

Alaska Lands Update

monthly updates on Federal management
actions for the people of Alaska

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
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Subsistence Uses of Horns, Antlers, Bones and Plants

The National Park Service is proposing to allow subsistence collecting of shed or discarded animal parts (horns, antlers and bones) and plants, to make

wildlife or fish, or parts or products thereof, such as antlers or nests."

The environmental assessment was developed to evaluate alternatives for



managing collections of plants and inedible animal parts from naturally shed (including natural mortality) or discarded (from hunters) for subsistence uses by qualified local rural residents. The NPS goal is to authorize these uses in a manner to prevent or minimize adverse impacts to other park resources, values, and uses. To allow for review and comment on this proposal, the NPS

has posted all documents on their Planning, Environmental and Public Comment site located at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=1&projectID=35955&documentID=45478>.
For more information on this proposal please contact Sandy Rabinowitch, Project Manager at 907-644-3596 or Sandy.Rabinowitch@nps.gov, or Bud Rice, NEPA Manager 907-644-3530 or Bud.Rice@nps.gov ♦

handicrafts for personal or family uses, for barter, or to sell by qualified local rural residents in Alaska National Park System units where subsistence is allowed. The NPS is considering this action because Alaska rural residents asked the NPS to consider allowing these collection activities in ANILCA units with subsistence provisions. Currently the NPS national regulations prohibit the "Possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing from its natural state any living or dead

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The Citizen's Advisory Commission of Federal Areas

will hold it's next meeting in

Juneau,
February 24 & 25,

Room 17, Transportation Comm. Rm
- 1st floor of the Capitol Building.

Please contact Staff for additional information.

The National Parks Service to Hold Subsistence Resource Commission Meetings in Six Alaskan Parks

The National Parks Service has announced upcoming meetings of the Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) for six Alaskan Park units: Aniakchak, Wrangell-St. Elias, Denali, Cape Krusenstern, Kobuk Valley and Lake Clark. All meetings are open to the public and will have time allocated for public testimony. The public is welcome to present written or oral comments to the SRC. These meetings will be recorded and meeting minutes will be available upon request from the park superintendent approximately six weeks after the meeting. If any of the meeting dates and



locations are changed, a notice will be published in local newspapers and announced on local radio stations prior to the meeting date.

Aniakchak National Monument SRC will meet at the Chignik Lake Community Hall in Chignik Lake, Alaska, (907) 442-3890, on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. or until business is completed. For additional meeting information

contact: Ralph Moore, Superintendent at (907) 246-3305 or Mary McBurney, Subsistence Manager at (907) 235-7891 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, NPS Alaska Regional Office, at (907) 644-3603. If you are interested in applying for Aniakchak National Monument SRC membership contact the Superintendent at P.O. Box 7, King Salmon, AK 99613, (907) 246-3305, or visit the park Website at: <http://www.nps.gov/ania/contacts.htm>.

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park SRC will meet at the Slana Community Hall (4 Mile Road, north of the junction with the Nabesna Road), on Monday, February 27, 2012. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. On February 28, 2012, the commission will reconvene and meet from 9 a.m. until business is completed. For additional meeting information contact: Rick Obernesser, Superintendent or Barbara Cellarius, Subsistence Manager at (907) 822-5234 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, NPS Alaska Regional Office, at

(907) 644-3603. If you are interested in applying for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park SRC membership, contact the Superintendent at P.O. Box 439, Copper Center, AK 99573 (907) 822-5234, or visit the park Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/wrst/contacts.htm>.

Denali National Park SRC will meet at the Nord Haven Lodge, Mile 249.5 Parks Highway, Healy, Alaska, (907) 683-4500, on Thursday, February (Continued on page 4)

Commission Members

Representative Wes Keller, Wasilla
Chairman - (H)
Mark Fish, Anchorage
Vice Chairman - (G)
Rod Arno, Palmer (S)
Executive Committee
Charlie Lean, Nome (G)
Executive Committee
Mike Meekin, Palmer (H)
Senator Linda Menard, Wasilla (S)
Warren Olson, Anchorage (S)
Colleen Richards, Anchorage (G)
Ron Somerville, Juneau (H)
Susan Smith, Chokosna (G)
Alex Tarnai, Tanana (G)
Frank Woods, Dillingham (G)

(S) SENATE APPOINTMENT

(H) HOUSE APPOINTMENT

(G) GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

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www.dnr.alaska.gov/commis/cacfa

AS 41.37.160 The Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska is established in the department [Natural Resources]. In the exercise of its responsibilities, the commission shall consider the views of citizens of the state and officials of the state.

