



Federal Subsistence Board

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Robert "Charlie" Wright, Sr., Chair
Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence
Regional Advisory Council
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Dear Chair Wright:

This letter provides a report on the actions taken by the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) on proposals and closure reviews affecting federally qualified subsistence users. The Board met on February 4–7, 2025, to consider fisheries closure reviews and proposed changes to Federal subsistence management regulations for the harvest of fish, shellfish, and wildlife in Federal public waters and lands in Alaska.

The Board acted on 18 fisheries proposals, two wildlife proposals, four fisheries closure reviews, and one non-rural determination proposal during the 2025–27 fisheries regulatory cycle. The Board deferred their decision on statewide wildlife proposal WP24-01 regarding the sale of brown bear hides to their summer work session and requested additional recommendations from the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Councils). The Board took action on WP24-01 on July 24, 2025. The enclosed table provides a summary of Board actions on proposals and closure reviews affecting your region.

Section 805(c) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provides that the Board will accept the recommendations of a Council regarding take unless, (1) the recommendation is not supported by substantial evidence, (2) the recommendation violates recognized principles of fish and wildlife management, or (3) adopting the recommendation would be detrimental to the satisfaction of subsistence needs. When a Council's recommendation is not adopted, the Board is required to set forth the factual basis and reasons for the decision.

The Board took action in line with your Council's recommendations for all proposals and closure reviews affecting your region; therefore, no 805(c) report is included.

Additional details of the Board's actions and deliberations are contained in the meeting transcripts. Copies of the transcripts may be obtained by calling toll free number

1-800-478-1456. They are also available online at the Office of Subsistence Management website, <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/library/transcripts/federal-subsistence-board>. The Board appreciates your Council's active involvement in and diligence with the regulatory process. The ten Councils continue to be the foundation of the Federal Subsistence Management Program, and the stewardship shown by the Council Chairs and their representatives at the Board meeting was noteworthy.

If you have any questions regarding the summary of the Board's actions, please contact Brooke McDavid, Council Coordinator, at 907-891-9181 or brooke_mcdavid@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,



Anthony Christianson
Chair

Enclosure

1. Board Action Summary Table

cc: Federal Subsistence Board
Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council members
Office of Subsistence Management
Interagency Staff Committee
Administrative Record

Enclosure 1 – Federal Subsistence Board action summary at the February 2025 regulatory meeting

Fisheries Proposals and Closure Reviews Affecting Eastern Interior Alaska Region

Region	Proposal/Closure Review	Eastern Interior Alaska Council Recommendation	Federal Subsistence Board Action
Southcentral	FP25-03a - Tolsona C&T request for salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict	Oppose	Reject
Southcentral	FP25-03b - Tolsona C&T request for nonsalmon fish in the Chitina Subdistrict	Oppose	Reject
Western Interior	FP25-16 - Specify subsistence gear types and Arctic Grayling harvest and possession limits in portions of Bonanza Creek and Kanuti River drainages	Support	Adopt
Eastern Interior	FP25-17 - Rescind closure to subsistence fishing in the Delta River, allow only rod and reel gear, and mirror State sport fish harvest and possession limits	Support w/OSM modification	Adopt w/OSM modification
Eastern Interior	FCR23-05 (deferred) - Review closure of subsistence fishing in the Delta River	Did not consider due to action on FP25-17	Take no action due to action on FP25-17
Eastern Interior	FCR25-02 - Review closure of Arctic Grayling subsistence harvest in Nome Creek drainage of Beaver Creek	Retain status quo	Retain status quo

Wildlife Proposals Affecting Eastern Interior Alaska Region

Region	Proposal/Closure Review	Eastern Interior Alaska Council Recommendation	Federal Subsistence Board Action
Statewide	WP24-01 (deferred) - Allow the sale of brown bear hides	Support w/ OSM February 2025 modification	Adopt w/ OSM February 2025 modification (July 2025)
Southcentral	WP25-01 - Change all Nelchina caribou herd subsistence hunts to may be announced, delegate authority to manage hunts, and conduct a Section 804 user prioritization	Support w/ OSM modification and additionally modify to add Gakona to 13A, Gulkana to 13C, and Mentasta Lake and Chistochina to Unit 12 remainder	Adopt w/ OSM and Council modification