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- Adak
- Akiachak
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- Akutan
- Aleknagik
- Aniak
- Anvik
- Aiqa
- Atmauthluak
- Attu Station
- Bethel
- Chefomak
- Chignik
- Chignik Lagoon
- Chignik Lake
- Chuathbaluk
- Clark's Point
- Cold Bay
- Crooked Creek
- Dillingham
- Dutch Harbor
- Eek
- Egegik
- Ekvok
- Fale Pass
- Flat
- Goodnews Bay
- Grayling
- Holy Cross
- Igigig
- Iliamna
- Ivanof Bay
- Kasigluk
- King Cove
- King Salmon
- Kipnuk
- Kokhanok
- Koliganek
- Kongiganak
- Kwethluk
- Kwigillingok
- Lake Minchumina
- Levelock
- Lime Village
- Lower Kalskag
- Manokotak
- Marshall
- McGrath
- Mekoryuk
- Mertarvik
- Naknek
- Napakiaik
- Napaskiak
- Nelson Lagoon
- Newhalen
- New Stuyahok
- Newtok
- Nightmute
- Nikolai
- Nilokski
- Nondalton
- Nunapitchuk
- Oscarville
- Pedro Bay
- Perryville
- Pilot Point
- Platinum
- Pope-Vannoy Landing
- Port Alsworth
- Port Heiden
- Portage Creek
- Quinhagak
- Red Devil
- Russian Mission
- Saint George Island
- Saint Paul Island
- Sand Point
- Shageluk
- Sleetmute
- South Naknek
- Stony River
- Takotna
- Togiak
- Toksook Bay
- Tuntutuliak
- Tununak
- Twin Hills
- Ugashik
- Unalaska
- Upper Kalskag

## Sponsor Statement

### Senate Bill 269

### Restructuring the Board of Fish

The Alaska Board of Fisheries is one of the busiest boards that covers all fish issues and resource user groups across the state. With limited membership and vast responsibilities, the Board of Fish job has turned into a 24/7 commitment of board member's time.

Currently the Board members are asked to become experts in all regions of the State. This task is made even harder when the ones that are experts in a region are not allowed to participate in the discussions or voting. The current Board is overtasked and because of increasing workloads they are falling behind getting to solutions in the current cycle system they work within.

SB 269 is being offered to begin discussing ways to make Alaska's Board of Fish regionally focused to increase efficiency and to allow the board to better understand and interact with the diverse resource users.

The concept behind SB269 is to restructure the board from a single seven-member board, to a fifteen-member board, compromised of three regional boards. 1-SE Alaska and Yakutat. 2-Central Gulf, Prince William Sound, Kodiak, and Southern Ak Peninsula. 3- Arctic, Western, Kuskokwim, Yukon, that are individually and jointly the "Board of Fish".

SB 269 also address the conflicting out of board members. This change should help the board make better informed decisions and eliminate the vote swapping issues that many say has been happening.