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MSB FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

Memorandum - February 7, 2024

RE: Board of Fisheries 2024 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting

The Alaska Board of Fisheries will be holding the 2024 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting at the Egan Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage from February 23 – March 5, 2024. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Fish & Wildlife Commission's (FWC) formal comments submitted to the Board on February 7, 2024. The comment deadline is Monday, February 12, 2024 at 11:59 am.

In addition to submitting formal comments, the meeting itself will provide ample opportunity for public comment, and the MSB FWC encourages residents of the Mat-Su to participate in the meetings by attending and providing written or oral comments. The Board of Fisheries is the primary authority of regulatory change in the state of Alaska, and these meetings are held on three year cycles. Meeting information can be found on the Alaska Department of Fish & Game website.

Additionally, the MSB FWC has put together the enclosed "It Takes Fish to Make Fish" booklet. This booklet was created to support the position of the FWC during the Board of Fisheries meetings, and is also intended to be an educational publication to be used by local organizations, business owners, and residents to gain a better understanding of the challenges and successes of Mat-Su fisheries. We are enclosing two copies of the booklet for your community council and would be happy to share additional copies as needed. Please don't hesitate to reach out to staff or FWC members with any questions or comments regarding the enclosed materials, Board of Fisheries process, or to learn more about the work of the FWC.

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