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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
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Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Seward, December 10-13, 2019 on Lower Cook Inlet Finfish

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet December 10-13, 2019, at the Alaska Vocational Technical Center's Student Service Center, 519 Fourth Avenue, Seward, Alaska. **THIS IS A NEW LOCATION**. During this four-day public meeting, the board will meet to consider 47 proposals regarding Lower Cook Inlet finfish 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 December 10. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site. The tentative deadline for signing up is 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10. 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's 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 25 will be included in the board's workbook before the meeting. After November 25, 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 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.

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 hosting a training course, How to Navigate the Board Process, roughly ten minutes following the noon adjournment on December 10 in the main

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meeting area. While the training is designed for those new to the board process, all are welcome to join.