BLM-Alaska to hold "tweetchat" on 2012 Iditarod

The Bureau of Land Management will be hosting a Twitter #tweetchat to discuss the 2012 Iditarod National Historic Trail and its centennial. Musher Dan Seavey and BLM Iditarod National Historic Trail Coordinator Kevin Keeler @BLMAlaska will host the #tweetchat on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. AKST (10 a.m.-12 p.m. PST/ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. MST/ 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. CST/ 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. EST). **Tag with #iditarodnht2012**

The 2012 Iditarod marks the 40th running of Iditarod on the centennial trail. The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance is sponsoring a "Centennial Musher," Dan Seavey, to highlight the history of the trail, the importance of the communities along the trail, and the importance of stewardship. Dan Seavey has been a steward of the Iditarod Trail and mushed in the first Iditarod in 1973.

During the #tweetchat, Seavey and Keeler will answer questions about the Iditarod Trail and dog mushing on BLM-Alaska land. Members of the public are invited to follow the #tweetchat on www.twitter.com/BLMAlaska with the hashtag #iditarodnht2012. Questions can be submitted to the BLM in advance by email at blmalaska@blm.gov or via direct message on Twitter.com/BLMAlaska.

To learn more about the Iditarod and dog mushing, visit: <http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/nlcs/iditarod.html>.

(A Twitter #tweetchat is a pre-arranged chat that happens on Twitter through the use of tweets that include a predefined hashtag to link those tweets together in a virtual conversation.) ♦

National Parks Service Compendiums Open for Comment thru February 15, 2012

Alaska's National Parks invite the public to comment on their annual compendium process. The compendium is a compilation of all designations, closures and restrictions imposed under discretionary authority within the regulations covering national parks.

Compendiums are a tool to help manage Alaska's national parks; as part of the park-related regulations, they help provide for the enjoyment, use and protection of national parks.

A copy of each park's proposed compendium for the 2012 season is available at http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/proposed_compendiums.cfm as is a link to email comments.

Comments will be accepted by mail or e-mail through February 15. Comments are welcome at any time in addition to this timeframe, but comments received after February 15 will be considered in future compendium revisions. ♦



Agency Websites:

National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/state/ak/index.htm>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

<http://alaska.fws.gov/>

U.S. Forest Service - Region 10, Alaska

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/>

Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en.html>

Department of the Interior

<http://www.doi.gov/>

National Marine Fisheries Service

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

Secretary Salazar Appoints Two Public Members to the Federal Subsistence Board

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced on January 27, 2012 the appointment of two public members to the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB). The new members are Anthony Christianson of Hydaburg and Charles Brower of Barrow. Following a review of the federal subsistence program in 2010 the Secretaries had recommended that the FSB be expanded to include additional public members representing rural subsistence users. The Board currently consists of a public Chair and five directors of Alaska federal agencies.

Mr. Christianson and Mr. Brower are life-long Alaskans with deep personal knowledge and experience with subsistence. In the review Secretary Salazar asked the Board and the Department to take a number of actions, including the appointment of two additional public Board members "to provide a more responsive, more effective subsistence program." The Secretary believes that these appointments will go far in bringing increased knowledge of subsistence users and uses to the decision-making process of the Board.

Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack strongly supports the selection of Mr. Christianson and Mr. Brower for service on the Federal Subsistence Board stating that "Their records of leadership and experience will bring important insight to the work of the Board and represents a new chapter in the working relationship between the federal government and the people of rural Alaska."

Mr. Anthony Christianson is a life-long resident of Southeast Alaska and currently serves as Natural Resource Director for the Hydaburg Cooperative Association, a federally recognized tribal entity. He also serves as Mayor of the City of Hydaburg.

