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Federal Subsistence Board Meets in Public and Executive Sessions

The Federal Subsistence Board met July 18, 2012 in Anchorage in public and executive sessions. During the public session, the Board reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Subsistence Board and the State of Alaska and agreed it was ready for review by Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and State Fish and Game Advisory Committees. Following review by the Councils and State Advisory Committees, the Federal Subsistence Board and the State of Alaska will work to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding for signature.

The Board heard a report on the process to develop implementation guidelines for the Board's Tribal consultation policy. At its May 9, 2012 meeting, the Board asked the Tribal Consultation Workgroup to develop implementation guidelines for the Tribal consultation policy and requested that additional members be sought from Tribes and ANCSA corporations to increase representation prior to the group reconvening. Letters were sent to Tribes and ANCSA corporations soliciting nominees. To date, no nominations have been received. The deadline to submit nominations is July 27, 2012.

Tribes and ANCSA corporations can submit workgroup nominations by:

- **Mail**

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Include the name of the Tribe or ANCSA corporation, the nominee's name, title, and experience with the Federal Subsistence Management Program and/or consultation.

The Board was briefed on a timeline to conduct a review of the rural determination process, analytical methods, and findings. The Board envisions the review to be an open public process, which will last a minimum of two and a half years. It will be initiated with a Public Notice in the Federal Register.

During the executive session, the Board reviewed applications for Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council membership and developed its recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on Council appointments. This portion of the meeting was not open to the public due to the concern for the privacy of the applicants. In addition, the Board was briefed on the proposed budget for the Federal Subsistence Management Program for the 2014 fiscal year.

Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>.

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