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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Alaska Board of Fisheries to Meet in Anchorage, March 8-11, 2020 on Statewide King and Tanner Crab (except Southeast and Yakutat for both, and Prince William Sound Tanner crab) and Supplemental Issues

Additional meetings include the Board's Hatchery Committee, March 7, 2020 and the Special Committee on the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Fishery Management Plan, March 12, 2020

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will meet March 8-11, 2020, at the Egan Civic and Convention Center, 555 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. During this four-day public meeting, the board will meet to consider 37 proposals regarding king and Tanner crab issues submitted by the general public, fishing organizations, local Fish and Game Advisory Committees, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

In addition to submitting written public comments, the board invites the public to give oral public testimony during the meeting beginning March 8. Any person intending to testify must sign up at the meeting site at the Egan Center in Anchorage. The tentative deadline for signing up is 2:00pm on Sunday, March 8. Public testimony will continue until members of the public who signed up before the deadline and are present have been given an opportunity to testify.

All portions of the meeting are open to the public and a live audio stream is intended to be available on the Board of Fisheries website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. Documents submitted to the board are intended to be posted online throughout the meeting. Copies of advanced meeting materials, including the agenda and roadmap, are available from Boards Support Section, 907-465-4110, or online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>.

The board encourages the public to submit written comments on specific proposals. See <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.comments> for details on public comment. Public comments submitted by February 21 will be included in the board's workbook before the meeting. After February 21, written public comments are limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group. These comments are recorded as record copies and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the meeting, and accepted throughout the board meeting.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 21 copies are provided. Once proposal deliberations begin, the board will **ONLY** accept written public comments not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent double-sided pages. The board may relax this requirement if specific information is requested by the board requiring more pages than allowed under this standard.

Individuals not in attendance can submit written comments by fax to (907) 465-6094.

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Training opportunity: The Boards Support Section is hosting a training course, How to Navigate the Board Process, roughly ten minutes following the noon adjournment on March 8 in the main meeting area. While the training is designed for those new to the board process, all are welcome to join.

Hatchery Committee: The board's standing Hatchery Committee will meet at 9:00a.m. on March 7, 2020, at the Egan Civic and Convention Center, 555 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will occur in the Summit Hall, downstairs at the Egan Center.

Special Committee on the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Fishery Management Plan: The Special Committee on the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Fishery Management Plan will meet at 10:00a.m. on March 12, 2020, at the Egan Civic and Convention Center, 555 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will occur in the Summit Hall, downstairs at the Egan Center.

Committee meetings are open to the public. A meeting agenda and other meeting materials will be available on the Board of Fisheries meeting information website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>. Written comments for either committee welcome by the board. Please refer to instructions earlier in this meeting announcement on how to submit comments.

The Board of Fisheries March meeting schedule:

Date	Meeting	Location
March 7, 2020	Hatchery Committee	Egan Civic Center, Summit Hall
March 8-11, 2020	Statewide King and Tanner Crab	Egan Civic Center, Summit Hall
March 12, 2020	Special Committee on Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon	Egan Civic Center, Summit Hall