

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC
SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Northwest Arctic Heritage Center
Kotzebue, AK
September 24-25, 2026; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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AGENDA

*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Call to Order** *(Chair)*
- 3. Roll Call and Establish Quorum** *(Secretary)* 5
- 4. Meeting Announcements** *(Council Coordinator)*
- 5. Welcome and Introductions** *(Chair)*
- 6. Membership Update** *(Council Coordinator)*
- 7. Review and Adopt Agenda*** *(Chair)* 1
- 8. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes*** *(Chair)* 7
- 9. Regional Subsistence Reports**
 - a. Council Member Reports
 - b. Chair's Report
- 10. Council Chairs Meeting/Salmon Crisis Workshop** *(Chair; OSM Fisheries)*Supplemental
- 11. Council Member Service Awards** *(ISC representatives/OSM LT Lead)* 15

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

13. Action Items (*Chair*)

- a. Wildlife Special Actions (*OSM Wildlife*)
 - i. WSA26-01, -02, and -03 Update 177
 - ii. WSA26-01, Western Arctic Caribou Herd* 17
- b. 2028 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Priority Information Needs (PINs) for the Northern Alaska Region (*OSM Fisheries*)
 - i. Public comment on research gaps and subsistence management information needs
 - ii. Council discussion and finalize PIN list**Supplemental*
- c. Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource Commission (*NPS*)
 - i. Member Appointment* 87
 - ii. Dall's Sheep Hunting Plan* 89
- d. Alaska Board of Game Proposals for the Western Arctic/Western Region* 99
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 - i. Federal Subsistence Board Work Session..... 119, *Supplemental*
 - ii. Federal Subsistence Board FY2025 Annual Report replies – summary (*Council Coordinator*) 135
 - iii. Federal Subsistence Board draft communications policy (*OSM LT Lead*)*Supplemental*
 - iv. Identify issues for FY2026 Annual Report to the Federal Subsistence Board* (*OSM LT Lead and ISC representatives*) 147
- f. Wildlife Resource Monitoring Program – draft multi-Council letter (*Council Coordinator*)**Supplemental*
- g. Future Meeting Dates*
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 - ii. Confirm fall 2027 meeting date and location 150

14. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program Update (*OSM Fisheries*)

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

- a. Tribal Governments
- b. Native Organizations
- c. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- d. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- e. National Park Service
 - i. Western Arctic National Parklands Update 153
 - ii. Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve Update..... 165
- f. Bureau of Land Management
- g. Office of Subsistence Management (*OSM LT Lead*)

16. Other Business (Chair)

- a. 805(c) Report Summary (*Council Coordinator*) 169
- b. Deferred WP26-01: Move authority delegated through letters to unit-specific regulations (*OSM Wildlife*)
- c. Correspondence Update (*Council Coordinator*)..... 179

17. Closing Comments

18. Adjourn (Chair)

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