

Regional Director, Alaska Region
National Park Service
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Dear Regional Director:

This letter delegates specific regulatory authority from the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) to the Alaska Regional Director of the National Park Service (NPS) to adopt individual customary and traditional use (C&T) determinations for those individuals authorized to engage in subsistence uses in a national park or monument, including those holding a NPS subsistence permit issued pursuant to 36 CFR 13.440 and those living within a Resident Zone Community. This delegation only applies to subsistence uses of fish and wildlife in national parks and monuments subject to Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Title VIII jurisdiction.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

1. Delegation: The Alaska Regional Director of the National Park Service, or his/her designated representative, is hereby delegated authority to adopt individual C&T determinations for those individuals issued a NPS §13.440 subsistence permit, or living within a Resident Zone Community, as outlined under the **Scope of Delegation**. Individual C&T is governed by Federal regulation at 36 CFR 242.16, 36 CFR 242.24, 50 CFR 100.16, and 50 CFR 100.24. National Park Service subsistence permits are governed by Federal regulation at 36 CFR 13.440.

2. Authority: This delegation of authority is established pursuant to 36 CFR 242.10(d)(6) and 50 CFR 100.10(d)(6), which allow the Board to delegate certain management decisions to agency field officials within a framework established by the Board. Authority to recognize which rural Alaska areas or communities have customary and traditional subsistence uses of specific fish and wildlife populations is established under 36 CFR 242.10(d)(4)(iii) and 50 CFR 100.10(d)(4)(iii).

3. Scope of Delegation: The regulatory authority hereby delegated is limited to the following authorities within the limits set by regulation at 36 CFR 242.16, 50 CFR 100.16, 36 CFR 242.24, and 50 CFR 100.24:

- To adopt individual C&T determinations for those individuals issued a NPS §13.440 subsistence permit or those living within a Resident Zone Community.

Individual C&T determinations may be issued only to holders of subsistence permits and are limited to national parks and monuments, as described in the Federal regulation at 36 CFR 242.16, 50 CFR 100.16, and 36 CFR 13.440.

4. Effective Period: This delegation of authority is effective from the date of this letter and continues until superseded or rescinded.

5. Guidelines for Delegation: You will become familiar with the requirements for issuing individual C&T determinations. You will develop a process to evaluate individual C&T applications that incorporates the factors exemplifying customary and traditional use, as described at 36 CFR 100.16 and 50 CFR 100.26. You will provide subsistence users in the region a local point of contact to facilitate communication about this process and its requirements.

You will issue decisions and notify C&T applicants in a timely manner. You will notify the Board, the Interagency Staff Committee, the Office of Subsistence Management and the appropriate Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council(s) about new individual C&T determinations, and you will maintain a list of existing individual C&T determinations for each park unit.

6. Support Services: Administrative support will be provided by the Office of Subsistence Management.

Sincerely,

Anthony Christianson
Chair

Enclosures

cc: Federal Subsistence Board
Interagency Staff Committee
Administrative Record