

WESTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Morris Thompson Center

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Convening at 9 am daily

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AGENDA

*Asterisk identifies action item.

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 - b. Winter 2026 minutes..... 19
8. **Regional Subsistence Reports**
 - a. Council Member Reports
 - b. Chair's Report
9. **Council Member Service Awards**
10. **Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items** (available each morning)

11. Action Items (Chair)

- a. Developing recommendations on Fisheries Proposals and Closure Reviews * (*OSM Fisheries/Anthropology*)

Regional Proposals and Closure Reviews

- i. **FCR27-01:** Kanuti River Salmon Closure Review 31
- ii. **FCR27-02:** Bonanza Creek Salmon Closure Review 49
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- b. 2027 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program
 - i. Program background and draft Priority Information Needs (PIN)
 - 1. Yukon
 - 2. Kuskokwim
 - ii. Public comment on research gaps and subsistence management information needs
 - iii. Council discussion and PIN adoption*
- c. Annual Report
 - i. Federal Subsistence Board FY25 Annual Report Replies – summary (*Designated Federal Officer*) 87
 - 1. FY25 Cross Regional Issue Table presented to the Federal Subsistence Board
 - ii. Identify Issues for FY2026 Annual Report to the Federal Subsistence Board* (*OSM LT Lead and ISC representative*)
 - 1. Annual Report Briefing 95
- d. Special Actions
 - i. Pending Special Actions*
 - 1. **WSA26-01:** Reduce the caribou harvest limit in Units 22, 23, and 26A SW to 4 caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow for the 2026/27 regulatory year97
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- a. Summary and next steps

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

- a. Tribal Governments
- b. Native Organizations
 - i. Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Update
- c. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- d. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- e. National Park Service
 - i. Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Update
 - ii. Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource Commission Update
 - 1. Dall’s Sheep Hunting Plan Recommendation
- f. Bureau of Land Management
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- b. Update on deferred WP26-01 (*OSM Wildlife Staff*)
- c. Correspondence update (*Council Coordinator*)
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15. Closing Comments

16. Adjourn *(Chair)*

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