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Karl Johnstone, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries
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RE: 2014 PWS/Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish Meeting

Dear Chairman Johnstone,

On behalf of the Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) Board of Directors I would like to urge you to select Cordova as the location in which to conduct the December 2014 Prince William Sound Finfish BOF meeting.

Cordova has a long history of successfully hosting BOF meetings. Since our last BOF meeting in 2008, construction of the new Cordova Center multi-use meeting center began and is scheduled for completion in March 2014. It's fully ADA compliant and will be an excellent facility for activities such as the BOF meeting. In the event that the center is not complete, the Little Chapel is an excellent 2nd choice of meeting venue conveniently located adjacent to restaurant and lodging facilities.

As you recall, Cordova continues to be easily accessible and is served by Alaska Airlines, both north and south bound, as well as semi-daily ERA flights in the morning and evening. In addition, our ferry service provides multiple trips each week to Whittier and Valdez and the south-central road system.

Cordova's combination of hotels, lodges and B&B's continues to expand and is of ample capacity for the expected influx of visitors and participants associated with a BOF meeting. With some advance planning, we can also ensure that sufficient dining and entertainment are available during the meeting.

Thank you, again for your consideration of Cordova as the location for the next PWS Finfish BOF meeting. It is important to our organization, its members and this community to locally host BOF meetings from time to time, giving commercial fishing Cordovans a convenient opportunity to participate in and attend the BOF process.

Sincerely,

Alexis Cooper, Executive Director
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