



# Federal Subsistence Board Informational Flyer



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## How to Submit Proposals to Change Nonrural Determinations

A call for proposals to make or rescind nonrural determinations of communities or areas is issued with every other fish and shellfish regulatory cycle. Nonrural determinations are for the purpose of identifying rural residents who may harvest fish and wildlife for subsistence uses on Federal public lands in Alaska. The period during which proposals are accepted is no less than 30 calendar days. Proposals must be submitted in writing within this timeframe.

### Your proposal must contain:

1. Your full name and mailing address (address, phone, fax, or E-mail address);
2. A statement describing the proposed nonrural determination action requested;
3. A detailed description of the community or area under consideration, including any current boundaries, borders, or distinguishing landmarks, so as to identify which Alaska residents would be affected by the change to rural or nonrural status;
4. Rationale and supporting evidence (law, policy, factors, or guidance) for the Federal Subsistence Board to consider in determining the rural or nonrural status of a community or area;
5. A detailed statement of the facts that illustrate that the community or area is rural or nonrural using the rationale and supporting evidence stated above; and
6. Any additional information supporting the proposed change.

Proposals that fail to include the above information, or proposals that are beyond the scope of authorities in [36 CFR 242.10](#) and .15, and [43 CFR 51.10](#) and .15 (the regulations on nonrural determinations) will be rejected. You may request maps delineating the boundaries of nonrural areas, proposal processing timeline, and/or additional information from the Office of Subsistence Management address below or by calling (800) 478-1456 / (907) 786-3888 or by going to <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/library/policies> or <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/maps>.

### You may submit your proposals by:

1. Mail or hand delivery to:  
Office of Subsistence Management  
Attn: Regulations Specialist  
1011 E. Tudor Rd., MS-121  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

2. At any Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting (a schedule will be published in the Federal Register and be announced statewide, bi-annually, prior to the meeting cycles)
3. Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit a separate proposal for each proposed change; however, do not submit the same proposal by different accepted methods listed above. To cite which regulation(s) you want to change, you may reference 43 CFR 51 or 36 CFR 242 or the proposed regulations published in the Federal Register: <http://www.federalregister.gov>. All proposals and comments, including personal information, are posted online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Information about the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found on the web at [www.doi.gov/subsistence](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence) or by visiting [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](http://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

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