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Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Anchorage, March 20–24, 2017 on Statewide (except Southeast and Yakutat) King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet March 20–24, 2017, at the Coast International Inn, 3450 Aviation Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. During this five-day public meeting, the board will meet to consider 38 proposals regarding king and Tanner crab issues 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 public is invited to give oral public testimony during the meeting beginning March 20. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site at the Coast International Inn in Anchorage. The tentative deadline for signing up is 10:00am on Monday, March 20. Public testimony will continue until members of the public who signed up before the deadline and 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 advance meeting materials, including the agenda and roadmap, are available from Boards Support Section, 907-465-4110, or online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>.

The board encourages the public to submit written comments on specific proposals. See <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.comments> for details on public comment. Public comments submitted by February 27 will be included in the board's workbook before the meeting. After February 27, written public comments are limited to 10 single-sided or five double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group. These comments are recorded as record copies and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the meeting, and accepted throughout the board meeting.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 22 copies are provided. Once proposal deliberations begin, the board will **ONLY** accept written public comments not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent double-sided pages. The board may relax this requirement if specific information is requested by the board requiring more pages than allowed under this standard.

Individuals not in attendance can submit written comments by fax to 907-465-6094.