

SOUTHCENTRAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Hyatt Place Conference Room
Anchorage, AK
January 13 – 14, 2026

Invocation:

Kirk Wilson provided an invocation.

Faye Ewan, with assistance from others in the room, performed the Traditional Ahtna Song “Katie John Celebration Song”

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum Establishment:

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 am. Council Chair Richard [Greg] Encelewski, and Council members Ed Holsten, Michael Opheim, Dennis Zadra, Kirk Wilson, Angela Totemoff, Faye Ewan, Andrew McLaughlin, Edward GreyBear, Hope Roberts, and Judy Caminer were present in person. Council members Diane Selanoff and Heath Kocan were absent and excused. The Council has no vacant seats. With eleven out of thirteen seated Council members present, quorum was established.

Attendees:

*Asterisk * identifies if present via teleconference.*

- Secretary of the Interior’s Office: Sara Taylor*
- Bureau of Land Management: Glennallen Field Office – Caroline Ketron
- National Park Service (NPS): Regional Office – Victoria Florey*; Denali National Park and Preserve – Amy Craver, Pat Owen*; Wrangel-St. Elias National Park and Preserve – Amber Cohen
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): Regional Office – Jill Klein*; Kenai National Wildlife Refuge – Todd Eskelin
- United States Forest Service: Regional Office – Greg Risdahl; Chugach National Forest – Andrew Sanders*, Andy Morse*
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G): Subsistence Division – Laura Lake, Jackie Keating, Aaron Poetter*
- Other Organizations: Ninilchik Village Tribe – Jake Cooper, Darrell Williams; First Alaskans Institute – Cheryl Ongtowasruk, Laurel Fate Sullivan, Bella Block; Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC) – Dan Gorze, Karen Linnell, Deanna Kosbruk; Ahtna Incorporated –

Catherine Martin*; Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRC) – Rick Merizon, Christine Bremer-DeWeese*, Dustin Carl*; Native Village of Eklutna – Shirley Chilligan; Native Village of Eyak – John Whisell

- Office of Subsistence Management (OSM): Brian Ubelaker, Orville Lind, Scott Ayers, Anna Senecal, Kendra Holman, Grace Cochon, Kevin Foley, Hannah Voorhees*, Robbin LaVine*, Brooke McDavid*,
- Public: David Sarafin of Tazlina, Clyde Marshal (unknown community of residence)

Review and Adopt Agenda:

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member McLaughlin, to adopt the agenda with the following changes: *The motion passed unanimously.*

- Remove agenda item for Council Training and Native Village of Eyak Update
- Change order of wildlife proposals reviewed

Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Opheim, to approve the winter 2025 meeting minutes with the following correction. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- Update the word ‘trawling’ to ‘trolling’ in Member McLaughlin’s Member Report

Council Member and Chair Reports:

Hope Roberts of Anchorage/Valdez reported that she was very concerned over the tragedy of the Halong typhoon. She informed the Council that she applied and was awarded a grant to take evacuees out marine mammal hunting in the future to allow them to continue their traditions as well as get some food in their freezers.

Angela Totemoff of Anchorage/Tatitlek reported that she was able to spend the summer in Prince William Sound (PWS), and that there was a strong silver [Coho Salmon] run. She expressed concern that a commercial fishing season was recently opened near Nunu, which is a traditional use area for pinks [Pink Salmon] for Tatitlek. She reported that the commercial seiners that utilized the new fishery significantly reduced the number of salmon returning to their natal streams, which greatly upset the community. Member Totemoff informed the Council that herring had started to return in numbers near Tatitlek, and the community has started creating habitat enhancement to better assist in reestablishing the runs in partnership with other organizations – there used to be a strong herring run that was heavily utilized by Tatitlek and it is good to see them start to return. She reported that it was a good year for berries in her part of PWS, and the community saw a good deer season as well. She finalized her report by noting that some individuals have shown interest in sport hunting opportunities for goats on Chugach Corporation land, and the Corporation is looking into this, there is currently no determination if these lands will be opened for this use.

