



# Federal Subsistence Board News Release



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## Federal Subsistence Board Concludes July Work Session

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** – The Federal Subsistence Board met July 23–24, 2025, to address a range of subsistence management issues, including Council annual reports, charter change requests, and upcoming meeting schedules.

During the session, the Board:

- Approved replies to fiscal year 2024 annual reports from the 10 Regional Advisory Councils
- Reviewed and rejected Council recommendations for charter changes
- Received briefings on the recent Council correspondence
- Confirmed the following 2026 meeting dates:
  - Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Work Session: Feb. 4–5, 2026
  - Wildlife Regulatory Meeting: Apr. 20–24, 2026
  - Summer Work Session: Aug. 5–6, 2026

The Board also took action on deferred Wildlife Proposal WP24-01, which requests allowing the sale of brown bear hides harvested by federally qualified subsistence users. The proposal was adopted as modified by the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) in its February 2025 revised conclusion, in deference with the nine Councils that supported the revision. Implementation of the regulation will proceed once the Office of Management and Budget approves creation and use of the new OSM Customary Trade Permit.

In addition to the public work session, the Board held an executive session on July 24 to develop recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture for Council appointments, review the Sitka Kaagwaantaan Clan's request for extra-territorial jurisdiction in Sitka Sound, and receive updates from the Solicitor and senior DOI leadership. A summary of the executive session will be provided to the Councils and made available to the public upon request.

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