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RE: Discussion of Draft 2009/2010
Board of Fisheries Schedule

Attached is the proposed 2009/2010 meeting schedule for your approval.

The following assumptions are used in drafting the enclosed schedule options for the 2009/2010 cycle. These assumptions follow those used in years past and are listed below for board members' benefit:

1. The board will continue the three-year cycle (copy enclosed).
2. The board will keep the same "Call for Proposal" deadline. This cycle the deadline falls on Friday, April 10, 2009.
3. The board meetings will occur between the months of October through March.
4. The board wants a two- to three-day work session at the beginning of the meeting cycle.
5. The board does not want any one meeting session to exceed 15 days.
6. The board wants a minimum of seven to ten days between meeting sessions.
7. The order of regions has the board addressing the salmon fisheries closest to the salmon spawning grounds first.
8. The 2009/2010 draft schedule options are based on past schedules and past actual meeting days used to address that region's issues, and in consideration of current funding levels.
9. The 2009/2010 draft schedule concludes the meetings in March 2010. After the board meetings conclude, ADF&G and the Department of Law staff place the new regulations into code. This is a labor-intensive process starting in mid-December. This schedule will support the flow of the regulatory process for staff and the public. The public will know what the fishing regulations are earlier, thus making pre-planning less compressed.

Alaska Board of Fisheries 2009/2010

Proposed Meeting Schedule (draft 10/2/08)

Bristol Bay, Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim, and
Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish;
Statewide General Finfish Provisions;
and Supplemental Issues

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2009

Dates [and Duration]	Topics	Location
October <u>13-14</u> , 2009 [2 days]	Work Session ACRs, cycle organization, Stocks of Concern	_____
<i>prior years</i>		<i>October 8-10, 2008 in Fairbanks [3 days] October 9-11, 2007 in Anchorage [2 days] October 12-13, 2006 in Anchorage [2 days] October 13-14, 2005 in Girdwood [2 days] October 5-7, 2004 in Anchorage [2 days] October 1-3, 2003 in Anchorage [3 days]</i>
December <u>1-8</u> , 2009 [8 days]	Bristol Bay Finfish	_____
<i>prior years</i>		<i>December 4-12, 2006 in Dillingham [9 days] December 9-17, 2003 in Anchorage [9 days] portions of Jan. 9-Feb. 1, 2001 in Anchorage</i>
January <u>26-31</u> , 2010 [5 days]	Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish	_____
<i>prior years</i>		<i>Jan. 31-Feb 5, 2007 in Anchorage [6 days] January 12-19, 2004 in Fairbanks [8 days] portions of Jan. 9-Feb. 1, 2001 in Anchorage</i>
February <u>1-5</u> , 2010 [5 days]	AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands	_____
<i>prior years</i>		<i>February 6-11, 2007 in Anchorage [6 days] February 15-26, 2004 in Anchorage [12 days] portions of Jan. 9-Feb. 1, 2001 in Anchorage</i>
March <u>16-20</u> , 2010 [5 days]	Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues	_____
<i>prior years</i>		<i>March 9-13, 2007 in Anchorage [5 days] November 12-17 2003 in Anchorage [6 days] portions of Jan. 9-Feb. 1, 2001 in Anchorage</i>

Total Meeting Days: ____
ACR Deadline: August __, 2009 (45 days prior to worksession)

Adopted ____; subject to meeting space availability

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

LONG-TERM MEETING CYCLE

The board meeting cycle generally occurs from October through March. The board considers changes to regulations on a region-based schedule. All fisheries are considered when the regional area, shellfish species, or statewide regulations are before the board. The fisheries include subsistence, sport, guided sport, personal use, and commercial. Special petition and agenda change request procedures are available for the board to consider out-of-cycle requests.

NOTES:

- 1) Statewide shellfish regulations will not be considered every meeting cycle. When setting the future meeting schedule annually, the board will determine whether to consider statewide finfish or shellfish regulations for that meeting cycle.
- 2) The proposal deadline is April 10 every year. *If April 10 falls on a weekend, the proposal deadline is the Friday preceding that weekend.*

Meeting Cycle:	2008/2009	2011/2012	2014/2015	2017/2018
<u>Area:</u> Prince William Sound Area (All Finfish) Southeast/Yakutat Areas (All Finfish) Southeast/Yakutat Areas (King Crab, Tanner Crab, Dungeness Crab, Shrimp; and Miscellaneous Shellfish) Statewide Miscellaneous Shellfish and Provisions				

Meeting Cycle:	2009/2010	2012/2013	2015/2016	2018/2019
<u>Area:</u> Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island Areas (All Finfish) Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas (All Finfish) Bristol Bay Area (All Finfish) Statewide Provisions (Finfish)				

Meeting Cycle:	2010/2011	2013/2014	2016/2017	2019/2020
<u>Area:</u> Cook Inlet Area (All Finfish) Kodiak and Chignik Areas (All Finfish) King and Tanner Crab (Statewide, except Southeast/Yakutat)				

THE MEETING CYCLE REPEATS ITSELF EVERY THREE YEARS. This schedule was adopted November 9, 1990, updated October 13, 2006.

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GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF FUTURE MEETING SITES : BOARD OF FISH

Each of the following factors shall be considered in determining and selecting a site for a given future meeting of the Board of Fish:

- Whether the community has commercial jet or turbine service
- cellular phone service
- high speed internet available
- Adequate dining facilities/capacity for the BOF, F&G staff, and expected members of the public traveling from other communities
- Adequate meeting room facility and associated staff requirements (ie: copy machine, etc)
- Relative comfort (temperature inside, tables/chairs, etc)
- Adequate ground transportation
- Adequate hotel rooms and capacity of rooms for expected influx
- Hospital
- Relationship of community to BOF topic of discussion
- Costs to Department of F&G
- Travel time required
- Economic and cultural importance to the location
- *ECONOMIC IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDER TRAVEL*

No single bulleted item shall be the sole determining guideline. However, the preponderance of the items shall be considered significant in final selection of the meeting site.