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To Alaska Board of Fisheries

Re: 2017 Upper Cook Inlet meeting Location

Dear Board Members,

There are several very relevant points I would like you consider with this unusual request to change the location of your 2017 UCI meeting.

Moving the meeting from Anchorage will cost at least an additional \$100,000 for travel, lodging, and per diem for 30 plus Anchorage based department personnel. In these difficult times when we are reducing the budget, this additional expense cannot be justified and will be detrimental to the department's budget this legislative session.

Alaska set up the Boards of Fish & Game to minimize political influence on management of our resources and put conservation of the resource first. To yield to political pressure to move the UCI meeting, sets a very bad precedent- especially taking up this previously decided issue out of cycle.

Finally, Anchorage is a neutral location to hold the meeting in the middle of the Cook Inlet management area with good access to affected residents of Kenai, Anchorage and Mat-Su.

Members of the Board, I ask you to do what is best for our financial and fisheries resources- keep the meeting in Anchorage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Colver".

Representative Jim Colver