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**Alaska Board of Fisheries Announces the Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting in
Dillingham, November 28-December 3, 2018**

and

Changes to its 2018/2019 Meeting Schedule

2018/2019 Meeting Schedule Changes. At its 2018 Work Session, the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) directed a number of changes and additions to its meeting schedule. The board changed dates for three of its four upcoming regulatory meetings, including the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting (changed to November 28-December 3, 2018), the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, and Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting (changed to February 21-26), and the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting (changed to March 9-12).

Additionally, the board set a meeting date for its newly formed Hatchery Committee for March 8, 2019, in Anchorage Alaska at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel. The board is seeking public comment for the committee meeting related specifically to agenda items for the meeting. This public comment is due January 2, 2019 as the board intends to set the Hatchery Committee meeting agenda at its January 15-19, 2019, Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Finfish meeting in Anchorage.

Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting Information. The board is meeting November 28-December 3, 2018, at the Dillingham Middle School, Dillingham, Alaska. During this 6-day public meeting, the board will consider 47 proposals regarding finfish issues 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 November 28. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site at the Dillingham Middle School in Dillingham. The tentative deadline for signing up is 2:00pm on Wednesday, November 28. 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. 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. See <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.comments> for details on public comment. Public comments submitted by November 14 are included in the board's workbook before the meeting. After November 14, written public comments are limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length

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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 throughout the board meeting.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 22 copies are provided. 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.

Individuals not in attendance can submit written comments by fax to (907) 465-6094.

Training opportunity: The Boards Support Section is hosting a training course, ***How to Navigate the Board Process***, roughly ten minutes following the noon adjournment on November 28 in the main meeting area. While the training is designed for those new to the board process, all are welcome to join.