

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

This is an announcement of three public meetings of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

1) The Joint Protocol Committee of the Board of Fisheries (BOF) and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) will meet 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, September 12, 2008, in the Dillingham Room, Anchorage Hilton Hotel, in Anchorage AK. The committee is made up of three BOF members and three NPFMC members. No regulatory action will be taken at this meeting. The meeting primarily offers an opportunity to exchange information. Agenda topics include: annual catch limits; scallop and crab management; salmon bycatch; subsistence halibut program; Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod sector split, fixed gear License Limitation Program recency, Pacific cod jig gear fisheries, parallel waters licensing and catch accounting; BOF agenda change requests; groundfish retention allowances (MRA); data collection on octopus; and miscellaneous state/federal issues. Oral public testimony will be taken.


2) The Alaska Board of Fisheries will conduct a two day work session beginning at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at the Alpine Lodge, 4920 Dale Road, Fairbanks, AK. No regulatory action will be taken at this meeting. Agenda topics include: election of officers; board committee reports (including Joint NPFMC/BOF, Federal/State Subsistence, other); 2009/2010 cycle meeting dates and locations; agenda change requests (ACRs); petitions; meeting organization and establishment of committees for 2008/2009 cycle; application of the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy, including stocks of concern; and other informational report and/or administrative issues that may come before the board. This meeting is open to the public. No oral public testimony will be taken. Written comments may be sent to: Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, or FAX to: 907-465-6094. For further information call 465-4110. An agenda will be available prior to the meeting and will be posted online at the following website: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/index.php>

3) A committee of the Board of Fisheries will meet at 9:00 a.m. Friday, October 10, 2008 at the Alpine Lodge, 4920 Dale Road, Fairbanks, AK. The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports from the Department of Fish and Game on salmon enhancement, hatchery programs, and use of hatchery production. The committee will allow for public comment. No regulatory action will be taken at this meeting.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in any of these public meetings, please contact Jim Marcotte at 907-465-4110 (to correspond by text telephone (TDD), call 1-800-478-3648) no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting, to make any necessary arrangements.

Date: August 28, 2008
Jim Marcotte, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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