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Alaska Board of Fisheries to meet in Seward for Lower Cook Inlet Finfish December 1-4, 2026

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet in Seward, December 1-4, 2026 in the gymnasium of Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) student services building at 519 4th Avenue in Seward. At this meeting, the board will consider 50 proposals regarding finfish in the Lower Cook Inlet management area. These proposals have been submitted by the general public, fishing organizations, local Fish and Game Advisory Committees, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. All portions of the meeting are open to the public and a live video stream is intended to be available on the board's website at https://boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.

** If you will be attending the meeting in person, please DO NOT park any vehicles in AVTEC's parking lots/spaces. PLEASE PARK ON-STREET, there is ample on-street parking along 4th or 3rd avenues. The closest entrance to the gymnasium is from the 4th Avenue side of the facility.**

The public is invited to give oral testimony during the meeting. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site in Seward, no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1. 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.

Also at this meeting, following staff reports, the board will be receiving Traditional Knowledge reports from the public. There are specific criteria to be qualified to provide a Traditional Knowledge report to the board, this information can be found in the board's October 16, 2026 meeting notice and in board finding 2024-205-FB. Anyone interested in providing a Traditional Knowledge report nominations must be made prior to the meeting, no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, November 27 by contacting Art Nelson, Executive Director for the Board of Fisheries at art.nelson@alaska.gov or (907) 267-2292. The nomination form can be found here.

All meeting information including the agenda, roadmap, proposals, agency reports, and public and advisory committee comments will be available on the meeting website at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=12-01-2026&meeting=seward. Documents submitted to the board during the meeting will be posted online throughout the meeting.

Written comments on specific proposals will be accepted during the meeting and can be submitted online once the meeting begins through the meeting website provided above. Comments must not exceed 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group. 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.

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For more information about the meeting, or if you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this public meeting, please contact Art Nelson at art.nelson@alaska.gov or (907) 267-2292 no later than Wednesday, November 25, 2026 to make any necessary arrangements.