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Governor Sean Parnell  
STATE OF ALASKA

October 30, 2009

Mr. Vince Webster  
Chairman  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: Regulatory Board of Fish Meetings

Dear Chairman Webster and Board Members,

I am writing to personally request that the Alaska Board of Fisheries schedule and hold your regulatory meetings in the region of Alaska most affected by your actions. As you know, one of the strengths of the Board of Fisheries' process is that it relies on input from the public to make informed decisions. In order for Alaska residents that depend on fisheries for subsistence, personal use, recreation, and commercial purposes to have the best possible avenue to provide their input to the board, regulatory meetings should be held in the affected region.

I appreciate the efforts made by the board to hold regional listening sessions when the board meeting is scheduled elsewhere. However, these sessions are not a complete substitute for the opportunity to participate fully in a meeting, give oral public comments, and serve on board committees. The time and expense required for rural Alaskan fishermen to travel to Anchorage for regulatory meetings is daunting at best and discourages participation.

In closing, I value your service on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I appreciate the personal sacrifice and dedication your service provides to the people and resources of Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Lyman Hoffman, Alaska State Senate  
The Honorable Bryce Edgmon, Alaska State House of Representatives  
The Honorable Daniel O'Hara, Mayor, Bristol Bay Borough  
Robin Samuelson, President and Chief Executive Office, Bristol Bay Economic  
Development Corporation  
Joseph Chythlook, Board Chairman, Bristol Bay Native Corporation  
The Honorable Denby Lloyd, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game

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January 21, 2010

Ms. Carol Freas  
City Clerk  
City of Kenai  
210 Fidalgo Avenue  
Kenai, AK 99611

Dear Ms. Freas,

Thank you for your letter to Governor Parnell and the resolution regarding the recent decision by the Board of Fisheries to hold the Upper Cook Inlet regulatory meeting in Anchorage rather than on the Kenai Peninsula. The Governor has asked that I respond on his behalf.

While the decision about where to hold regulatory meetings is within the purview of the board, we believe that the board should hold its meetings in the area most affected by its decisions. Governor Parnell recently sent a letter to the board requesting that they schedule their regulatory meetings in the affected region to allow as much public participation as possible. I have enclosed a copy of that letter for your information.

In the case of the Upper Cook Inlet meeting, residents of the Kenai Peninsula, Anchorage, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough are all affected by the board's actions, making the decision of where to hold a meeting a difficult one for the board. Each regulatory meeting affects the residents of a number of Alaskan communities, and the board considers many factors in scheduling meeting locations, including logistics and convenience for members of the public who wish to participate.

I have shared your resolution with the members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries so that they are aware of your concerns and recommendations should they choose to revisit their previous decision about where to hold this meeting. I appreciate you bringing these concerns to our attention and look forward to working with you on this and other fishery issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cora Campbell".

Cora Campbell  
Fisheries Policy Advisor

Enclosure

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January 21, 2010  
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cc: The Honorable Gary Stevens, President, Alaska State Senate  
The Honorable Mike Chenault, Speaker, Alaska State House of Representatives  
The Honorable Tom Wagoner, Alaska State Senate  
The Honorable Bryce Edgmon, Alaska State House of Representatives  
The Honorable Kurt Olson, Alaska State House of Representatives  
The Honorable Paul Seaton, Alaska State House of Representatives  
The Honorable Denby Lloyd, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game  
Jim Marcotte, Executive Director, Board of Fisheries  
Jason Hooley, Director, Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor



## Sponsor Statement

### House Bill 117: Board of Fisheries Meeting Location

#### SPONSOR'S INTENT HOUSE BILL 117

HB117 would require the Board of Fisheries to hold meetings in particular regions of the state when the proposals on its agenda relate to those areas.

Alaska's Board of Fisheries meets four to six times each year to consider proposals to change fisheries regulations in regions around the state. The board uses information from many sources when weighing such proposals. They are guided by counsel from the Department of Law; input from the Department of Fish & Game; and even advice from the Department of Public Safety.

Another critical source of information for the Board's deliberations is the testimony of regional stakeholders. Resident participants in a given region's commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries know best the practical ramifications of proposed changes to fisheries regulations. Often this is because such proposals can have their highest impact on the lives and livelihoods of resident regional stakeholders.

At present, the Board's record of holding meetings in areas on its agenda is inconsistent. Too often such meetings have been conducted in Anchorage, hundred of miles from the fisheries being considered.

