

WESTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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 - a. Council Member Reports
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11. Action Items and Fisheries Reports *(Chair)*

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

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