

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Nullagvik Hotel Conference Room

Kotzebue

March 6-7, 2023

convening at 9:00 AM daily

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**AGENDA**

\*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. Moment of Silence**
- 2. Call to Order** (*Chair, Thomas Baker*)
- 3. Roll Call and Establish Quorum** (*Secretary or DFO*) ..... **5**
- 4. Meeting Announcements** (*DFO/Council Coordinator; Lisa Hutchinson-Scarborough*)
- 5. Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair*)
- 6. Review and Adopt Agenda\*** (*Chair*) ..... **1; Updated Supplemental Tab 1**
- 7. Election of Officers\***
  - Chair (*DFO*)
  - Vice-Chair (*New Chair*)
  - Secretary (*New Chair*)
- 8. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes\*** (*Chair*) ..... **6**
- 9. Reports**
  - Council Member Reports
  - Chair’s Report
- 10. Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items** (available each morning)

**11. Old Business (Chair)**

- a. Follow-up of the May 2023 North American Caribou Workshop and Arctic Ungulate Conference (*OSM, Dr. Hannah Voorhees*) .....**18**
  - 1 Feedback from Alaska Councils on the State and Federal Ungulate Management in the Alaska symposium (*OSM, Dr. Hannah Voorhees*)
- b. Follow-up of the December 2022 Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Meeting (*Agency Leads: FWS Will Wiese; ADF&G Alex Hansen*) .....**19**

**12. New Business (Chair)**

- a. Moose, Dall Sheep, and Other Wildlife Updates for GMU 23 (*ADF&G, Christie Osburn*) .....**20**
- b. Lower Kobuk Moose Survival Study (*ADF&G, Joelle Hepler*) .....**22**
- c. Wildlife Closure Reviews (*OSM Subsistence, Tom Plank*) ..... **27**
  - 1 **WCR24-19 – Unit 23**, south of Kotzebue Sound and west of and including the Buckland River drainage closed to muskox hunting by non-Federally qualified users
- d. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update (*ADF&G, Alex Hansen*) .....**44**
- e. Call for Federal Wildlife Proposals\* (*OSM Wildlife, Tom Plank*) .....**53; Supplemental Tab 3**
- f. Call for Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Region Proposals\* (Units 18, 22, 23, 26A) (*ADF&G, Alex Hansen, Christie Osburn*) .....**Supplemental Tab 4**
- g. 2021 Council Charter Review\* (*Council Coordinator*).....**94**
- h. Review and approve FY2022 Annual Report\* (*C. Coordinator*).....**56; Supplemental Tab 5**
- i. Federal Subsistence Board Updated Draft Council Correspondence Policy\* (*OSM, Scott Ayers*).....**58; Supplemental Tab 6**
- j. NPS seeks input on proposed changes to 2020 Hunting and Trapping regulations on National Preserves in Alaska\* (*Emily Creek, NPS*) .....**60; Supplemental Tab 7**
- k. Western Arctic Parklands, Gates of Arctic National Park and Preserve, and Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve Overview of Commercial Use Operations and Sport Hunting Update for FY22 (*Visitor and Resource Protection, Joe DalleMolle, and Scott Samp*).....**68, 69**
- l. Subsistence Resource Commissions (SRC) updates and appointments\*
  - 1. Cape Krusenstern SRC and Kobuk Valley SRC (*Justin Junge, Emily Creek, NPS*) .....**Supplemental Tab 8**
  - 2. Gates of Arctic SRC (*Marcy Okada*) .....**Supplemental Tab 9**

- m. Request for input on impacts to subsistence of proposed OTZ Telecom Microwave Tower project (*FWS, Brittany Sweeney; BLM, Bruce Seppi*).....**Supplemental Tab 10**
- n. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Update (*OSM, Fisheries Division, Karen Hyer*)
- o. FRMP Presentation
  - 1. Summary of Findings for: 12-100; 14-104; 16:104 *Selawik River Inconnu Spawning Population Age Structure Evaluation and Spawner Recruitment Response to a 2004 Permafrost Thaw Slump* (*FWS, Ray Hander, Bill Carter*) .....**Supplemental Tab 11**
- p. Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program Update (*OSM Fisheries Division, Karen Hyer,*)
- q. Fisheries Regulatory Cycle Update (*OSM Fisheries Division, Karen Hyer*)
- r. Northwest and Arctic Beaver and Traditional Knowledge Cooperative Studies
  - 1. Expanding Beaver Engineering Exacerbates Changes in the Arctic (*UAF, Dr. Ken Tape, Ecologist*)..... **70**
  - 2. Arctic Beaver Observation Network: Indigenous Knowledge component in Northwest Alaska. (*ADF&G, Division of Subsistence; Helen Cold and Morgan Urquia*) .....**86; Supplemental Tab 12**
  - 3. Northwest Arctic Multi-year beaver range expansion, effects on water quality and fish. (*NPS, Jon O'Donnell, United States Geological Survey, Dr. Mike Carey*).....**Supplemental Tab 13a**
- s. Project Proposal for Conducting Research on Orange Coloration into Local Streams. (*NPS, Dr. Jon O'Donnell, United States Geological Survey, Dr. Mike Carey*).....**Tab 13b**

### 13. Other Reports

(Time limit of 15 minutes unless approved in advance)

- a. Tribal Governments
- b. Native Organizations
- c. US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - 1. Selawik National Wildlife Refuge Update (*FWS, Will Wiese*) .....**Supplemental Tab 14**
- d. National Park Service
  - 1. Western Arctic Parklands Parks Update (*NPS, Annie Carlson*) .....**Supplemental Tab 15**
  - 2. Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Park Updates (*Mark Dowdle, Marcy Okada, Kyle Joly*) ..... **Supplemental Tab 16**

- e. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
  - 1. Division of Subsistence – Review of Arctic Subsistence Research Projects  
(ADF&G, *Helen Cold and Mogan Urquia*).....**Supplemental Tab 2**
- f. Office of Subsistence Management Update (*OSM Scott Ayers*)

**14. Future Meeting Dates\***

- a. Confirm Fall 2023 meeting date and location..... **88**
- b. Select preferred Winter 2024 All Council meeting dates. .... **89**
- c. Select Fall 2024 meeting date and location..... **90**

**15. Closing Comments**

**16. Adjourn (*Chair*)**

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