

Board of Fisheries to consider petitions for new salmon fishery

JUNEAU — The Board of Fisheries will meet in the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel March 8-14 to consider shellfish proposals for the Bering Sea, the Aleutians, the Alaska Peninsula, Kodiak Island, Prince William Sound, and Cook Inlet. Several of the westward Alaska shellfish proposals, impact bottomfish trawl fisheries. The board will also consider petitions which would create a western Aleutian salmon fishery targeted on salmon of Japanese origin, and which would allow additional time for guided king salmon fishing on the Kenai River. A

recorded message on the current agenda and board actions will be available during the meeting by calling 272-7411 and asking for extension 7288.

The board will begin consideration of Southeast and statewide shellfish proposals at the Sitka Sheffield House on March 16. The board will also consider a petition for repeal of the 8 days on and 6 days off troll period for Icy Straits during this portion of the meeting. While the board is meeting in Sitka, the recorded message will be available through the front desk at the Sheffield House by calling 747-6616.