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We request the Alaska Board of Fisheries extend the regulatory notice for 2017 Kodiak meeting to run concurrently with the February 23 – March 8, Upper Cook Inlet BOF regulatory meeting in Anchorage, AK.

Justification for extending the notice is to allow the public, ADF&G and the BOF more time to analyze the data in both Genetic Stock Composition reports FMS 16-10 and FMS 16-11 and how that data may apply to or affect fishery management plans and other fishery management concerns in both the Kodiak Management Area and the Upper Cook Inlet Management Area.

This request meets the following criteria for Board Generated Proposals.

1. Is this in the public's best interest? Yes, the Genetic Stock Report clearly identifies hundreds of thousands of Cook Inlet Sockeye Salmon that are harvested in the Kodiak Management Area. Reference RC 20 and RC 31
2. Is there urgency in considering the issue? Yes, salmon fisheries in both the KMA and UCI will start in just a few months.
3. Are current processes insufficient to bring the subject to the Board's attention? Yes, this information was not available in time to incorporate into proposals for the Kodiak BOF meeting.
4. Will there be reasonable and adequate opportunity for public comment? Yes, there will be reasonable opportunity for the public to participate at the next BOF meeting in Anchorage.

The BOF may discuss the following Kodiak Management Area Salmon Management Plans from February 23 – March 8 Upper Cook Inlet BOF regulatory meeting in Anchorage, AK.

1. 5 AAC 18.360 Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan
2. 5 AAC 18.361 Cape Alitak District Management Plan
3. 5 AAC 18.362 Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan
4. 5 AAC 18.363 North Shelikof Straight Sockeye Salmon Management Plan
5. 5 AAC 18.364 Crescent Lake Coho Salmon Management Plan
6. 5 AAC 18.365 Eastside Afognak Management Plan
7. 5 AAC 18.366 Spiridon Bay Sockeye Salmon Management Plan
8. 5 AAC 18.367 Eastside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan
9. 5 AAC 18.368 North Afognak/Shuyak Island Salmon Management Plan
10. 5 AAC 18.369 Mainland District Salmon Management Plan

The BOF invites the public to provide Public Comments (PC), and Record Copy (RC) comments and public testimony concerning proposed regulatory changes to the Kodiak and Cook Inlet Management Plans. The BOF is interested in receiving comments on the newly released genetic stock reports for Sockeye and Chinook.

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