

WESTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Pikes Landing
Fairbanks
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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

*Asterisk identifies required action item.

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Call to Order**
- 3. Roll Call and Establish Quorum 1**
- 4. Election of Officers**
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - Secretary
- 5. Meeting Announcements**
- 6. Welcome and Introductions**
- 7. Review and Adopt Agenda* 5**
- 8. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes***
- 9. Regional Subsistence Reports**
 - a. Council Member Reports

- b. Chair’s Report

10. Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items (available each morning)

11. Action Items

- a. Call for Federal Fisheries Proposals 47
- b. Fisheries Closure Reviews
 - i. FCR27-01: Kanuti River 7
 - ii. FCR27-02: Bonanza Creek..... 21
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- c. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program update
- d. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program update
- e. Call for Alaska Board of Game Proposals
 - i. Western Arctic/Western Region; Units 18, 22, 23, 26A
 - ii. Eastern Arctic Region, Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, & 26C
- f. Review and approve FY2025 Annual Report* 49
- g. WSA26-01 Reduce harvest limit for Caribou in Units 22, 23, and a portion of 26A* .. 57
- h. Future Meeting Dates*
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 - ii. Select winter 2027 meeting date and location 62
 - iii. Select fall 2027 meeting date and location 63

12. Reports (*Time limit of 15 minutes unless approved in advance*)

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 - i. TCC Tribal Resource Stewardship Department update
- b. Native Organizations
 - i. Kuskokwim Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Report
 - ii. Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association Report..... 65
- c. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 - i. Division of Subsistence Research Update 81
 - ii. Division of Subsistence: Chinook Salmon Research Initiative – What did we learn (*Informational Only*) 95
- d. North Pacific Fishery Management Council (*Informational Only*)
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 - ii. Chum Bycatch Outreach Report..... 79
- e. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- f. U.S. Forest Service
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- ii. Yukon Salmon Management
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- g. National Park Service
 - i. Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Spring 2026 Update 161
- h. Bureau of Land Management
 - i. Central Yukon Update 167
- i. Office of Subsistence Management

13. Other Business

- a. Correspondence update
 - i. Joint Comments to Board of Fisheries..... 173
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- b. Federal Regulation Handy Dandy Feedback

14. Council Member Closing Comments

15. Adjourn

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