

# WESTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

Via Teleconference due to COVID-19  
October 13-14, 2021

### Call to Order, Roll Call and Quorum Establishment

This meeting was called to order on Wednesday, October 13 at 9:05 AM. Council members Jenny Pelkola, Don Honea, Jr., Jack Reakoff, Kevin Whitworth, and Rebecca Wilmarth were present at the start of the meeting. Council members Pollock Simon, Sr.; Arnold Demoski, and Goodwin Semaken were able to join the meeting later. Council member Tim Gervais was not able to attend this Council meeting. A quorum was established with 8 of 9 seated Council members participating by phone.

### Elections

Based on a motion by Mrs. Pelkola, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, Jack Reakoff was elected unanimously as Chair of the Council. Based on a motion by Mrs. Pelkola, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, Don Honea, Jr. was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of the Council. Based on a motion by Mrs. Pelkola, seconded by Mr. Honea, Kevin Whitworth was unanimously elected Secretary of the Council.

### Attendees participating via teleconference:

- Office of Subsistence Management (OSM): Karen Deatherage, Cory Graham, Kendra Holman, Dr. Hannah Voorhees, Katya Wessels, Lisa Grediagin, Pippa Kenner, and Tom Kron
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS): Holly Carroll, Jill Klein, Jarred Long, Rob Hirschboeck, Vince Mathews, Joanna Fox, Cody Smith, and Christopher Harwood (Fairbanks); Bob Rebarchik and Jeremy Havener (Galena); Ken Chase (Anvik); Aaron Moses, Boyd Blihovde, and Gary DeCossas (Bethel); Kenton Moos (Dillingham)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM): Bruce Seppi, Bonnie Million, and Chris McKee (Anchorage); Erin Julianus, Tim Lamarr and Walker Gusse (Fairbanks)
- National Park Service (NPS): Dillon Paterson and Matt Patterson (Anchorage); Marcy Okada, Kyle Joly, Matt Cameron, and William Dacey (Fairbanks); and Hannah Atkinson (Kotzebue)
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G): Nicholas Smith, Ben Gray (Anchorage); Lisa Stuby, Deena Jallen, Sam Decker, Alida Trainor, John Chythlook and Christy Gleason (Fairbanks); Rick Merizon, and Todd Rinaldi (Palmer); and Ben Mulligan (Juneau)
- Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC): Ben Stevens, Bruce Irvine, and Debora Lind (Fairbanks)
- Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission: Brooke Woods (Fairbanks)
- Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (KRITFC): Mary Peltola, Terese Schomogyi (Bethel)
- Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association (YRDFA): Serena Fitka and Catherine Moncrieff

- Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council: Alissa Rodgers
- Member of the public: Darrell Vent (Huslia), Barbara Johnson (Georgetown)

## **Review and Adopt Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mrs. Pelkola, to adopt the agenda as read with the following changes:

- Add Alaska Board of Game proposals
- Confirmation of Kevin Whitworth as the nominee to the Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group
- Add Yukon River salmon updates
- Add Joint letter to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC)
- Add Kaiyuh Flats moose
- Add KRITFC update

The motion passed unanimously.

## **Awards**

Council member Jenny Pelkola received 15 year service award. Mr. Kron thanked Mrs. Pelkola for her service on this Council and for acting as Council Chair last winter when Council appointments were late. OSM will be sending her a certificate of appreciation.

## **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Pelkola, seconded by Mr. Honea, to approve the winter 2021 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Council Members and Chair Reports**

*Jenny Pelkola of Galena* reported that she had attended the Federal Subsistence Board meeting last winter when they deliberated fisheries proposals. She noted that both she and her husband came down with COVID-19. She said that she wouldn't be able to participate in part of this meeting as she would be in Fairbanks with her husband in the afternoon. She noted that her activities had been limited due to COVID-19. She said they had an easy break-up on the Yukon River last spring. She only got one Chinook Salmon last summer and had received 4 fish from the Tribe. It was a tough summer.

*Don Honea, Jr., from Ruby* thanked Mrs. Pelkola for stepping into Chair's position on the Council last winter when Council appointments were late. He noted that all were very unhappy with the record low salmon returns to the Yukon River last summer. He noted that the moose population was down too, and that he didn't get a moose last fall. There are concerns about wolf packs taking moose. He welcomed Council members Wilmarth, Demoski, and Whitworth to the Council.