Kirk Wilson of Tazlina reported he has been focusing his attention on how to assist local subsistence users in Unit 13 hunt for moose without all of the current competition they currently face.

He noted that this is especially important right now due to the inability to take caribou in the Unit. Member Wilson reported that local users are being overrun by outside hunters and there is no place left for the locals to go, and that he has spent quite a bit of time traveling around the unit, both speaking to and documenting who is using the lands.

Michael Opheim of Seldovia reported that Seldovia had a pretty good year – there were enough pinks [Pink Salmon], kings [Chinook Salmon], and reds [Sockeye Salmon], and it was a good berry year. He noted that there seemed to be fewer spruce hens, but the rabbit [hare] population appeared to be doing well. There was a marked decrease in harvest of black bears in the community, but he noted he is unsure of why that was. Member Opheim relayed that Seldovia was happy about the deer that ADF&G had relocated to the south end of the Kenai Peninsula, and that the community was hopeful that the deer are able to make it through the winter and start to populate the area as it would be a good additional food source and increase food security. He noted that the moose population has been depressed since the 1980's but seems to have started to be doing better as of late. Member Opheim reported that the community had good success with goat harvest, although there was one nanny taken which was a shame as there is not a large population of goats and nannies are typically avoided. He finalized his report by noting that it was a good duck season this year, and that a group of swans that are frequently spotted near town are staying longer and seem to be increasing in number.

Faye Ewan of Kluti Kaah reported that salmon harvest on the Copper River did not improve this summer, king [Chinook Salmon] retention was disallowed after July 1st, and that the fall silver [Coho Salmon] run did not show up. She noted that high waters made it difficult to fish with fishwheels, and some families lost their fishwheels due to the high water. She expressed great concern that the Copper River is showing signs of having a similar multi salmon species population collapse, similar to what is happening on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. Member Ewan reported that the Nelchina caribou populations continue to decline despite population estimates suggesting otherwise, and she is concerned with the moose population in Unit 13 as well – many families now rely on roadkill distributions for caribou and moose meat, which prevents the transfer of traditional hunting knowledge to younger generations. Additionally, the inability to harvest salmon, caribou, and moose is significantly affecting subsistence family's food security, overall health, and is detrimental to the ability to continue important cultural practices. Member Ewan noted that sharing food resources is very culturally important, but she is running out of subsistence food to share, and she grows continually more concerned about how no one seems to be listening to these concerns. She did note that she was awarded a grant that allowed her to purchase a sawmill that allowed her to teach some youths in her community to harvest trees, create lumber, and build a fishwheel.

Judith Caminer of Anchorage reported that Anchorage had a nice summer, with a good berry crop as well, but that the fall was quite wet and rainy. She noted that the winter had had a long cold stretch and she was glad to see some snow now which makes the colder weather easier to bear. She noted that there was a limited registration moose hunt in Anchorage in a State Park, and that there seemed to be quite a few moose in the Anchorage area currently.

Edward GreyBear from Kluti Kaah reported that his moose hunting season this fall was unsuccessful, noting once more a rise in non-local hunters participating in Unit 13. He noted that every trail he tried to take was already filled with large groups of ATVs and side-by-sides, and due to this high level of activity he was unable to even spot a moose. Member GreyBear reported it was also a poor salmon year as well, and he was unable to put much jarred salmon away and he was unable to dry any at all. This was upsetting as he was unable to provide for his family or any elders, and heartbreaking to tell his grandmother that he was unable to provide her with food.

