

**WESTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Community Hall  
Galena

November 3-4, 2015 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
November 5, 2015 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

\*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum** (*Secretary*).....4
- 2. **Invocation**
- 3. **Call to Order** (*Chair*)
- 4. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair*)
- 5. **Review and Adopt Agenda\*** (*Chair*) ..... 1
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- 7. **Reports**
  - Council Member Reports
  - Chair’s Report
- 8. **Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items** (available each morning)
- 9. **Old Business** (*Chair*)
  - a. Rural Determination Process Update (*OSM*) ..... 10
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- 10. **New Business** (*Chair*)
  - a. Wildlife Proposals\* (*OSM*)

*Regional Proposals*

(1) WP16-37: Change in harvest limit and season for caribou (Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26A, 26B) ..... 21

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(3) WP16-39: Change in hunt area descriptor for moose (Unit 21B)..... 102

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**11. Agency Reports**

(Time limit of 15 minutes unless approved in advance)

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Native Organizations

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USFWS

Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuge Briefing (*Staff*)

Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge Briefing (*Staff*)

Yukon Season Overview (*Staff*)

NPS

Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve (*Marcy Okada*)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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**14. Closing Comments**

**15. Adjourn (*Chair*)**

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