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March 6, 2013

Monica Wellard, Executive Director
 Alaska Board of Fisheries
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Subject: Alaska Board of Fisheries Meeting Scheduled for January 29, 2014 through
 February 11, 2014

Dear Ms. Wellard:

The purpose of this correspondence is to submit for your and the Boards consideration, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Kenai, respectfully requesting that the Board of Fisheries reconsider their decision to hold the above referenced meeting in Anchorage and hold the meeting in the Central Kenai Peninsula area.

The residents of the Kenai Peninsula are uniquely affected by decisions regarding Upper Cook Inlet Finfish issues. Many of the 58,000 Kenai Peninsula residents actively participate in one or more Upper Cook Inlet fisheries. In fact, the livelihood of many Kenai Peninsula residents is in varying degrees dependent upon commercial, sport, subsistence, and personal use fisheries.

Because of the distance to Anchorage, and length of the meeting it is a considerable hardship for Kenai residents to attend the Board meeting. It has been 19 years since the Board of Fisheries has held their meeting to consider Upper Cook Inlet Finfish issue in the Central Kenai Peninsula area. Over the past 19 years some Kenai residents have travelled to other locations to attend Board meetings, but many have simply not been able to take the time away from their employment and/or the travel and lodging costs presented a financial hardship.

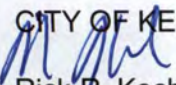
After 19 years, and the number of issues directly affecting them, it would seem "only fair" that the residents of the Central Kenai Peninsula be afforded local access to the Alaska Board of Fisheries January 29, 2014 through February 11, 2014 meeting.

Attached please find City of Kenai Resolution 2013-06, and supporting documents.

Thank you for your, and the Alaska Board of Fisheries consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

CITY OF KENAI


 Rick R. Koch
 City Manager

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Vice Mayor Ryan Marquis
Council Member Robert Molloy
Council Member Brian Gabriel
Council Member Tim Navarre
Council Member Terry Bookey
Council Member Mike Boyle

CITY OF KENAI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 29, 2014 THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2014 TO CONSIDER UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH ISSUES BE HELD ON THE CENTRAL KENAI PENINSULA.

WHEREAS, the consideration of Upper Cook Inlet Finfish issues are important to, and directly affect many residents of the Central Kenai Peninsula; and,

WHEREAS, Central Peninsula residents are comprised of many individuals involved in commercial fisheries, sport fisheries, subsistence fisheries, and personal use fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, many Central Kenai Peninsula residents derive their livelihood from Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, it is a significant burden to travel to Anchorage and stay for an extended period to ensure an individual is able to testify before and have their concerns heard by the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, it is consistent with the mission of the Alaska Board of Fisheries to provide an opportunity for affected Alaskans' voices to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, venues of sufficient size having necessary support technology are available in the Central Kenai Peninsula to successfully hold the Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Governments and residents of the Central Kenai Peninsula would be gracious hosts, and appreciative of the opportunity to host the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, that the Council respectfully requests that the Alaska Board of Fisheries Meeting scheduled for January 29, 2014 through February 11, 2014 to consider Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Issues be held on the Central Kenai Peninsula.

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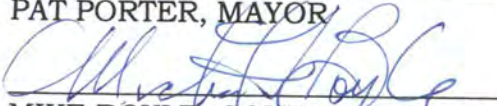
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PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, this 20th day of February, 2013.



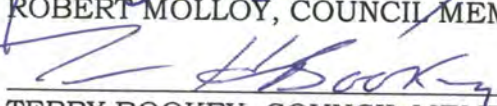
PAT PORTER, MAYOR



MIKE BOYLE, COUNCIL MEMBER



ROBERT MOLLOY, COUNCIL MEMBER

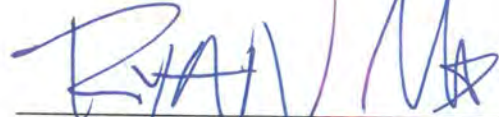


TERRY BOOKEY, COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk



RYAN MARQUIS, VICE MAYOR



TIM NAVARRE, COUNCIL MEMBER



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MEMO:

TO: City Council
FROM: Rick Koch, City Manager
DATE: February 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution 2013-06, Requesting that the Alaska Board of Fisheries Meeting Scheduled for January 29, 2014 Through February 11, 2014 to Consider Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Issues be Held on the Central Kenai Peninsula

The purpose of this correspondence is to request Council approval of the above referenced resolution. This resolution requests that the Alaska Board of Fisheries hold its 2014 meeting in which Upper Cook Inlet finfish issues are considered to be held in the Kenai-Soldotna area.

