effect 30 days after signing.

## 1. Current Rules

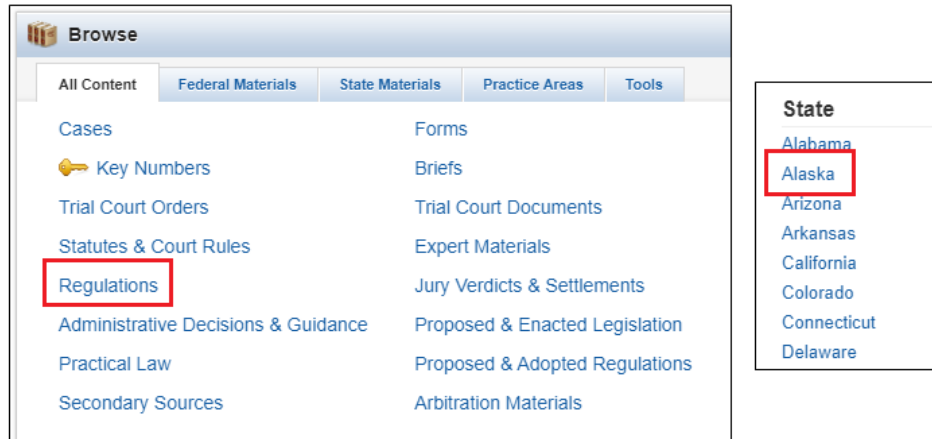
### a. Online

The *Alaska Administrative Code* is available online through the Alaska State Legislature’s website at <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp>. As you scroll through the site, the enabling statutes, regulatory history, and cross references will be listed on the right side of the screen. You can view the Index by clicking “Index (TOC)” from the menu on the left.

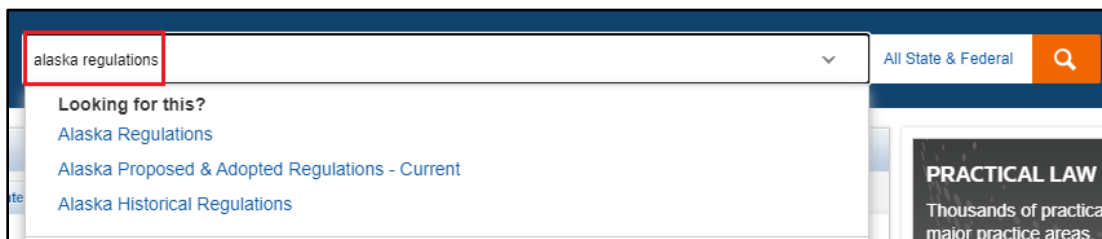
The screenshot displays the Alaska Administrative Code website interface. On the left, there are two vertical navigation menus: 'Basis Navigation' with links for Bills, Legislators, Committees, Session, Session Laws, Tools, and Archive; and 'Admin Code Navigation' with links for Index (TOC), Print, Email Link, and Embed This. The 'Index (TOC)' link is highlighted with a red box. At the top, there is a search bar with a 'Display' button and a question mark icon. The main content area shows the 31st Legislature (2019-2020) and the Alaska Admin Code. Two search results are visible: '2 AAC 07.295. Personnel evaluation' and '2 AAC 07.300. Employee training'. The 'Personnel evaluation' result is expanded, showing sub-sections (a) through (e) with detailed text. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a red border containing 'Title 2 Administration', 'Chapter 07. Personnel Rules', 'Sec 295. Personnel evaluation.', and sections for 'REFERENCE' (2 AAC 07.270), 'AUTHORITY' (AS 39.25.070, AS 39.25.140, AS 39.25.150), and 'HISTORY' (In effect before 6/28/84: am 6/28/84, Register 91). At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a disclaimer: 'While every effort is made to maintain accuracy this is NOT the official version of the Alaska Administrative Code. Any information contained within is strictly factual and does not constitute any kind of legal advice.'

The AAC is also available online through [Westlaw](#). From the home page, select Regulations, then Alaska.

