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**Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Anchorage, March 17-20, 2015 on Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish (except Southeast and Yakutat), and Other Issues**

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet March 17-20, 2015, at the Sheraton Hotel, 401 East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage Alaska. During this four day public meeting, the board will meet to consider 47 proposals 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 March 17. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. The tentative deadline for signing up is 2:00pm on Tuesday, March 17. 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](http://www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov). Documents submitted to the board are intended to be posted online throughout the meeting. Copies of advanced 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. After the on-time public comment period (deadline of March 3 has past), 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 recorded as record copies and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the meeting, and accepted until the board begins deliberation of proposals.

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. See <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.comments> for details on public comment.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 26 copies are provided. As a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier. Individuals not in attendance can submit written comments by fax to (907) 465-6094.

**Training opportunity:** The Boards Support Section is offering a new training course, How to be Effective at Board Meeting. The training course is open for public and advisory committee members. It will be at the Sheraton Hotel's main meeting area, starting at 7pm on March 16. Call Boards Support, 907-465-4110, for more information.