

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
GULF OF ALASKA WALLEYE POLLOCK WORKGROUP**

Notice is given that the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Westmark Hotel in downtown Anchorage at 720 West 5th Avenue, in the Turnagain Arm conference room. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board's Gulf of Alaska Walleye Pollock Workgroup (workgroup) to review Proposal 44 of the Board of Fisheries 2013/2014 meeting cycle and a draft state waters pollock fishery management plan.

The Board established the workgroup to provide the Board with information on a state guideline harvest level (GHL) walleye pollock fishery and an explanation of whether and how a state-GHL walleye pollock fishery would protect and maintain Alaska's marine resources and maximize benefits of the state's Gulf of Alaska (GOA) walleye pollock resource. The workgroup is made up of two Board members (who serve as co-chairs), two members of the NPFMC, one license limitation program (LLP) trawl vessel owner, one LLP travel vessel operator, the author of Proposal 44, two purse seine vessel operators, two jig vessel operators, a large and small processor, a representative from the CGOA trawl voluntary cooperative, a sport fish charter operator, and community representatives from the Central and Western Gulf communities.

The workgroup dates and locations of past and planned meetings are all located on the Board's website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cgoapollockworkgroup.main>.

No regulatory action is taken at these meetings. Workgroup co-chairs manage the meetings to encourage an open and respectful exchange of information and ideas, seeking to achieve greater understanding on issues relevant to the subjects at hand. After the workgroup completes each meeting, it releases a written summary of the general discussion and findings of the workgroup.

Agenda topics for the meeting include, but are not be limited to: review the 2013/14 Proposal 44 and staff comments; receive an update on the Kodiak and Cook Inlet pollock seine test fishery; review an expansion of the pollock workgroup by Western, Central, and Southeast representatives; receive an update on Prince William Sound pollock proposals at the December 2014 regulatory meeting; review a state GHL pollock draft management plan; explore the costs and benefits of a state pollock fishery; and receive notice of the October 2015 statewide pollock regulatory meeting. The pollock workgroup agenda and meeting materials are available through the Department of Fish and Game Boards Support Section and the Board of Fisheries website above. Audio streaming will not be available on the website for this meeting. For information about the meeting or meeting materials, contact the Boards Support Section (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate, please contact the Boards Support Section (907) 465-4110 **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015**, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.



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Alaska Board of Fisheries

January 23, 2015

Date