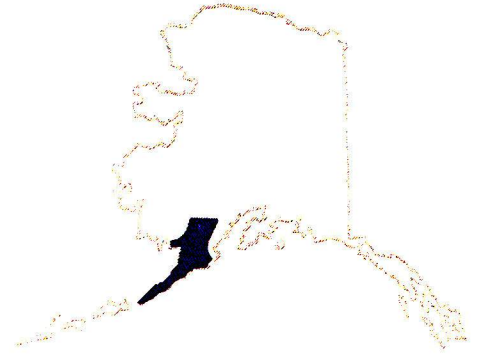


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Subject: Agenda Item #12: 2019-2020 Meeting Cycle Location of Kodiak meeting

We request that the January 2020 Kodiak Board of Fisheries meeting be held in Anchorage. The location of the Kodiak meeting used to cycle between Kodiak and Anchorage but it has been a very long time since that has occurred. Many Kodiak fishermen live outside the Kodiak Borough and many non-Kodiak fishermen have an interest in the Kodiak Board of Fisheries meeting. For our Borough resident Chignik salmon fishermen it is highly expensive to travel from Chignik to Kodiak and we feel that the 'home court' psychological advantage the Kodiak fishermen enjoy cycle after cycle puts our fishermen at a disadvantage.

We note that the Bristol Bay Board of Fisheries meetings could always be held in Naknek or Dillingham but the Board, to address fairness to the many stakeholders who do not live in the region, have recently been following a pattern of holding the Bristol Bay meeting in Anchorage every third cycle or so. We believe that in all fairness the Kodiak Board of Fisheries meeting should be held in Anchorage for the 2019 – 2020 cycle.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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