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Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

RE: Alaska Board of Fisheries Draft Proposal Review Process

Tom Kluberton, Chairman  
John Jensen, Vice Chairman  
Fritz Johnson  
Orville Huntington

Sue Jeffrey  
Reed Morisky  
Alan Cain

Dear Board of Fisheries,

The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation is writing to express our concerns regarding modification of the policies to the proposal review process.

First of all, we support the process explained under the Department Review section that will have the ability to eliminate those proposal submissions that miss the deadline, do not have contact information, do not identify an individual for questions, and are non-responsive to the call. However, we are concerned about how the Committee on Committee (CoC) will determine what proposals get delegated to the Department and what proposals will be deemed "uncontroversial" without input from local AC's and the general public.

We remain slightly apprehensive, and fear that this may disrupt the integrity of the public process. Under this proposal it states, "All actions of the CoC will be forwarded to the Chair for final approval. Following Chair concurrence, proposals will be published and made available in accordance with 5 AAC 96.610(c)." BBEDC believes that all actions taken by the CoC should be sent to the full board, and if one board member feels differently about a certain proposal they should have the ability to allow that proposal to be published and made available to proceed through the proper channels before the regulatory meeting.

BBEDC acknowledges the budget shortfall of \$170,000 for the Board Support Section in FY17, and is cognizant of the difficulties it presents to adequately address proposals submitted to the Board of Fisheries. Nevertheless, there ought to be better solutions to address the budget constraints without jeopardizing the public process, and we are willing to provide recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Cline", is written over a horizontal line.

Gary Cline  
Regional Fisheries Director