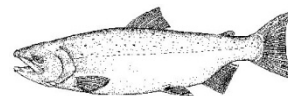

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SOUTHERN, NORTHERN, & JOINT SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 (9:00 a.m.)

Chilkat Room
Goldbelt Hotel
51 Eagan Drive
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Juneau. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), announces the Joint, Northern, and Southern Southeast Regional Planning Teams spring 2012 meeting will be held at the above time and place. The Regional Planning Teams consist of representatives of salmon fishing gear groups and ADF&G representatives. The Planning Teams were established by the Commissioner of ADF&G for the purpose of development and amendment of comprehensive salmon plans; making recommendations concerning private non-profit hatchery permit alteration requests (PARs); and making recommendations concerning the allocation of enhanced fish throughout Southeast. This meeting will be open to the public.

The RPT will vote on two PARs from Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association: 1) increase permitted capacity Hidden Falls Hatchery coho salmon eggs to maximize existing release numbers at Hidden Falls and Deer Lake, and 2) add a new chum salmon release location in an un-named cove near Nelson Bay.

The RPT will be given an update on the current state of enhanced salmon allocation, an update on the ongoing chum salmon straying study, discuss protocols for letters of recommendation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and possibly discuss additional hatchery topics.

Should you have special needs in order to participate in this meeting or for copies of the agenda or additional information, please contact Mr. Pryor (garold.pryor@alaska.gov).

PDF copies of PARs can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional>

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