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**Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Anchorage, March 9-12, 2019 on Statewide
Finfish and Supplemental Issues**

In Addition: Board of Fisheries Hatchery Committee meeting, March 8, 2019

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet March 9-12, 2019, at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel, 401 East 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. During this four-day public meeting, the board will meet to consider 16 proposals regarding Statewide finfish and other supplemental issues 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 March 9. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the Sheraton Hotel meeting site in Anchorage. The tentative deadline for signing up is 11:00am on Saturday, March 9. 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 and is accepting on-time public comment until February 20. After February 20, 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 until the board begins deliberation of proposals.

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. See <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.comments> for details on public comment.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 21 copies are provided. 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.

In addition to the Statewide Finfish regulatory meeting, the board is also holding its Hatchery Committee meeting at the Sheraton Hotel, March 8, 2019. The agenda for the meeting and additional material may be found on the committee meeting page at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=03-08-2019&meeting=anchorage>.

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