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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY REGARDING REGULATIONS
FOR THE IMPROVED RETENTION AND UTILIZATION
OF GROUND FISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA AND
BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREAS.**

In accordance with AS 16.05.270 and AS 16.10.165, the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) delegates authority to the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations in 5 AAC 28, under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), necessary to prevent wastage of groundfish consistent with Alaska Statutes and to complement the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council's (NPFMC) Improved Retention and Improved Utilization (IR/IU) Program in federal waters of the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Areas.

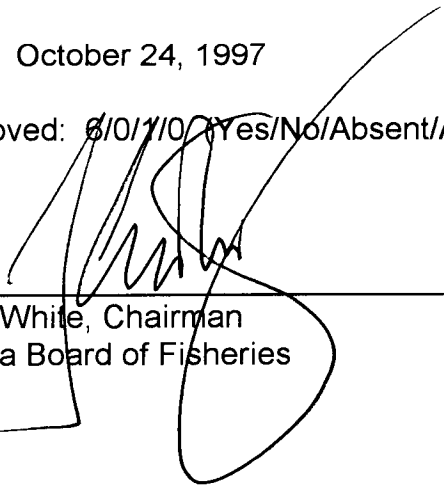
The board also delegates authority to the commissioner to make necessary administrative changes to any appropriate regulations, if the changes in regulations under this delegation create any conflicts with existing regulations.

The commissioner shall inform the board of any regulations adopted, amended, or repealed under this delegation of authority at its next regularly scheduled meeting after the regulations have been adopted, amended, or repealed.

At Girdwood, Alaska

Date: October 24, 1997

Approved: 6/0/1/0/ (Yes/No/Absent/Abstain)



John White, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries