

# MEMORANDUM

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Boards Support Section

TO: Alaska Board of Fisheries      DATE: May 11, 2016

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FROM: Glenn Haight, Executive Director <sup>GH</sup>  
Alaska Board of Fisheries      SUBJECT: Southeast Finfish/Shellfish  
Meeting - 2018

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At the 2015 work session, the board selected Ketchikan to hold the upcoming Southeast Finfish/Shellfish regulatory meeting currently scheduled for January 11-23, 2018. Boards Support was unable to secure an adequate location in Ketchikan for those times. The convention center already had an event during that time and in order to schedule around that event the meeting dates need to be moved to January 2-14. While this could be accomplished, we are concerned it will be too close to the New Year Holiday and pose a significant inconvenience on the board, staff, and public participants. Our attempts to obtain an adequate commercial venue and other larger venues were unsuccessful. The Southeast meeting is a long, stakeholder intensive meeting. We project the meeting will bring between 100 to 150 participants outside of the board and staff. A large facility is needed.

Boards Support contacted both the Juneau Centennial Hall and the Sitka Harrigan Centennial Hall. Below are the dates that would work for the three civic convention facilities in each community. We tentatively reserved each facility for the dates below.

- Juneau Centennial Hall January 18 – February 2, 2018
- Sitka Harrigan Centennial Hall January 10-24, 2018 (Ongoing renovations are anticipated to be complete by January 2017.)
- Ketchikan Ted Ferry Civic Center January 2-17, 2018

The Statewide Dungeness Crab and Other Shellfish regulatory meeting is set for March 6-9, 2018.