

FY-2025 Regional Advisory Councils' Annual Report Topics Overview

| Council | Salmon & Marine Issues (9)                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Monitoring / Research Gaps (9)                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Enforcement / User Conflicts (8)                                                                                                                             | Program Admin / Communication (6)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Environmental and Land Use Issues (6)                                                                                                                                                  | Caribou Declines and Management (6)                                                                                                                                            |
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| SEARAC  | King salmon allocation concerns (Topic 4); subsistence halibut coordination w/ NPFMC (Topic 8)                                                                                                                                                          | Need for expanded wildlife and fisheries monitoring (Topic 3); collaborative research w/ Tribes (Topic 6); Predator-prey surveys, State-Fed collaboration on subsistence harvest surveys (Second listed topic under 'informational' section) | Non-resident unguided hunting/fishing impacts (Topic 2)                                                                                                      | Tribal co-management (Topic 6); education outreach and curriculum development (Topic 7); Youth engagement (Topic 1); Secretarial Review process                                                                                                                                                  | Habitat degradation from logging (Topic 5)                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| SCRAC   | Commercial trawling harms to subsistence and marine ecosystem (Topic 3); marine ecosystem and food web changes (Topic 5)                                                                                                                                | Need for Wildlife Resource Monitoring Program (Topic 1)                                                                                                                                                                                      | Need for more maps, signage, & boundary clarity on federal lands (Topic 4)                                                                                   | Need for Council member compensation (Topic 2); ensure regulatory flexibility (Topic 6); inadequate federal staffing (Topic 7)                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| KARAC   | Mortensens Lagoon sockeye declines, King Cove processing plant closure, link between commercial and subsistence harvests (Topic 4)                                                                                                                      | Fisheries research & monitoring funding inconsistencies, need to prioritize weirs (Topic 1); wildlife data gaps (Topic 2)                                                                                                                    | Limited enforcement capacity, need for cross-agency training and coordination (Topic 3)                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Declining goose populations and seasonal access/availability (Topic 5, listed under 'informational' section)                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| BBRAC   | Chinook salmon declines (Topic listed under 'informational' section)                                                                                                                                                                                    | Need for on-going Chinook Salmon monitoring and research (Topic listed under 'informational' section)                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                              | Tribal consultation timing and process (Topic 1), increase outreach and engagement with small/remote communities (Topic 2); Need for adequate FSMP staffing (Topic listed under 'informational' section)                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                |
| YKDRAC  | Western AK salmon crisis, need for interjuristictional ecosystem-based mgmt and enagement from Secretaries (Topic 1 & 4)                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Need maps showing Native lands, more signage/maps on landscape to designate federal-state jurisdictions (Topic 4); Need moose hunter check stations (letter) | Delays in correspondence elevation and engagement on issues (Topic 3); Council compensation, need for co-management, outreach and education about dual management (Topic 4)                                                                                                                      | Natural disaster relocation & subsistence eligibility (Topic 2)                                                                                                                        | Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH) closure; need to form state-fed-local working group (Topics 1 & 5)                                                                                |
| WIRAC   | Western AK salmon crisis, unsustainable commercial fishing, violation of Magnuson-Stevens Act, need for interjurisdictional management, hatchery impacts (Topic 1); 7-year Yukon R. Chinook Salmon agreement lacked consultation/transparency (Topic 7) | Need for WRMP to address monitoring gaps (Topic 3)                                                                                                                                                                                           | Need enforcement funding & check stations (Topic 2); Nonlocal hunting pressure (Topic 5)                                                                     | Finalize WI sheep mgmt strategy (Topic 4); encourage joint Council meetings (Topic 8); Lack of action on subsistence issues (Topic 9)                                                                                                                                                            | Changing weather patterns affecting subsistence (flooding, erosion, rain on snow) (Topic 5); negative impacts of the proposed Ambler Road (Topic 6)                                    | Western Arctic and Central Arctic caribou herd declines, increases in predation by bears due to lack of salmon (Topic 5)                                                       |
| SPRAC   | Salmon declines in multiple regions, siloed management issues, lack of subsistence priority, bycatch and interception of Western AK salmon (Topic 4)                                                                                                    | Increase caribou migration monitoring and study impacts of roads/development (Topic 3)                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | More severe storms leading to food and infrastructure loss, need to support subsistence users suffering from disasters (Topic 1); Ambler Road impacts, especially to caribou (Topic 3) | Western Arctic caribou declines, need to maintain subsistence priority and increase outreach/education (Topic 2)                                                               |
| NWARAC  | Salmon and other species declines (e.g., moose, sheep, caribou) tied to climate and other factors (Topic 2)                                                                                                                                             | Increase resource monitoring and research for both wildlife and fisheries to fill data gaps (Topic 2); fund predator studies (Topic 3)                                                                                                       | Strengthened enforcement needed for WACH caribou, including federal-state collaboration (Topic 1)                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mining contamination & development impacts (Informational, Topic 4)                                                                                                                    | Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH) decline - more harvest restrictions, collaborate with State (Topic 1); need expanded predator hunting and trapping oppourtunities (Topic 3) |
| EIRAC   | Western AK salmon crisis, need for interjuristictional ecosystem-based mgmt and enagement from Secretaries, increasing pressure on Copper River, need to expand Gravel to Gravel MOU (Topic 2); Pollock trawl subsidies and hatchery impacts (Topic 5)  | Funding for resource management research, need statewide socio-economic analysis of subsistence (Topic 5)                                                                                                                                    | Need for statewide hunter ethics outreach materials to help address user conflicts (Topic 4); Tresspassing and need for maps showing Native lands (Topic 5), | Delays and lack of engagement on issues elevated by Councils, need for Board correspondence policy, guidance for cross-jurisdictional issues (Topic 1); need for Council member compensation, improve annual report & RAC application processes, Re-instate MOU between ADF&G and FSMP (Topic 5) |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Pressure on caribou along road systems (Fortymile herd declines and Nelchina herd closure) (Topic 5)                                                                           |
| NSRAC   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Study effects of transporter and guided hunts on caribou and subsistence activities (Topic 1)                                                                                                                                                | Enforcement inadequacy for Arctic caribou herds, need joint State/Federal monitoring (Topic 1)                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Caribou migration disrupted by aircraft/transporters (Topic 1)                                                                                                                 |