



February 19, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Copper River/Prince William Sound Salmon Harvest Task Force, we are contacting your organization or entity in regards to the upcoming Spring 2018 Salmon Harvest Task Force meeting in Cordova, Alaska. The meeting will take place on **Friday, April 20 at 2 p.m.** at the Cordova Center in Cordova, Alaska.

Established in 1991, the Copper River/Prince William Sound Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) is a bi-annual meeting of regional salmon fishery stakeholders and leaders. The meetings are chaired by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game regional leadership and open to the public. The most recent SHTF meetings were held in May and October of 2017. These meetings marked the successful reconvening of a task force effort that will continue on a bi-annual basis to foster long-term proactive communications between ADF&G management, industry leaders, Area E fishermen, and other stakeholders.

The SHTF has no authority of its own but is recognized by industry and the Commissioner of the Department of Fish & Game as a body working to represent the interests and objectives of the commercial fishing industry and fisheries stakeholders in the Prince William Sound and Copper River salmon management area. The key objective of the SHTF is to develop and make recommendations to the Department regarding fisheries management plans.

At the October 2017 meeting, the task force voted on a motion to add one subsistence seat to the task force. The task force voted to solicit letters of interest from persons and/or entities whom engage in subsistence fishing in the Prince William Sound and Copper River drainage area who might wish to fill this seat.

At this time, there following voting members of the SHTF include:

- Cordova District Fishermen United Gillnet Division
- Cordova District Fishermen United Seine Division
- Prince William Sound Set Net Association
- Prince William Sound/Copper River ADF&G Advisory Committee
- Trident Seafoods
- Ocean Beauty Seafoods



- Copper River Seafoods
- Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation
- Peter Pan Seafoods
- Icicle Seafoods
- Valdez Fisheries Development Association

At this time, the following non-voting members of the SHTF include:

- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Copper River/Prince William Sound Marketing Association
- Alaska Department of Fish & Game Regional Management (Meeting Chair)

If you and/or the organization that you affiliate with is interested in filling the newly created subsistence seat on the Copper River/Prince William Sound Salmon Harvest Task Force, please submit a letter of interest (2 pages maximum) to the task force prior to close of business on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018** to the following:

Cordova District Fishermen United  
ATTN: SHTF Coordinator  
P.O. Box 939  
Cordova, AK 99574

OR

Via e-mail to both [kelsey@cdfu.org](mailto:kelsey@cdfu.org) AND [jocelyn@cdfu.org](mailto:jocelyn@cdfu.org)

Thank you for your consideration. Please visit [www.CDFU.org/shtf-meeting/](http://www.CDFU.org/shtf-meeting/) for additional information or contact Kelsey Appleton at Cordova District Fishermen United (907-424-3447 or [kelsey@cdfu.org](mailto:kelsey@cdfu.org)) with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Members of the Copper River/Prince William Sound Salmon Harvest Task Force

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Cordova District Fishermen United (Acting as SHTF Coordinator)