

**NORTH SLOPE SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dr. Tom Albert Conference Hall  
Ilisaġvik College  
Utqiagvik, Alaska  
February 27 – 28, 2025  
convening at 9:00 am daily

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**AGENDA**

\*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. **Invocation**
- 2. **Call to Order** (*Chair*)
- 3. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum** (*Coordinator*) ..... 4
- 4. **Meeting Announcements** (*Coordinator*)
- 5. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair*)
- 6. **Election of Officers**
  - Chair (*Coordinator*)
  - Vice-Chair (*New Chair*)
  - Secretary (*New Chair*)
- 7. **Review and Adopt Agenda\*** (*Chair*)
- 8. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes\*** (*Chair*) ..... 6
- 9. **Council Member Reports**
  - Council Members
  - Chair’s Report
- 10. **Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items** (available each morning)

**11. Council Member Training**

**12. Action Items** (*Chair*)

a. Wildlife Closure Reviews (*OSM Wildlife/Anthropology*)

Regional

- i. WCR26-25 – Unit 26C, Muskox harvest closure except by Kaktovik residents ..... 15

Crossover

- ii. WCR26-18 – Unit 23, Sheep harvest closure to non-federally qualified users in the Baird Mountains ..... 34
- iii. WCR26-45 – Unit 23, Caribou hunting closure to non-federally qualified users around Noatak..... 52

b. Call for Federal Wildlife Proposals\* (*OSM Wildlife/Anthropology*) ..... 88

c. Council Charter Review\* ..... 91

d. Review and approve FY2024 Annual Report\* (*Council Coordinator*) ..... 96

e. Alaska Board of Game Statewide Proposals

- i. Proposal 86, 5 AAC 92.010. Harvest tickets and reports ..... 105
- ii. Proposal 151, 5 AAC 92.015. Brown bear tag fee exemption ..... 107
- iii. Proposal 165, 5 AAC 85.045(a)(24). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose ..... 109

f. Future Meeting Dates\*

- i. Confirm Fall 2025 meeting date and location ..... 114
- ii. Select Winter 2026 meeting date and location ..... 115
- iii. Select Fall 2026 meeting date and location ..... 116

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

a. Tribal Governments

b. Native Organizations

c. Office of Subsistence Management

- i. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program update (*OSM Fisheries/Anthropology*)
- ii. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program update (*OSM Fisheries/Anthropology*)
- iii. OSM General Update

d. Alaska Department of Fish and Game

e. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

f. National Park Service

- i. Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve
- ii. Caribou Vital Sign Annual Report for the Arctic Network Inventory and Monitoring Program ..... 117
- iii. Behavioral adaptation to seasonal resource scarcity by Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*) and its role in partial migration ..... 174
- iv. Evidence for an adaptive, large-scale range shift in a long-distance terrestrial migrant ..... 183
- v. Migratory tundra caribou in a warmer climate ..... 200

**14. Other Business (Chair)**

- a. Update on deferred proposal WP24-01 Statewide sale of brown bear hides
- b. Council correspondence update (*Coordinator*) ..... 207
- c. Young Leader Seat update (*Coordinator*)
- d. Per diem cards update (*Coordinator*)

**15. Council Member Closing Comments**

**16. Adjourn (Chair)**

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