

# Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership applications or nominations for seats on the 10 Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils are being accepted now through **March 21, 2014**.

The Regional Advisory Councils provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board about subsistence hunting, trapping, and fishing issues on Federal public lands. Membership on the Councils is one way for the public to become involved in the Federal subsistence regulatory process.

Each Council has either 10 or 13 members, and membership includes representatives of subsistence use and commercial/sport use.

### **Council Membership**

Regional Advisory Council members are usually appointed to three-year terms. The Councils meet at least twice a year; once in the fall (August through October) and once in the winter (February or March). While Council members are not paid for their volunteer service, their transportation and lodging are pre-paid and per diem is provided for food and other expenses under Federal travel guidelines.

### **Council Responsibilities:**

- **Review and make recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board** on proposals for regulations, policies, management plans, and other subsistence-related issues;
- **Develop proposals that provide for the subsistence harvest of fish and wildlife;**
- **Encourage and promote local participation** in the decision-making process affecting subsistence harvests on Federal public lands;
- **Make recommendations on customary and traditional use determinations** of subsistence resources; and,
- **Appoint members** to National Park Subsistence Resource Commissions

### **Membership Criteria Who Qualifies?**

- ✓ RESIDENT of the region member represents
- ✓ RESOURCE KNOWLEDGE – Knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources
- ✓ SUBSISTENCE USES – Knowledge of the region's subsistence uses, customs, and traditions
- ✓ OTHER USES – Knowledge of the region's sport, commercial, and other uses
- ✓ LEADERSHIP SKILLS – Leadership and experience with local and regional organizations
- ✓ COMMUNICATION SKILLS – Ability to communicate effectively
- ✓ AVAILABILITY – Willingness to travel to attend two or more Regional Advisory Council meetings each year (usually in October and February) and occasionally attend Federal Subsistence Board meetings.

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*“Sharing common values and developing solutions to resource problems helps to bridge cultures by developing trust and respect through active communication and compromise. Our meetings allow warm renewal of decades of friendships and acquaintances.... Basically, membership on a Regional Advisory Council comes down to a lot of hard work, mutual respect, willingness to compromise, and a sense of humor. As a result, one develops the ultimate satisfaction of being able to help folks you care about.”*

*-Pat Holmes, Council member,  
Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council*

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## 2014 Application Timeline

<b>March 21</b>	<b>Deadline for submitting membership applications and nominations.</b>
<b>Mar.-May.</b>	<b>Regional panels conduct interviews.</b>
<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Federal Subsistence Board reviews panel reports and develops recommendations.</b>
<b>Sept.-Dec.</b>	<b>Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture review recommendations and appoint members to the Regional Advisory Councils.</b>

## Federal Subsistence Regional Council Coordinators

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council coordinators facilitate the work of the Regional Advisory Councils and serve as the primary contacts for the Councils.

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## Federal Subsistence Board

The Federal Subsistence Board oversees the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The Board members include Alaska heads of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and U.S. Forest Service. The Board's chair is a representative of the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture. In 2012, the Secretaries added two seats for representatives of rural Alaska subsistence users. Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and State of Alaska representatives play active roles in Board deliberations.

**For more information on the nominations process and for a full application packet, go to:**

**<http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/councils/application/index.cfm>**

**Number of Regional Advisory Council Applications Received Each Year**

	<i>SE</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>KA</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>YK</i>	<i>WI</i>	<i>SP</i>	<i>NW</i>	<i>EI</i>	<i>NS</i>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>1995</b>											104
<b>1996</b>	13	18	11	10	19	11	20	11	10	5	128
<b>1997</b>	18	11	11	7	8	7	7	4	11	4	88
<b>1998</b>	13	10	15	8	18	11	9	9	7	8	108
<b>1999</b>	17	15	7	12	16	7	7	5	7	6	99
<b>2000</b>	17	13	13	9	15	9	8	3	20	8	114
<b>2001</b>	20	11	9	5	16	14	3	4	11	5	98
<b>2002</b>	19	16	8	8	13	8	7	5	14	9	107
<b>2003</b>	17	17	4	10	13	9	5	7	7	5	96
<b>2004</b>	14	16	10	7	16	8	7	8	6	8	100
<b>2005</b>	7	7	5	3	7	4	9	5	6	5	58
<b>2006</b>	10	8	1	5	9	3	5	9	7	3	60
<b>2007</b>	17	16	8	9	17	6	5	2	12	3	95
<b>2008</b>	9	8	5	8	12	7	7	4	3	4	67
<b>2009</b>	12	12	4	3	11	5	2	6	7	2	64*
<b>2010</b>	15	14	6	7	6	6	2	8	8	3	75*
<b>2011</b>	15	9	7	7	12	6	8	4	7	5	81
<b>2012</b>	11	10	7	7	11	5	4	5	4	3	67
<b>2013</b>	13	7	5	5	12	5	6	6	11	4	74*

**NOTE:** No information is available for the years 1993 and 1994.

\* Too few applications were received in the initial application period so a second call for applications was published. This number is the total of both application periods open that cycle.