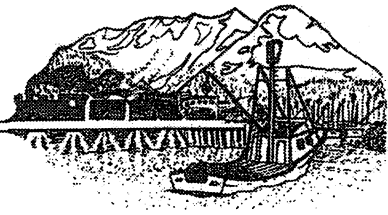


# CITY OF CORDOVA



October 15, 2018

RC 42

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
PO Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: October 15, 2018 board action regarding 2020 meeting location

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries ("Board") Members:

The City of Cordova would like to remind the Board of Fisheries that according to AS 16.05.300 Board Meetings, the Board of Fisheries is required to hold at least one meeting or hearing annually in Prince William Sound (distinct from Southeast Alaska). Per ADF&G website, 5 of the next 6 Board of Fisheries meetings for the 2018-2019 cycle are scheduled for Anchorage, with one scheduled for Dillingham. The last Prince William Sound meeting was hosted in Valdez, and Cordova respectfully requests that the 2020 Board of Fisheries meeting be held in Cordova, Alaska.

The City of Cordova's new state of the art meeting facility, the Cordova Center, completed in 2015, would be an ideal venue to host your 2020 meeting. The excellent audio/visual equipment facilitates regional participation by video and audio. The Cordova Center is a fully ADA accessible building with a versatile array of meeting spaces that are custom designed to accommodate your needs from a 200-seat theater to small breakout sessions of twelve. Catering services offered by local vendors can provide everything from simple coffee service to banquets featuring local seafood and fare appropriate to the event. The local population represents the full spectrum of fisheries user groups; the largest commercial fishing fleet in the state and national ranking as the 13<sup>th</sup> largest commercial seafood port in the US by dollar value; the Native Village of Eyak and Cordova subsistence users groups; and sport fishing guides and transporters. The Prince William Sound Aquaculture (PWSAC) and Prince William Sound Science Center (PWSSC) headquarters and local shellfish farmers are also locally accessible for such contemporary issues as hatchery science and the growing mariculture and aquaculture industries. Easy and reliable access are available via daily north and south bound Alaska airlines 737 schedules and the AMHS.

We strongly encourage you to reconsider scheduling the 2020 Anchorage Board of Fisheries meeting to a Cordova (Prince William Sound) Board of Fisheries meeting per appropriateness of venue and Alaska Statute.

Respectfully,

Clay Koplín  
Mayor of Cordova