

WESTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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AGENDA

*Asterisk identifies action item.

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3. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum** (*Nissa/Secretary*) 5
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5. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair*)
6. **Review and Adopt Agenda*** (*Chair*) 1
7. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes*** (*Chair*)
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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 and Fisheries Reports

a. Developing recommendations on Fisheries Proposals and Closure Reviews *

Regional Proposals and Closure Reviews

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15. Closing Comments

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