Goodwin Semaken of Kaltag noted that his family had been able to get fish from Bristol Bay. He said that he was concerned about the large number of moose hunters coming down from Fairbanks to hunt the Kaiyuh Flats across from Kaltag. He noted that they had never seen so many boats and hunters and a lot of trespassing concerns.

Kevin Whitworth of McGrath congratulated Chair Reakoff and Vice-Chair Honea, and thanked Mrs. Pelkola. He noted that he continues to go to Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group meetings and would prefer to be the Council representative to the Working Group. He noted that the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers Chinook and Chum salmon runs last summer were extremely low and had collapsed the past couple years. He caught less than 10 Chum Salmon last summer. He noted that Sockeye Salmon rarely come up to McGrath, as they turn off on the Stony River. He said that 44 moose had been taken at McGrath, and that this was only about 1/3 of what they normally get. Due to the low salmon returns, the bears have been targeting moose since they didn't have salmon to eat. Dall sheep and Mulchatna caribou numbers are low. Local people need subsistence food.

Pollock Simon, Sr., of Allakaket noted that they had rain and high water. Moose hunting was slow, but they had shared meat. He said that they used 4-inch mesh nets to catch whitefish and pike. He said that there were no salmon. People are getting sick from COVID-19.

Jack Reakoff of Wiseman noted that it would be important to have Mr. Whitworth represent the Council on the Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group. He said that many elders passed away last summer. He noted that last summer was wet. It was cold and rainy; these were good conditions for sheep and caribou. He has concerns about the Dall sheep population estimates in 2018 and 2020, and noted that they had heavy snow and then rain/icing on top of the deep snow at the end of the winters. The Dall sheep were breaking thru the ice and cutting their legs, while wolves ran on top of the snow. The older rams had died and most of the rams are now only ages 4, 5, and 6. Some sport hunters have been taking sub-legal sheep. There are no young sheep in the population. They have had good lamb production, but with deep snow and high wolf populations, there have been serious problems. The snowshoe hare population is low, and many of the lynx have left the area. The record low salmon returns have been a huge concern. Low numbers of Mulchatna caribou are also a huge concern. We need to be conservative with Arctic caribou. There have been some Porcupine caribou moving west. They don't have much snow yet. If they have perfect conditions, animal populations will hopefully stabilize. We need to protect the few remaining Dall sheep rams in the population.

Rebecca Wilmarth of Red Devil noted that she lives on the Kuskokwim River on State waters, and is concerned about all the fisheries that occur before the salmon arrive at Red Devil. She noted that there weren't as many people fishing upriver on the Kuskokwim. She said that they need lots of State and Federal cooperation to rebuild salmon runs.

Arnold Demoski of Nulato noted that people are very concerned about the lack of salmon and all the closures to subsistence salmon fishing. Wildlife seems to be doing good in his area. The moose population is fairly good. People in Nulato are doing OK, and didn't need an extra moose hunt last fall.

## **Tribal and Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Bruce Irvine from TCC noted concerns about the record low Chinook and Chum salmon returns. He said that we need more information on salmon bycatch. Moose hunting was poor too. There are serious food security concerns.

Darrell Vent of Huslia said that we need to investigate salmon bycatch. The Ambler Road is a concern. They are concerned that we won't be able to get the subsistence food that we need. He said that they are concerned about the future. It was noted that subsistence users need to get on the advisory group that will be advising the Ambler Road and the mining company there. With the poor salmon run this year, predators like bears have been hitting moose calves harder.

## **Old Business**

### ***2021 805(c) Report Summary***

Ms. Deatherage provided a summary of the Board's 2021 805(c) Report to the Council. The Jim River proposal will be added for consideration the next fish cycle. Mr. Kron clarified that the Council may submit the Jim River proposal at their winter 2022 Council meeting (Feb. 16 & 17); that the analysis would be done by OSM staff next spring and summer; and that the Council would review the analysis and make a recommendation on the proposal at their meeting a year from the fall 2021 meeting.

### ***Board's FY-2020 Annual Report Reply Summary***

Ms. Deatherage provided summary of the Board's FY-2020 Annual Report Reply. Chairman Reakoff and the Council engaged in the discussion.

### ***Annual Report Reply Process Review Briefing***

Mr. Kron provided a briefing on the Annual Report Reply process review. There were no Council comments on the process review.

## **New Business**

### ***Wildlife Proposals and Closure Reviews***

#### *Statewide:*

**WP22-39:** Establish Season, Harvest Limit for Alaska Hare in Units 9, 17. Rick Merizon with ADF&G gave an update on Alaska hare. Ms. Holman with OSM presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Council voted unanimously to **defer** the proposal to Bristol Bay and Kodiak/Aleutians Council(s) affected by this proposal. This proposal does not directly affect the Western Interior Region.

