

Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

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Jake Fletcher, Chair
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Dear Chair Fletcher,

I write to you on behalf of the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) to provide the Council's comments on proposals that will be considered during the March 21-28, 2025, Statewide Board of Game (BOG) Meeting.

The Council represents subsistence harvesters of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in the Southcentral Alaska Region. It was established by the authority in Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Section 805 of ANILCA and the Council's charter establishes the Council's authority to initiate, review and evaluate proposals for regulations, policies, management plans, and other matters related to subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region. The Council also reviews resource management actions occurring outside their regions that may impact subsistence resources critical to communities served by the Council. The Council provides a forum for the expression of opinions and recommendations regarding any matter related to the subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region.

The Council held a public meeting on March 12, 2025, in Cordova, and took up one BOG proposal. Please see the Council comment below.

Proposals 121: Divide Unit 15C into two subunits.

The Council **opposes** Proposal 121, which seeks to divide Unit 15C into two subunits, Unit 15C and Unit 15D. The Council does not believe that the creation of the additional subunit is currently necessary and does not believe that there is widespread support for this change among users. The Council acknowledges that different habitat types exist in Unit 15C but believes current regulations already take this into consideration. Additionally, the passage of this

proposal would misalign State and Federal boundaries for Unit 15, which would lead to increased regulatory complexity and possible confusion among users.

The Council thanks you for the opportunity to comment on these proposals. If you have any questions or would like to follow up, please contact me through our Subsistence Council Coordinator Nissa Pilcher at (907) 891-9054 or nissa_pilcher@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,



Richard [Greg] Encelewski
Chair

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