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REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

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WHAT ARE THE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS?

- Established under Title VIII of ANILCA:
 - To advise the Federal Subsistence Board
 - To provide a public forum for the expression of matters related to subsistence
- Chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act
- Composition of each Council:
 - Ten to thirteen members
 - Diverse representation of viewpoints (resource users) on the Councils is required under FACA
 - Goal to insure that 70% of each Council represents subsistence users and 30% commercial sport users



COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Any Alaska resident can apply to serve on a Council.
- Members are appointed for their knowledge and experience regarding all uses.
- Members collectively represent the people of the entire region rather than a particular resource user group, organization, or community.
- All Council members are to uphold the Federal subsistence priority described in Title VIII

An underwater photograph of a river or stream. The water is clear, and sunlight filters through from above, creating shimmering patterns on the water's surface and the rocky riverbed. Several fish are visible, swimming in the water. The overall scene is serene and natural.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Council members must be a resident of the region the Council represents
- Council members typically serve 3-year terms
- Council members must be willing to travel at least two times a year, for 3-5 days at a time to attend Regional Advisory Council meetings
- Council members are volunteers; however, all approved travel and lodging is prepaid, and Council members receive per diem for meals and other expenses



REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL DUTIES

- Submit an annual report to the Board
- Develop regulatory proposals
- Provide a public forum
- Encourage public participation
- Appoint members to NPS Subsistence Resource Commissions

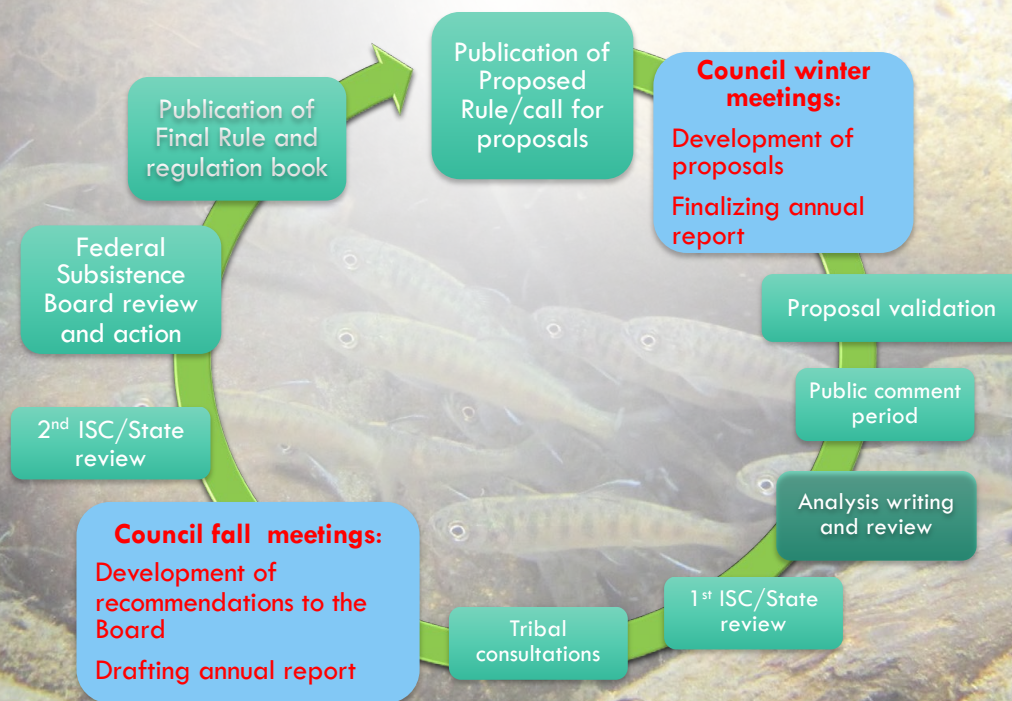
The background of the slide is a photograph of salmon hanging on a wooden rack outdoors. The salmon are arranged in rows, and their skin is a vibrant reddish-orange color. The rack is made of light-colored wood and is set against a backdrop of green grass and trees. The overall scene is bright and natural.

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL DUTIES

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- Councils make recommendations on:
 - Regulatory proposals
 - Closure reviews
 - Special actions
 - Management plans
 - Fisheries monitoring plans
 - Determinations of customary and traditional use of subsistence resources.
 - Determinations of rural status
 - Allocation of subsistence resource when restrictions are needed

ANNUAL REGULATORY PROCESS





FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD MEETING

- Consensus agenda is used when Council, Interagency Staff Committee, and ADF&G agree on a recommended action
- Council recommendations and additional information presented during deliberations by Council chairman
- Time provided for Council chairmen to discuss other issues

DEFERENCE TO THE COUNCILS ON PROPOSALS

- Section 805(c) indicates that the Board may choose not to follow a Council recommendation, if it is:
 1. Not supported by substantial evidence
 2. Violates recognized principles of fish and wildlife management
 3. Is detrimental to satisfaction of subsistence needs
- Council recommendations on crossover proposals do not always agree

An underwater photograph of a fish, possibly a trout, swimming near a rocky riverbed. A human hand is visible, reaching towards the fish. The water is clear, and sunlight filters through from above, creating a dappled light effect on the rocks and the fish's scales.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONDUCT

- ✓ Be responsive to your Council Coordinator
 - Let Coordinator know best way to contact you
 - Be responsive to communications
- ✓ Act as liaison to your communities
 - Help get the word to your community
 - Bring information/concerns to meetings



COUNCIL MEMBER CONDUCT

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- ✓ Be respectful, courteous and fair both at public meetings and at all other times
- ✓ Unruly members can be removed from meeting
 - Continued violations are grounds for removal from the Council
- ✓ Attend all Council meetings
 - Be on time and remain for entire meeting
 - Two unexcused absences are grounds for removal from Council



QUESTIONS?