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Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Anchorage, February 26-March 4, 2013

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet February 26-March 4, 2013, at the Sheraton Hotel, 401 East 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. During this seven-day public meeting, the board will consider 48 proposals regarding Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands finfish issues that have been submitted by the general public, fishing organizations, local Fish and Game Advisory Committees, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

In addition to submitting written public comments, the board also invites members of the public to give oral public testimony during the meeting beginning February 26. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 27. Public testimony will continue until members of the public who have signed up before the deadline and who are present have been given an opportunity to testify.

All portions of the meeting are open to the public and a live audio stream is intended to be available on the Board of Fisheries' website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. Documents submitted to the board are intended to be posted online throughout the meeting. Copies of advanced meeting materials including the agenda and roadmap can be obtained by contacting Boards Support Section at 907-465-4110 or viewed online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>.

The board encourages the public to submit written comments on specific proposals. Written public comments limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group will be accepted as a record copy (RC), but will not be inserted in board member workbooks until the beginning of the meeting, and will only be accepted until the board begins deliberation of proposals.

NEW PUBLIC COMMENT STANDARD: Once deliberation of proposals begin at a board meeting, the board will **ONLY** accept written public comments that are not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent double-sided pages, unless specific information is requested by the board that requires more pages than allowed under this standard.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 25 copies are provided; as a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier. Individuals not attending the meeting can submit written comments by fax to (907) 465-6094.

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