

March 1, 2024

NORTHWEST ARCTIC SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tubughnenq' Meeting Room 5
Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center
600 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
Thursday, March 7, 2024
convening at 1:30 pm

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AGENDA

*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Call to Order** (*Chair*)
- 3. Roll Call and Establish Quorum** (*Council Coordinator Lisa Hutchinson*)4
- 4. Meeting Announcements** (*Council Coordinator*)
- 5. Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair, Thomas Baker*)
- 6. Review and Adopt Agenda*** (*Chair, Thomas Baker*) 1
- 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. Action Items** (*Chair*)
 - a. Review and approve FY2023 Annual Report* (*Council Coordinator*).....22

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| b. | Deferred wildlife proposal(s)* (<i>OSM Wildlife Tom Plank and OSM Anthropology Dr. Hannah Voorhees</i>) | |
| i. | WP24-28: Requests a reduction in the caribou harvest limit across the range of the Western Arctic caribou herd to four caribou per year per person one of which may be a cow..... | 26 |
| ii. | WP24-29: Requests a reduction in the caribou harvest limit in Unit 23 to four caribou per year per person, only one of which may be a cow | 26 |
| c. | Call for Federal Fish and Shellfish Regulatory Proposals (<i>OSM Fisheries, Karen Hyer</i>) | |
| i. | Consider developing Federal Fish and Shellfish proposals* (<i>Chair</i>) | 101 |
| d. | Develop Priority Information Needs for FRMP - selection of working groups participants* (<i>OSM Fisheries, Karen Hyer and Dr. Hannah Voorhees</i>) | |
| e. | Reappointments for Kobuk Valley and Cape Krusenstern Subsistence Resource Commissions* (<i>Emily Creek, NPS</i>)..... | Supplemental Tab 1, 2 |
| f. | Federal Subsistence Board Additional Public Members proposed Rule... Supplemental Tab 3 | |
| g. | Future Meeting Dates* | |
| i. | Confirm Fall 2024 meeting date and location..... | 104 |
| ii. | Select Winter 2025 meeting date and location..... | 105 |
| iii. | Select Fall 2025 meeting date and location | 106 |
| 11. Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items (<i>Chair</i>) | | |
| 12. Other Business (<i>Chair</i>) | | |
| a. | 2023 Council Charter changes overview (<i>Council Coordinator</i>)..... | 107 |
| b. | ANCSA D1 Land Withdrawals Update (<i>Bruce Seppi, BLM</i>)..... | 111 |
| 13. Agency Reports (<i>written</i>) | | |
| <i>Unless a special report was requested by the Council, all agencies and organizations were instructed to provide written reports for this meeting. Please see the end of the agenda for a list of informational materials that were provided to the Council.</i> | | |
| 14. Closing Comments | | |
| 15. Adjourn (<i>Chair</i>) | | |

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Additional Informational Materials Received (as of 02-28-2024)

1. Kobuk Valley Subsistence Resource Commission- (KOVA SRC) Letter to Northwest Regional Advisory Council (Council) updates from fall 2023 meeting 114
2. KOVA SRC Letter to the Council with recommendations on WP24-28/29 115
3. KOVA SRC Letter to the Council RE: comments on draft EIS ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals, DOI-BLM_AK-0000-2022-0003-EIS 116
4. Western Arctic National Parklands- Wildlife Report - 2024..... 117
5. NPS- Caribou Vital Sign Annual Report for the Arctic Network Inventory and Monitoring Program September 2022- August 2023 124
6. Alaska Board of Game Preliminary Actions on Western Arctic/ Western Region Proposals..... 172
7. WACH WG Letter to Northwest ArcticSupplemental Tab 4