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**EASTERN INTERIOR ALASKA
SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Wedgewood Resort, Gazebo Room
Fairbanks, AK
December 16-18, 2025
starting at 9 a.m. daily

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PLEASE NOTE: The agenda is subject to change. Contact staff for the current schedule. Evening sessions are at the call of the Chair.

AGENDA SUMMARY

(See detailed agenda on following pages)

Day 1 - December 16 – EIRAC Only

- Begin recommendations on federal wildlife proposals and closure reviews

Day 2 - December 17 – Joint EIRAC/WIRAC Meeting

- Provide comments on North Pacific Chum Salmon Bycatch Management EIS and Alaska Board of Fisheries proposals
- Provide comments regarding Secretarial Review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program

Day 3 – December 18 – EIRAC Only

- Comment on draft Fortymile Caribou Harvest Management Plan
- Comment on Lower Tanana Wood Bison Management Plan
- Continue recommendations on federal wildlife proposals and closure reviews
- Identify topics for FY-2025 Annual Report

AGENDA

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

EIRAC Meeting

*Asterisk identifies action item.

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2. Call to Order (<i>Chair</i>)	
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DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
Joint EIRAC-WIRAC Meeting

Public Comments: *For this joint meeting day, public comments will be prioritized for agenda items taken up by the joint Councils. If there is time at the end of the day, the Chairs may provide opportunity to comment on non-agenda items during the joint Council discussion period. The standard opportunity to comment on non-agenda items will be provided during the individual Council meetings held on December 16 (EIRAC) and 18 (EIRAC or WIRAC).*

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Call to Order and Welcome (Co-Chairs)**
- 3. Roll Call and Establish Quorum (WI/EI Secretaries) 5**
- 4. Meeting Announcements (Council Coordinators)**
- 5. Introductions (Co-Chairs)**
- 6. Review and Adopt Joint Meeting Agenda* (Co-Chairs)**
- 7. Action Items (Co-Chairs)**
 - a. North Pacific Fishery Management Council Chum Salmon Bycatch DEIS TAB 3
 - i. Overview/update presentation (KRITFC/TCC)
 - ii. Council discussion and comment formation*
 - b. Alaska Board of Fisheries
 - i. Summary of the Tri-RAC Working Group Meeting
 - ii. Preliminary summary of Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Meeting
 - iii. Proposal Comments – Alaska Peninsula and Statewide Meetings* 329
 - c. Secretarial Review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program - **Time certain after lunch**
 - i. Report from the Secretary's Office (DOI-Office of the Secretary)
 - ii. Council discussion and comment formation*
- 8. Other Items**
 - a. Bureau of Land Management Update on PLOs, Public Lands Rule, D-1 Lands (*tentative*)
 - b. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program and Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program
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 - c. Office of Subsistence Management Report (OSM Leadership)
- 9. Joint Council Open Discussion (Co-Chairs)**
- 10. Closing Comments (Co-Chairs)**
- 11. Recess**

Note: *Council meetings will continue separately on December 18.*

DAY 3 – DECEMBER 18
EIRAC Meeting

1. Invocation	
2. Call to Order (<i>Chair</i>)	
3. Establish Quorum (<i>Secretary</i>)	
4. Meeting Announcements (<i>Coordinator</i>)	
5. Introductions for any new attendees (<i>Chair</i>)	
6. Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items	
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