Historically the Alaska Board of Fisheries has held its meeting in various locations through- out the districts in which fishery issues are being considered. The last occasion in which the Alaska Board of Fisheries held its meeting to consider Cook Inlet finfish issues in the Kenai-Soldotna area was in 1995, or 19 years ago.

No area in the State is more effected by fishery issues than the Kenai Peninsula in general, and the Kenai River specifically. The issues which will be considered affecting the Kenai River and Upper Cook Inlet are of interest, and directly affect many of the residents of the Central Kenai Peninsula. Holding the meeting in the Kenai-Soldotna area will afford Kenai residents the opportunity to testify before the Board of Fisheries without the burden and expense of traveling to Anchorage and having to stay over several days.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2013/2014 Cycle
Tentative Meeting Dates and Locations

Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik Finfish; King and Tanner Crab (Statewide, except Southeast/Yakutat) and Statewide Pacific cod Commercial Fishing and Supplemental Issues

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2013

Meeting Dates	Topics	Location	Comment Deadline
October 9-10, 2013 [2 days]	Work Session ACRs, cycle organization, Stocks of Concern	Girdwood Alyeska Resort	Sept. 25, 2013
October 18-22, 2013 [5 days]	Statewide Pacific cod	Anchorage (TBD)	Sept. 25, 2013
December 3-6, 2013 [4 days]	Chignik Finfish	Anchorage EGAN Civic Center	Nov. 19, 2013
December 8-11, 2013 [4 days]	Lower Cook Inlet Finfish	Anchorage EGAN Civic Center	Nov. 19, 2013
January 7-11, 2014 [5 days]	Kodiak Finfish	Kodiak Kodiak Harbor Convention Center	Dec. 23, 2013
Jan. 29-Feb. 11, 2014 [14 days]	Upper Cook Inlet Finfish	Anchorage Millennium AK	Jan. 15, 2014
March 17-21, 2014 [5 days]	Statewide King and Tanner Crab (except Southeast/Yakutat) And supplemental issues	Anchorage Sheraton Anchorage	Mar. 3, 2014

Total Meeting Days: 39

Agenda Change Request Deadline: **August 27, 2013** [45 days prior to fall Work Session]

Updated: December 2012

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PRESS RELEASE

CONTACT: Monica Wellard, 907-465-6095

For Immediate Release: January 3, 2013

Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Anchorage, January 15-20, 2013

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet January 15-20, 2013, at the Sheraton Hotel, 401 East 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. During this six-day public meeting, the board will meet to consider 70 proposals regarding Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim finfish issues that have been submitted by the general public, fishing organizations, local Fish and Game Advisory Committees, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

In addition to submitting written public comments, the board also invites members of the public to give oral public testimony during the meeting beginning January 15. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 16. Public testimony will continue until members of the public who have signed up before the deadline and who are present have been given an opportunity to testify.

All portions of the meeting are open to the public and a live audio stream is intended to be available on the Board of Fisheries' website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. Documents submitted to the board are intended to be posted online throughout the meeting. Copies of advanced meeting materials including the agenda and roadmap can be obtained by contacting Boards Support Section at 907-465-4110 or viewed online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>.

The board encourages the public to submit written comments on specific proposals. Written public comments limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group will be accepted as a record copy (RC), but will not be inserted in board member workbooks until the beginning of the meeting, and will only be accepted until the board begins deliberation of proposals.

NEW PUBLIC COMMENT STANDARD: Once deliberation of proposals begin at a board meeting, the board will **ONLY** accept written public comments that are not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent double-sided pages, unless specific information is requested by the board that requires more pages than allowed under this standard.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 25 copies are provided; as a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier. Individuals not attending the meeting can submit written comments by fax to (907) 465-6094.

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cc: Governor Sean Parnell
Senator Peter Micciche
Speaker Mike Chenault
Representative Kurt Olson

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