NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Notice is given that the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meeting jointly with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (council) on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Agenda items include status reports and updates on a variety of topics including: the biological opinion on Steller sea lion, federal management actions on Gulf of Alaska cod, actions on chum salmon bycatch, the council's community and rural outreach program, crab and scallop annual catch limits, walrus and fishery interactions, the Arctic Fishery Management Plan, and the federal groundfish observer program. The board and council will also receive a description of the 22 proposals scheduled for Board of Fisheries in February and March 2010 that could potentially affect federal groundfish fisheries.

The meeting is open to the public. The board will not take any regulatory action during this session. For further information, or for a copy of the agenda contact Jim Marcotte at (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in the process, please contact Jim Marcotte at (907) 465-4110 no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting to ensure than any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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November 24, 2009 Date