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Glenn Haight, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Haight and Board of Fisheries Members:

Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) represents the power trollers and hand trollers who fish throughout the waters of Southeast Alaska up to and including Yakutat. Since we have a very high percentage of Alaska resident fishermen, we are a significant proportion of the SE Alaska community economies. Our fishery has been in operation for well over a century, although we harvest about a third of our historical Chinook catch due to three brutal Treaty reductions.

Due to the persistent Covid-19 presence, ATA is concerned about the upcoming Ketchikan Board of Fisheries meeting scheduled to take place in early January 2022 which is just over 2 months away. We have heard from our members that they are wary of participating in the Ketchikan meeting because of ongoing health threats and the already stressed medical facilities in Ketchikan.

Board of Fish meetings are renowned for their necessary in-person public engagement which is a big part of why we believe in our State's Board of Fisheries process. At this time, however, the ATA Board considers an in-person meeting a public health threat.

Therefore we respectfully ask for a meeting delay until January 2023 to address the proposals before you. We believe the current fisheries regulations can withstand another season without consideration of revision under these circumstances. Your consideration of this postponement is appreciated and will allow a full and safe participation in the Board of Fish process without the significant threat of illness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Daugherty', written over a horizontal line.

Amy Daugherty  
Executive Director