



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

**Special Meeting to Review the 2020/2021 Meeting Schedule in Light of COVID-19
Web conference, January 25, 2021**

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=01-25-2021&meeting=tele>.

Board Members

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair

John Jensen, Vice-chair

John Wood

McKenzie Mitchell

Israel Payton

Abe Williams

Gerad Godfrey

The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm.

Following introductions and brief ethics disclosures, the Board of Fisheries (board) heard from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) on its findings related to current conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The report included the current status of cases in Alaska and the vaccination program. Meeting conditions in Anchorage, Cordova, and Ketchikan were discussed, as was the ability to conduct regulatory meetings on web conference. Additional scenario information was offered on postponing meetings into the future.

The board –

- Approved postponing its 2020/2021 meetings to 2021/2022 with dates to be determined at a March 8, 2021 board meeting.
- Approved keeping its current 2021/2022 meeting schedule as planned.
- Accepted a board generated proposal to change three “sunset provisions” in 5 AAC 33. The board will take up the proposal at its March 8 meeting.
- Extend the current call for proposals (for Bristol Bay, Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim, Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea finfish, and statewide finfish), to May 10, 2021. Emerging issues for Southeast, Yakutat, Prince William Sound, and shellfish statewide may be submitted as agenda change requests by August 23, 2021.

The department indicated the current Governor’s FY22 budget is inadequate to support the level of meetings set by the board and it would endeavor to seek additional budget increments from the Legislature.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm.