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UPDATE: Alaska Board of Fisheries to hold October Work Session via Web Conference

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet October 20-21, 2021, beginning at 8:30am, via a Zoom web conference. The work session was initially planned for an in-person meeting at the Egan Civic & Convention Center, in Anchorage, Alaska. However, in light of the latest surge of COVID-19 case counts in Alaska, out of an abundance of caution the board will hold its work session on a virtual platform.

No regulatory action is taken at this meeting. Agenda topics may include: electing officers, accepting agenda change requests (ACRs), reviewing its planned meetings, reviewing petitions, meeting organization, creating board generated proposals, establishing committees for the 2021/2022 meeting cycle, informational reports, executive sessions and administrative issues that come before the board.

The board's 2021 ACRs are available for review on the board's website. ACRs are submitted by the public, advisory committees, and agencies seeking regulatory change for regions and species not up for review in the current meeting cycle. The board accepts ACRs as proposals for the 2021/2022 meeting cycle based on guidelines in 5 AAC 39.999 which includes the ACR is:

- For a fishery conservation purpose or reason.
- To correct an error in a regulation.
- To correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.

The agenda and other meeting documents, including ACRs, are available prior to the meeting on the board's meeting webpage at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-20-2021&meeting=anchorage.

No oral public testimony will be taken. Written comments, due by October 6, may be mailed to Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, emailed to

dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov, submitted on the board's webpage at

<u>www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov</u>, or faxed to (907) 465-6094. After October 6, 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 accepted as record copies and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the board meeting.

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During the meeting, written public comments up to an equivalent of 10 pages from any one individual or group may be submitted to the board's public comment email, <u>dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov</u> or by fax, (907) 465-6094. Once deliberations begin, the board will ONLY accept written public comments not more than an equivalent of five single-sided pages. The board may relax this requirement if specific information is requested by the board requiring more pages allowed under this standard.

The board intends to conduct the remaining meeting schedule in-person as planned. The meeting schedule includes:

Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish (except Shrimp)

November 30-December 6, 2021 Cordova Convention Center, Cordova Comment deadline: November 15, 2021

Southeast and Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish

January 4-15, 2022 Ted Ferry Civic Center, Ketchikan Comment deadline: December 22, 2021

Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward, Arctic Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, Statewide Shellfish General Provisions and Supplemental Issues

March 11-16, 2022 Egan Civic and Convention Center Comment deadline: February 24, 2022

A live audio and videio stream is available on the board's website at <u>www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov</u>.