To quote from a 2008 letter to the Board from Robert Heyano of the Ekuk Village Council on Bristol Bay, *"Our residents and communities are challenged with a cost of living that is among the highest in the state of Alaska. The expense of travel to Anchorage, the cost of hotels/food...make it impossible for most of our residents to participate in the meetings if they are held in Anchorage."*

Passage of HB117 will help ensure that the inhabitants of regional communities have the opportunity to offer face-to-face testimony to the Board. In turn, the Board will benefit from the clearest understanding of the viewpoints of those whose local economies, livelihoods, and traditions are most directly affected by its decisions.

For more information contact Tim Clark at 907-465-4451 or [timothy.clark@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:timothy.clark@legis.state.ak.us).

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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 117( )**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:**  
**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES EDGMON, Thomas, Austerman, Joule, Herron, Kerttula**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to locations of the meetings of the Board of Fisheries."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.05.300(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 (b) In addition to the requirements for meetings in (a) of this section, if the  
5 Board of Fisheries holds a meeting for which the primary topic or proposal concerns  
6 one of the following regional areas, then the board shall hold the meeting in that  
7 regional area:

- 8 (1) Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands area;
- 9 (2) Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim area;
- 10 (3) Bristol Bay area;
- 11 (4) Cook Inlet area;
- 12 (5) Kodiak area;
- 13 (6) Prince William Sound area;
- 14 (7) Southeast Alaska area.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: HB 117  
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name): HB117-DFG-BDS-3-24-09 Dept. Affected: Fish and Game  
 Title An Act relating to locations of the meetings of the Board of Fisheries RDU Administration and Support  
 Component Boards and Advisory Committees  
 Sponsor Representative Edgmon, Thomas, Austerman, Joule, et.al  
 Requester House Fisheries Component Number 2825

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	0.0						
Travel	94.6		32.6	44.5	94.6	32.6	44.5
Contractual	1.6		0.8	0.8	1.6	0.8	0.8
Supplies	0.0						
Equipment	0.0						
Land & Structures	0.0						
Grants & Claims	0.0						
Miscellaneous	0.0						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>45.3</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	96.2		33.4	45.3	96.2	33.4	45.3
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>45.3</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Assumes that Board of Fishery (BOF) meetings are on a 3 year cycle, no additional staff time is needed, no additional conference room rental costs, and no increases in air fare from year to year. Additional travel and shipping costs for regional meetings to cover Board members, Board staff and multiple department staff who attend BOF meetings.

FY10 & FY13: Bristol Bay, Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim (AYK), Alaska Peninsula (AP) & Aluetian Island (AI) cycle - added 96.2 cost for two meetings (one in AP region and one in either Bristol Bay or AYK region). FY11 & FY14: Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik cycle - added 33.4 cost for one meeting in Chignik. FY12 & FY15: Southeast/Prince William Sound (PWS) cycle - added 45.3 cost for one meeting in PWS region.

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 Division Boards Support Section  
 Approved by: Tom Lawson, Director of Administrative Services  
Department of Fish and Game

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 Date 3/24/2009

**2007 Year-End Entry Permit Holders in Bristol Bay Limited Entry Fisheries.**

<i>Permit Fishery</i>	<i>Alaska Local Held Held Permits</i>	<i>Alaska Nonlocal Held Permits</i>	<i>Nonresident Held Permits</i>	<i>DCCED/CFAB Held Permits</i>	<i>Total Entry Permits</i>
Bristol Bay salmon drift gill net	395 (21.2%)	474 (25.5%)	985 (52.9%)	7 (.4%)	1861
Bristol Bay salmon set gill net	363 (36.9%)	308 (31.3%)	311 (31.6%)	1 (.1%)	983
Bristol Bay herring spawn on kelp	235 (88.3%)	18 (6.8%)	11 (4.1%)	2 (.8%)	266

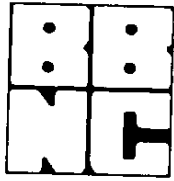
BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING LOCATIONS (October 1995 to March 2009)												
Meeting date	Location	Topics	Number of proposals	APIAI	A-Y-K	Bristol Bay	Cook Inlet	Kodiak/Chignik	PWS	Southeast	Comments	
<b>1995/1996 - COOK INLET/KODIAK CYCLE</b>												
October 23-24, 1995	Juneau	Worksession										
October 25-29, 1995	Juneau	Southeast/Yakutat Finfish										
November 4-9, 1995	Homer	Lower Cook Inlet Finfish										
Nov. 29-Dec. 6, 1995	Kodiak	Kodiak finfish										
January 16-29, 1996	Anchorage	Alaska Peninsula finfish										
Feb. 17-Mar. 1, 1996	Anchorage	Upper Cook Inlet Finfish										
March 10-18, 1996	Anchorage	Statewide King & Tanner crab and supplemental issues										
April 13-14, 1996	Anchorage	Alaska Peninsula finfish										
<b>1996/1997 - PWS AND SOUTHEAST CYCLE</b>												
Sept. 28-29, 1996	Anchorage	Worksession/Upper Cook Inlet salmon										
Oct. 26-28, 1996	Wasilla	Worksession										
Oct. 29-31, 1996		Statewide groundfish										
Nov. 11-18, 1996	Anchorage	Upper Cook Inlet finfish										
Dec. 8-14, 1996	Cordova	Prince William Sound/Copper R. finfish										
Jan. 21-30, 1997	Sitka	Southeast Alaska/Yakutat										
Feb. 16-28, 1997	Ketchikan	Southeast Alaska finfish										
March 9-20, 1997	Anchorage	Statewide topics										
Aug. 25-27, 1997	Anchorage	Bristol Bay red king crab										
<b>1997/1998 - BRISTOL BAY, A-Y-K, ALASKA PENINSULA CYCLE</b>												
October 21-24, 1997	Girdwood	Worksession										
November 4-14, 1997	King Salmon	Bristol Bay finfish										
December 2-9, 1997	Fairbanks	Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwin finfish										
January 6-19, 1998	Anchorage	Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands finfish										
February 4-15, 1998	Anchorage	Statewide finfish										
March 3-5, 1998	Nome	Norton Sound salmon										

Meeting date	Location	Topics	Number of proposals	AP/AI	A-Y-K	Bristol Bay	Cook Inlet	Kodiak/Chignik	PWS	Southeast	Comments
<b>1998/1999 - COOK INLET/KODIAK CYCLE</b>											
October 20-23, 1998	Wasilla	Worksession									
January 15-22, 1999	Kodiak	Kodiak finfish						■			
Feb. 13-14/16-28, 1999	Wasilla/Soldotna	Upper Cook Inlet finfish					■				
March 3-5, 1999	Nome	Norton Sound Tier II			■						
May 14, 1999	teleconference	BS/AI King Crab									
May 27, 1999	teleconference	Pilot Point, Ugashik Sockeye									
July 27-29, 1999	Anchorage	Brown King Crab									
August 30, 1999	teleconference	Red King Crab									
<b>1999/2000 - PWS AND SOUTHEAST CYCLE</b>											
October 27-30, 1999	Fairbanks	Worksession	0								
Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 1999	Valdez	PWS finfish	132						■		
Jan. 15-24, 2000	Juneau	Southeast Herring, Shellfish, Groundfish	158							■	
Feb. 9-11, 2000	Girdwood	Cook Inlet Coho Conservation Plan	2				■				
Feb. 13-24, 2000	Sitka	Southeast Finfish	97							■	
March 17-27, 2000	Anchorage	Statewide Dungeness	94								
May 12, 2000	teleconference	North Afognak Salmon	1								
July 7, 2000	teleconference	Kuskokwim Salmon	1								
July 26, 2000	teleconference	Scheduling	1								
August 22, 2000	teleconference	Upper Cook Inlet Pink and Chum	1								
<b>2000/2001 - BRISTOL BAY, A-Y-K, ALASKA PENINSULA CYCLE</b>											
Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2000	Anchorage	Worksession I	0								
November 4-5, 2000	Anchorage	Worksession II	0								
November 6, 2000	Anchorage	Tanner Crab, Lingcod	2								
December 21, 2000	Anchorage	Workshop re subsistence	0								
Jan. 9-Feb. 1, 2001	Anchorage	BB, AYK, AP/AI ("megameeting")	275	■							
Feb. 7, 2001	Anchorage	P-Cod	5								
May 8-9, 2001	Anchorage	Halibut Subsistence	3								

