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## **Results from Federal Subsistence Board Work Session**

During their August 4, 2021 work session, the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) discussed and approved Regional Advisory Council (Council) Annual Report Replies, Wildlife Special Action Request WSA21-03, Individual Customary and Traditional Use Determination Proposal ICTP21-01, and revisions to the Forty-Mile Caribou Herd Delegation of Authority Letter, as outlined in the meeting materials. The Board reviewed and approved the Interagency Staff Committee recommendations on Council Charter Change Requests included in the meeting materials. The Board also heard updates on the Nonrural Policy Regulatory Cycle and Federal Subsistence Management Program budget, and received a briefing on tribal consultation on Yukon River and Copper River fisheries in-season actions.

The Board approved Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA21-03, extending the fall moose season in the Kuskokwim hunt area of Unit 18 by 15 days, from Sept. 1 – 30 to Sept. 1 – Oct. 15 for the 2021/22 regulatory year. The request increases subsistence harvest opportunity, presents no conservation concerns as harvests are managed through quotas, and aligns State and Federal regulations.

The Board discussed streamlining the Regional Advisory Council annual report process and directed Office of Subsistence Management staff to discuss this with Councils during the Fall 2021 meeting cycle. After Council input is received, the Board will discuss the issue at a future meeting.

In addition to the public work session, the Board held an executive session on August 5, 2021, to review and approve recommendations for 2021 appointments to the Regional Advisory Councils for submittal to the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, and to engage in attorney-client discussions pertaining to current litigation. The meeting was closed to the public. A summary of the executive session will be made available to the Councils and, upon request, the public.

The Board will hold its next work session during the week of January 30, 2022.

Additional information on 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](https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

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