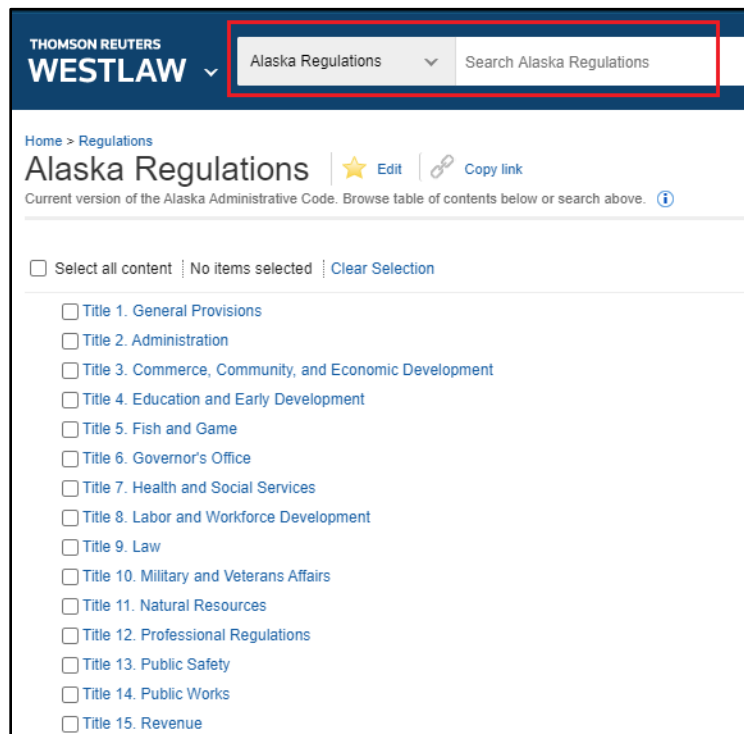
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Or start typing “Alaska Regulations” in the search bar and follow the links from there.



The index to the AAC is not available from Westlaw, so to search the regulations, navigate to the Alaska Regulations homepage and use the search box at the top of the page.



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From an individual regulation, you can view the regulatory history and statutory authority at the bottom of the page. History and citing references are also available, depending on the regulation.

The screenshot shows a web page for the regulation 5 AAC 96.010. The page title is "5 AAC 96.010. Establishment of a local fish and game advisory committee system." The page includes a navigation menu with options like "Document", "Notes of Decisions (0)", "History (1)", "Citing References (10)", and "Context & Analysis (0)". The breadcrumb trail is: "Alaska Administrative Code > Title 5. Fish and Game (Refs & Annos) > Part 6. Fish and Game Advisory Committees and Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations > Chapter 96. Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees and Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations > Article 1. Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees". The regulation title is "5 AAC 96.010. Establishment of a local fish and game advisory committee system." Below the title is a "Currentness" link. The main text of the regulation is partially visible: "There is established a system of local fish and game advisory committees to provide a local forum for the collection and expression of". At the bottom of the page, there is a source note: "Source: AS 16.06.260, Alaska Admin. Code: 5 AAC 96.010, 5 AAC 96.010".

## b. In Print

The print version of the AAC is available in 11 large, black looseleaf binders. It is available in all law library locations and most court campuses. The index for the print version is located in volume 1.

## 2. Proposed Rules

Proposed and recently adopted regulations are published on the [Lieutenant Governor's website](#). Each proposed regulation notice includes text of the proposal along with other relevant information such as how to submit comments for consideration. Notices for newly adopted regulations include the text of the new regulation and its effective date.

## 3. Superseded Rules

To find the history of a regulation, look at the source note at the end of the regulation which tells you when the section was enacted and amended. The source note includes the effective date and Register number. By looking through the Registers, you can find when the language or subsection in question was included in the regulation.

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Alaska Administrative Code  
Title 15, Revenue (Refs & Annos)  
Chapter 40, Motor Fuel Tax  
Article 5, Tax Return Filing Requirements; Filing Credits

15 AAC 40.400

15 AAC 40.400. Tax return filing requirements.

Currentness

(a) Each person subject to AS 43.40.010(c) shall file the tax return, under penalty of unsworn falsification, on a form or in a format prescribed by the department. Each person shall file a separate tax return for gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel, and gasohol.

**Credits**  
(Eff. 4/1/2001, Register 157)

AUTHORITY: AS 43.05.080, AS 43.40.010

Current with amendments received through the Quarterly Supplement, April 2020 (Register 233).

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 15, § 40.400, 15 AK ADC 40.400

## a. Online

Superseded regulations are available on Westlaw back to 2002. From the Alaska Regulations page, click on “Alaska Historical Regulations” from the menu on the right of the page.

Home > Regulations

### Alaska Regulations

Current version of the Alaska Administrative Code. Browse table of contents below or search above. ⓘ

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- Title 2. Administration
- Title 3. Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
- Title 4. Education and Early Development
- Title 5. Fish and Game
- Title 6. Governor's Office
- Title 7. Health and Social Services

**TOOLS & RESOURCES**

- Alaska Historical Regulations**
- Alaska Proposed & Adopted Regulations - Current
- Alaska Regulation Tracking

Title Search

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Or start typing “Alaska Regulations” in the search bar and follow the links from there.

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Looking for this?

