



Federal Subsistence Board

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Raymond Oney, Chair
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta
Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
1011 East Tudor Road, M/S 121
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199

Dear Mr. Oney:

Thank you for bringing to the attention of the Federal Subsistence Board the issue of Council member reimbursement for excess phone and internet expenses incurred during Council meetings held via teleconference. The Office of Subsistence Management has reviewed the policies regarding Council member reimbursement and would like to provide your Council with information on the types of expenses that may be reimbursed and the documentation necessary to receive reimbursement.

When Council meetings are held virtually, Council members may be reimbursed for internet or phone charges that are in excess of their normal bill. Council members who have internet or cellular plans that charge a flat monthly fee that they pay regardless of Council meetings cannot be reimbursed their normal charges. In order for Council members to receive reimbursement for excess charges, they need to submit a copy of their bill that covers the time period during which the virtual Council meeting took place and indicate the excess charges for attending the virtual meeting. Council members can submit this information to their Council Coordinator or mail their bills to the Office of Subsistence Management at 1011 E. Tudor Road, Mail Stop 121, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. This applies to all past meetings beginning from the winter 2020 meeting cycle that took place virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic and any future meetings that may be held virtually.

The Federal Subsistence Board appreciates your Council's active involvement in the Federal Subsistence Management Program and the dedication of Council members to resource stewardship on Federal public lands in Alaska. If you have any further questions regarding Council member reimbursements, please contact Brooke McDavid, Council Coordinator, at (907) 891-9181 or brooke_mcdavid@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Christianson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anthony Christianson, Chair
Federal Subsistence Board

cc: Federal Subsistence Board
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