



Federal Subsistence Board Meeting Advisory



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Federal Subsistence Board to Hold Public Meeting on Fisheries Temporary Special Action Request FSA23-01

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) will hold a public meeting April 19, 2023, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm via teleconference to discuss Fisheries Temporary Special Action Request FSA23-01 regarding salmon fishing closures on the Kanektok River to non-Federally qualified users during June 2023 and June 2024.

Fisheries Temporary Special Action Request FSA23-01, submitted by the Native Village of Kwinhagak, requests the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) to close Federal public waters of the Kanektok River drainage to the harvest of Chinook and Chum salmon except by Federally qualified subsistence users from June 1 through June 30, 2023, and June 1 through June 30, 2024. The request cites that the reasons for the temporary special action request are that Chum Salmon stocks in Western Alaska are in decline with the poorest returns on record, escapement goals throughout the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim region are not being met, and there has been a long period of decline of Chinook Salmon stocks throughout the state. In light of these concerns, the proponent considers that precautionary management actions are necessary due to the lack of available salmon assessment data for the Kanektok River.

Board teleconference meeting information:

April 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (or until the Board completes its business)
Teleconference Toll Free: 888-455-7761
Passcode: 3191392

Public hearings on FSA23-01 were conducted on February 15, 2023, and February 21, 2023.

For more information on fisheries special actions and a link to the fact sheet on FSA23-01, go to:
<https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries-special-actions>

Reasonable Accommodations: The Federal Subsistence Board is committed to providing access to these meetings for all participants. Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. Please make requests to Kayla Mckinney, (907) 786-3880, subsistence@fws.gov, at least 7 business days prior to the meeting you would like to attend to give the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found on the web at www.doi.gov/subsistence or by visiting www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

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