

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/NOMINATION

General Information

The Federal Subsistence Board is accepting membership applications through _____, for the 10 Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils. The Regional Advisory Councils provide advice and recommendations to the Board, concerning 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. The membership of a Council includes subsistence use and sport/commercial use representatives. Regional Advisory Council members are usually appointed to 3-year terms. The Regional Advisory Councils meet at least twice a year, usually in October and February. While Regional Advisory 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," says Mitch Demientieff, former Board Chair.

Membership Criteria – Who Qualifies?

- Resident of the region member represents
- Knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources
- Knowledge of the region's subsistence uses, customs, and traditions
- Knowledge of the region's recreational/sport, commercial, and other uses
- Leadership and experience with local and regional organizations
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Willing 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 pertaining to the subsistence harvest of fish and wildlife; review proposals others submit;
- Encourage and promote local participation in the decisionmaking 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 the public.

<p>Southeast Alaska Region 1: Bob Schroeder, Juneau (800) 586-7895 or (907) 586-7895; fax:586-7860 email: RSchroeder@fs.fed.us</p>	<p>Southcentral Alaska Region 2: Donald Mike, Anchorage (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3629; fax 786-3898 email: Donald_Mike@fws.gov</p>
<p>Kodiak/Aleutians Region 3: Michelle Chivers, Anchorage (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3877; fax 786-3898 email: Michelle_Chivers@fws.gov</p>	<p>Bristol Bay Region 4 and Northwest Arctic Region 8: Cliff Edenshaw, Anchorage (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3870; fax 786-3898 email: Cliff_Edenshaw@fws.gov</p>
<p>Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region 5: Alex Nick, Bethel (800) 621-5804 or (907) 543-1037; fax: 543-4413 email: Alex_Nick@fws.gov</p>	<p>Western Interior Alaska Region 6 and Eastern Interior Alaska Region 9: Vince Mathews, Fairbanks (800) 267-3997 or (907) 456-0277; fax 456-0208 email: Vince_Mathews@fws.gov</p>
<p>Seward Peninsula Region 7 and North Slope Region 10: Barbara Armstrong, Anchorage (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3885; fax 786-3898 email: Barabara_Armstrong@fws.gov</p>	

Federal Subsistence Board

The Federal Subsistence Board oversees the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The Board members are the 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.

Application Timeline

January	Deadline for submitting membership applications/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.

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 (for example, meetings of State fish and game advisory committees, Federal subsistence regional advisory councils, commercial or sport hunting or fishing organizations, marine mammal commissions, tribal or corporation resource use groups, 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 describe the role you served while working with these groups (i.e. Chair, Vice Chair, member).

6) The seat you are applying for represents users throughout the region. How would you (or 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 use.

8) Will you (or nominee) travel to and 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 prepaid; per diem is provided for food and other expenses.)

Yes____ No____

9) Are you (or nominee) willing to attend Federal Subsistence Board meetings occasionally? (Board meetings are usually held in May and December or January. Transportation and lodging are prepaid; per diem is provided for food and other expenses.)

Yes____ No____

10) Regional council membership should reflect representation of subsistence and commercial/sport interests. Regional Council seats are designated for either subsistence use or commercial/sport representatives. You must choose one or the other.

(Check ONE only!) ____ subsistence ____ commercial/sport

