

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

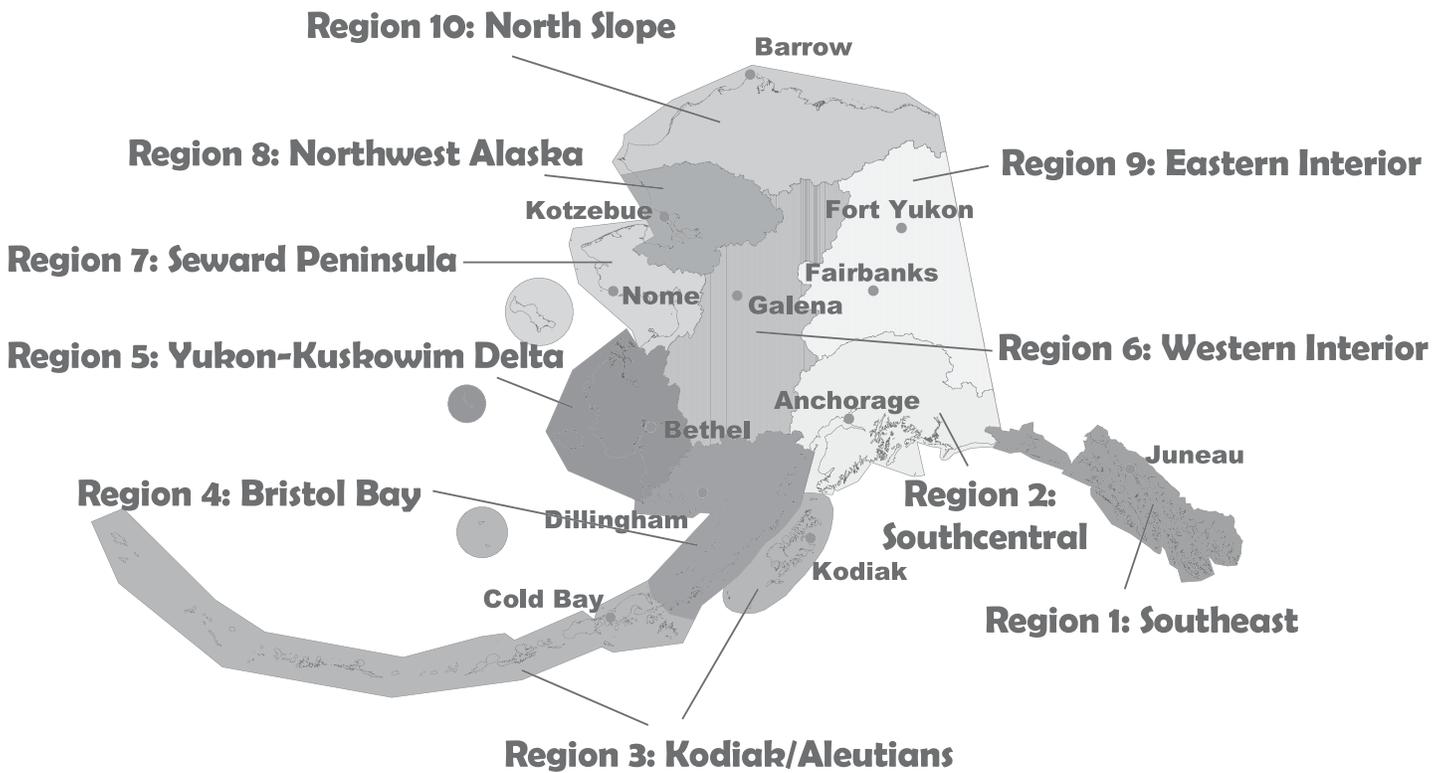
*Membership Application
and
Nomination Packet*

Closing Date for 2005 Applications/Nominations:

January 2, 2005



Federal Subsistence Program Regional Councils



Please submit completed applications by January 2, 2005 to:

c/o Ann Wilkinson

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Federal Subsistence Board

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Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Federal Subsistence Board is accepting membership applications or nominations **through January 2, 2005** for the 10 Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils.

The Regional Councils provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board about subsistence hunting, trapping, and fishing issues on Federal public lands. Membership on the Councils is one way for the public to become involved in the Federal regulatory process.

Each Regional Council has either 10 or 13 members, and a membership includes subsistence use representatives and commercial/sport use representatives.

Council Membership

Regional Advisory Council members are usually appointed to three-year terms. The Regional Councils meet at least twice a year, usually in October and February. While Regional Council members are not provided compensation for their volunteer service, their transportation and lodging are pre-paid and per diem is provided for food and other expenses under Federal travel guidelines.

