

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC ALASKA
SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Northwest Arctic Heritage Center

Kotzebue, AK

March 31 – April 1, 2026

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AGENDA

*Asterisk identifies action item.

1. **Invocation**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum**
4. **Election of Officers**
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - c. Secretary
5. **Meeting Announcements**
6. **Welcome and Introductions**
7. **Review and Adopt Agenda***
8. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes***
9. **Regional Subsistence Reports**
 - a. Council Member Reports

- b. Chair's Report

10. North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Update

11. Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items (available each morning)

12. Action Items

- a. Relevant Fisheries Regional Reports
 - i. Selawik River Sheefish Spawner Response to the 2004 Landslide..... 17
 - ii. Summary of Sheefish Research and Knowledge Gaps
- b. Call for Federal Fisheries Proposals
 - i. Consider developing Federal fisheries proposals*
- c. Special Action Requests*
 - i. **WSA26-01** Reduce harvest limit for Caribou in Units 22, 23, and a portion of 26A
 - ii. **WSA26-02** Close federal public lands in Unit 22 to non-federally qualified subsistence users
 - iii. **WSA26-03** Close federal public lands in a portion of Unit 26A to non-federally qualified subsistence users
- d. Call for Alaska Board of Game Proposals (*Chair*)
 - i. Western Arctic/Western Region; Units 18, 22, 23, 26A
 - ii. Eastern Arctic Region, Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, & 26C
- e. NPS Proposed Rule – Restore State Aligned Hunting Regulations
 - i. Past Council Correspondence
- f. Review and approve FY2025 Annual Report*
- g. Future Meeting Dates*
 - i. Confirm fall 2026 meeting date and location
 - ii. Select winter 2027 meeting date and location
 - iii. Select fall 2027 meeting date and location

13. Reports (*Time limit of 15 minutes unless approved in advance*)

- a. Tribal Governments
- b. Native Organizations
- c. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- d. Teck Resources; Red Dog Mine
 - i. Environmental Monitoring Program
 - ii. Community Observer Program
- e. University of Alaska, Fairbanks

- i. Master's Research Study Update: Exploring the Changing Availability of Western Arctic Caribou and Community Implications
 - ii. Statewide Exploratory Study on Hunting Ammunition
- f. Wildlife Conservation Program
 - i. Arctic Beringia Program Update
- g. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - i. Selewik National Wildlife Refuge Update
- h. National Park Service
 - i. Western Arctic Parklands Update
 - ii. Kobuk Valley Subsistence Resource Commission Update
 - iii. Appointment of Commission Seat*
 - iv. Cape Krusenstern Subsistence Resource Commission Update
 - v. Recollections of Sisualik
- i. Office of Subsistence Management

13. Other Business

- a. Correspondence update
 - i. Federal Subsistence Management Program Review Comments
- b. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program update
- c. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program update

14. Council Member Closing Comments

15. Adjourn (Chair)

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