



## Federal Subsistence Board

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Thomas Baker, Chair  
Northwest Arctic Subsistence  
Regional Advisory Council  
c/o Office of Subsistence Management  
1011 E. Tudor Road, MS 121  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Chair Baker:

This letter provides a report on the actions taken by the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) on proposals and closure reviews affecting federally qualified subsistence users. The Board met on February 4–7, 2025, to consider fisheries closure reviews and proposed changes to Federal subsistence management regulations for the harvest of fish, shellfish, and wildlife in Federal public waters and lands in Alaska.

The Board acted on 18 fisheries proposals, two wildlife proposals, four fisheries closure reviews, and one non-rural determination proposal during the 2025–27 fisheries regulatory cycle. The Board deferred their decision on statewide wildlife proposal WP24-01 regarding the sale of brown bear hides to their summer work session and requested additional recommendations from the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Councils). The Board took action on WP24-01 on July 24, 2025. The enclosed table provides a summary of Board actions on proposals and closure reviews affecting your region.

Section 805(c) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provides that the Board will accept the recommendations of a Council regarding take unless, (1) the recommendation is not supported by substantial evidence, (2) the recommendation violates recognized principles of fish and wildlife management, or (3) adopting the recommendation would be detrimental to the satisfaction of subsistence needs. When a Council's recommendation is not adopted, the Board is required to set forth the factual basis and reasons for the decision.

The Board took action in line with your Council's recommendations for all proposals and closure reviews affecting your region; therefore, no 805(c) report is included.

Additional details of the Board's actions and deliberations are contained in the meeting transcripts. Copies of the transcripts may be obtained by calling toll free number

1-800-478-1456. They are also available online at the Office of Subsistence Management website, <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/library/transcripts/federal-subsistence-board>.

The Board appreciates your Council's active involvement and diligence in with the regulatory process. The ten Councils continue to be the foundation of the Federal Subsistence Management Program, and the stewardship shown by the Council chairs and their representatives at the Board meeting was noteworthy.

If you have any questions regarding the summary of the Board's actions, please contact Nissa Pilcher, Council Coordinator, at (907) 891-9054 or [nissa\\_pilcher@ios.doi.gov](mailto:nissa_pilcher@ios.doi.gov).

Sincerely,



Anthony Christianson  
Chair

Enclosure: Table of 2025 Board Actions affecting the Northwest Arctic Region

cc: Federal Subsistence Board  
Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council members  
Office of Subsistence Management  
Interagency Staff Committee  
Administrative Record