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Federal Subsistence Board holds summer work session

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) held a work session on August 7, 2018. During the session, the Board approved, with minor modifications, Regional Advisory Council Annual Report Replies, and accepted revisions to a wildlife delegation of authority letter, giving the in-season manager in Unit 2 authority to close, reopen, or adjust the Federal hunting and trapping season for wolves. The Board heard presentations on the status of the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program proposal process and pending Federal subsistence regulations.

The Board also discussed a proposed community harvest system for the Ahtna Inter-Tribal Resource Commission (AITRC), originally associated with WP18-19 and deferred by the Board at its April 2018 public regulatory meeting. After hearing from AITRC and Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) staff, the Board agreed to convene a meeting between AITRC, the affected Federal agencies, and OSM to further discuss possible resolutions to AITRC's proposal which would meet requirements of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Title VIII) and implementing regulations.

Additionally, during an executive session, the Board discussed Regional Advisory Council nominations and recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture for their appointments. Appointments are expected in December 2018.

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