Andrew McLaughlin of Chenega Bay reported that the red [Sockeye Salmon] run was pretty good, the humpy [Pink Salmon] run was average, the king [Chinook Salmon] run remained poor, and the silvers [Coho Salmon] came back stronger than the previous year, which, while still weak, was an improvement. Member McLaughlin reported that he has been fishing on the Gulkana River for the past several decades for reds [Sockeye Salmon], but this year hardly any showed up which is very concerning – places that once had thousands now had tens. He noted that the salmonberry and blueberry crop was good. He followed up by stating that the black bear numbers are very depressed, and that the deer population is also very low which he attributed to a large influx of transporters and outfitters bringing in large numbers of non-resident hunters into the area. He also noted that he was unable to harvest a moose again this fall due to increased competition where he has hunted for decades – as caribou numbers have crashed, hunters that were targeting those animals have shifted and are targeting moose, increasing competition for both animals and areas to hunt. He noted that he was thankful to be gifted moose meat from a friend's roadkill, which was a first for him. He noted that he knows of no goats that were harvested this year, while typically between one and three are harvested. Member McLaughlin reported that the numbers of clams (all species) are decreasing, rockfish seem to be remaining a steady mainstay, and the winter crabs, which are mostly tanner crabs, were harder to catch this winter as well. He noted that the herring numbers also seem depressed, that there used to be large schools in the spring near Chenega Bay and southwest PWS, and there are not any herring spawning there anymore, and that the humpback whales that used to overwinter and feed on the herrings haven't been as prevalent as they used to in decades past. Member McLaughlin also noted that far less seals are being taken by those qualified to do so in the village. He finalized his report by stating his continued concern over the lack of federal jurisdiction in the waters of PWS, that there is currently no legal means to subsist in the waters, and that the current harvest and season dates are managed by the State of Alaska which is a big issue that needs to be addressed.

Edward Holsten of Cooper Landing reminded the Council that there are two runs of red salmon [Sockeye Salmon] that run up the Kenai River, the first run goes into the Russian River and this year that was a strong run with good sized fish. The second run splits and half go to the Russian River and the other half go into the Kenai Lake, and even though it was a record run, quite a few of the salmon stalled at Skilak Lake and were in full spawning phase by the time they made it upriver. Member Holsten also noted that in the fall there was a very good blueberry crop, but there was also a lot of insect activity and many of the berry bushes were infested resulting in a lot of plants being completely defoliated. He also noted that the fall was mild but wet, with very little snow, and then the temperatures dropped for an extended period, it only recently snowed, and the temperature is still quite cold. Member Holsten mentioned that the grouse population is very low, and he has only seen a few snowshoe hares, and that while the moose density is already low, the lack of snow helped the moose stay higher in the mountains which helped limit them being hit on the highway, although a very recent snowfall may change this.

Dennis Zadra of Cordova reported that the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) recently opened a subsistence Dungeness crab in the area, although the location where most harvestable crabs can be caught is east of Cordova, and he was unable to take that trip and his pots didn't yield much around town. He also reported that the BOF also reduced the commercial gillnet fishery by two weeks on the front end, with additional closures in both time and area which resulted in over a million salmon over the counter at Miles Lake, and that subsistence halibut are becoming harder to find but if you are willing to put in some work you can generally get some. Member Zadra noted that it was a nice summer, and Cordova also had a good berry crop, especially salmon berries, which turned into a hot and dry fall which negatively impacted moose hunting for many in the region although he did report his hunting group was successful. He noted that there has been more pressure on goats, quotas are being reduced as more pressure is coming from Whittier. He informed the Council that Cordova lost the ferry as of last October due to extended maintenance, which has been tough – and that 60 North Seafoods donated 600 lbs. of cod and rockfish to the Glennallen School district but without the ferry there was no way to get it there, so he ended up boating the fish across PWS himself. He finalized his report by noting that he was in the Kenai Peninsula for Christmas, where it was far colder than typical, and he missed unseasonably cold weather in Cordova at the same time, and when he returned home it snowed, then rained, and now Cordova is a sheet of ice.

Chair Encelewski of Ninilchik reported that there was a good federal fishery on the Kenai this year and it was able to provide subsistence fish for the community. He also noted that the moose population in his subregion is doing ok although there were many reports of poor hunting this fall. Chair Encelewski reported that the Tribe has worked very hard to increase the moose population on Tribal lands, including harvesting predators. He noted that it makes him upset to hear that subsistence users are having to resort to roadkill for meat when there is available moose to be harvested, and while that meat should not be wasted there are many times when it just not edible. Chair Encelewski noted that there are no longer any clam opportunities in his area other than across the inlet and they are not of great quality, but there are a lot of rabbits [hares]. He reported that his Tribe has been purchasing kings [Chinook Salmon] and silvers [Coho Salmon] in from Southeast Alaska, which are acquired through a program dealing with food security. Chair Encelewski finalized his report by noting that the Tikahtnu Intertribal Fish Commission is still active and he and his son are still very much involved.

Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda items:

Darrel Williams, with the Ninilchik Tribal Council, reported on the 2025 fishing season and fisheries program that the Council organizes.

Karen Linnell, Executive Director for AITRC, supplied comments on the ongoing Federal Subsistence Management Program Review.

Dave Sarafin, resident Tazlina, supplied comments about life in Tazlina and expressed thanks for his career with the NPS as he recently retired.

Action Items:

Secretarial Review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program

Sara Taylor, Alaska Region Congressional Affairs and Policy Advisor with the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, provided an overview of the Secretarial review.

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member Ewan, to submit comments on the Secretarial Review on the topics outlined in the scoping documents, and to highlight other relevant topics.

The motion passed unanimously

Motion by Member Totemoff, seconded by Member Opheim, to add a request to hold an All-Council meeting before any final decisions are made, so that Council comments can be made to address any potential changes. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Wildlife Proposals and Closure Reviews

Brian Ubelaker and Kentra Holman, OSM Wildlife Biologist, and Hannah Voorhees, OSM Cultural Anthropologist, presented proposal and closure review analyses and OSM recommendations to the Council.

Statewide Proposals

WP26-01: Move authority delegated through letters into unit specific regulations.

Motion by Member McLaughlin, seconded by Member Roberts, to support Proposal WP26-01. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-01**. This proposal addresses a longstanding concern of the Council. The proposal clarifies the authorities the in-season manager has and provides an easier pathway for modifications to regulations related to these authorities. A concern was raised about the change in the language regarding “consulting with” to “seek feedback and consider input from,” noting that it weakens the requirement. Removing the OSM modification provides more clarity about the responsibility of the in-season manager to consult with the Council chair before making decisions.

WP26-01b: Move authority delegated through letters into unit specific regulations; Southcentral specific

Motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Evans, to support Proposal WP26-01b with modification to rescind the Unit 6 deer delegated authority and add AITRC to the list of entities required for coordination for Unit 11 moose. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council **voted to support WP26-01b with modification** to rescind the Unit 6 deer delegated authority and add AITRC to the list of entities required for coordination for Unit 11 Moose. The Council raised concerns about retaining the Unit 6 deer delegation of authority letter. Having the delegated authority in letters disempowers the Councils and are hard to change, essentially making them permanent.

Regional Proposals and Closure Reviews

WP26-11: Unit 6D black bear, require a federal permit and close Hinchinbrook Islands to non-federally qualified users (NFQUs)

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member McLaughlin, to support Proposal WP26-11. *The motion failed 1-9.*

The Council voted to **oppose WP26-11**. The Council noted that members who have direct knowledge of this area have never seen black bears on the island and this regulation change and closure do not seem appropriate at this time.

WP26-12/13a/14a: Unit 6 brown bear, recognize customary and traditional use for Cordova, Chenega, and Tatitlek

Motion by Member McLaughlin, seconded by Member Ewan, to support Proposals WP26-12/13a/14a. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-12/13a/14a**. This proposal is beneficial to subsistence users. This C&T is well justified by the OSM analysis and also keeps the door open for subsistence users to switch to other resources as needed due to fluctuations in resource availability. There is a history of brown bear use in Unit 6 by these users, documented orally and in writing, and through historical records, and this does not pose a conservation concern.

WP26-13b/14b: Unit 6 brown bear, establish hunt

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member McLaughlin, to support Proposal WP26-13b/14b as modified by OSM. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-13b/14b as modified** by OSM. A federal hunt needs to be established, especially since a state hunt is already allowed. The Council expressed concern over brown bear populations in the unit but noted that the requested harvest limit of one bear is reasonable and conservative. Providing additional subsistence opportunities is important, and the Federal manager can assess in-season how best to manage the hunt in Unit 6D.

