



Federal Subsistence Board

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Don Hernandez
Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
c/o Office of Subsistence Management
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Dear Chair Hernandez:

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 July 23–24, 2025, work session and requested additional recommendations from the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Councils). The Board took action on WP24-01 on July 24, 2025. See the enclosed table for the 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.

See the enclosed 805(c) report, providing the justification for when the Board's decision did not follow your Council's recommendations on proposals and/or closure reviews. The Board is not required to give deference to Council recommendations on non-rural determination proposals.

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 Federal Subsistence Board appreciates your Council's active involvement, and diligence in the regulatory process. The ten Regional Advisory 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 DeAnna Perry, Council Coordinator, at 907-209-7817 or deanna.perry@usda.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Christianson".

Anthony Christianson
Chair

Enclosures: 2025 Region 1 SERAC 805c Enclosure1 Table of FSB Actions
2025 Region 1 SERAC 805c Enclosure 2 Report

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