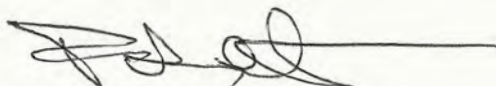


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Members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

The Unalaska Fish & Game Advisory Committee is urging the Alaska Board of Fisheries to call a special meeting in order to hear testimony regarding the *C. bairdi* harvest strategy for the 2016/17 season. The harvest strategy used by Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADFG) for *C. bairdi* fishery is different for determining female bio-mass thresholds than in most other Bering Sea crab fisheries. The efficacy of the current strategy should be evaluated prior to implementing a closure of the fishery. A total closure of the *C. bairdi* fishery will have far-reaching and long-term negative impacts on fishermen, processors and coastal communities in the Bering Sea region and we urge the Board of Fisheries to carefully consider the data and management strategy prior to supporting such drastic action by ADFG.



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