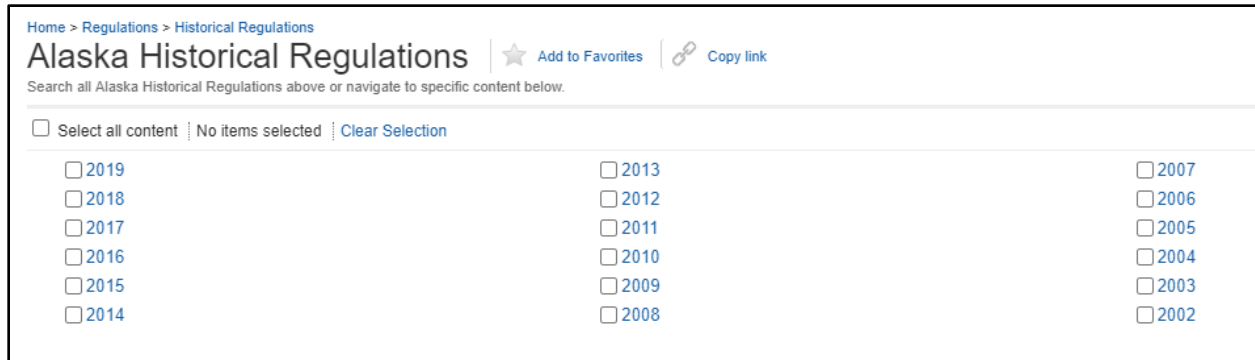
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Choose a year from the list before searching for an individual regulation. Typing a regulation citation into the search bar before selecting a year will default back to the current code rather than the historical code.



Home > Regulations > Historical Regulations

## Alaska Historical Regulations

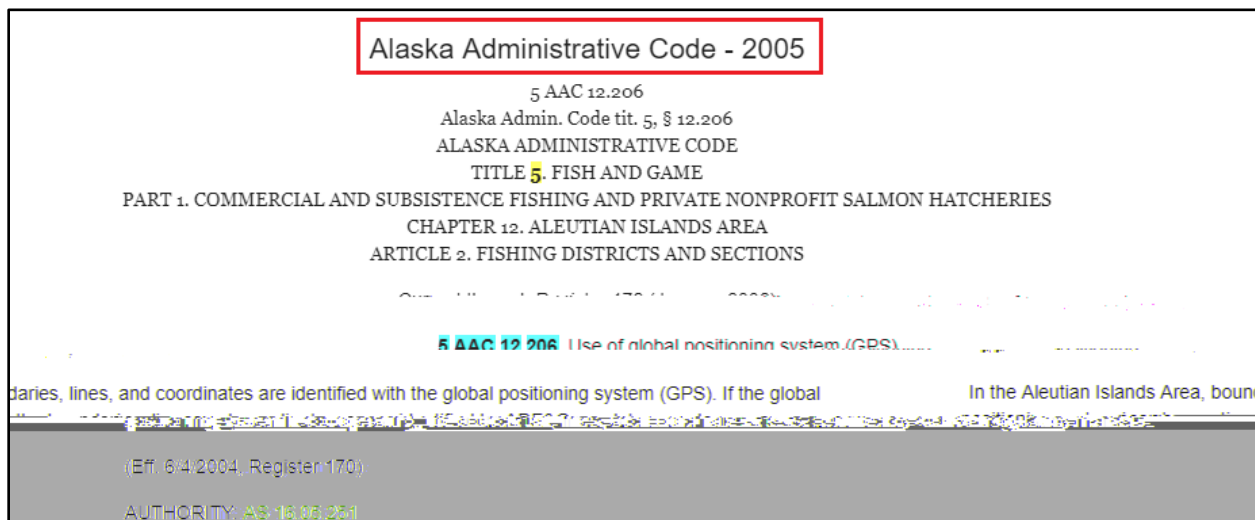
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Look for “Alaska Administrative Code – (year)” at the top of the page to make sure you are viewing the historical version instead of the current version.



**Alaska Administrative Code - 2005**

5 AAC 12.206  
Alaska Admin. Code tit. 5, § 12.206  
ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
TITLE 5. FISH AND GAME  
PART 1. COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT SALMON HATCHERIES  
CHAPTER 12. ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA  
ARTICLE 2. FISHING DISTRICTS AND SECTIONS

5 AAC 12.206 Use of global positioning system (GPS)...

(Eff. 6/4/2004, Register 170)

AUTHORITY: AS 16.06.231

## b. Print

Superseded regulations prior to 2004 are only available in print. We have full sets of superseded regulations at the Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau Law Libraries. Visit the law library in your location or contact us at [library@akcourts.us](mailto:library@akcourts.us) or (907) 264-0856 for assistance finding older regulations.

## 4. Law Library

For more information or for reference or research assistance, contact library staff at [library@akcourts.us](mailto:library@akcourts.us) or (907) 264-0856.