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**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
REVIEW OF DRAFT PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS, SOUTHEAST
FINFISH/SHELLFISH 2018 LOCATION, AND FY17 BUDGET UPDATE**

Teleconference

May 24, 2016

MEETING SUMMARY

Board Members Present

Tom Kluberton, Chair

Fritz Johnson

Orville Huntington

Reed Morisky

John Jensen, Vice-Chair

Sue Jeffrey

Al Cain

The Board of Fisheries (Board) met by teleconference at 9:00am on May 24, 2016, to review and possibly take action on its draft proposal review process policy, consider rescheduling and/or relocating the 2018 Southeast Finfish/Shellfish meeting, and hear an update on the FY17 Boards Support budget.

The Board discussed the draft proposal review process policy that had been amended after consideration at the March 2016 Statewide Finfish meeting. Several Board members mentioned comfort with a consent agenda process, but given the breadth of concern offered in the on-time public comment, including requests to delay action until more of the public and advisory committees could weigh in, the Board decided to take no action. Rather, if the board chooses to take it up at a later time it will have that option.

The Board heard a report from Boards Support staff regarding unsuccessful efforts to find a meeting venue in Ketchikan for the dates January 11-24, 2018. The Board chose to return to Sitka. Factors the board considered included no available venues in Ketchikan, potential limitations on hotels in Juneau at the start of the Legislature, and the need to handle shellfish proposals quickly to allow Southeast crab fishermen to gear up for the winter crab season.

The Board heard a report from Boards Support staff regarding the state of the FY17 budget. In October at the Board work session, staff reported a potential \$170K shortfall based on stable revenues and the planned 2016/2017 meeting schedule. Given the Legislature remains in session and budgets are not final, it was premature to request the Board make any changes to its 2016/2017 schedule to help reduce costs.



The board heard two more issues under miscellaneous business. Member Huntington provided an update on several Yukon and Kuskokwim related workgroups and planning teams he had participated in. Member Morisky pointed out to the board that the upcoming 2016 Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting currently slated to start November 28 in Homer, would start the Monday after the Thanksgiving weekend. In consideration of holiday travels and timing, the board approved a change of start dates to either November 29 or November 30 depending on venue availability.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37am.