**WP22-45:** Establish Season, Harvest Limit for Alaska Hare in Units 18, 22, 23. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mrs. Pelkola, seconded by Mr. Honea, the Council voted

unanimously to **defer** the proposal to affected Council(s). This proposal does not directly affect the Western Interior Region.

**WP22-01:** Define Participants (and Determine Impacts) in Community Harvest Systems. Ms. Kenner presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Council unanimously **supported** this proposal. The proposal will allow people to opt in or out of a community harvest system and will benefit all subsistence users statewide by having those mechanisms in place.

**WP22-02:** Rescind Restrictions for Designated Hunters in Areas with Community Harvest Systems in Place. Ms. Kenner presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Ms. Wilmarth, the Council unanimously **supported** this proposal. The proposal supports our neighbors in the Ahtna region and allows people to opt in or opt out of a community harvest system.

**WP22-33:** Eliminate Sealing Requirements for Black Bear in Units 11, 12. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Ms. Wilmarth, the Council unanimously **supported** this proposal. The biological parameters of the black bear population in Units 11 and 12 are adequate to support harvest with the current regulatory process.

**WP22-40:** Allow Use of Snowmachine for Positioning Wolves/Wolverine in Units 9B, 9C, 17B, 17C. Ms. Grediagin presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mrs. Pelkola, seconded by Mr. Demoski, the Council unanimously **supported** this proposal **with the OSM modification**. The Council felt the refined language recommended by OSM and the working group addressed the Federal Subsistence Board's previous concerns on this issue and was an equitable accommodation of both agency-specific and Federal subsistence regulatory systems. The Council also noted that Unit 19 residents who live within the Western Interior region would be affected by this proposal.

**WP22-50:** Increase Harvest Limit to "No Limit" for Trapping Beaver in Unit 23. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Demoski, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Council unanimously **supported** this proposal with the OSM modification. The Council states that some residents of the area use beavers for meat, particularly before the caribou migrate into the area.

**WP22-53:** Establish Season, Harvest Limit for Arctic Fox in Unit 23. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Honea, the Council unanimously **supported** this proposal. The Council believes the number of Arctic fox harvested would be small and random. The ones that have been seen in Unit 25 are always transiting south during times of high population numbers on the coastal plain.

*Regional:*

**WP22-46:** Increase Brown Bear Harvest Limit in Unit 24B. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mrs. Pelkola, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Council voted unanimously to **support** this proposal. The Council states that brown bears are a vital subsistence resource, especially when caribou

aren't available, and that the brown bear population within Gates of the Arctic National Park is currently quite high. This proposal also provides additional subsistence opportunity.

Crossover:

**WP22-41:** Delegate Authority for Caribou in Units 9, 17, 18, 19. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Council voted unanimously to **support** this proposal. The Council supports delegating authority to an in-season Federal manager to help manage and conserve the herd. The delegation of authority was initially put in place by approval of a temporary special action request, and the Council believes that it should remain in place becoming part of the codified Federal regulations.

**WP22-42:** Increase Moose Harvest Limit in Unit 18, Remainder. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Council unanimously **supported** this proposal. The Council believes that with the high population densities and low predation rate, increasing the harvest limit is appropriate. While the Council expressed concerns about the potential for overharvest, at this point, over browse is a possibility due to the very high moose population. The Council also supports this proposal to help provide additional subsistence opportunity.

**WP22-43/44:** Delegate Authority to Establish Harvest Limits, Extend Fall Season, Establish Winter Season for Moose in Unit 18. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Honea, the Council voted unanimously to **oppose** WP22-43. Access to Zone 1 is easy, and the quotas are met rapidly. The Council also is concerned about the really low bull:cow ratios. The Council believes the moose population in Zone 1 can't support any additional harvest. Based on a motion by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Council unanimously recommended to **support** WP22-44. By December 15, 60% of the moose have lost their antlers. Timing for the to be announced hunt should consider this information. The Council supported the proposal as submitted to align with the YKDRAC's recommendation.

**WP22-47:** Allow Caribou Calf Harvest in Unit 22. Ms. Holman presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Council unanimously recommended to **support** this proposal. The Council recognizes that while most people do not target calves, allowing the harvest of calves makes orphaned calves who are vulnerable to predation, available for harvest.

