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## Federal Subsistence Board Meeting Advisory



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### **Public Meeting Announced for Federal Subsistence Temporary Special Action Requests for Caribou in North Slope**

Two public meetings are scheduled to discuss the temporary wildlife special action requests (WSA) received by the Federal Subsistence Board (Board). Temporary wildlife special action 15-03, WSA15-04, WSA15-05 and WSA15-06, submitted by the North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, ask the Board, in summary, to parallel recent changes made to State regulations by the Board of Game. The requests were made in an attempt to reverse or slow the decline in both the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds in Unit 26, Unit 24, that portion affecting Anaktuvuk Pass and Wiseman; and portions of Unit 23 around Point Hope. Both caribou herds have experienced a population decline of approximately 50 percent over the last decade. The four temporary special action requests, if adopted by the Board, would change the caribou harvest regulations for the 2015-2016 regulatory year and would take effect on July 1, 2015. Any additional special action requests received by the Board after the date of this release will also be addressed at the meeting.

Public Meeting information is below:

#### **Anaktuvuk Pass**

7 p.m.; June 2, 2015  
Anaktuvuk Pass Community Center  
Teleconference: 866-560-5984  
Passcode: 12960066

#### **Barrow**

7 p.m.; June 4, 2015  
Inupiat Heritage Center  
Teleconference: 866-560-5984  
Passcode: 12960066

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(800) 478-1456, by emailing [subsistence@fws.gov](mailto:subsistence@fws.gov), or (800)-877-8339 (TTY), seven business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

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