

## EASTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Pike's Waterfront Lodge  
Fairbanks, AK  
March 1-2, 2023  
convening at 9:00am 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** (*Council Coordinator*)..... 4
4. **Meeting Announcements** (*Council Coordinator*)
5. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair*)
6. **Review and Adopt Agenda\*** (*Chair*) .....Handout
7. **Election of Officers**
  - Chair (*Council Coordinator*)
  - Vice-Chair (*New Chair*)
  - Secretary (*New 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 Wildlife*)..... 19
- b. Council Correspondence Update (*Council Coordinator*)..... 21
  - i. Federal Subsistence Board Updated Draft Council Correspondence Policy (*OSM*) ..... TAB 1
- c. Hunter Ethics Education and Outreach Initiative Update (*Council Coordinator*)..... TAB 2
  - i. Hunter Liaison Updates ..... 31
- d. Update on Federal Subsistence Board Actions (*Council Coordinator*)..... TAB 3
- e. Update on Alaska Board of Fisheries Actions (*Council Coordinator*)..... TAB 4

## 12. New Business (*Chair*)

- a. Wildlife Reports
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  - ii. Yukon Flats NWR Wildlife Report ..... 125
  - iii. Tetlin NWR Wildlife Report ..... 144
  - iv. Wrangell St. Elias NPP Wildlife Report ..... TAB 5
  - v. Yukon-Charley Rivers NP Wildlife Report..... TAB 6
  - vi. Denali NPP Wildlife Report
  - vii. Fortymile Caribou Herd Update (*BLM and ADF&G*) – **Afternoon 3/1**
    - Elect EIRAC representative for Fortymile Caribou Harvest Management Coalition\*
  - viii. Wood Bison Reintroduction Update (*ADF&G*) - **Time certain item @ 10:30am on 3/2**
    - Elect EIRAC representatives for sub-regional Wood Bison Planning Teams (Yukon Flats, Upper Tanana, & Lower Tanana)\*
- f. Wildlife Closure Reviews (*OSM Anthropology and Wildlife*)
  - i. WCR24-21 Portion of Unit 25A closed to sheep hunting by NFQUs (Arctic Village Sheep Management Area) – **Time certain item @ 9:00am on 3/2**..... 35
  - ii. WCR24-35 Portion of Unit 12 closed to caribou hunting by NFQUs (Chisana caribou) ..... 61
  - iii. WCR24-42 Portion of Unit 12 closed to caribou hunting by all users (Mentasta caribou) ..... 77
- g. Call for Federal Wildlife Proposals\* (*OSM Wildlife*)..... 92
- h. Call for Alaska Board of Game Proposals for Interior Region\* ..... TAB 7

- i. Proposed Changes to 2020 Hunting and Trapping Regulation on National Preserves in Alaska\* (NPS) ..... 95
- j. Denali National Park and Preserve Individual C&T Analyses\* (NPS) ..... TAB 8
- k. 2021 Council Charter Review\* (Council Coordinator) ..... 153
- l. Review and approve FY2022 Annual Report\* (Council Coordinator)..... 103
- m. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Update (OSM Fisheries)
- n. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program Update (OSM Fisheries)
  - i. Partners Presentation (TCC)
- o. Regulatory Cycle Update (OSM Fisheries)

### 13. Additional Reports

*(Time limit of 15 minutes unless approved in advance)*

- a. NPFMC Salmon Bycatch Report – **Time certain item @ 3:00pm on 3/1**
- b. Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association Report..... TAB 9
- c. ADF&G Division of Subsistence Report
- d. USFWS 2023 Yukon River Salmon Fisheries Outlook
- e. Wrangell-St. Elias NPP Copper River Fisheries Update ..... TAB 10
- f. BLM Travel Management Plans Overview for Steese NCA and White Mountains NRA
- g. Office of Subsistence Management

### 14. Future Meeting Dates\*

- a. Confirm Fall 2023 meeting date and location ..... 149
- b. Select preferred Winter 2024 All Council Meeting dates..... 150
- c. Select Fall 2024 meeting date and location ..... 151

### 15. Closing Comments

### 16. Adjourn (Chair)

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