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Results from Federal Subsistence Board Work Session

During their July 26, 2022 work session, the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) discussed and approved Regional Advisory Council (Council) Annual Report Replies and revisions to the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission Community Harvest System framework. The Board received a briefing on Federal fisheries managers and delegations of authority; and a status update regarding the Sitka Kaagwaantaan petition for Secretarial extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The Board discussed the Joint Yukon Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils letter to the Board on salmon bycatch and approved to forward Councils concerns to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture with a request to communicate with the Secretary of Commerce to address salmon migratory lifecycles and bycatch holistically.

The Board also approved Wildlife Temporary Special Action Request WSA22-02 to close Dall sheep hunting on Federal public lands in Units 24A and 26B, west of the Sagavanirktok River to all users for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 wildlife regulatory years. The Board approved WSA22-02 due to serious declines in the Dall sheep populations in these areas, which indicate any additional harvest is unsustainable and in deference to the Western Interior Alaska and North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils.

In addition to the public work session, the Board held an executive session on July 27, 2022. The purpose of this meeting was to engage in attorney-client communications and discuss the Board's recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on the Regional Advisory Council appointments. Executive sessions are closed to the public. A summary of the executive session will be made available to the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and, upon request, to the public.

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