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Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Anchorage, February 23-March 8, 2017 on Upper Cook Inlet Finfish

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet February 23–March 8, 2017, at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel, 401 E 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. During this 14-day public meeting, the board will meet to consider 174 proposals regarding finfish 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 board invites the public to give oral public testimony during the meeting beginning February 23. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. The tentative deadline for signing up is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24. 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 9 will be included in the board's workbook before the meeting. After February 9, 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.