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***“Bristol Bay Forever” Initiative Hearing Schedule Announced
Lt. Governor Treadwell to hold hearings in eight communities***

August 21, 2014, Anchorage, AK – Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell announced the schedule for eight hearings on an initiative to provide for protection of Bristol Bay wild salmon and waters within or flowing into the designated Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve. The initiative will appear on the Nov. 4 general election ballot as Ballot Measure 4.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 8

Kotzebue

Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers

163 Lagoon Street, Kotzebue

12 – 2 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Barrow

Inupiat Heritage Center

5421 N. Star Street, Barrow

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Juneau

Thomas Stewart Building, Beltz Room 105

206 4th Street, Juneau

12 – 2 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Ketchikan

Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers, Whitecliff Building

1900 1st Avenue, Suite 144, Ketchikan

4 – 6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22

Kodiak

Kodiak Island Borough Assembly Chambers

710 Mill Bay Road, Kodiak

1 – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Anchorage

Dena'ina Center, Knik Executive Board Room

600 W. 7th Avenue, Anchorage

4 – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Fairbanks

Assembly Chambers, Borough Administrative Center

809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks

1 – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Dillingham

Legislative Information Office

6 Main Street, Dillingham

12 – 2 p.m.

All hearings will be available via teleconference and citizens may call in toll-free to testify at (855) 463-5009. Anyone may listen live at the same number, or online at <http://akl.tv>. Citizens may also submit comments via e-mail to bbaycomments@alaska.gov.

Proposed bill language may be found at

<http://www.elections.alaska.gov/petitions/12BBAY/12BBAY-Sponsors-Prop-Bill-Lang.pdf>.

The hearings are required under a law passed by the Alaska State Legislature in 2010. Alaska Statute 15.45.195 requires the lieutenant governor to hold two or more public hearings concerning the initiative in each judicial district of the state, at least 30 days before the election in which an initiative is to appear on the ballot. Each hearing must include the written or oral testimony of one supporter and one opponent of the initiative.

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