FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

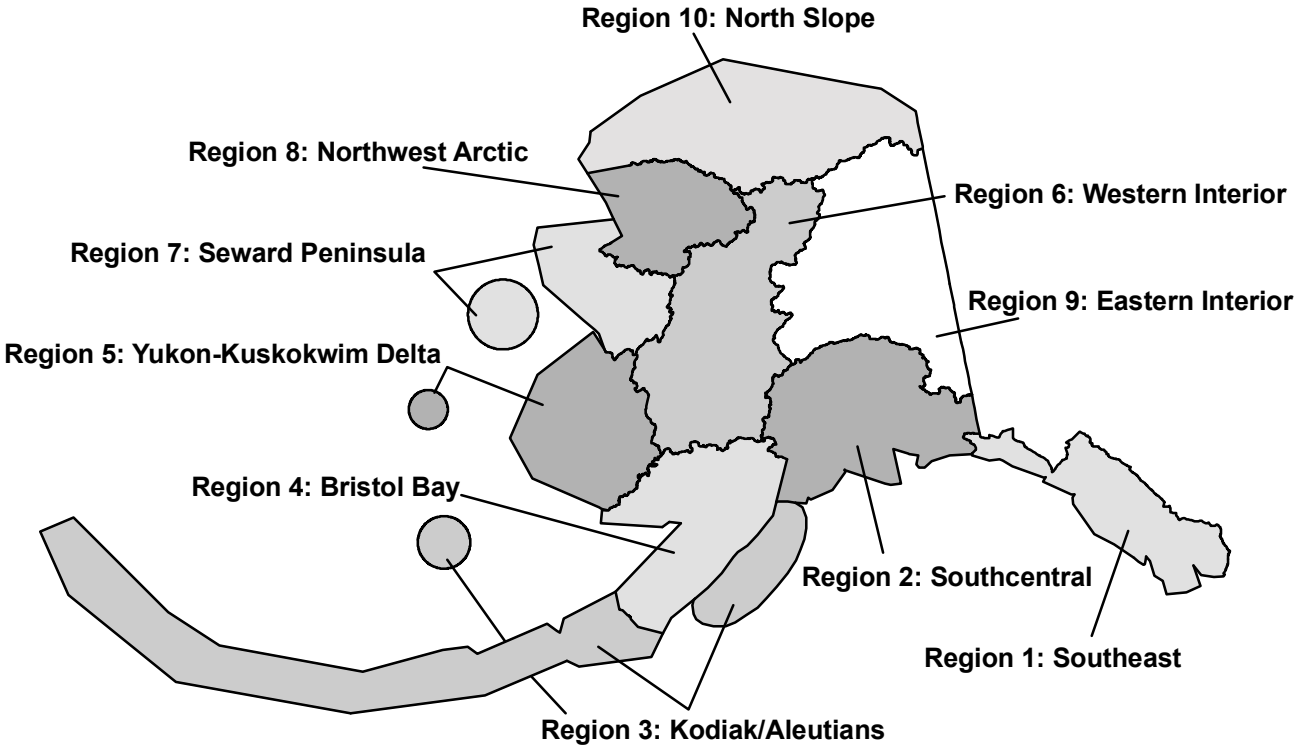
Membership Application & Nomination Packet for 2016

CLOSING DATE:
January 29, 2016

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management

Federal Subsistence Management Program

Federal Subsistence Resource Regions



Completed applications must be received by January 29, 2016:

Send to:

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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 **January 29, 2016**.

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). Council members are not paid for their volunteer service, however, 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.

"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

2016 Application Timeline	
Jan 29	Deadline for submitting membership applications and nominations.
Feb - Mar	Regional panels conduct interviews.
Jun - Jul	Federal Subsistence Board reviews panel reports and develops recommendations.
Jul - Dec	Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture review recommendations and conduct vetting of nominees.
Dec 2	Secretary of the Interior issues appointment letters.

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.

Southeast Alaska, Region 1:
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Federal Subsistence Board

The Federal Subsistence Board is the decision-making body that oversees the Federal Subsistence Management Program. It is made up of the regional directors of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Forest Service as well as three public members appointed by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture: two represent rural subsistence users and one is the Fedeal Subsistence Board chairman. The Secretaries have delegated the authority to manage fish and wildlife for subsistence uses on Fedeal public lands and waters in Alaska to the Federal Subsistence Board. Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and State of Alaska representatives play active roles in Board deliberations.

Completing the Application

It is crucial that you complete as much as possible of the application/nomination form. Provide your full legal name, as much contact information as possible, and your date of birth. All of this information is very important for completing your application process and in assisting the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture in making their final decision. If you are nominating someone to serve on a Regional Advisory Council, you should inform that individual that you are planning to nominate them in order to ensure that they are interested in serving.

Here are some tips on how to answer some of the more detail-oriented questions in the application/nomination form.

For each of the following questions, as applicable, make sure to state how many years experience you have or how many years of knowledge you have, and how you obtained that experience or knowledge.

