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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

CHARGE STATEMENT FOR THE BOARD'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW BOARD PROCESS

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The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) employs one of the most robust public process of any regulatory system in Alaska and perhaps the nation. In fulfilling its role of setting management policy for all fisheries in the state the board openly solicits proposals to change regulation on a three-year cycle. Each year the board receives several hundred proposals from the public which are all reviewed, discussed, and deliberated at meetings open to the public. These intense public meetings are well attended by fish and game users across the state, including the State of Alaska's fish and game advisory committees. Prior to the meetings, proposals are reviewed and recommendations are prepared by state staff, advisory committee members, and residents across the state.

The process by which the board conducts its work is one developed over the years and is relied upon by the public. Changes to the board process may well be warranted, but must carefully consider concerns by the stakeholders.

To this end, the board is forming this Special Committee to Review Board Process to thoroughly review its regulatory process. For each of the following actions the committee will seek public guidance. Committee actions include:

- Establish review parameters.
- Analyze costs and resources needed to conduct major segments of the process.
- Review existing processes for ways to improve board member effectiveness, including board member region outreach.
- Review existing statutes, regulations, and policies which guide board process.
- Review the efficacy of the process and identify potential improvements.
- Provide a final report which highlights recommended improvements which includes impact to funding and needed changes to the legal framework.

The committee, with Members Israel Payton, John Jensen, John Wood, and Märit Carlson-Van Dort intend the review to be completed by September 30, 2021.

Date Adopted: October 16, 2020

Internet Meeting

VOTE: 7-0


Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair