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Comments Invited on Proposed Changes to Federal Subsistence Hunting and Trapping Regulations for the 2024-2026 Regulatory Years

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) is accepting written comments through June 30, 2023, on proposed changes to Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations. These proposed changes would affect Federal subsistence seasons, harvest limits, methods and means for the taking of wildlife, and customary and traditional use determinations for the regulatory years July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

In addition, the Board is asking for your comments on existing wildlife closures that will be reviewed by the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Councils) and the Board during this wildlife cycle. These closures are being reviewed to determine whether the original closure justifications for closure continue to apply. Closure review analyses are being addressed by the Councils and the Board in the same manner as regulatory proposal analyses.

The book containing the proposals and wildlife closures is available on the Federal Subsistence Management Program's website at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/proposal/current>. Printed copies will be available by mid-May. You may request a printed copy by contacting the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888.

Comments should reference the specific proposal number or wildlife closure review number and should be emailed to subsistence@fws.gov by June 30, 2023. Those without email access may mail comments to:

Federal Subsistence Board - Attn: Theo Matuskowitz
Office of Subsistence Management
1011 East Tudor Road, MS-121
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In addition to written comments, members of the public are welcome to testify at any fall 2023 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting. The Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils' meeting schedule is available at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions>, or you may call OSM for the dates and locations of meetings. Members of the public can also give testimony at the Board wildlife regulatory meeting in April 2024.

Information about 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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