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Alaska Board of Fisheries
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Re: Location of Kodiak Board Meeting

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries:

I am Jim O'BRIEN and I have been a salmon fisherman in Kodiak for 43 YEARS years. I am very concerned about proposals from Cook Inlet and Chignik fishermen that would restrict our historical salmon fishery here in Kodiak and how these proposals could negatively impact me and my community. I am planning on attending the January Board of Fisheries meeting currently scheduled to be held in Kodiak. I believe that it is important for Kodiak's salmon fishery stakeholders to have the opportunity to address the Board here in Kodiak and for you to see the magnitude of the impact your decisions may have.

I have heard rumors that some folks are trying to have the Board change the location of the "Kodiak" meeting from where it is currently scheduled (in Kodiak) to Anchorage. I believe the Board, at your October 2017 work session, already settled this issue. I don't see anything on your October 2019 agenda that indicates you may consider moving the Kodiak meeting. Consequently, I don't think the public has been given reasonable notice of a possible move. If the meeting is moved, most Kodiak stakeholders will not be able to attend and personally engage the Board. Please continue to follow the Board's normal protocols and leave the January 2020 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting in Kodiak.

If you have any questions regarding my support for the January Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting to be in Kodiak, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