Meeting date	Location	Topics	Number of proposals	API/AI	A-Y-K	Bristol Bay	Cook Inlet	Kodiak/Chignik	PWS	Southeast	Comments
<b>2001/2002 - COOK INLET/KODIAK CYCLE</b>											
Oct. 11-13, 2001	Anchorage	Worksession (17 ACRs)	0								
Oct. 21, 2001	teleconference	Bristol Bay red king crab	1								
Nov. 8-12, 2001	Anchorage	Lower Cook Inlet	44				■				
Nov. 13-14, 2001	Anchorage	Groundfish, Opilio Crab	7								
Jan. 7-14, 2002	Anchorage	Kodiak and Chignik finfish	69					■			
Feb. 6-20, 2002	Anchorage	Upper Cook Inlet finfish	291				■				
Mar. 14-21, 2002	Anchorage	Statewide King/Tanner crab, supp. issues	107								
May 16, 2002	teleconference	Kenai River Early-Run Chinook	1								
Jun. 16, 2002	Anchorage	VMS, Kenai River Early-Run Chinook	2								
		<b>total for cycle:</b>	<b>522</b>								
<b>2002/2003 - PWS AND SOUTHEAST CYCLE</b>											
Oct. 17-19, 2002	Anchorage	Worksession (36 ACRs)	0								
Oct. 20-21, 2002	Anchorage	Groundfish, Chinook, Trout Policy	5								
Dec. 5-6, 2002	Anchorage	Chignik Coop, P-Cod in Area L	16								
Jan. 20-28, 2003	Sitka	Southeast herring, groundfish, Dungeness crab, shrimp, misc. shellfish	174							■	
Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 2003	Cordova	Prince William Sound, Copper R. finfish	104						■		
Feb. 20-28, 2003	Ketchikan	Southeast and Yakutat finfish	122							■	
Mar. 17-25, 2003	Anchorage	Statewide dungeness crab, shrimp, misc. shellfish, supplemental issues	71								
Apr. 30, 2003	Teleconference	Dutch Harbor food and bait herring	1								
May 14, 2003	Teleconference	Dutch Harbor food and bait herring	1								
Jun. 24, 2003	Teleconference	Bristol Bay red king crab	2								
		<b>total for cycle:</b>	<b>496</b>								
<b>2003/2004 - BRISTOL BAY, A-Y-K, ALASKA PENINSULA CYCLE</b>											
Oct. 1-3, 2003	Anchorage	Worksession (24 ACRs)	0								
Oct. 4, 2003	Anchorage	Pribilof Islands blue king crab	1								
Nov. 12-17, 2003	Anchorage	Statewide finfish	31								
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Anchorage	Chignik purse seine coop fishery	6					■			
Dec. 9-17, 2003	Anchorage	Bristol Bay finfish	75			■					
Jan. 12-19, 2004	Fairbanks	Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim finfish	32		■						
Feb. 15-26, 2004	Anchorage	Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands finfish	84	■							
Apr. 4-5, 2004	Anchorage	Prince William Sound allocation plan	2						■		
		<b>total for cycle:</b>	<b>231</b>								

Meeting date	Location	Topics	Number of proposals	API/AI	A-Y-K	Bristol Bay	Cook Inlet	Kodiak/Chignik	PWS	Southeast	Comments
<b>2004/2005 - COOK INLET/KODIAK CYCLE</b>											
Jul. 1, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Kasilof sockeye	1								
Jul. 5, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Kasilof sockeye	1								
Jul. 19, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Kasilof and Kenai late-run sockeye	1								
Aug. 4, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Cook Inlet eastside commercial and Kenai personal use	1								
Sep. 28, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Kenai River coho	1								
Oct. 5-7, 2004	Anchorage	Worksession (24 ACRs)	0								
Nov. 11-13, 2004	Anchorage	Lower Cook Inlet finfish	34				■				
Nov. 14-17, 2004	Anchorage	Chignik finfish	33					■			
Jan. 7-10, 2005	Anchorage	Kodiak finfish	134					■			
Jan. 17-29, 2005	Anchorage	Upper Cook Inlet finfish	258				■				
Mar. 7-13, 2005	Anchorage	Statewide king and Tanner crab, supplemental issues	68								
		<b>total for cycle:</b>	<b>532</b>								
<b>2005/2006 - PWS AND SOUTHEAST CYCLE</b>											
Oct. 13-14, 2005	Girdwood	Worksession (45 ACRs)	0								
Oct. 15-16, 2005	Girdwood	State-waters trawl	3								
Nov. 15-16, 2005	Anchorage	Chignik salmon	1					■			
Dec. 1-6, 2005	Valdez	Prince William Sound, Copper R. finfish	84						■		
Dec. 29, 2005	Teleconference	Teleconference re Adak P-cod	1								
Jan. 22-Feb. 1, 2006	Ketchikan	Southeast and Yakutat finfish	142								
Feb. 20-26, 2006	Ketchikan	Southeast groundfish, dungeness crab, shimp, misc. shellfish; Aleutian Island P-cod	82							■	Topics included Adak P cod
Mar. 17-23, 2006	Anchorage	Statewide dungeness crab, shrimp, misc. shellfish, supplemental issues	107								
May 3, 2006	Teleconference	Bering Sea crab	1								
		<b>total for cycle:</b>	<b>421</b>								
<b>2006/2007 - BRISTOL BAY, AYK, ALASKA PENINSULA CYCLE</b>											
Oct. 12-13, 2006	Anchorage	Worksession (29 ACRs)	0								
Oct. 14-15, 2006	Anchorage	State-waters trawl	6								
Oct. 31, 2006	Teleconference	Teleconference re Adak pollock	1								
Dec. 4-12, 2006	Dillingham	Bristol Bay finfish; Adak P cod	120				■				Topics included Adak P cod
Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 2007	Anchorage	Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim finfish	56			■					
Feb. 6-11, 2007	Anchorage	Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands finfish	48	■							
Mar. 9-13, 2007	Anchorage	Statewide finfish	29								
Apr. 16, 2007	Teleconference	Petition on Upper Cook Inlet	1								
		<b>total for cycle:</b>	<b>261</b>								