Knowledge of fish and wildlife resources in the region. For question No. 1, be as specific as possible as to what fish, shellfish and wildlife you are familiar with in your region and what you know about them. Include what sort of uses you participate in and what species you harvest.

Knowledge of subsistence customary and traditional uses of resources in region. For question No. 2, describe what customary and traditional uses you are familiar with, how you learned them, how you process your harvest, and if and how you share your traditional knowledge with others.

Knowledge of sport and commercial uses of fish and wildlife resources in region. For question No. 3, please describe your experience or knowledge in commercial and/or sport fishing and hunting, what species you take, whether you guide hunting and/or fishing clients, and for what species. Identify whether your knowledge is based on personal experience or from what you have learned from others.

Participation in meetings regarding fish and wildlife resource issues. For question No. 4, identify what type of meetings you have attended, how many meetings you have attended, and for how many years. Also describe your level of involvement at those meetings, and whether you represented another organization at those meetings.

Participation in councils, boards, committees or associations. For question No. 5, provide the complete names of any of these types of organizations you have participated in, any offices or positions held, and how many years you participated in the organization. Identify any awards or recognition you may have obtained while serving with these groups.

Communicating information back to people of your region. For question No. 6, describe in detail your ideas on how you would share information you have learned at the Regional Advisory Council meetings back to the people of your region.

Use of Federal public lands for hunting, fishing and trapping. For question No. 7, identify which Federal public lands you use, and provide as much detail as possible how you use these public lands; for example, describe what fish you catch and what methods you use.

Once you have completed the application, please submit it to the Office of Subsistence Management to the address indicated on page 2 of this pamphlet. If you choose to fax in your application, please also mail in the original application. Fax copies do not always come through clearly in the transmission.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership

APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORM

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME:
MR./MS.: _____

FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Full mailing address:

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_____
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Contact Information:

Home: (907) _____
Work: (907) _____
Fax: (907) _____
E-mail: _____
Birthdate: _____

Where is your (or nominee's) primary place of residence? (Please note that members must reside in the region they represent.)

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED):

1) Describe your (or nominee's) knowledge of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

2) Describe your (or nominee's) knowledge of subsistence and customary and traditional uses of resources in the region.

3) Describe your (or nominee's) knowledge of sport, guided sport, commercial and other uses of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

4) **Do you (or nominee) participate in meetings on fish and wildlife issues** (for example, meetings of State fish and game advisory committees, Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, commercial or sport hunting or fishing organizations, marine mammal commissions, Tribal or corporation resource use groups, caribou working groups, subsistence resource commissions, coastal resource service areas, waterfowl conservation committees)**? If so, please describe your (or nominee's) involvement.**

5) **Have you (or nominee) served in an official capacity on councils, boards, committees, or associations within the past 10 years? If yes, please describe the role you served while working with these groups (i.e. Chair, Vice Chair, member).**

6) **The seat you are applying for represents users throughout the region. How would you (or nominee) find out about fish and wildlife concerns people have and get information back to those people?**

7) **Do you (or nominee) use Federal lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, guiding or transporting, gathering, teaching of traditional knowledge, or other use of fish and wildlife resources? If yes, please describe which Federal lands you use:**

8) **Will you (or nominee) travel to and attend Regional Advisory Council meetings at least two times each year?** (Regional Advisory Council meetings are usually held in October and February. Transportation and lodging are pre-paid; per diem is provided for food and other expenses.)

   Yes _____ No _____

9) **Are you (or nominee) willing to attend Federal Subsistence Board meetings occasionally?** (Board meetings are generally held in January or April. Transportation and lodging are pre-paid; per diem is provided for food and other expenses.)

   Yes _____ No _____

10) Regional Council membership should reflect representation of subsistence and commercial/sport interests. Regional Council seats are designated for both subsistence use and commercial/sport use representatives. You (or nominee) must choose one or the other.

(Check **ONE** only) _____ a. subsistence _____ b. commercial/sport

If you are nominating the applicant, please provide your name, your title, and your organization.

_____

Your Name and Title Organization

REFERENCE CONTACTS: Please include three references and their contact information. If you wish, you may also submit letter(s) of recommendation. Please provide the most current phone numbers available.

Name: _____ **Contact Information:**
Organization: _____ Home: (907) _____
Address: _____ Work: (907) _____
Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Name: _____ **Contact Information:**
Organization: _____ Home: (907) _____
Address: _____ Work: (907) _____
Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Name: _____ **Contact Information:**
Organization: _____ Home: (907) _____
Address: _____ Work: (907) _____
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I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that all statements are correct and complete.

_____

Signature Date

<u>Please note</u>: All applications must be signed in ink. No application or nomination will be considered complete without a signature.

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information. This information collection is authorized by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and associated regulations. The Federal Subsistence Board will use information that you provide to make recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture for appointment of members to the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. We will maintain this information in accordance with the Privacy Act, but may release it under a Freedom of Information Act request (5 U.S.C. 552). Your response is voluntary, but is required to obtain or retain a benefit. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this information collection and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0075. The relevant burden for completing this form is 2 hours. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington D.C. 20240.

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