WP26-15: Unit 6D deer, close Hawkins and Hinchinbrook islands to NFQUs

Motion by Member Zadra, seconded by Member Totemoff, to support Proposal WP26-15. *The motion passed 6-5.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-15**. The Council noted that there is a marked increase in activity in this area by NFQUs that could impact future opportunities for subsistence users. The Council noted that assessing the deer population is challenging on the island but believes that the proposed closure is good stewardship of the land.

WP26-16: Unit 6 beaver, increase possession limit and extend hunting season

Motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Opheim, to support Proposal WP26-16. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-16**. Local users utilize beaver for food as well as for fur, and there are no conservation concerns.

WP26-17: Unit 7 remainder moose, establish a late fall season

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member Holston, to support Proposal WP26-17 with modification to change the season dates to Sept. 25-Oct. 20. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-17 with modification to amend the season dates to September 25 – October 20**. The Council stated that moose populations in this unit are low, and that the habitat is poor. The Council additionally noted that subsistence users in this area can also hunt in the nearby Unit 15 late seasons and remarked that warmer falls are making it more challenging to hunt.

WP26-18/19/20/21/22/23: Unit 7 furbearers, establish trapping setbacks in specific areas and require “Active Trapping” signs

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member Wilson, to support Proposal WP26-19 as modified by OSM (and by default take no action on WP26-18, 20, 21, 22, and 23). *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-19 as modified by OSM**. The Council noted that there was heavy community support from much of Cooper Landing for trail setbacks due to safety concerns for pet owners, and that many trap lines in the area are not set or maintained by local trappers. The Council stated that this is a long-standing issue for this area, and in this case, it makes sense to align with the existing State regulations.

WP26-24: Unit 11 brown bear, increase the harvest limit to 2 bears

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member McLaughlin to support Proposal WP26-24. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-24**. This proposal is in an area with challenging hunter access that will limit harvest, and any additional harvest could help local moose and caribou populations. Additionally, there is local Tribal support for the proposal from the AITRC, and this would provide additional opportunity for federally qualified subsistence users (FQSU). The Council noted that while there is no conservation concern regarding brown bear populations in this unit, they support additional monitoring of the population to ensure sustainable harvests.

WP26-25/26: Unit 13 brown bear, increase harvest limit to 2 bears

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member Holsten, to support Proposal WP26-25/26. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-25/26**. This proposal increases subsistence opportunity; there is no conservation concern, and this regulatory change will align the State and Federal harvest limits in this unit, although additional monitoring is vital.

WP26-27: Unit 13 caribou, change harvest limit to ‘up to 2 caribou’ (and more)

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member Roberts, to support Proposal WP26-27 as modified by OSM. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-27 as modified by OSM**. The Council stated that this proposal would provide additional management flexibility to the Federal manager when the Nelchina herd recovers to a level at which harvest could be sustained again. It also includes a requirement for the manager to work with AITRC in addition to the State manager and OSM when making in-season decisions. This modification would also allow the manager to implement the recommendation of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission to define harvest areas.

WP26-28a: Unit 11 moose, extend moose season to Sept. 30

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member GreyBear, to support Proposal WP26-28a. *Motion carried 8-3.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-28a**. This proposal will lead to increased harvest success for FQSU and provides a subsistence priority. Currently, harvests by some users occur at the very end of the existing hunting season. This extended season allows harvest when the State season is closed, reducing competition, and the cooler weather makes it easier to care for meat in the field.

WP26-28b/29/30: Unit 13 moose, modify the season

Motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Opheim, to support Proposal WP26-28b (and by default, take no action on WP26-29 and WP26-30). *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-28b**. This proposal allows FQSU a period of time to hunt without interference from other users in an area that has high levels of competition, thus providing a subsistence priority and increasing opportunity. Federal harvest is low, and any additional harvest resulting from this season extension is not expected to lead to unsustainable levels of take.

