

SEWARD PENINSULA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Old St. Joseph’s Hall

Nome

9:00 am – 5:00 pm, March 22-23, 2023

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AGENDA

*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Call to Order** (*Chair*)
- 3. Roll Call and Establish Quorum** (*Secretary or Council Coordinator, OSM*) 4
- 4. Meeting Announcements** (*Council Coordinator*)
- 5. Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair*)
- 6. Review and Adopt Agenda*** (*Chair*) 1
- 7. Election of Officers**
 - Chair (*Council Coordinator*)
 - Vice-Chair (*Newly Elected Chair*)
 - Secretary (*Newly Elected Chair*)
- 8. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes*** (*Chair*) 5
- 9. Reports**
 - Council Member Reports
 - Chair’s Report
- 10. Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items** (*available each morning*)
- 11. Old Business** (*Chair*)

- a. Follow up on May 2023 North American Caribou Workshop and Arctic Ungulate Conference (*OSM, Anthropology Division*)..... 12
- b. Follow up on Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation on Salmon Lake and South River (*NSCDC*)

12. New Business (Chair)

- a. Regional Wildlife Reports
 - i. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Update AM1
 - ii. Moose Composition and Population Data Update (*ADF&G*)
- b. Regional Marine Mammal Information (*UAF, ADF&G, FWS, NOAA*)
- c. North Pacific Fisheries Management Council Update on Fisheries Bycatch (*NPFMC*)
(*Time Certain on 3/23 at 1:30pm*)
- d. Wildlife Closure Reviews (*OSM, Wildlife Division*)
 - i. WCR24-10 – Unit 22B closed to muskox hunting by non-Federally qualified users 14
 - ii. WCR24-15 – Unit 22D, remainder closed to moose hunting by non-Federally qualified users 22
 - iii. WCR24-28 – Unit 22D, west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek, closed to musk ox hunting except by residents of Nome and Teller 37
 - iv. WCR24-29 – Unit 22D, remainder closed to muskox hunting except by residents of Elim, White Mountain, Nome, Teller, and Brevig Mission 58
 - v. WCR24-30 – Unit 22E closed to muskox hunting by non-Federally qualified users 69
 - vi. WCR24-44 – Unit 22D, Kuzitrin River drainage closed to muskox hunting except by residents of Council, Golovin, White Mountain, Nome, Teller, and Brevig Mission..... 78
- e. Call for Federal Wildlife Proposals* (*OSM, Wildlife Division*) 89
- f. Call for Alaska Board of Game Wildlife Proposals; Arctic/Western Region (Units 18, 22, 23, 26A)* AM7
- g. Review Special Action Request WSA22-05
- h. Review and approve FY2022 Annual Report* (*Council Coordinator*).....92 & AM11
- i. Federal Subsistence Board Draft Council Correspondence Policy (*OSM, Subsistence Policy Coordinator*) 94 & AM15
- j. 2021 Council Charter Review*(*Council Coordinator*)102
- k. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Update (*OSM, Fisheries and Anthropology Divisions*)
- l. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program Update (*OSM, Fisheries and Anthropology Divisions*)
- m. Regulatory Cycle Update (*OSM, Fisheries and Anthropology Division*)
- n. Proposed Changes to Hunting and Trapping Regulation on National Preserves in Alaska*(*NPS*)..... AM27

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

- a. Tribal Governments
- b. Native Organizations
- c. National Weather Service
 - i. Sea Ice Research Update
 - ii. Spring Climate Outlook AM17
- d. DOI-Indian Affairs briefing regarding Office of Subsistence Management
(*Time Certain on 3/23 at 10:00am*)
- e. US Fish and Wildlife Service
- f. US Forest Service
- g. National Park Service
- h. Bureau of Land Management
- i. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- j. Office of Subsistence Management

14. Future Meeting Dates*

- a. Confirm Fall 2023 meeting date and location..... AM35
- b. Select Winter 2024 meeting date AM36
- c. Select Fall 2024 meeting date and location AM37

15. Closing Comments

16. Adjourn (*Chair*)

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