

# Fisheries Board to meet in December

Important discussions are held every year at the Alaska Board of Fisheries. It is a good idea to attend, or to have a representative present, if there are any proposals affecting your fishery.

The deadline for submitting written public proposals was September 19th. You may still sign up at the meetings to comment on these.

A published list of the proposals should be available at the Fish and Game office in your area.



The Alaska Board of Fisheries is scheduled to begin its meetings in Anchorage next week, beginning Monday, December 1. On the agenda are 427 proposals for changes in regulations

for fish management during 1981, of which two of the most controversial are the herring fishery in the Bristol Bay area and the subsistence fishery in Cook Inlet. Hearings and meetings, which are open to the public, will be held in the Anchorage Westward Hotel.

The herring fishery of the Togiak and Bristol Bay may face some severe cut-backs after more than 5,200 tons of Togiak herring were dumped this season. That event will cause the Board

of Fisheries to consider proposals designed to prevent such waste in the future.

At least eleven proposals have been submitted by sport and commercial fishermen on Cook Inlet subsistence fisheries, after the court recently upheld the right of subsistence users to get first priority on the resource.

The tentative schedule calls for general business and special reports on December 1 and 2; Arctic-

Yukon-Kuskokwim regulations on Dec. 3 and 4; Christmas break and then Bering Sea Herring Dec. 5 resume its work at the Baranof Hotel in Juneau with and 8.

On December 9 a joint meeting will be held with fisheries on Jan. 12 & 13.

the North Pacific Fishery Management Council on North Pacific Tanner crab harvest levels. Council will, once again

Regulations for the Westward (Kodiak, Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Chain) to discuss the troll fishery.

For persons who cannot remain through the entire meeting, there will be a Sound Dec. 15 and 16; special public hearing held and Cook Inlet-Dec. 17-22. on December 2 at 1:00 p.m.