Meeting date	Location	Topics	Number of proposals	APIA	A-Y-K	Bristol Bay	Cook Inlet	Kodiak/Chignik	PWS	Southeast	Comments
<b>2007/2008 - COOK INLET/KODIAK CYCLE</b>											
Oct. 9-11, 2007	Anchorage	Worksession (24 ACRs)									
Nov. 11-15, 2007	Homer	Lower Cook Inlet finfish	31				■				
Jan. 9-12, 2008	Anchorage	Chignik finfish	12					■			
Jan. 14-18, 2008	Kodiak	Kodiak finfish	38					■			
Feb. 1-12, 2008	Anchorage	Upper Cook Inlet finfish	286				■				
Mar. 3-9, 2008	Anchorage	Statewide king and Tanner crab, supplemental issues	38								
April 28, 2008	Teleconference	Southeast Chinook sport	1								
May 9, 2008	Teleconference	Egegik and Ugashik seasons	1								
Jun. 26, 2008	Teleconference	Cook Inlet dual permit net use	1								
		<b>total for cycle:</b>	<b>408</b>								
<b>2008/2009 - PWS AND SOUTHEAST CYCLE</b>											
Oct. 8-10, 2008	Fairbanks	Worksession (12 ACRs)									
Dec. 1-7, 2008	Cordova	Prince William Sound, Copper R. finfish	139						■		Topics included statewaters P cod
Dec. 31, 2009	Teleconference	Statewaters P cod	6								
Jan. 21-27, 2009	Petersburg	Southeast Shellfish	66								
Feb. 17-27, 2009	Sitka	Southeast Finfish, Kodiak herring	160							■	Topics included Kodiak herring
Mar. 16-20, 2009	Anchorage	Statewide Shellfish	19								
		<b>total for cycle:</b>	<b>390</b>								
											<b>Total</b>
		<b>Out of Region:</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
		<b>In Region:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>
		<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>55</b>
		<b>Percent in Region:</b>		<b>0%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>67%</b>



# Bristol Bay Native Corporation

*Enriching Our Native Way of Life*

111 West 16th Avenue, Suite 400 / Anchorage, Alaska 99501 / (907) 278-3602 / Fax (907) 276-3924

Attn: Representative Edgmon

Date: March 26, 2009

Re: Statement in Support of HB 117-Board of Fisheries Meeting Location

The Bristol Bay Native Corporation supports House Bill 117 – Board of Fisheries Meeting Location. As residents of the Bristol Bay Region, our shareholders are impacted significantly by the matters considered and decisions made by the Board of Fisheries. Because of this significant impact and the importance of fisheries to the Region, participation and input from local residents is crucial to reaching the best outcomes.

As fuel costs and living costs rise, especially in rural Alaska, the number of residents able to travel to meetings held in Anchorage falls. Holding Board of Fisheries meetings in the particular regions of the state when the proposals on the agenda relates to those areas furthers the public process by allowing the voice of those residents most significantly impacted to be heard. As the regional corporation representing shareholders of the Bristol Bay Region, we know well the cost of holding meetings in various locations around the state. However, we do just that in order to better represent all of our shareholders, rather than only those in our population centers. We ask that the Board of Fisheries be required to do the same, so that all residents of Alaska are better represented.



**Cordova District Fishermen United**  
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January 28, 2009

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 424  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB1117 – Board of Fisheries Meeting Location

Dear Representative Edgmon,

I am writing on behalf of the Cordova District Fishermen United Board of Directors, and our members to support HB117, an act relating to the location of Board of Fisheries meetings.

