

NORTH SLOPE SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Inupiat Heritage Center

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AGENDA

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3. Roll Call and Establish Quorum (*Secretary*)

4. Welcome and Introductions (*Chair*)

5. Review and Adopt Agenda* (*Chair*) 5/Tab 1

6. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes* (*Chair*)

7. Elections of Officers (*Chair*)

Vice-Chair

8. Reports

Council Member Reports

Chair’s Report

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

10. Old Business (*Chair*)

- a. Results from the Federal Subsistence Board Work Session (*Council Coordinator*) 11
- b. 805(c) Report – summary (*Council Coordinator*) 12
- c. Board FY2022 Annual Report Replies – summary (*Council Coordinator*) 16
- d. Special Actions (*Kendra Holman, OSM Wildlife*) Tab 2
- e. Update on proposed move of OSM to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs (presenter TBD)

11. New Business (Chair)

- a. Wildlife Reports – Federal
 - i. Gates of the Arctic (*Marcy Okada, NPS*) Tab 3
 - ii. Arctic District Office Update (*Beth Mikow, BLM*)..... Tab 4
- b. Wildlife Reports – State
 - i. Western Arctic Caribou Herd update (*Alex Hansen, ADF&G*) 20
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14. Closing Comments

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