

WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA

(As of September 2, 2025)

September 25-26, 2025

Tok Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center,
Tok, Alaska, and by Microsoft Teams/Teleconference

Teleconference information:

- Number (not toll-free): +1 (202) 640-1187. Passcode: 478447917#
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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 beginning of the meeting each day. The Commission appreciates hearing your concerns and knowledge.
- When possible, comments on action items are preferred immediately before SRC discussion of the specific topics, however, if you can't stay for the full meeting due to schedule constraints, comments on action items may be presented during the Public Comment period prior to SRC action on a topic.
- 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 (Cohen)
- 3) Introduction of Commission members, staff, and guests (Chair)
- 4) Housekeeping announcements (Cohen)

- 5) Review and adoption of agenda* (Chair)
- 6) Review and approval of minutes from February 25-26, 2025* (Chair)
- 7) Superintendent's welcome and review of the Commission purpose (Superintendent)
- 8) Commission membership status (Cohen)
- 9) SRC Chair and Members' reports
 - a. SRC member reports
 - b. Chair's report
- 10) Superintendent's report (Superintendent)
- 11) Public Comments (available each morning)

Action Items:

- 12) Old business action items
 - a. Review list of SRC management and research priorities* (Cohen/Pister)
- 13) New business action items
 - a. SRC Chairs Workshop (Cohen)*
 - Identify topics and concerns to share
 - b. Timely wildlife updates to inform SRC comments on proposals
 - Wrangell-St. Elias (Cutting)
 - Bureau of Land Management (Ketron)
 - Alaska Department of Fish and Game (invited)
 - c. Review and comment on proposals to change federal subsistence wildlife regulations (Cohen/Cutting)*
 - WP26-01: Move delegated authorities into unit specific regulations
 - WP26-02: Prohibit take between civil sunset and sunrise in Units 1-5
 - WP26-12/13a/14a: Recognize customary and traditional uses of brown bears in Unit 6
 - WP26-13b/14b: Establish a Federal season for brown bears in Unit 6
 - WP26-16: Increase possession limit and extend hunting season for beaver in Unit 6
 - WP26-24: Increase the harvest limit of brown bears in Unit 11
 - WP26-25/26: Increase the harvest limit of brown bears in Unit 13
 - WP26-27: Modify the harvest limit for caribou in Unit 13C-E
 - WP26-28a: Modify the moose season in Unit 11
 - WP26-28b/29/30: Modify the moose season in Unit 13

- WP26-31: Close specific Federal lands (BLM) to non-federally qualified users for moose in Unit 13
- WP26-71: Increase the harvest limit of brown bears in Unit 12
- WP26-74: Modify the customary and traditional use determination for sheep in Unit 12
- WP26-77: Establish a customary and traditional use determination for wood bison in Units 12, 20, and 25E

d. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program

14) Set tentative date and location for next SRC meeting* (Cohen)

Reports:

15) Reports related to old and new business

- a. Report on recent Federal Subsistence Board Work Session (Cellarius)

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

- a. NPS Alaska Region Subsistence Program report (Jochum)
- b. Resource Stewardship and Science report (Pister)
- c. Wildlife report (Cutting)
 - Quota for Unit 11 winter moose hunt
- d. Fisheries report (Cohen)
- e. Subsistence/anthropology report (Cohen)
- f. Interpretation and Education report (Hernandez/Lodwick)

17) Other reports (*Invited/Time limit of 15 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
- e. Native Village of Eyak (Wissel and Piche)
- f. Prince William Sound Science Center (Rand)
- g. Sahara Iverson, UAF Graduate Student

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

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

20) Adjourn meeting* (Chair)

DATE: September 25 and 26, 2025

TIME: 9 AM to 5 PM (or until business is completed) on September 25 and 9 AM until business is completed on September 26. If the SRC completes its business on September 25, the meeting will adjourn and no meeting will take place on September 26.

LOCATION: Tok Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, Mile 1314 Alaska Highway, Tok, Alaska, and by teleconference via Microsoft Teams. If an in-person meeting is not feasible or advisable, the meeting will be held solely by teleconference via Microsoft Teams.

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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.