Public testimony presented by a fair distribution of individuals, offering viewpoints on both sides of the proposal at stake, is what makes public process effective during Board of Fisheries meetings. Small communities, already struggling with increased living expenses, would find it extremely difficult to send adequate representation to meetings held in Anchorage. This does not allow for fair representation by those with livelihoods at stake.

Our community is also challenged by a high cost of living. The expenses associated with traveling outside of Prince William Sound to attend board meetings would make it difficult if not impossible for most of our fleet to participate.

We appreciate your sponsorship of this bill, and support its intent.

Sincerely,

Rochelle van den Broek  
Executive Director

Form 1000-1 (Rev. 10/04) OF A0018-5000 (10/04)

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Hans Nicholson [hnicolson@bbna.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2009 4:28 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HOUSE BILL NO. 117

House Bill No. 117 is just what we want!! I am the chairman of the Nushagak Advisory Committee in Dillingham. Every regulatory cycle, it is always a challenge to get the BOF here to deliberate Bristol Bay Proposals. We've been fortunate to have them here in Bristol Bay the past few cycles. It is important that the BOF meets here because we want them to hear our concerns.

It is cost prohibitive and time consuming for anyone from the Bay to attend the lengthy sessions in Anchorage. Without local input on fish proposals we feel that we will not have the opportunity to weigh in on proposals that affect the outcome of our fishery. We want to be able to attend these meetings. The meetings not only benefit our local fishermen, but also provide an insight and education for our school and people here on the regulatory process. Without the opportunity to comment on proposals that affect our livelihood, the potential outcome could negatively discriminate against us.

You've heard the term in our constitution "We the people..... for the people". We want our voice to be heard. This is a fishery in our own back yard. We want to be given the opportunity to weigh-in on matters that concern us. Most of our local fishermen do not compete at the same level as "aggressive outside fishermen", nor do they have the same selfish and aggressive mentality that seeks change to benefit only themselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this and hopefully you will bring my message forward.

Hans Nicholson  
Chairman - Nushagak Advisory Committee  
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March 24, 2009

Representative Bryce Edgmon via email  
Chair, House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Bryce Edgmon:

I would like to fully support the passage of HB 117 which would require the Board of Fisheries to hold meeting's in particular regions of the state when the proposals on its agenda related to those areas. As previously noted in a letter submitted to the Alaska Board of Fisheries the Bristol Bay economy depends on the fisheries and decisions that affect the economy should provide for the greatest amount of local participation.

Having the opportunity to participate through attendance and testifying twice in the process while the meetings were held in Dillingham (Bristol Bay) has helped not just my family but our local residents to become aware of all the challenge's we face to keep going in the fishery both commercially and for subsistence use. Being able to testify on the impacts, the proposals and decisions made during this process and express first hand the affects this has on our livelihoods is essential in being able to continue to live in our region and the survival of our fisheries as we know it.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Wassiliisia (DeeDec) Bennis  
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**From:** Kenny Wilson [kwilson@bbna.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2009 8:34 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB117

Mr. Clark

I am a long time resident and fishermen from Bristol Bay, I am in support of HB-117 history has shown that there is very little residents attending meeting held outside Their region.

The meeting that was held here in Dillingham during the last cycle was well attended. Their were well over a hundred that testified. This is a very important Bill that will help each community and most likely receive the most accurate information right from the residents that participate in each fishery.

Kenny Wilson

Dillingham



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Alaska Peninsula  
Aleutian Chain  
Bristol Bay  
Kodiak Island  
Pribilof Islands

March 24, 2009

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
House Special Committee on Fisheries, Chair  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Chair Edgmon,

It has been said that Alaska's fishing industries employ more people than oil, gas, forestry, tourism, and mining combined and is one of the largest private sector employers in the state. The industry accounts for more than 50 per cent of basic private-sector employment in many of the state's coastal communities.<sup>1</sup>

Southwest Alaska's fisheries employ more people as harvesters and processors than any other industry in the region where there are more than 50 coastal communities who directly and indirectly rely on Southwest Alaska's fisheries for their livelihood.

There are many issues facing Southwest Alaska's fisheries including oil & gas development, mineral exploration, the high cost of energy, climate change, economic stress, and other regional issues. These issues must have input from regional affected stakeholders who need fair and equitable access to those who are in control of the management decisions that directly impact them and their communities.

Many of the region's affected residents and business owners are facing very trying economic times and the additional burden of expensive travel costs will deter many from participating in Board of Fish meetings that impact their region but are regularly held in Anchorage. Meetings held in Anchorage disenfranchise Southwest Alaska's residents and business owners, while giving unfair advantage to outside interests who can afford to attend these meetings.

Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference requests that the House Special Committee on Fisheries recommend a do pass on HB117 and require the Alaska Board of Fish to schedule their meetings in the region whose issues they are addressing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Catsi  
Executive Director

<sup>1</sup> Governor Palin: *Trends*, November 2008

## BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

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Chignik Lagoon

Chignik Lake

Clarks Point

Curyung

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Ekuk

Ekwok

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Kanatak

King Salmon

Kokhanok

Koliganek

Levelock

Manokotak

Naknek

New Stuyahok

Newhalen

Nondalton

Pedro Bay

Perryville

Pilot Point

Purt Heiden

Porage Creek

South Naknek

Togiak

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Dear Chairmen Edgmon:

The Bristol Bay Native Association would like to support House Bill 117: Board of Fisheries Meeting Location. The Passage of HB 117 will help ensure that the residents of regional communities have the opportunity to provide face-to-face testimony to the Board of Fish.

Holding the meetings where the topic or proposals being considered at the meeting relates to that region is the right thing to do.

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As a matter of fairness, the important restructuring issues, including the 32-foot vessel limit and permit stacking, to be considered at the 2009 meeting requires hearing views from as many fishermen as possible. Those decisions will directly affect their livelihoods and will have a very large impact on our local and regional economies. Holding the meeting in Anchorage will limit the voices you hear to only those who can afford the travel and per diem costs, and will most likely be only voices from out-of-region and out-of-State. BBNA fully supports House Bill No. 117.

Sincerely,



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 Fax 907-465-3445

RE: Support for HB 117 - Board of Fisheries Meeting Locations

Dear Chairman Edgmon and Committee Members,

UFA supports House Bill 117, which would ensure that meetings of the Board of Fisheries would be held in the affected region. United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) appreciates your attention to ensuring that Alaska's fishermen and their communities are provided the opportunity for input on matters that affect their livelihoods, without undue costs. Many past meetings held in Anchorage for distant regions' proposals have made participation difficult and expensive.

We note that the Board of Fisheries often conducts meetings that include proposals from more than one region, and Anchorage may be the most convenient and effective location for these.

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Sincerely,

Mark Vinsel  
 Executive Director

# AVCP

ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS  
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## RESOLUTION 09-03-01

**TITLE: In support of HB 117**

WHEREAS The Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc. (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska and supports the endeavors of its member villages; and

WHEREAS AVCP fully supports its member villages in all aspects of their self-determination, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS The Alaska Board of Fisheries process is a public process that affects the lives of people in various regions of Alaska; and

WHEREAS On many occasions where the Alaska Board of Fisheries meets to consider proposals that affect the people of the AVCP region, our people feel that they meet in far away locations making it economically impossible to attend the meeting in person; and

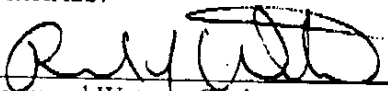
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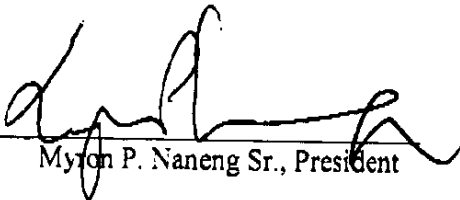
WHEREAS Meeting in various regions in Alaska would allow for more public testimony and allow the people to have better access to the Alaska Board of Fisheries which would result in better decisions made by the Board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVCP Executive Board supports HB 117 sponsored by Representatives Edgemon, Thomas, Austerman, Joule, Herron, and Kertula

ADOPTED by the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board at a meeting held in Bethel, Alaska, where a duly constituted quorum was present on this 25th day of March 2009.

CERTIFIED:

  
Raymond Watson, Chairman

  
Myron P. Naneng Sr., President



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March 25, 2009

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Representative Bryce Edgmon-Chair House Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capital, Rm. 416  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Edgmon:

As a life long resident of the Bristol Bay region, an active subsistence, sport, commercial fisherman and former Board of Fish member I support House Bill No. 117 and the accompanying sponsor's intent statement. As the Board of Fisheries considers regulatory changes to each of Alaska's regional fishing areas they need to hear from the area residents, communities and local governments that would be most affected by their decisions. The economic well being of the regional fishing area residents and communities are directly tied to the fishery resources.

It is an unnecessary financial burden to require the people most affected by the Board of Fisheries decisions to travel outside of their region to have their comments and concerns heard when the State of Alaska, by passing HB. 117, requiring the Alaska Board of Fisheries to conduct their regulatory meetings in the affected regions can bring the process closer to them. Requiring these people to travel outside of their region, places the public and open State of Alaska fishery regulatory process beyond their means to participate.