**WCR22-45:** Closure to Non-Federally Qualified Users for Caribou in Unit 23 (Noatak). Dr. Voorhees presented the analysis. Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Council voted unanimously to **defer** this proposal to the affected region(s). The Council deferred this closure review to the affected region, because the area under consideration is distant from the Council's region.

**WCR22-07:** Closure to Non-Federally Qualified Users for Caribou in Unit 17 (Nushagak Peninsula). Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mr. Simon, the Council voted unanimously to **remove** this closure review from their agenda. The Council stated that while some Western Interior region residents

have a customary and traditional use determination for caribou in Unit 17, the Nushagak Peninsula is far away in the coastal area, and the likelihood of people from their region hunting there is slim to none.

### **Update on Special Action Requests**

**WSA21-01:** Close Federal public lands in Units 23 and 26A to harvest of caribou and moose by non-Federally qualified users from August 1-September 30, 2021. Dr. Voorhees presented the analysis and will be providing an update for the winter 2022 Council meetings. Chairman Reakoff and Mr. Honea noted that this is a Northwest Arctic Council special action request and that they prefer to defer it to that Council.

**WSA21-03:** Extension of the fall moose season in the Kuskokwim hunt area of Unit 18. Ms. Holman gave an update on this special action request. She noted that the Board had extended the moose season in Zone 2 on the Kuskokwim River.

### ***Alaska Board of Game Proposals***

Ms. Deatherage gave an overview of the State proposal packet. The Alaska Board of Game is tentatively scheduled to meet in January and February. The Council considered the following proposals:

**Proposal 19:** Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19. Mr. Demoski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Honea, to support this proposal. The Council voted unanimously to **oppose** Proposal 19. Council members wish to maintain the current Mulchatna caribou population objective with a plan to build the herd back to 200,000 animals where it had been previously. There are concerns that the State will reduce the objective for the Herd even further, and there is concern that this would hurt recovery efforts.

**Proposal 20:** Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH). Mr. Honea made a motion to **support** this proposal and Mr. Simon seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Establishing a Tier II process now will be helpful when the herd recovers. A Tier II season and bag limit would restrict hunting to subsistence users versus having an unlimited number of applicants.

**Proposal 21:** Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on Federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18. This proposal is from ADF&G and seeks predator control for the western area for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. Togiak NWR Manager Kenton Moos explained that the ADF&G Commissioner had requested support for this from the Secretary of the Interior. The USFWS had subsequently asked ADF&G for details on their plan, but ADF&G had never responded. As such, Mr. Moos noted that the USFWS would be opposing the proposal. The Council took **no action** on Proposal 21.

**Proposal 23:** Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17. Mr. Simon made a motion to support this proposal. Mr. Demoski seconded that motion, and the Council unanimously **supported** the motion. This is similar to WP22-40 and allows hunters to position wolves and wolverine for harvest.

**Proposal 24:** Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17. This proposal relates to Alaska hare and is outside this region. The Council decided to not address this proposal.

**Proposal 201:** Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B. This proposal relates to caribou in Unit 17B. The Council decided not to address this proposal.

**Proposal 171:** Divide Unit 19A into two subunits. The Council decided not to address this proposal.

**Proposal 172:** Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA. This proposal relates to the Dalton Highway Corridor. The Council has previous comments on this proposal; those comments will need to be updated. Based on a motion by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Honea, the Council unanimously **supported** this proposal.

**Proposal 173:** Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. This proposal comes from the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee and would repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor. Based on a motion by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Council unanimously **opposed** this proposal. The Council noted that the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Plan protects wildlife resources and subsistence users along the Corridor.

### ***2022 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program***

Mr. Graham with OSM presented the Council with the 2022 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program (FRMP) Statewide and Western Interior Region overviews. Mr. Whitworth asked about ways to include more input from Tribal organizations in the FRMP project selection process. He asked Mr. Graham who was on the Technical Review Committee (TRC), and noted that it isn't fair to not include Tribal organizations in the TRC. The Council will bring this issue up in their Annual Report. The Council feels that Tribal organizations need more meaningful involvement in the TRC and FRMP process.

### ***Identifying Issues for FY-2021 Annual Report***

The Council identified the following topics for inclusion into the FY-2021 Annual Report:

- Need for more effort to rebuild Yukon and Kuskokwim River Chum and Chinook Salmon and concerns about bycatch of salmon in the Bering Sea and Area M.



