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**ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF GAME AND FISHERIES
Joint Board Committee
December 9, 2015, Egan Convention Center, Anchorage**

MEETING SUMMARY

The Joint Board Committee met on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in Anchorage at the Egan Convention Center. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss potential changes to Board of Game (BOG) and Board of Fisheries (BOF) processes that could result in budget savings for the state agencies involved with the boards. Committee members present were: Bob Mumford (Co-chair), Ted Spraker (Co-chair), Orville Huntington, Reed Morisky, Teresa Sager Albaugh, and John Jensen (Alternate). Other board members in attendance were Nate Turner, Fritz Johnson, and Tom Kluberton. The meeting was chaired by Bob Mumford. The meeting was open to the public.

The meeting opened with a budget overview provided by Glenn Haight, BOF Executive Director, which referenced his memo to the Board of Fisheries dated October 7, 2015. As stated in the memo, ADF&G Boards Support Section faces an estimated budget shortfall for fiscal year 2017 of \$170K without any reduction in revenues. The memo provided board members and the public various options under consideration for absorbing the deficit.

Following his overview, the committee listened to public testimony from attendees at the meeting and on teleconference. A total of 21 people testified which included four advisory committee representatives (see testimony list). Many comments focused on support or opposition to the four options for changes to the BOF meeting cycle provided in the memo to the BOF. Several comments also focused on the potential budget cuts to the program described in the memo, as well as other ideas for revenue generation.

Upon conclusion of public testimony, Executive Director Haight gave a brief overview of the survey results received as of 12/8/2015. He relayed to the committee and the public that the survey will continue to be available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard until early January and results will be compiled for the committee at their next meeting.

The committee agreed to set a follow-up meeting in conjunction with the next BOF meeting scheduled for January 12-17 in Fairbanks.

Note: All meeting information including the audio, public testimony list, survey results, and the BOF budget memo are available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=jbcomm.meetinginfo.