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### KOBUK VALLEY SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION

The Kobuk Valley Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) provides local subsistence users an opportunity to inform the management of subsistence resources in Kobuk Valley and the surrounding area (Unit 23). Since the establishment of the Federal Subsistence Program in 1990, the nine-member commission has made recommendations on fish and wildlife proposals directly to Regional Advisory Councils and the Federal Subsistence Board.

The Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (RAC) appoints three members to the SRC. These members provide an important link between the SRC and the Federal Subsistence Management Program. In addition to the RAC appointments, three members of the SRC are appointed by the Governor of Alaska and three members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

**At its March 2023 meeting, the RAC has the opportunity to take action on its appointments to the SRC.** According to ANILCA Section 808(a), members of the RAC or local Advisory Councils (AC), such as the Upper Kobuk AC, who also engage in subsistence in the monument, are eligible for this appointment. To be eligible to engage in subsistence within the monument, rural residents must make their primary permanent home in one of the monument's resident zone communities, live within the monument, or hold a subsistence permit issued pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 13.440.

Subsistence users who have questions about or are interested in applying for a seat on the SRC should contact Emily Creek at [emily\\_creek@nps.gov](mailto:emily_creek@nps.gov) or Eva Patton at [eva\\_patton@nps.gov](mailto:eva_patton@nps.gov) or call 907-764-5377.

#### Kobuk Valley SRC Roster February 2023

Name	Community	Appointing Source	Expires*
VACANT	---	NWA RAC	---
Merle Custer	Shungnak	NWA RAC	12/1/2025
Rosa Horner	Kobuk	NWA RAC	11/4/2023
VACANT	---	Governor of Alaska	---
Enoch Mitchell	Noatak	Governor of Alaska	12/1/2023
Benny Westlake	Kiana	Governor of Alaska	12/1/2024
Nellie Griest	Shungnak	Secretary of the Interior	1/15/2024
Gordon Newlin	Noorvik	Secretary of the Interior	1/15/2024
Shield Downey	Ambler	Secretary of the Interior	1/15/2024

\* All members serve three-year terms. According to 54 U.S. Code § 100906(c), members continue to serve until re-appointed or replaced. However, RAC appointees must be current members of a RAC or AC for their appointments to be valid.