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Fish and Game to Hold Tanner Crab and State Waters Pacific Cod Pre-Season Stakeholders' Meeting in Sand Point Next Week

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game will host a pre-season commercial shellfish and groundfish stakeholder's meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at the Borough Office conference room in Sand Point. The purpose of this meeting is to provide commercial stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss 2010 South Alaska Peninsula Area Tanner crab and state-waters Pacific cod fisheries with ADF&G management staff. This meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are welcome to attend. King Cove residents may participate by teleconference at the Harbor House.

Topics to be covered include:

- 2010 Tanner crab and Pacific cod guideline harvest levels (GHLs)
- Commercial groundfish and shellfish fishing regulations
- ADF&G management strategies
- In-season catch reporting and dockside sampling
- South Alaska Peninsula Board of Fisheries groundfish proposals
- Other groundfish or shellfish issues as time permits

For additional information please contact Mark Stichert with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

Borough Reserves Meeting Room for Area M Fishermen during February BOF Meeting



Egan Civic & Convention Center

The Aleutians East Borough has reserved a meeting room at the Egan Center in Anchorage where local fishermen can gather for discussions about testimony on the Board of Fisheries proposals during the BOF meeting next month. The Borough has booked Space #14 at the Egan Civic & Convention Center in Downtown Anchorage from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Feb. 1 - 6, 2010.

AEB Resource Director Beth Stewart and Fisheries Consultant Sam Cotten will be on hand to answer any questions about the proposals and testimony fishermen plan to submit to the Board. The Borough will provide laptops, a copier/printer and other office supplies for the meeting room.

Issues include Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish
Comment deadline: Jan. 19, 2010

[Link: Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Finfish Proposals](#)

Alaska Fish and Game Opens Parallel Groundfish Fishing in State Waters during 2010

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) has issued an emergency order opening parallel groundfish fishing in state waters during 2010. The fishing seasons, bycatch limits and allowable gear types for the groundfish fisheries in the territorial waters of the Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula, Bering Sea - Aleutian Islands and Chukchi - Beaufort Areas that are not actively managed by the state will generally match federal fishery management measures in the adjacent waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Fishermen should be aware of exceptions to parallel fishery rules, where state waters differ from those imposed under federal management.



The State of Alaska has adopted Steller sea lion protection measures under 5 AAC 28.087 (Management Measures in Parallel Groundfish Fisheries for Protection of Steller Sea Lions). Waters of Alaska that are described in the federal regulations implementing the Steller sea lion protection measures as “closed to fishing” or “closed to gear types” are closed to all vessels, regardless of whether the vessel has a federal fishing permit.

For more information, visit the link below.

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