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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

POLICY ON THE USE OF ABSTENTIONS DURING BOARD VOTING 2021–303–FB

Through its statutory authorizations defined by the Alaska State Legislature under AS 16.05.251, et al. the Alaska Board of Fisheries conducts deliberations on hundreds of regulatory proposals on state fisheries annually. Most of the proposals are submitted by fisheries stakeholders who rely on thorough board deliberations and voting when outcomes are determined.

Board members using abstentions during voting is not encouraged. However, if a board member abstains during voting it is the policy of the board that the board member must provide a reason for the abstention. That reason should be given clearly prior to voting. If a reason does not precede the vote, the board member will be asked to provide the reason for the abstention immediately following the vote.

VOTE: #-#

Date Adopted: December 6, 2021
Cordova, Alaska

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries