NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Notice is given that the Alaska Board of Fisheries will hold a teleconference on **Tuesday**, **August 30**, **2016**, **at 10:00am - 12:00pm**. The purpose of the teleconference is to consider a petition for an emergency regulation submitted by Bill Connor requesting the board allow Southern Southeast sablefish longline fishermen to convert their gear to pots or allow fishing later in year.

The board will not take oral public testimony during the teleconference. Listen-only teleconference sites will be provided to the public in Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan at the following locations:

Juneau, ADF&G Office, 1255 W. 8th Street, Caribou Conference Room

Petersburg, ADF&G Office, 16 Sing Lee Alley, Conference Room

Wrangell, ADF&G Office, Kadin Building, 216 Front Street, Conference Room

Ketchikan, ADF&G Office, 2030 Sealevel Drive, Suite 205

A live audio stream of the meeting is intended to be available on the Board of Fisheries website which can be accessed at: www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. Meeting materials will also be posted on this website and will be available through the Department of Fish and Game Boards Support Section. For information about the meeting or meeting materials, contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate, please contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110 no later than 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

The board will accept written public testimony only for this emergency petition. Written public comment must be received by Boards Support by August 24, 2016. Public comment may be submitted by mail to PO Box 115526, Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526, by email to dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov, or by fax to 907-465-6094.

If the Board takes emergency action to amend the registration requirements, any amendment will expire 120 days after it becomes effective, pursuant to AS 44.62.260, unless the Board takes additional regulatory action to make the amendment permanent. The Board will provide additional notice of, and opportunity to comment on, any further regulatory action on this topic, including any action to make an amendment permanent. The Board may also delegate to the Commissioner authority to take regulatory action on this topic.

Glenn Haight, Executive Director Alaska Board of Fisheries Date