

WESTERN INTERIOR SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Aniak
Arviiq Center
April 4-5, 2023
convening at 9:00 am daily

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PLEASE NOTE: These are estimated times and the agenda is subject to change. Contact staff for the current schedule. Evening sessions are at the call of the chair

AGENDA

\*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. Invocation
2. Call to Order (Chair)
3. Roll Call and Establish Quorum (Secretary or DFO) ..... 4
4. Meeting Announcements (DFO)
5. Welcome and Introductions (Chair)
6. Review and Adopt Agenda\* (Chair) ..... 1
7. Election of Officers
Chair (DFO)
Vice-Chair (New Chair)
Secretary (New Chair)
8. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes\*; Fall 2022 Meeting (Chair)..... 5
9. Reports
Council Member Reports
Chair's Report
10. Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items (available each morning)

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11. Old Business (Chair)

- a. Follow up on May 2023 North American Caribou Workshop and Arctic Ungulate Conference (OSM, Wildlife Division)..... 16
- b. Council Correspondence Update (OSM, Council Coordinator)..... 18
  - i. Kanuti Complexing Response **Time Certain 1:30 pm on April 5<sup>th</sup>** ..... Meeting Handout
- c. Discussion of Hatchery fish depletion of the trophic biomass for wild fish stocks ..... Meeting Handout

12. New Business (Chair)

- a. Discussion of the Results of the NPFMC and State Bycatch Task Forces
- b. Regional Wildlife Reports
  - i. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Update (NPS).... Meeting Handout
- c. Wildlife Closure Reviews (OSM, Wildlife Division)
  - i. **WCR24-20** – Unit 24 remainder, Kanuti Controlled Use Area: closed to moose hunting by non-Federally qualified users ..... 30
  - ii. **WCR24-43** – Unit 19A remainder: closed to moose hunting except by residents of Tuluksak, Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, and Crooked Creek..... 48
- Crossover*
- iii. **WCR24-38** – Unit 18, Kuskokwim River hunt area: closed to moose hunting except by residents of Tuntutuliak, Eek, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Kasigluk, Nunapitchuk, Atmautlauk, Oscarville, Bethel, Kwethluk, Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak, Lower Kalskag and Kalskag ..... 63
- d. Temporary Special Action Requests
  - i. **FSA23-01**– Kanektok River Chinook and Chum Salmon Fishing Closures to Non-federally Qualified Users During June 2023 and June 2024\* (OSM, Anthropology & Fisheries Division) **Time Certain 4 pm on April 4<sup>th</sup>** ..... 132
  - ii. **WSA22-05**– Reduce the caribou harvest limit in Unit 23 to 4 caribou, only one of which may be a cow per year for the remainder of the 2022-24 regulatory cycle\* (OSM, Wildlife & Anthropology Division)..... Meeting Handout
- e. Call for Federal Wildlife Proposals\* (OSM, Wildlife Division) .....83 & SM 1
- f. Call for State of Alaska Board of Game Wildlife Proposals\* ..... 136
- g. 2021 Council Charter Review\* (OSM, Council Coordinator) ..... 160
- h. Review and approve FY2022 Annual Report\* (OSM, Council Coordinator) ..... 86
- i. Federal Subsistence Board Updated Draft Council Correspondence Policy (OSM) ..... 93
- j. Review Southeast Regional Advisory Council’s Indigenous Management Position Statement (Chair) ..... 95
- k. Hunter Liaison Program Information (OSM, Council Coordinator)
- l. Denali National Park and Preserve Individual C&T Analyses\*(NPS) ..... 102

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- m. Proposed Changes to Hunting and Trapping Regulation on National Preserves in Alaska\*(NPS)..... Meeting Handout
- n. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Update (*OSM, Anthropology Division*)
- o. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program Update (*OSM, Anthropology Division*)
  - i. Native Village of Napaimute Project Update
- p. Regulatory Cycle Update (*OSM, Anthropology & Fisheries Division*)
- q. ANCSA 17 D-1 Public Land Orders regarding the Western Alaska/ Bering Sea Resource Management Plan ..... Meeting Handout
- r. Update on State of Alaska Board of Game and Board of Fisheries Proposals (*OSM, Council Coordinator*) .....SM 3 & SM 7

**13. Agency Reports**

(Time limit of 15 minutes unless approved in advance)

- a. Tribal Governments
- b. Native Organizations
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  - ii. Kuskokwim River Intertribal Fish Commission..... SM 11
- c. DOI-Indian Affairs briefing regarding Office of Subsistence Management **Time Certain 11am on April 4<sup>th</sup>**
- d. US Fish and Wildlife Service
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  - i. Yukon Kuskokwim Delta National Wildlife Refuge Update ..... 144
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- f. National Park Service
  - i. Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Update ..... SM 17
  - ii. Denali National Park and Preserve Wildlife Update
- g. Bureau of Land Management
- h. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- i. Office of Subsistence Management

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- a. Confirm Fall 2023 meeting date and location..... 156
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**15. Closing Comments**

**16. Adjourn (Chair)**

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