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Federal Subsistence Board Reviews a Petition to Exert Extraterritorial Jurisdiction to Non-Federal Marine Waters Adjacent to Admiralty Island

The Federal Subsistence Board met jointly with the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council on March 21-23 to review a petition, submitted by Kootznoowoo, Inc., to exert extraterritorial jurisdiction to non-Federal marine waters adjacent to Admiralty Island. The Board and Council were presented an analysis of the petition and heard testimony regarding it. The Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council met on the evening of March 22 to develop its recommendation on the petition, which was presented to the Board the following day. The Federal Subsistence Board will provide its recommendation to the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior, who will make the final decision regarding the petition.

The Board reviewed and took action on a proposal (WP10-69) that requested the recognition of customary and traditional use of moose in Unit 21E by residents of Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Aniak, and Chuathbaluk. The Board adopted this proposal with modification to recognize the customary and traditional use of moose by residents of these communities in the portion of Unit 21E south of Paimiut Slough. Action on this proposal was delayed at the January 2012 Board meeting, pending review of the proposal by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

The Board also endorsed the 2012-2018 Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan. This plan guides management of the Fortymile caribou herd in Alaska and allocation of an annual allowable harvest between Alaska and Canada.

This meeting marks several firsts for the Board: It was the first time the Board has met jointly with a subsistence regional advisory council, the first time the Board has met outside Anchorage, and the first time the Board has met since the appointment of two new members representing rural Alaska subsistence users.

The materials considered at this meeting and the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council recommendation on the extraterritorial jurisdiction petition are available at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/board.cfml>.