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Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Anchorage, March 17-21, 2014 on Statewide King and Tanner Crab (except Southeast/Yakutat) and Supplemental Issues

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet March 17-21, 2014 at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel, 401 East 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. During this five day public meeting, the board will meet to consider 49 proposals regarding statewide king and Tanner crab fisheries and supplemental issues 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 invites the public to give oral public testimony during the meeting beginning March 17. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. The tentative deadline for signing up is 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17. 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, are available from Boards Support Section, 907-465-4110, or online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>.

The board encourages the public to submit written comments on specific proposals and is accepting on time public comment until March 3. After March 3, written public comments are limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group. These comments are recorded as record copies (RC) and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the meeting, and accepted until the board begins deliberation of proposals.

Once proposal deliberations begin, the board will **ONLY** accept written public comments not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent double-sided pages. The board may relax this requirement if specific information is requested by the board requiring more pages than allowed under this standard. See <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.comments> for details on public comment.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 27 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 in attendance can submit written comments by fax to (907) 465-6094.