Mr. Charles Brower is a life-long resident of Barrow, Alaska, and currently serves as Special Assistant to the Vice President of the Ukpeakvik Inupiat Corporation, the Barrow village corporation. Mr. Brower has served on a number of wildlife commissions including the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council, the Alaska Nanuuq (polar bear) Commission, and the Eskimo Walrus Commission. ♦



USFS Planning Rule Programmatic EIS Released

The Forest Service has announced the release of its final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the new Planning Rule. Since starting this process in December 2009 the USFS has held over 63 public meetings across the country and received over 325,000 comments.

After receiving and considering many comments on the draft EIS and proposed rule, the Forest Service developed Modified Alternative A as the preferred alternative. The preferred alternative includes the same concepts and underlying principles as the proposed rule, with a number of changes

to rule text and organization in response to public comments. The preferred alternative reflects the diversity of input the Forest Service received throughout the rulemaking process from the public, Tribes, scientists, and all parts of the Agency.

The Under Secretary of Agriculture will review the alternatives in the PEIS and issue a final rule and record of decision in February 2012; and there will be more opportunities for the public to continue to contribute to the planning process once a final rule is issued. Additionally, the USFS will be developing directives to provide more specific di-

Subsistence Resource Commission Meetings

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23, 2012. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. or until business is completed. Should a quorum of members not be available on Thursday, February 23, 2012, the commission will meet at the Nord Haven Lodge on Saturday, February 25, 2012. This meeting will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. For additional meeting information contact: Philip Hooge, Assistant Superintendent, or Amy Craver, Subsistence Manager at (907) 683-2294 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, NPS Alaska Regional Office, at (907) 644-

cagr/contacts.htm.

Kobuk Valley National Park SRC will meet at the National Park Service Northwest Arctic Heritage Center, 171 Third Avenue in Kotzebue, Alaska, (907) 442-3890, on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. or until business is completed. For additional meeting information contact: Frank Hays, Superintendent, or Willie Goodwin, Subsistence Community Liaison, at (907) 442-3890 or Ken Adkison, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 443-

2522 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, NPS Alaska Regional Office, at (907) 644-3603. If you are interested in applying for Kobuk Valley National Park SRC membership, contact the Superintendent at P.O. Box 1029, Kotzebue, AK 99752, (907) 442-3890, or visit the park Web site at: [http://www.nps.gov/kova/](http://www.nps.gov/kova/contacts.htm)

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Lake Clark National Park SRC will meet at the National Park Service Visitor's Center, Port Alsworth, Alaska, (907) 781-2218, on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. or until business is completed. For additional meeting information contact: Joel Hard, Superintendent, at (907) 644-3626 or Mary McBurney, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 235-7891 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, NPS Alaska Regional Office, at (907) 644-3603. If you are interested in applying for Lake Clark National Park SRC membership contact the Superintendent at 240 W. 5th Ave. Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 644-3626, or visit the park Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/lacl/contacts.htm>. ♦

3603. If you are interested in applying for Denali National Park SRC membership contact the Superintendent at P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, AK 99755, (907) 683-2294, or visit the park Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/dena/contacts.htm>.

Cape Krusenstern National Monument SRC will meet at the National Park Service Northwest Arctic Heritage Center, 171 Third Avenue in Kotzebue, Alaska, (907) 442-3890, on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. or until business is completed. For additional meeting information contact: Frank Hays, Superintendent or Willie Goodwin, Subsistence Community Liaison, at (907) 442-3890 or Ken Adkison, Subsistence Manager at (907) 443-2522 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, NPS Alaska Regional Office, at (907) 644-3603. If you are interested in applying for Cape Krusenstern National Monument SRC membership contact the Superintendent at P.O. Box 1029, Kotzebue, AK 99752, (907) 442-3890, or visit the park Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/>



USFS Planning Rule

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rection on how to consistently implement the new rule, and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the directives before they're finalized.

The PEIS and more information can be found at the Planning Rule website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule>

The USFS is also forming a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) committee. The FACA committee will work to incorporate lessons learned and best practices into the planning process and provide advice on the development of the directives. Nomination application forms can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/planningrule/faca>. The 45-day nomination period closes February 21, 2012. ♦

