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**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Special Meeting to Review the 2020/2021 Meeting Schedule in Light of COVID-19
Teleconference, September 16, 2020**

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=09-16-2020&meeting=tele>

Board Members

Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair
John Jensen
John Wood
McKenzie Mitchell - Absent

Israel Payton
Abe Williams
Gerad Godfrey

The meeting was called to order at 2:32pm.

Following introductions and brief ethics disclosures, the Board of Fisheries (board) heard from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) on its findings related to holding in-person meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The department recommended to the board to 1.) conduct the October 15-16 work session through teleconference or a virtual meeting platform, 2.) cancel the December 2020 Prince William Sound meeting with the intention of postponing it to the 2021/2022 meeting cycle, or until there are adequate treatments to assure public, board, and staff safety, 3.) determine if there are certain issues before the board that must be addressed this year, and 4.) initiate the drafting of an action plan for postponing the January and March 2021 meetings to the 2021/2022 meeting cycle.

The board voted to hold the October 2020 work session on a virtual platform. The board voted in support of postponing both the December 2020 Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish meeting and the January 2021 Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting until March-May 2021 with specific dates to be determined at the work session. The board also voted that at the work session it would determine if there are certain issues before the board that must be addressed in a timelier manner.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03pm.