

*Note: During the January 2024 Board of Fisheries meeting, the board approved a request from the East Prince of Wales AC to add this proposal to the agenda for the March 2024 Joint Board meeting.*

**PROPOSAL 20**

**5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committees.**

Assign seats on the East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee by community, as follows:

The East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee respectfully requests to change the administrative code of our AC so we have two seats designated for each of five following communities: Hollis, Kasaan, Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove and Whale Pass. The remaining five seats will remain undesignated.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Thorne Bay is centrally located from the other communities and has paved roads. We have been meeting in the Thorne Bay city hall and they have graciously allowed us to meet there and use their audio / video equipment so we can also have online participation. The facility also has a bathroom and can hold about 40 people. The other four communities above either do not have a similar facility and / or they are not centrally located with paved roads.

The East Prince of Wales AC is not called the Thorne Bay AC. We want to make sure we have designated seats for the five communities, so they do not get left out and the AC doesn't get overloaded with Thorne Bay residents.

**PROPOSED BY:** East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee

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