

KODIAK/ALEUTIANS SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

Kodiak

March 29-30, 2023

convening at 9:00 AM daily

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AGENDA

*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. **Invocation**
- 2. **Call to Order** (*Chair*)
- 3. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum** (*Secretary*) 4
- 4. **Meeting Announcements** (*Council Coordinator*)
- 5. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair*)
- 6. **Review and Adopt Agenda*** (*Chair*) Supplemental Tab 1
- 7. **Election of Officers**
 - Chair (*Council Coordinator*)
 - Vice-Chair (*New Chair*)
 - Secretary (*New Chair*)
- 8. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes*** (*Chair*)..... 5
- 9. **Reports**
 - Council Member Reports
 - Chair’s Report
- 10. **Service Awards** 5-Year Service Awards: Coral Chernoff and Rebecca Skinner (*OSM*)

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

12. Old Business (*Chair*)

- a. Follow up on North American Caribou Workshop and Arctic Ungulate Conference (*Kendra Holman, OSM Wildlife*)19
 - 1) Feedback from Councils on the State and Federal ungulate management in Alaska symposium (*Kendra Holman, OSM Wildlife*)20
- b. Update on Federal Subsistence Board Actions (*Jason Roberts OSM Anthropology Division; Jarred Stone, OSM Fisheries*).....21
- c. Council Correspondence Update (*Council Coordinator*).....24
 - Letter to Board of Fisheries in support of Proposals 98, 103, AK Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Meeting; and Proposal 169, Statewide Meeting
- d. Summary of findings, Alaska Board of Fisheries February AK Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Finfish Meeting. (*Tyler Lawson, ADF&G*).....**Supplemental Tab 2**

13. New Business (*Chair*)

- a. **Time Certain (11:00 AM Thursday March 30)**; Department of Interior, Indian Affairs briefing regarding Office of Subsistence Management (*Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary*)
- b. Kodiak NWR Wildlife and other Activity Report September 2022-January 2023 (*Michael Brady; Bill Pyle, FWS*).....**27; Supplemental Tab 3**
- c. ADF&G Wildlife Report, and Preliminary Findings March AK. Board of Game (*Nate Svoboda and Bill Dunker, Division Wildlife*).....**Supplemental Tab 4**
- d. Wildlife Closure Reviews – *Crossover with BBRAC* - (*Kendra Holman, OSM Wildlife*)
 - WCR24-06 Unit 9E closed to caribou hunting except by residents of Unit 9E, Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point.....**32**
- e. Call for Federal Wildlife Proposals* (*Kendra Holman, OSM Wildlife*).....**48; Supplemental Tab 5**
- f. 2021 Council Charter Review* (*Council Coordinator*).....**122**
- g. NOAA, Alaska Fisheries Science Center – 2022 NOAA Research and Ecosystem for Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska (*Dr. Ellen Yasumiishi*).....**Supplemental Tab 6**
- h. NOAA, National Weather Service – Regional Spring Climate Outlook (*Dr. Brian Brettschneider*).....**59**
- i. Kodiak Update and discussion on Adak Island, Lake Andrew blockage (*Jeff Williams, Alaska Maritime NWR; Pat Holmes, Member*)
- j. Update on Unalaska fishery and wildlife enforcement (*Tyler Lawson, Matt Keyse, ADF&G; Pat Holmes, Member*)
- k. Review and approve FY2022 Annual Report* (*Council Coordinator*) **51**

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- l. Updated Draft Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Correspondence Policy 2023* (*Lisa Grediagin; Robbin Lavine OSM*) **57**
- m. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Update (*Jason Roberts, Anthropology Division OSM*).
- n. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program Update (*Jason Roberts, Anthropology Division OSM*)
- o. Regulatory Cycle Update (*Jason Roberts, OSM*)

14. Reports

(Time limit of 15 minutes unless approved in advance)

- a. Tribal Governments
- b. Native Organizations
- c. US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - i. Alaska Maritime NWR Activity Report, Spring 2023 (*Jeff Williams; FWS*)..... **81**
 - ii. Izembek NWR Activity Report, September 2022 – January 2023 (*Maria Fosado, or Alison Williams, FWS*)..... **84**
 - iii. Update of Sea Otters and Associate Nearshore Ecosystem, Kodiak Area (*Dr. Paul Schuette, Marine Mammal Division FWS*)
 - iv. Partners in Migratory Bird, Waterfowl and Seabird Monitoring- Updates
 - 1. Brant and Emperor Goose Population Surveys, and Management Plan Revision Process. (*Julian Fischer, Migratory Bird Management, Alaska Region, FWS*).....**Supplemental Tab 7**
 - 2. Overview of Izembek NWR, Brant Age Ratio Survey (*Alison Williams, Izembek NWR*)
 - 3. Half of Alaska's Common Murres Killed in Heat Wave (*Heather Renner, Alaska Maritime NWR*)
 - 4. Atlas of Sea Duck Key Habitat Sites Identified in the Kodiak-Aleutian Sea Duck Joint Venture (*Kate Martin, Migratory Bird Management, Alaska Region, FWS*)**Supplemental Tab 8**
 - 5. Alaska Seabird Update (*Robert Kaler, Migratory Bird Management, Alaska Region, FWS*).....**Supplemental Tab 9**
 - 6. Update on the Kodiak Summer Marine bird & Marine Mammal Surveys 2011-2022; and Aleutian and Arctic Tern Monitoring & research (*Robin Corcoran, Kodiak NWR*)
- d. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 - i. 2020 Aleutian-Kodiak Bird and Egg Harvest Survey (*Liliana Naves Division of Subsistence, ADF&G*)**Supplemental Tab 10**
 - ii. Update on Subsistence Research Projects (*Jackie Keating, Chance Wilcox, Division of Subsistence, ADF&G*).....**100**

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- iii. Update on the Buskin River Sockeye Salmon Stock Assessment
(*Kelly Krueger, Mark Witteveen, Division of Sport Fish, ADF&G*).....**87**
- iv. Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Salmon Update (*Tyler Lawson, Mathew Keyse, Division of Commercial Fisheries ADF&G*).....**101**
- e. University of Alaska
 - Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, Alaska Mariculture Program
(*Melissa Good*).
- f. Office of Subsistence Management (*Lisa Grediagin*)

15. Future Meeting Dates*

- a. Confirm Fall 2023 meeting date and location.....**Supplemental Tab 11**
- b. Select preferred Winter 2024 meeting date.... **Supplemental Tab 12**
- c. Select preferred Fall 2024 meeting date and location.....**Supplemental Tab 13**

16. Closing Comments

17. Adjourn (*Chair*)

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