

YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gordon Watson Conference Room
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office
Anchorage, AK
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convening at 9:00am daily

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AGENDA

*Asterisk identifies action item.

- 1. **Invocation**
- 2. **Call to Order** (*Chair*)
- 3. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum** (*Secretary*) 5
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- 5. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Chair*)
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- 8. **Reports**
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- 9. **Service Awards** (*Council Coordinator*)
- 10. **Public and Tribal Comment on Non-Agenda Items** (available each morning)
- 11. **Old Business** (*Chair*)
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14. Closing Comments

15. Adjourn (*Chair*)

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