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Alaska Board of Fisheries
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RE: Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting location and dates for the 2018-2019 Bristol Bay Finfish Cycle.

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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries

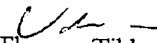
The Curyung Tribal Council highly recommends that the next Bristol Bay Finfish meeting take place in Dillingham, AK (the last time this meeting was held in the Bristol Bay was in King Salmon, AK) with the proposed backup dates from December 12th -18th, 2018.

The previous Bristol Bay Finfish meeting occurred in Anchorage, AK which made it extremely difficult for residential stakeholders to attend. The local knowledge and perspectives on the Bristol Bay fisheries are invaluable and deserve an adequate opportunity to participate. There has not been a Board of Fisheries meeting in Dillingham since 2006. It is essential to have input from local commercial fishers and subsistence users when regulatory decisions are made that can/will impact their livelihoods.

The City of Dillingham has sufficient lodging, internet, dining, transportation, and other required necessities to host an informative meeting. Most importantly, the community confirms a strong relationship to the topic of discussion, economic and cultural importance to location, and economic impact of stakeholder travel. These points meet the listed items from the Criteria of Consideration on Reviewing Meeting Locations.

In addition, we recommend the proposed backup dates of December 12th -18th, 2018 because it will not overlap with the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting. We ask that you contemplate the benefits from conducting the meeting within Bristol Bay. It will allow the new Board of Fisheries members to experience firsthand our remarkable landscapes, including fishing districts and boundaries, and a chance to associate with the residents of Bristol Bay. We thank you for your time and due diligence to ensure that our fisheries remain vibrant and sustainable.

Respectfully,


Thomas Tilden, Chief
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