- Concerns about other species being harvested for subsistence instead of salmon, including whitefish, Sheefish and moose, for example.
- Tribal representation on the FRMP Technical Review Committee.
- State violation of ANILCA Title VIII during a Federal closure on the Kuskokwim. On June 28, 2021, ADF&G went against the will of the Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group, the Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission, and the Federal closure, when ADF&G opened fishing on the Kuskokwim River. ADF&G did so in violation of ANILCA, against the expressed desires of the Kuskokwim subsistence users, and despite serious salmon conservation concerns. The Council noted that legal action against ADF&G is needed, and asked that this be addressed in the 2021 Annual Report.
- Concern about BLM issuing guide use permits for Dall sheep hunting, despite the extremely low Dall sheep population and the subsistence priority.

### ***2022 Council application/nomination open season***

Ms. Deatherage with OSM informed the Council about 2022 Council application and nomination open season and requested Council's members help in reaching out to the rural communities in the region to recruit new applicants. She thanked all Council members and noted the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to have a good number of applicants for Council membership and are hoping for timely appointments this year. We will appreciate help from all current Council members. It was noted that we need applicants from the Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, and Holy Cross (GASH) area. Chairman Reakoff asked if Ken Chase (Refuge RIT in Anvik) could apply to be on the Council.

### **Agency Reports:**

- **USFWS** - Holly Carroll gave the Yukon River salmon management update.  
*Based on a motion by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Honea, the Council voted unanimously to co-sign a letter with the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Eastern Interior Councils to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council expressing concern about the bycatch of Chinook and Chum salmon.*
- **TCC** - Ben Stevens, Bruce Irvin, and Brooke Woods gave the TCC and Yukon River Fish Commission updates.
- **YRDFA** - Serena Fitka and Catherine Moncrieff gave the YRDFA report.
- **KRITFC** - Mary Peltola gave the KRITFC report. *Mr. Honea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Demoski to appoint Kevin Whitworth to the Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group. The Council unanimously approve this motion.*

Mr. Whitworth noted that on June 28, 2021, ADF&G had gone against the will of the Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group, the Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission, and the Federal manager, when ADF&G opened fishing on the Kuskokwim River. ADF&G did so in violation of ANILCA, Title VIII and Federal closure, against the expressed desires of the Kuskokwim subsistence users, and despite serious salmon conservation concerns. The Council

noted that legal action against ADF&G is needed, and asked that this be addressed in the 2021 Annual Report.

- **USFWS** - Jeremy Havener and Bob Rebarchik gave the Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko NWR update. Aaron Moses and Boyd Blihovde gave the Yukon Delta NWR update. Last summer saw the lowest recorded Chum Salmon run to the Kuskokwim River. The Sockeye Salmon return was good. Aaron also gave the waterfowl update. Christopher Harwood gave the Kanuti NWR update on lynx movements, waterfowl, and beaver.
- **NPS** - Matt Cameron and Will Deacy gave the Gates of the Arctic NP&P update on caribou, moose, Dall sheep, the Ambler Road, and the Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC). *Based on a motion by Mr. Honea, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, the Council unanimously appointed Pollock Simon to the Gates of the Arctic NP&P SRC.*
- **BLM** - Tim Lamarr gave the Central Yukon Field Office update. *Based on a motion by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Semaken, the Council voted unanimously to ask that BLM take more care with Dall sheep populations to protect the few young rams in the population, and to help prevent non-subsistence hunting of Dall sheep given current conservation concerns.* The Council noted that icing conditions over deep snow had hit the Dall sheep population very hard, and that we need to manage to allow the Dall sheep population to recover.
- **ADF&G** - Alida Trainor gave an update on three of their FRMP projects (Yukon salmon sharing network, customary trade, and the Kuskokwim River subsistence harvest survey).
- **OSM** - Tom Kron gave the OSM report.

### **Future Meeting Dates:**

Winter 2022 meeting to be held Feb. 16 & 17 in Galena.

Fall 2022 meeting to be held Oct. 19 & 20 in Fairbanks.

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Tom Kron, Statewide Support Division for Karen Deatherage, Council Coordinator  
USFWS Office of Subsistence Management

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Jack Reakoff, Chair  
Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

These minutes will be formally considered by the Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council at its winter 2022 meeting, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes at that meeting.

A more detailed report of this meeting, copies of the transcript, and meeting handouts are available upon request. Call Karen Deatherage at 1-800-478-1456 or 907-351-0083, email [karen\\_deatherage@fws.gov](mailto:karen_deatherage@fws.gov).