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Alaska Board of Fisheries
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Teleconference meeting regarding

Division of Sport Fish Request to Use Rotenone for Invasive Northern Pike Eradication Project

Meeting Summary

The Board of Fisheries (board) met by teleconference on Friday, September 19, 2014, to consider a request by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (department), Division of Sport Fish, to provide consent to use rotenone in a series of lake systems within the Kenai River drainage in its continued program of invasive species eradication of northern pike in Southcentral Alaska. Seven board members were present. Public listen-only teleconference sites were available at the department's office in Anchorage, and in Soldotna at the Kenai River Center. The meeting was streamed live on the internet, accessible at the Board of Fisheries website.

Under Alaska Statute 16.35.200, the department must first obtain the written consent of the board prior to using poison for the purpose of killing predatory animals. The board heard from department staff on its ongoing northern pike invasive species eradication program and the project before the board. This was followed by a round of questions and answers.

In a 7-0 vote, the board provided its consent to the department to conduct its eradication project in the Kenai River drainage. The department offered to provide the board a report on its progress at the March 2015 board meeting in Anchorage.

Under miscellaneous business, the board considered a request by the Crab Observer Oversight Task Force to replace a task force vacancy. As described in the task force's September 9, 2014 memorandum, Mark Henkel, a managing partner and operator in the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery, was recommended to replace resigning member Dick Powell. The board unanimously agreed to fill the vacancy with Mr. Henkel.