

SOUTH K BEACH INDEPENDENT

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FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Protecting and Preserving the Kasilof River Aquarian System

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Alaska Board of Fisheries
Board Support Section
P.O. Box 115526
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RE: Kodiak Finfish Regulatory Meeting 01.07-10.14

General Correspondence

Chairman Karl Johnstone,

South K-Beach Independent Fishermen's Association (SOKI) is a fishing group established to inform and comment on specific effects of management and environmental actions on the area designated by stat area adjacent to the mouth of Kasilof River.

We would like to have the Board of Fisheries discuss their current policy of convening a regulatory meeting every three years in designated regions of the state. SOKI members have heard many stakeholders' complaints of the high human and financial costs to attend these frequent meeting schedules. Others would just like to explore what the new scheduling would look like and how it would affect their region. Still others would like to know if this would change the terms of individual BOF members to some longer term.

To better develop the discussion we would propose a hypothetical time period of a five year cycle. It is our perception that many interest groups have already visited this idea and have contacted their elected leaders for guidance.

We would like to hear the Board's view on this possible change in term lengths and changes to the triennial meeting cycle system currently in place. In addition, to clarify if the Board has the authority to change the meeting schedules without other governmental approvals. A change in terms for confirmed BOF members would apparently need the approval of the legislative body.

Thank you,

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SOKI spokesperson