

Seward Peninsula Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

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Bering Strait School District
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Dear Ms. Burgess and Ms. Dodd,

I write to you on behalf of the Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) to explore opportunities to engage younger generations in the Federal Subsistence Management Program (FSMP), to develop and prepare them as future leaders, and to reconnect them to subsistence practices that may bring each of them a sense of identity.

The Council represents subsistence harvesters of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in the Seward Peninsula 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 establish 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 October 24 - 25, 2024, in Nome and discussed the need to engage youth in regulatory actions that may impact their ability to practice subsistence. The Council is aware that our future depends on their involvement in subsistence management and their understanding of ANILCA and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and we believe the Bering Strait School District and Nome Public Schools are uniquely positioned to help implement experiential learning programs that provide this opportunity to students in the Seward Peninsula Region.

The Council acknowledges that developing and implementing new programs for students requires time, funding, and support from the community. However, we are confident we can advocate for the students and receive the support necessary from several entities to help accomplish this goal.

Our Council is scheduled to meet in Nome on April 1st and 2nd, 2025 and would like to extend an invitation to you and School Board members to attend the meeting in person or via teleconference. We hope that during our meeting, we can discuss the Council's vision and opportunities for collaboration for the benefit of the youth of the Seward Peninsula Region.

The Council thanks you for your time. If you have any questions or want to follow up, please contact me through our Subsistence Council Coordinator Gisela Chapa at (907) 310-6129 or gisela_chapa@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,



Louis H. Green Jr.
Chair

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