

WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA

(Updated 3/13/2024)

March 14-15, 2024
Buster Gene Memorial Hall in Gakona, Alaska,
and by Teleconference

Teleconference information:

- Toll free number: (866) 541-9494
- Participant Code: 7848787#
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Public Comments: Public comments are welcome on action items under Old and New Business as well as during the general Public Comment period at the end of the meeting. The Commission appreciates hearing your concerns and knowledge. Please wait to be recognized by the SRC Chair before speaking. Time limits may be set to provide opportunity for all to testify and keep the meeting on schedule.

The meeting will be recorded for the official record.

The Superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and the Chair of the Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) announce a forthcoming meeting of the Commission.

*Asterisk identifies action item.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- 1) Call to order (Chair)
- 2) SRC roll call and confirmation of quorum (Coordinator)
- 3) Introduction of Commission members, staff, and guests (Chair)
- 4) Housekeeping announcements (Coordinator)
- 5) Review and adoption of agenda* (Chair)

- 6) Review and approval of minutes from September 27-28, 2023, meeting* (Chair)
- 7) Superintendent's welcome and review of the Commission purpose (Superintendent)
- 8) SRC Chair and Members' reports
 - a) Chair's report
 - i) Report on SRC Chairs workshop (Chair)
 - b) SRC member reports
- 9) Superintendent's report (Superintendent)

Action Items:

- 10) Election of officers*
 - a) Chair (Coordinator)
 - b) Vice Chair (Chair)
- 11) Old business action items
 - a) Superintendent's Compendium entry regarding resident zone boundaries*
 - i) Introduction (Coordinator)
 - ii) Report from working group on resident zone boundaries
 - iii) Opportunity for public input
 - iv) SRC discussion and recommendation
 - b) Update on caribou working group* (Pister)
 - c) Wildlife special action discussion* (Coordinator)
 - i) Timely wildlife updates applicable to Nelchina Caribou and Unit 12 Moose
 - ii) Season extension or delegation of authority to Refuge Manager to extend fall moose hunt in Unit 12 – that portion within the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and those lands within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve north and east of the Pickerel Lake Winter Trail
 - iii) Combine Nelchina caribou herd proposal with request for ANILCA 804 analysis
- 12) New business action items
 - a) Timely fisheries updates
 - i) Wrangell-St. Elias (Sarafin)
 - ii) ADF&G (Somerville)
 - b) Call for proposals to change federal subsistence fishing regulations*
 - i) Introduction (Sarafin)
 - ii) Opportunity for public input
 - iii) SRC discussion of potential proposal submissions
 - c) Call for proposals to change State of Alaska fishing regulations for the Prince William Sound Area*
 - i) Introduction (Miller)
 - ii) Opportunity for public input
 - iii) SRC discussion of potential proposal submissions
 - d) Proposed Rule Regarding Federal Subsistence Board Membership* (Coordinator)

- e) New project funding to address critical food security needs*
 - i) Project overview (Cellarius)
 - ii) Opportunity for public input
 - iii) SRC discussion of project ideas

13) Letter of recommendation to Governor and Secretary* (Chair)

14) Work session (comment on issues, prepare letters, etc.)* (Chair)

15) Set tentative date and location for next SRC meeting* (Coordinator)

Reports:

16) Commission membership status (Coordinator)

17) Reports related to old and new business

- a) Update regarding for SRC research and management priorities
 - i) Discussion of next steps (Pister)
 - ii) Report on NPS Fire Management Program (Devcich)
- b) Update regarding working group on Subsistence Log Harvest Policy and use of small bridges for subsistence access
- c) Resident zone community request from Tolsona

18) Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve and NPS Alaska Regional Office staff reports

- a) Resource Stewardship and Science report (Pister)
- b) Copper River salmon fisheries research report (Miller)
- c) Wildlife report (Cutting)
- d) Subsistence/anthropology report (Cohen)
- e) NPS Alaska Region Subsistence Program report (Patton)
- f) Interpretation and Education report (Wittmer/Scribner)

19) Public comments on non-agenda items

20) Other reports (*Time limit of 10 minutes unless approved in advance*)

- a) Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission
- b) Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- c) Bureau of Land Management
- d) Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge

21) Adjourn meeting* (Chair)

DATE: March 14-15, 2024.

TIME: 9 AM to 5 PM (or until business is completed) on March 14 and 9 AM until business is completed on March 15. If the SRC completes its business on March 14, no meeting will take place on March 15.

LOCATION: Buster Gene Memorial Hall, Mile 4.8, Tok Cutoff, Gakona, Alaska and by teleconference.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commission is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.