

Association of Village Council Presidents Press Release

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Update from the Alaska Board of Fisheries — APAI & Chignik Meeting in Anchorage

ANCHORAGE, AK -- The Alaska Board of Fisheries continued deliberations today for the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands & Chignik Finfish meeting at the Egan Civic & Convention Center, part of the February 18–24, 2026 meeting schedule.

Board members focused on Proposal 127 and reviewed substitute language presented by Board Member Irwin. After thorough discussion and consideration, the Board voted 4–3 in favor of adopting changes to the Alaska Peninsula June Fishery, including a measure to implement reduced fishing time for the June fishery.

Leadership from the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), including AVCP Chief Executive Officer Vivian Korthuis and representatives of the AVCP Subsistence Committee, attended today’s proceedings as part of ongoing engagement with proposals impacting Western Alaska communities and subsistence users.

Deliberations will continue through the remaining proposals on the agenda. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn by the end of the day on February 25, 2026.

AVCP will continue to monitor discussions and decisions that may affect regional fisheries management and subsistence access and will share updates as they become available.

For additional meeting information, documentation, and proposal details, see the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Board of Fisheries meeting page at:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=02-18-2026&meeting=anchorage>

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About: The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) is a regional non-profit tribal consortium comprising 56 federally recognized Tribes of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. AVCP’s region is approximately 55,000 square miles, with a population of 27,000 residing in 48 communities along the Yukon River, Kuskokwim River, and Bering Sea coast. The residents of the region are primarily Yup’ik, Cup’ik, and Athabascan. AVCP promotes self-determination and protection and enhancement of cultural and traditional values. As part of its mission, AVCP has long been committed to advocating for the protection of our traditional waters and traditional resources.