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## Public Comment: Participation in Governance

Now, more than ever, decision makers need to hear from you. Submitting comments and asking questions is an effective way to participate in the governing process and fishery management to help create positive outcomes.

First of all, *if* your household has yet to complete the 2020 Census, please respond online, by phone or by mail. Get Counted. It's really important. The time to complete the Census is running out, but the impacts last a decade or more. [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

Submit comments to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game by the deadline on these issues:

- The Proposed 2018 GOA Pacific Cod disaster relief distribution plan – comment by August 14th –  
[https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishing.2018\\_gulfcod\\_disaster\\_relief\\_fund](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishing.2018_gulfcod_disaster_relief_fund)
- The Proposed 2018 Chignik salmon disaster relief distribution plan – comment by August 14th –  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishing.2018\\_chigniksockeye\\_disaster\\_relief\\_fund](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishing.2018_chigniksockeye_disaster_relief_fund)
- Should the Board of Fish 2020/2021 meeting cycle include in-person meetings? Comment or take a survey by August 31st –  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main>
- Alaska CARES Act for Fishery Participants – comment ASAP. 8/7/20 Guidance Document:  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/news/hottopics/pdfs/cares\\_act\\_guidance\\_080720.pdf](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/news/hottopics/pdfs/cares_act_guidance_080720.pdf)
- Submit an Agenda Change Request to the Board of Fish by August 13th -  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main>

Participate in the August 13th Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting at 3 p.m. Please email comments to [ltanis@aeboro.org](mailto:ltanis@aeboro.org) before or during the meeting. The packet can be found at [www.aleutianseast.org](http://www.aleutianseast.org). The meeting will be broadcast on KSDP & [www.apradio.org](http://www.apradio.org).

Remember to vote in the August 18<sup>th</sup> primary elections.  
<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

There are multiple opportunities to get involved in local governance and in all levels of fishery management. Please search them out. You can make a difference. Contact the AEB for more information.

COVID-19 resources:

[Alaska DCCED AK CARES Grant program](#)

[Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference](#)

[Eastern Aleutian Tribes](#)

[United Fishermen of Alaska](#)

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