Kodiak / Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

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Anthony Christianson, Chair Federal Subsistence Board 1011 E. Tudor Road Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Chair Christianson,

We ask the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) to forward the Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's (Council) request to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture (the Secretaries) seeking an extension of the public comment period for the Federal Subsistence Management Program (Program) Review until March 2026.

At our September 17-18, 2025, meeting in Cold Bay, we received a briefing from Sara Taylor, Policy Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs, regarding the public scoping process for a Program Review. Based on that briefing we understand the Secretaries want to determine whether the Program is meeting the needs of subsistence users. Our Council requests that the comment period, which is expected to be 60-days after a notice is published in the Federal Register, be extended until after our winter meeting cycle (i.e., remain open until March 2026). This additional time would allow the ten Councils to thoroughly consider the topics, engage with subsistence users in our regions, and then provide meaningful input on the scoping process.

Given the time-sensitive nature of this request, the Council asks that it be forwarded to the Secretaries as expeditiously as possible. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions or would like to follow up, please contact me through our Subsistence Council Coordinator Leigh Honig at (907) 310-4097 or leigh_honig@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,

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