“The Regional Advisory Councils are the crucial link between subsistence users and the Federal Subsistence Board, as their recommendations carry a great deal of weight in decisions regarding subsistence.”

—Mitch Demientieff, Chair,
Federal Subsistence Board

Membership Criteria

Who Qualifies?

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| ✓ RESIDENT of the region member represents |
| ✓ RESOURCE KNOWLEDGE – Knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources |
| ✓ SUBSISTENCE USES – Knowledge of the region's subsistence uses, customs, and traditions |
| ✓ OTHER USES – Knowledge of the region's sport, commercial, and other uses |
| ✓ LEADERSHIP SKILLS – Leadership and experience with local regional organizations |
| ✓ COMMUNICATION SKILLS – Ability to communicate effectively |
| ✓ AVAILABILITY – Willingness to travel to attend two or more Regional Advisory Council meetings each year (usually in October and February) and occasionally attend (or teleconference) Federal Subsistence Board meetings. |

Council Responsibilities:

- **Review and make recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board** on proposals for regulations, policies, management plans, and other subsistence-related issues on Federal public lands within the region;
- **Develop proposals for the subsistence harvest of fish and wildlife;** review proposals others submit;
- **Encourage and promote local participation** in the decision-making process affecting subsistence harvests on Federal public lands;
- **Make recommendations on customary and traditional use determinations** of subsistence resources; and,
- **Appoint members** to National Park Subsistence Resource Commissions

Federal Subsistence Regional Coordinators

Federal Subsistence Regional Coordinators facilitate communication between the Regional Advisory Councils and the Federal Subsistence Board. These Coordinators serve as contacts for the Councils, Federal agencies and public.

Southeast Alaska Region 1:

Bob Schroeder, Juneau
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Western Interior Alaska Region 6 and

Eastern Interior Alaska Region 9:

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Kodiak/Aleutians Region 3 and

Northwest Arctic Region 8:

Michelle Chivers, Anchorage
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Seward Peninsula Region 7 and

North Slope Region 10:

Barbara Armstrong
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Bristol Bay Region Region 4:

Cliff Edenshaw, Anchorage
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Federal Subsistence Board

The Federal Subsistence Board oversees the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The Board members are Alaska directors of the USFWS, NPS, BLM, BIA, and USDA Forest Service. The Board's chair is a representative of the Secretary of the Interior. Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and State of Alaska representatives play active roles in Board deliberations.

2005 Application Timeline

January 2	Deadline for submitting membership applications and nominations.
January-March	Regional panels review applications.
June	Federal Subsistence Board reviews panel recommendations.
July-October	Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture review recommendations and appoint members to the Regional Councils.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership

APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORM

APPLICANT/
NOMINEE:

FIRST

INITIAL

LAST

Full mailing address:

Zip: _____

Contact Information:

Home: (907) _____

Work: (907) _____

Fax: (907) _____

E-mail: _____

Where is your (or nominee's) primary place of residence? (Please note that members must reside in the region they represent.)

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED):

1) Describe your (or nominee's) knowledge of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

2) Describe your (or nominee's) knowledge of subsistence and customary and traditional uses of resources in the region.

3) Describe your (or nominee's) knowledge of sport, guided sport, commercial and other uses of fish and wildlife resources in the region.

4) Do you (or nominee) participate in meetings on fish and wildlife issues (i.e. Fish and Game Advisory Committees, Regional Advisory Councils, Marine Mammal Commissions, Caribou Working Groups, Subsistence Resource Commissions, Coastal Resource Service areas, Waterfowl Conservation Committees)? **If so, please describe your (or nominee's) involvement.**

5) Have you (or nominee) served in an official capacity on councils, boards, committees, or associations within the past 10 years? If yes, please mention what role you (or your nominee) served while working with these groups (i.e. Chair, Vice Chair, member).

6) The seat you (or nominee) are applying for represents users throughout the region. How would you (or your nominee) find out about fish and wildlife concerns people have and get information back to those people?

7) Do you (or nominee) use Federal lands for hunting, trapping, fishing, guiding or transporting, gathering, teaching of traditional knowledge, or other use of fish and wildlife resources? If yes, please describe which Federal lands you (or nominee) use:

8) Will you (or your nominee) travel to/attend Regional Advisory Council meetings at least two times each year? (Regional Advisory Council meetings are usually held in October and February. Transportation and lodging are pre-paid; per diem is provided for food and other expenses.)

Yes No

9) Will you (or nominee) attend Federal Subsistence Board meetings occasionally? (Board meetings are usually held in May and December. Transportation and lodging are pre-paid; per diem is provided for food and other expenses.)

Yes No