During an earlier time period there were not sufficient funds in the budget to allow the Board of Fisheries to conduct regulatory meetings within all the affected regional areas. Many Alaskan residents requested that sufficient funding be placed in the budget with the understanding that the Board of Fisheries would then conduct these meetings in the affected regions. The State of Alaska responded favorably.

Considering that this is an Alaska Board of Fisheries I never imagined that there would be a need for a bill such as HB.117. This is what has changed my position: 1) Knowing that there doesn't appear to be the lack of funds within the budget, 2) The overwhelming number of regional residents participating in the 2006 Bristol Bay regulatory meeting held in region compared to the 2003 regulatory meeting held in Anchorage, 3) The very positive comments made by then Chairman of the Board of Fisheries Mel Morris on behalf of the Board as to regional support and accommodations the region provided to the Board and the process 4) The Board of Fisheries voting on 2 different occasions to have the Bristol Bay 2009 regulatory meeting in Anchorage. I believe HB.117 is good Alaska policy.

As a past Board of Fishery member I found it extremely helpful to me when we held the regional regulatory meetings within the affected region. I had a better understanding of how the fisheries are managed, history of the fisheries and what impacts proposed regulatory changes could have within the affected region and to the State of Alaska.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

*Robert Heyano*

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- Levelock
- Manokotak
- Naknek
- New Stuyahok
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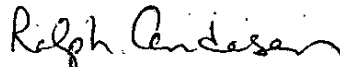
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# STATE OF ALASKA

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## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

*Boards Support Section*

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TO: Board of Fisheries Members

DATE: September 27, 2008

  
FROM: Jim Marcotte, Executive Director  
Board of Fisheries  
Department of Fish and Game

PHONE: 465-6095  
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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

<u>Dates [and Duration]</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Location</u>
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.

adverse witnesses. Upon removal, the governor or a designee shall file in the proper state office the findings and a complete statement of all charges made against the member. (§ 7 art I ch 94 SLA 1959; am § 3 ch 121 SLA 1992)

**Sec. 16.05.290. Compensation of board members.** Each member of a board is entitled to compensation at a rate equal to Step A, Range 20, of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska, for each day going to and from and for each day in actual attendance at board meetings. For other meetings or conferences authorized by a board a member shall receive compensation at a rate equal to one-half of Step A, Range 20, of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Juneau, Alaska, for each day going to and from and for each day in actual attendance. Each member of a board is also entitled to travel expenses and per diem authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180. (§ 8 art I ch 94 SLA 1959; am § 6 ch 206 SLA 1975; am § 1 ch 81 SLA 1980; am § 4 ch 121 SLA 1992)

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#### NOTES TO DECISIONS

**Valid board decision.** — Although the Board of Fisheries may have voted three to two to deny chum cap reduction, it voted five to zero to approve the management plan for the 1994 False Pass fishery

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- (4) Prince William Sound (including Yakutat). (§ 9 art I ch 94 SLA 1959; am § 1 ch 82 SLA 1968; am § 7 ch 206 SLA 1975)

**Sec. 16.05.305. Clerical assistance for boards.** The Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game are authorized to hire and set the compensation for one clerical assistant for each board. (§ 8 ch 206 SLA 1975)

**Sec. 16.05.310. Special board meetings.** A board may meet at any time upon the call of the commissioner or upon the request of two board members. (§ 6 art I ch 94 SLA 1959; am § 9 ch 206 SLA 1975)

**Sec. 16.05.315. Joint board meetings.** The Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game may hold a joint meeting upon the call of the commissioner or a board to resolve any conflicts in regulations of the boards and to consider matters, as determined by the commissioner or a board, that require the consideration of both boards. (§ 10 ch 206 SLA 1975)

**Sec. 16.05.320. Quorum.** A majority of the members of a board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, for the performance of any duty, and for the exercise of any power. However, a majority of the full board membership is required to carry all motions, regulations, and resolutions. A majority of the members of the boards of fisheries and game constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in a joint board meeting. A majority of the membership of the boards is required to carry all joint motions, regulations, and resolutions of the boards. (§ 10 art I ch 94 SLA 1959; am § 3 ch 71 SLA 1973; am § 11 ch 206 SLA 1975)

#### NOTES TO DECISIONS

**Valid board decision.** — Although the Board of Fisheries may have voted three to two to deny chum cap reduction, it voted five to zero to approve the management plan for the 1994 False Pass fishery