



Kobuk Valley National Park
Subsistence Resource Commission
Meeting of Oct 5 (1-5pm) and 6 (9am-12pm), 2026



Location: NPS Northwest Alaska Heritage Center, Kotzebue, AK

Microsoft Teams meeting

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1pm October 5th (adjourn by 5pm; call to order 9am October 6):

1. Call to Order: Chair Pattee
2. Invocation: Chair Pattee
3. Welcome and Introductions: Emily Creek
4. Confirm Quorum: Emily Creek
5. Approval of Minutes: Chair Pattee
6. Superintendent's Welcome and Review of the Commission Purpose: Jeanette Koelsch
7. Review and Adoption of Agenda: Chair Pattee
8. Commission Membership Status—Reappointments update: Emily Creek
9. SRC Chair and Members' Reports: Chair Pattee
10. Superintendent's Report: Jeanette Koelsch
11. New Business: Emily Creek facilitate
 - A. SRC Prioritize and preparation for working on Subsistence Plan and/or Hunting Management Plan: Emily Creek facilitate
 - B. Proposals:
 1. Board of Game Proposals*: Emily facilitate

Note to share with communities and tribes: On time comments due 1/9/2027

Proposal	Game Management Units	Proposed Regulation Change	SRC support Y/N
Proposal 6	22, 23, 24 B remainder, 24C, 24D, 26A	Closure of caribou harvest at 75,000 animals	
Proposal 19	22, 23	Caribou harvest: 4 bulls.	
Proposal 7, 10, 11	22, 23, 26A	Caribou harvest: 4 bulls, no cows	
Proposal 13	22, 23, 26A SW	Eliminate cow harvest of caribou	
Proposal 12	23, 26A	Caribou harvest: 5 bulls, no cow	
Proposal 8	22, 23, 26A SW	4 caribou, one of which may be a cow	
Proposal 16, 17, 18	22, 23, 26A	No harvest for non-residents	
Proposal 25	23	0 non-resident permits	
Proposal 9	22, 23, 26A SW	4 bulls and closure to cow harvest depending on area (see proposal for breakdown)	
Proposal 14	22, 23	Non-resident hunt to bow only	
Proposal 20, 21, 22, 23	22, 23, 26 (Non NPS land)	Intensive management of predators to support WACH.	
Proposal 26	23	Allow artificial and bait for brown bear	

2. Board of Game travel: SRC rep *
3. FSB: [Wildlife Special Action, WSA26-01, Western Arctic Caribou Herd*](#)

C. Caribou: Open discussion: Emily facilitate

1. Board of Game meeting in Kotzebue
2. Q & A with caribou biologists: Alex Hansen, ADFG and/or Kyle Joly NPS
3. Other topics SRC wants to address about caribou

D. Field season updates:

1. Kiana Traditional Use Study complete: Emily Creek

- E. Eileen Devinney Award: Kiana Traditional Council: Tessa, Robin, Thomas, and staff.

12. Old Business: Emily Creek facilitate

a) Park updates

- Natural Resources: Raime Fronstin
- Subsistence and Anthropology: Emily Creek
- Cultural Resources: Brendan Doucet
- Visitor Resource Protection: Scott Sample or Jim Hans
- Interpretation and Education: Emily Creek on behalf of Interp

b) Regional Office update: Kim Jochum

c) Other agency updates

- Fish and Wildlife Service – Selawik Refuge
- Alaska Department Fish and Game – Kotzebue Office
- NANA
- Maniilaq

d) Public comment

13. Adjourn: Chair Pattee