

**GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK
SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING
February 17, 2026
Via Teams**

These meeting minutes were approved by the Vice-Chair, Jack Reakoff via email on March 11, 2026.

Present:

SRC Members

Jack Reakoff (Wiseman)
Tristen Pattee (Ambler)
Esther Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass)

National Park Service

Mark Dowdle - Superintendent
Kim Jochum – Acting Int. Resources Prog Mgr
Marcy Okada – Subsistence Coordinator
Eva Patton – Regional Subsistence Program Mgr

DOI Office of the Secretary, Congressional Affairs and Policy Advisor – Sara Taylor

- 1) Call to Order (Vice-Chair Reakoff)
 - 2) Moment of Silence
 - 3) Roll Call to Confirm Quorum (Marcy Okada) – Quorum was not made with only 3 out of the 8 members in attendance.
 - 4) Welcome and Introductions
 - 5) Overview - Federal Subsistence Management Program Review (Sara Taylor)
- Sara shared a brief summary of the Secretarial Review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program.
- 6) Opportunity for Public Comments – There were no outside public comments.
 - 7) SRC Discussion and Recommendations

Due to quorum not being made, the SRC members in attendance used the opportunity to ask Sara questions about each of the main topics. Tristen Pattee asked about the Safari Club International petition letter and whether it was this letter that triggered the Review. Sara shared that a Review is usually done during the term of a new Secretary of Interior.

To address concerns about dual management between the State and the Federal Government, Sara mentioned that they're putting together an interagency working group with federal agencies to discuss Review comments in early summer and create recommendations that go to the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture. It was also shared that the Assistant Secretary for Alaskan Affairs office is in Anchorage and both Kara Moriarty and Sara Taylor work out of this office.

In regards to the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) move to the Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management, and Budget office last year, folks felt it would be good to keep OSM there.

The question was asked who ultimately makes the decision to change the Federal Subsistence Management Program? Sara shared that both Secretaries (Interior and Agriculture) will have a NEPA analysis and Section 810 done, possibly with a supplemental EIS with additional alternatives.

Jack Reakoff asked whether the final recommendation by the Secretaries will be open to public comments? Sara shared that they won't be since the decision will be made based off of earlier public comments.

Sara shared that there are two Tribal consultation meetings organized for March 10 and 17 and that we should keep an eye on the Program Review website as updates get posted.

8) Closing Comments

Everyone thanked Sara for attending the meeting, sharing information, and answering questions.

Sara will be attending the Gates of the Arctic SRC meeting in April to share information about the Review, answer questions, and listen to comments from the SRC.

9) Adjournment