

Regional Advisory Council Annual Reports – 2019 Duplicate Issues

| Council/Issue | Climate Change | Requests for data and/or research | FRMP program | Youth and/or education | Forming a working group or a subcommittee | RAC vacancies/ appointments and EO on FACA committees | Geographic and age membership balance on RACs | Agency reports |
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| Southeast | | X | | X | | | | |
| Southcentral | X | | X | | X | X | | |
| Kodiak/Aleutians | | X | X | X | X | X | | X |
| Bristol Bay | X | X | | | X | X | | X |
| Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta | X | X | | | | | X | |
| Western Interior | | | | | | | | |
| Seward Peninsula | X | X | | | | | | |
| Northwest Arctic | | X | | X | | | | |
| Eastern Interior | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X |
| North Slope | X | | X | | | X | X | |

Climate Change –

- SC talks about necessity to monitor impacts of heat and the resulting increased water temperatures on fish mortality and increase in the types and numbers of parasites and their impact on wildlife populations
- BB talks about how climate change affect the environment of the finfish and wildlife populations and requests assessing the influence of climate change on spawning beds and marine water environments
- YKD talks about climate change impacts to subsistence fish, wildlife, and habitat, as well as to subsistence activities, travel, and access to resources, and also requests continued research and information to address and mitigate climate change impacts; SP talks about climate induced impacts to subsistence resources
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- EI requests documentation of and more information on climate change and historical comparison of climate change trends
- NS talks about environmental change impacts to healthy subsistence resources and management strategies to address subsistence food security

Requests for data and/or research –

- SE is actually not requesting any research but providing information of fish and wildlife resources in southeast to the Board
- KA requesting annual surveys of Adak Island caribou and also requesting to share NOAA's research findings in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea with all 10 RACs
- BB would like to see collaboration of local agencies to conduct baseline studies on how climate change has affected Mulchatna caribou and moose populations. BB additionally requests an investigation to develop survey or study methods on invasive species in the region. BB requests that Federal and State managers begin investigating why the Sockeye Salmon are returning in low numbers.
- YKD requests continued research and information to address and mitigate climate change impacts and informational updates on marine environments integral to subsistence;
- SP requests researchers collect data on toxins in the environment in the Seward Peninsula Region and alert locals of any dangerous chemicals found in their food sources;
- NWA requests information on the evaluation of current and anticipated subsistence needs for fish and wildlife within the region and project area, including, but not limited to, moose, and sheep;
- EI requests documentation of and more information on climate change and historical comparison of climate change trends

FRMP program –

- SC would like to see project proposals for Copper River Coho Salmon to be submitted to FRMP
- KA requesting to maintain FRMP full funding and requests an evaluation of the FRMP project selection process
- EI requests funding for small projects in the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program and requests to include environmental monitoring component into FRMP
- NS seeks to work with FRMP to address critical subsistence fisheries research needs in the North Slope Region.

Youth and/or education –

- SE reports to the Board about successful Sitka high school students engagement through a Procedures and Practicum Class, which introduces the Federal Subsistence Management Program to students and hopes that FSMP can make some funds available for this type of activities.
- KA seeking educational opportunities for Council members, including underscoring the benefits of 2016 All-Council meeting
- NWA requests support for the development of a youth education program to provide training for greater participation in the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and the Federal regulatory process
- EI requesting continuation of the hunter ethics and education initiative and dialog with rural communities, as well as EI requests leadership training

Forming a working group or subcommittee –

- SC requesting to form a working group to research recurring issues related to hunting moose and caribou on Federal public lands in Unit 13. (if State initiates that is OK)
- KA formed a working group to begin a dialogue with impacted communities and user group and looking for Board's support and funding
- BB wants to form a working group involving stakeholders to help inform management about the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. YKD and WI Councils expressed interest in a similar working group as well.
- EI requests to form a subcommittee to work on Arctic Village Sheep Management Area issues

RAC vacancies/ appointments and EO on FACA committees –

- SC is concerned about the impacts of the Executive Order on Evaluation and Improving the Utility of Federal Advisory Committees, dated June 14, 2019.
- KA requests clarification on how the alternate appointment process will work to fill vacancies on the Council and is concerned about a significant reduction in number of seated members in 2020 on all RACs
- NS is growing increasingly concerned regarding multiple vacant seats on the Council and the lack of appointments to fill these seats.

Geographic and age membership balance on RACs –

- YKD talks about importance of appointing more Yukon River and coastal representatives for balanced membership on the Council
- EI requests greater geographical and wide range of age representation on the Council
- NS would like to have member representatives from each of the eight villages in the North Slope Region

Agency reports –

- KA would like to receive agency reports in time to be able to read them before the meeting
- BB would like to see Tribal reports to be included in the Council meeting materials
- EI requests receiving AC materials in time for the Council meetings