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Alaska Board of Fisheries to hold three meetings in October

Work Session, Joint Protocol Committee Meeting, and the Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Bering Sea Pacific Cod Meeting

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet October 15-19, 2018, at the Egan Civic & Convention Center, 555 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska to hold three consecutive meetings.

Board of Fisheries Work Session

From October 15-16, beginning at 8:30am, the board will hold its 2018/2019 work session. No regulatory action is taken at this meeting. Agenda topics may include: electing officers, accepting agenda change requests (ACRs), reviewing petitions, meeting organization, creating board generated proposals, establishing committees for the 2018/2019 meeting cycle, setting locations and dates for the 2020/2021 meeting cycle, informational reports, executive sessions and administrative issues that come before the board. The board is also holding a separate session on Alaska salmon hatcheries (see below).

The board's 2018 ACRs are available for review on the board's website. ACRs are submitted by the public, advisory committees, and agencies seeking regulatory change for regions and species not up for review in the current meeting cycle. The board accepts ACRs as proposals for the 2018/2019 meeting cycle based on guidelines in 5 AAC 39.999 which include the ACR is:

- For a fishery conservation purpose or reason.
- To correct an error in a regulation.
- To correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.

The agenda and other meeting documents, including ACRs, are available prior to the meeting on the board's meeting webpage at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-15-2018&meeting=anchorage.](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-15-2018&meeting=anchorage)

The work session is open to the public, but no oral public testimony will be taken. Written comments, due by October 3 may be mailed to Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, emailed to dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov, submitted on the board's webpage at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov, or faxed to (907) 465-6094. After October 3, written public comments are limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group. These comments are accepted as record copies and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the board meeting.

During the meeting, written public comments up to an equivalent of 10 pages from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 22 copies are provided. Once deliberations begin, the board will ONLY accept written public comments not more than an equivalent of five

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single-sided pages. The board may relax this requirement if specific information is requested by the board requiring more pages allowed under this standard. Individuals not in attendance can submit written comments by fax to (907) 465-6094.

A live audio stream will be available on the board's website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.

Special Session on Alaska Salmon Hatcheries Following the work session, the board will host a session to discuss Alaska salmon hatcheries. This will likely begin at 1:30pm, October 16. This includes reports by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), followed by a townhall style public forum moderated by the board with open public participation. A live audio stream will be available on the board's website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.

Joint Protocol Committee Meeting with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council

On October 17, beginning at 9:00am and continuing at the Egan Center, the board's Joint Protocol Committee (committee) will meet with its counterparts at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (council). This inter-agency committee meets as needed to discuss issues of mutual interest. The committee last met in May 2014.

The committee intends to discuss items including the status of the council's fisheries management plan development for Cook Inlet salmon in federal waters, the status of state management of Chinook salmon in Southeast Alaska, and Bering Sea Pacific cod abundance and management issues. More items may be discussed as determined by the committee. An agenda is posted at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-17-2018&meeting=jointprotocol>.

The meeting is open to the public, and there is an opportunity for written and oral public comment for the meeting. Written comments may be submitted through the methods available for the work session as listed above. Those wishing to provide oral testimony may sign up at the meeting. A live audio stream will be available on the board's website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.

Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Bering Sea Pacific Cod Meeting

The board will then meet October 18-19 at the Egan Center starting at 8:30am to consider Pacific cod proposals. During this two-day meeting, the board will consider 17 proposals regarding Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea Pacific cod submitted by the public, fishing organizations, fish and game advisory committees, and the ADF&G. The agenda and other meeting documents are available on the board's meeting webpage at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-18-2018&meeting=anchorage>.

The meeting is open to the public, and there is an opportunity for written and oral public comment for the meeting. Written comments may be submitted through the methods available for the work session

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as listed above. The board invites the public to give oral testimony at the meeting beginning October 18. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site by 11:00am on October 18. Public testimony continues until members of the public who signed up before the deadline and are present are given an opportunity to testify. A live audio stream is intended to be available on the board's website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.