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Subject: Alaska Board of Fisheries October 15-16 Work Session, Selection of Meeting Location for 2017 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting

Chairman Johnstone and Members of the Board of Fisheries:

The Miscellaneous Section of the Work Session packet contains data requested by the Board from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game identifying the geographical distribution of Cook Inlet Personal Use Permits, Sport Fishing Licenses, Cook Inlet Salmon Drift Net Permits, and Cook Inlet Salmon Set Net Permits.

The purpose of this correspondence is to submit supplemental information to provide an accurate understanding of other user groups, community impacts, and economic impacts.

The Northern Economics Cook Inlet Drift and Set Net Salmon Fisheries report published in May 2013 provides the following statistical data relating to Kenai Peninsula residents and the Kenai Peninsula economy:

- 3,600 harvester jobs, 2011
- 1,617 processing jobs, 2011
- Fourth largest Alaska salmon fishery in value in 2011 at \$54.2 million, exceeds all lower 48 salmon fisheries in ex-vessel value.
- \$212 million first wholesale export value, mostly fresh fish products being shipped by truck to the lower 48, transportation time---60 hours. The uniqueness of having processing plants on the Kenai Peninsula connected to the road system.
- \$350 million---overall economic contribution to the Cook Inlet region.
- Sixth largest port in the US in landed value---the Kenai Peninsula --if total fishery landings of all species from Seward, Kenai, Homer and Anchorage are aggregated as one port.

- Labor income (payroll) to fishermen, 2011, crew and permit holders at 60 percent of exvessel revenue

Set and drift net harvester salmon:	\$34 million
Set and drift net harvesters in other fisheries:	\$30 million
Set and drift net harvesters from 2 nd jobs:	\$14.3 million
Sub Total—harvester income:	\$78.0 million
Processing labor income:	\$30 million
Total payroll in 2011 Kenai Peninsula fisheries:	\$108 million

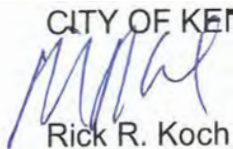
A comparison of the geographical distribution of fishing licenses, personal use permits, etc. does not accurately gauge the involvement and/or impact of Upper Cook Inlet fisheries on the residents and economy of the Kenai Peninsula. Few if any businesses and individuals are not affected, either directly or indirectly, from Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries. Four hundred East-Side set net families who operate small businesses are directly affected. Eight thousand residents of the City of Kenai are directly affected from early May to late August by Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries.

The City of Kenai, as defined by the Magnuson-Stevens Act, is a Fishing Community, as is Homer, Anchor Point, Ninilchik, Kasilof, Nikiski, and Seward.

Thank you for your attention to this letter, and thank you for your consideration in the selection of the Kenai Peninsula for the Board of Fisheries 2017 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting.

Sincerely,

CITY OF KENAI



Rick R. Koch
City Manager

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Kenai Peninsula Borough Seafood Processors, 2011

NIKISKI
Pacific Alaska Shellfish

KENAI
Alaska Blue Harvest Seafoods
Inlet Fish Producers
Kenai Landing
Pacific Star Seafoods
Salamatof Seafoods
Snug Harbor Seafoods
Snug Harbor Seafoods

WHITTIER
Fee's Custom Seafoods
Great Pacific Seafoods
Perry Island Oyster Farm

SOLDOTNA
Custom Seafood Processors
Echo Lake Superior Meat & Processing
Peninsula Processing & Smokehouse

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, <http://labor.alaska.gov/research/seafood/SouthernCentral/SCProcLocMap.pdf>, based on Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation records of processors permitted for 2011

KASILOF
Ed's Kasilof Seafoods
Inlet Fish Producers

NINILCHIK
Deep Creek Custom Packing

SEWARD
Captain Jacks Seafood Locker
Icicle Seafoods
J-Dock Seafood
Polar Seafoods
Sea Level Seafoods

SELDOVIA
Northern Lights Oyster

ANCHOR POINT
Anchor Point Seafoods

HOMER
Coal Point Trading Company
Homer Fish Processing
Kachemak Bay Seafoods
The Auction Block
The Fish Factory
Kachemak Shellfish Growers Co-op
Sunset Cove Oyster Farm

