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Federal Subsistence Board to Consider Draft Tribal and ANCSA Corporation Consultation Policies

The Federal Subsistence Board will meet May 9, 2012 to review draft Tribal and ANCSA corporation consultation policies and consider adoption of these policies. At its May 2011 meeting, the Board directed that a workgroup comprised of a small number of Federal and Tribal representatives be formed to develop these policies, with the goal of adopting final policies at its May 2012 meeting. Once adopted, the policies will set the foundation for the Board's consultations with Tribal governments and ANCSA corporations, while maintaining the central role of the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils as advisors to the Board. Public law requires Federal government agencies to consult with ANCSA corporations on the same basis as Tribal governments. The Board's initiative to develop a Tribal consultation policy supports the President's directive to improve government-to-government relations.

The Board has held meetings with Regional Advisory Councils, Tribes and ANCSA corporation representatives and has sought written comment on these draft policies over the course of the last year. The Board will provide additional opportunity for Tribal and ANCSA corporation representatives to discuss the draft policies with the Board during the May 9 meeting. Public testimony will also be welcome regarding this agenda topic.

The Board will hear an update on the progress that has been made to review the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Alaska and the Federal Subsistence Board, which established guidelines to coordinate in managing subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands in Alaska. The review of the Memorandum of Understanding was requested by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture following their review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program.

There will be opportunities at the start of the meeting for public testimony regarding both agenda and non-agenda items.

Participate in person or by teleconference. Teleconference information and meeting materials, including the draft Tribal and ANCSA corporation consultation policies will be posted to the

Federal Subsistence Management Program's website (<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/board.cfm>) prior to this meeting.

The meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Gordon Watson Conference Room, 1011 E. Tudor Rd., Anchorage. Photo identification, such as a driver's license, must be presented at the building reception desk. The meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or until the Board calls a recess for the day, or completes its work.

Listen-only access to the meeting will be provided through internet live streaming. Connection information will be posted to the Federal Subsistence Management Program's website: <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/board.cfm>. The Board's progress through the agenda will be noted on the internet live stream.

For additional information regarding this meeting contact the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888 or by e-mail, subsistence@fws.gov. If you need special accommodations for disabilities, please contact the Office of Subsistence Management by May 1. Meeting materials and additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>.

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