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**Alaska Board of Fisheries
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Teleconference meeting regarding
South K Beach Independent Fishermen's Association's
March 20, 2014 Petition #2 RC 70

Meeting Summary

The Board of Fisheries met by teleconference on Thursday, April 3, 2014 to consider a petition for an emergency regulation submitted by South K Beach Independent Fishermen's Association (SOKI) to amend language in 5 AAC 21.359 Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan adopted February 5, 2014 during the UCI meeting, seeking to manage the commercial set gillnet fishery separately in the Kenai and Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict in July. Seven board members were present. Public listen-only teleconference sites were available at the Department of Fish and Game offices in Juneau, Anchorage, Homer and Palmer, and in Soldotna at the Kenai Peninsula College. The meeting was streamed live on the internet, accessible at the Board of Fisheries website.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether the petition met the requirements needed to find an emergency. Board members asked questions of staff and discussed information. Subjects included expectation on in-season management with the new regulations, the expected impact of the 1% rule on Kasilof and Kenai beach set net operations, the Board's attention towards King salmon conservation on the Kenai River, and managing for escapement goals on both river systems.

In a 0-7 vote on a motion to find an emergency, Board members concluded the information had been previously presented at the UCI meeting and understood at the time. Therefore, the petition did not meet the requirements of the Joint Board Petition Policy, 5 AAC 96.625(f) in that an emergency must be an unforeseen, unexpected event that either threatens a fish or game resource, or an unforeseen, unexpected resource situation where a biologically allowable resource harvest would be precluded by delayed regulatory action and such delay would be significantly burdensome to the petitioners because the resource would be unavailable in the future.