



Federal Subsistence Board

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Jack Reakoff, Chair
Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
c/o Office of Subsistence Management
1011 E. Tudor Road, MS 121
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Chair Reakoff:

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 WP25-01 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 Federal Subsistence Board appreciates your Council's active involvement, and diligence in 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 Nissa Pilcher, Council Coordinator, at (907)891-9054 or nissa_pilcher@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Anthony Christianson
Chair

Enclosure: Table of 2025 Board Actions affecting the Western Interior Alaska Region

cc: Federal Subsistence Board
Western Interior Alaska 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 the Western Interior Alaska Region

Region	Proposal/Closure Review	Western Interior Alaska Council Recommendation	Federal Subsistence Board Action
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
Yukon Kuskokwim Delta	FP25-15 - Kuskokwim River set gillnet restrictions to align with State	Oppose	Reject
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	Take no action and defer to home region	Adopt w/OSM modification
Eastern Interior	FCR23-05 (deferred) - Review closure of subsistence fishing in the Delta River	Take no action and defer to home region	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	Take no action and defer to home region	Retain status quo

Wildlife Proposals Affecting the Western Interior Alaska Region

Region	Proposal/Closure Review	Western Interior Alaska Council Recommendation	Federal Subsistence Board Action
Statewide	WP24-01 (deferred) - Allow the sale of brown bear hides	Support w/ OSM modification (February 2025)	Adopt w/ OSM modification (July 2025)