

Alaska Redistricting Board

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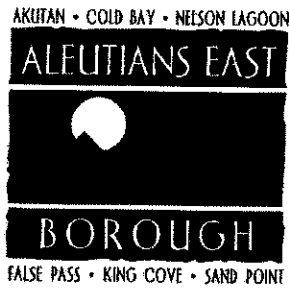
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Post-Plan Public Hearing Sites

On or about April 14, 2011 the Board will adopt a draft plan or plans. The Board will then have 60 days to adopt a final plan. Following are sites for post-plan hearings. Locations not included in the 2001 post-plan hearing schedule are marked with an asterisk.

Post-Plan Public Hearing Sites

Anchorage
Angoon
Bethel*
Cold Bay*
Cordova
Craig*
Delta Junction
Dillingham
Dutch Harbor*
Fairbanks
Galena
Glennallen
Haines*
Healy
Homer
Hoonah
Juneau
Kenai
Ketchikan
King Salmon*
Kodiak
Kotzebue*
Nome*
Palmer or Wasilla
Petersburg
Seward*
Sitka*
Skagway*
Tok*
Valdez
Wrangell



Mr. John Torgerson
Alaska Redistricting Board
411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 302
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March 17, 2011

Dear Chairman Torgerson,

The Aleutians East Borough has been monitoring the very important planning activities of the Alaska Redistricting Board. We understand the Board has significant matters before them and a short period of time to accomplish their work.

In reviewing the draft list of post plan public hearing sites, we noted that even with the addition of Unalaska, the residents of our six communities will not have an opportunity to speak to the crucial issue of redistricting. We would like to request Sand Point or Cold Bay, our Borough hubs, be added to the list and that the schedule be adjusted so that fishermen, who typically are unavailable June 1- August 15, are able to attend. Adding another community early in the schedule will be difficult but we believe necessary for our residents to understand the process and options under redistricting.

We know from previous experience that even the best laid plans can fall apart. In 2001, the Redistricting Board did not hold a single public hearing in our Borough or within the Aleutians Islands. Instead the 2001 Board scheduled a post draft hearing in Kodiak but, the Board cancelled the Kodiak public hearing. Although the Board was invited to attend an Aleutian Communities meeting in Unalaska, it chose not to. Instead of travelling to Unalaska, the 2001 Redistricting Board held a public meeting in Dillingham where, we understand, only two people testified.

The Borough will plan to have representatives from our other communities present at a post plan redistricting public hearing if one can be arranged for us. Please contact Tina Anderson, Borough Clerk, or me (907-383-2699 or smack@aeboro.org) for any assistance you may need for meeting arrangements.

We would also like to express our appreciation for the hard work that the Redistricting Board has undertaken. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Stanley Mack
Mayor

John Torgerson

From: mayor@ci.nome.ak.us
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 9:55 AM
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Subject: Please Add Nome for a Post hearing meeting place

Good morning Chairman Torgerson,

On behalf of the City of Nome, would the Redistricting Board please consider holding a post hearing meeting in Nome, Alaska. On the proposed meeting places we noticed that Nome, Alaska was not listed.

We feel that this information is very important and should be shared with the citizens of Nome and residents of the Bering Strait/Norton Sound region.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to hearing from your office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Michels, Mayor
City of Nome

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