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Dear Chairman Kluberton, Vice Chairman Jensen, and Board Members:

I am writing to ask for your consideration of an issue with the upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting scheduled to take place in early 2017. The board has scheduled this meeting for Anchorage, and I would like you to consider holding the meeting on the Kenai Peninsula. It will have been 18 years since a meeting was held in the area where much of the fishing takes place. I recognize other users live in Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Valley, and throughout other parts of Alaska. However, as a courtesy to those who live and work and fish on the Peninsula, there should be an opportunity to participate in a board of fisheries meeting close to home on some occasion. In the past, I have attended a Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage and would do the same should a meeting be held in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley.

I would personally come to the meeting for the opening session and would attend the proceedings as much as time would allow. There has been much attention given to the controversies surrounding the Cook Inlet fisheries, and I feel we should attempt to improve the communications and exchanges among the many interested parties. Holding a meeting on the Peninsula, possibly Soldotna, may show a willingness to consider points of view from local residents who may not have been able to participate over the past five board cycles.

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Thank you for the work you do. I recognize the commitment and sacrifice you offer for Alaska's fisheries with your service on the board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Bill Walker

Governor