WP26-31: Unit 13 moose, close specific federal lands to NFQUs

Motion to by Member Totemoff, seconded by Member GreyBear, to support Proposal WP26-31. *The motion carried 10 –1.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-31**. The Council recognized that extending the Unit 13 moose season, as they recommended for Proposal WP26-28b, would provide additional opportunity to subsistence users. However, they noted that there is an extreme level of competition with State users for moose in this area. NFQUs arrive in large numbers with high-powered off-road vehicles, outcompeting

locals. FQSU do not have comparable equipment and are not able to access areas where they feel they can safely hunt. If locals can get far enough off the road system to hunt safely, meat care becomes problematic. The increased amount of time to get meat out of the field, combined with warmer fall weather, makes safe handling of harvested meat a concern. This competition is also eroding local cultural practices, as most wild game is now coming from the road-kill list. This makes passing along knowledge and tradition almost impossible and makes it very difficult to keep a culture alive. The proponent stated that not all the communities with C&T for moose in Unit 13 are qualified to hunt in the Wrangell—St. Elias National Park and Preserve. That exclusion makes these BLM lands even more important. The AITRC Community Harvest report indicates no moose harvests have occurred in their Federal community harvest system hunt for the last three years despite substantial hunting effort, suggesting locals are being outcompeted. Their hunter questionnaire cites reduced moose populations, environmental conditions, access issues, and increased competition as reasons for this lack of success.

Crossover Proposals – Eastern Interior Region

WP26-71: Unit 12 brown bear, increase harvest limit to 2 bears

Motion by Member Opheim, seconded by Member McLaughlin, to support Proposal WP26-71. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **support WP26-71**. The Council stated there are no conservation concerns for brown bear in this area, it would align with the state season, and it would benefit subsistence users.

WP26-74: Unit 12, recognize customary and traditional use for Chitina and Kenny Lake

Motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Opheim, to support Proposal WP26-74. *The motion failed unanimously.*

The Council voted to **oppose WP26-74**. The Council noted that there was not adequate evidence to support the addition of these communities to the customary and traditional use determination for sheep in Unit 12 but encouraged the proponent to reach out to the National Park Service about individual C&T determinations.

Annual Report

Federal Subsistence Board FY2024 Annual Report Replies

Nissa Pilcher, Council Coordinator, provided an overview of the FY2024 replies from the Board.

Identify Issues for FY2025 Annual Report

The Council identified the following topics for their FY2025 Report:

1. Fund wildlife resource monitoring program
2. Use of council time, lack of compensation
3. Commercial trawling operations are detrimental to subsistence
4. Adequate signage in heavily utilized areas
5. Concern over marine subsistence resources

6. Ensuring subsistence opportunities remain flexible
7. Adequate staffing for OSM and DOI

Future Meeting Dates

The Council confirmed its winter 2026 meeting dates and location as March 17-18, 2026 in Anchorage.

The Council approved its fall 2026 meeting dates and location as October 14-15, 2026 in Anchorage.

Reports:

The Council received updates on the following topics:

- AITRC Report presented by Deanna Kosbruk, Regulatory Specialist/ Tribal Historic Preservation Office Project Coordinator
- CRRC Report presented by Dustin Carl, Tribal Fish and Wildlife Director
- ADF&G Subsistence Division Research Update presented by Jackie Keating, Southcentral Subsistence Resource Specialist
- FWS Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife & Hunt Report presented by Todd Eskelin, Fish and Wildlife Biologist
- BLM Glennallen Field Office Report presented by Caroline Ketron, Anthropologist
- OSM Update presented by Scott Ayers, Deputy Director of Science

Other Business:

- The Council received an update on correspondence sent since the last meeting
- The Council received an overview of their 805(c) report from the previous federal fisheries regulatory cycle

Adjournment:

The Council adjourned on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 3:26 pm.



Nissa Pilcher, DFO
Office of Subsistence Management

Minutes were Chair certified for accuracy on 4/18/2026



Richard [Greg] Encelewski, Chair
Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

These minutes will be formally considered by the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council at its October 2026 meeting in Anchorage, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes at that meeting.

For a more detailed report of this meeting, copies of the transcript and meeting handouts are available upon request. Call Nissa Pilcher at 1-800-478-1456 or (907)891-9054 or email nissa_pilcher@ios.doi.gov.