

WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING

AGENDA

(As of 9/16/2024)

October 4-5, 2024

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitor Center,
Copper Center, 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 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.
- 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 March 14-15, 2024, meeting* (Chair)
- 7) Superintendent's welcome and review of the Commission purpose (Superintendent)
- 8) Commission membership status (Coordinator)
- 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. Proposed Superintendent's Compendium entry revising the Subsistence Log Harvest Policy and addressing use of small bridges for subsistence access*
 - Introduction (Coordinator)
 - Report from working group
 - Opportunity for public input
 - SRC discussion and recommendation
 - b. Proposed Superintendent's Compendium entry regarding the external boundaries of the resident zone*
 - Introduction (Coordinator)
 - Report from working group
 - Opportunity for public input
 - SRC discussion and recommendation
- 13) New business action items
 - a. December 2024 SRC Chairs Workshop (Coordinator)
 - Request for feedback on workshop agenda
 - Identify topics and concerns to share at the workshop
 - b. Review and comment on proposals to change federal subsistence fisheries and wildlife regulations* (Cohen/Cellarius)
 - Timely updates to inform proposal comments
 - FP25-03a: Tolsona C&T for salmon in Chitina Subdistrict
 - FP25-03b: Tolsona C&T for freshwater fish in Upper Copper River drainage
 - WP25-01: Nelchina Caribou seasons, hunt management, and §804 user prioritization analysis

- c. Review and comment on relevant proposals to the Alaska Board of Fisheries*
 - Timely updates to inform proposal comments
 - Proposal 51: Revise Copper River District Salmon Management Plan
 - Others?
- d. Review and comment on relevant proposals to the Alaska Board of Game*
 - Timely updates to inform proposal comments
 - Proposal 59: Lengthen wolf trapping season in Unit 11
 - Proposal 60: Lengthen coyote trapping season in Unit 11
 - Others?
- e. New project funding to address community subsistence food security resilience*
 - Update on outreach and proposals received (Cellarius)
 - Opportunity for public input
 - SRC discussion of project ideas and possible partners for any remaining funding
- f. Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Priority Information Needs*

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

Reports:

15) Reports related to old and new business

- a. Update on NPS Final Regulation regarding hunting and trapping in Alaska National Preserves (NPS Alaska Regional Office)
- b. Report on recent Federal Subsistence Board actions (Cellarius)
- c. Update regarding caribou working group (Pister)
- d. Overview of previous discussions of a durational residency requirement for subsistence eligibility (Coordinator)
- e. Update regarding resident zone community request from Tolsona (Cohen/Cellarius)
 - Opportunity for public input

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

- a. NPS Alaska Region Subsistence Program report (AKRO staff)
- b. Resource Stewardship and Science report (Pister)
- c. Wildlife report (Cutting)
- d. Fisheries report (Sarafin)
- e. Copper River sockeye salmon research report (Miller)
- f. Subsistence/anthropology report (Cohen)
- g. Interpretation and Education report (Hernandez)

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

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

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

20) Adjourn meeting* (Chair)

DATE: October 4-5, 2024.

TIME: 9 AM to 5 PM (or until business is completed) October 4 and 9 AM until business is completed on October 5. If the SRC completes its business on October 4, no meeting will take place on October 5.

LOCATION: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitor Center Complex, Mile 106.8 Richardson Highway, Copper Center, AK and by teleconference. If an in-person meeting is not feasible or advisable, the meeting will be held solely 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.