

Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

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In Reply Refer to
OSM 23140

John Wood, Chair
Alaska Board of Fisheries
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Dear Chair Wood:

During the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's (Council) fall 2023 public meeting held on October 3–4, the Council developed the following position and comment on Proposal 8 that will be taken up by the Alaska Board of Fisheries at its Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting from November 28–December 3, 2023.

The Council represents subsistence harvesters of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in the Southcentral Alaska Region. The Councils were established by the authority in Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Section 805 of ANILCA and the Council's charter establishes the Council's authority to initiate, review and evaluate proposals for regulations, policies, management plans, and other matters related to subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region. The Council also reviews resource management actions occurring outside their regions that may impact subsistence resources critical to communities served by the Council. The Council provides a forum for the expression of opinions and recommendations regarding any matter related to the subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region.

Proposal 8**Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay.**

The Council **supports Proposal 8**. The Council supports the local subsistence users request to modify regulations that the community does not feel is working for them. The Council is also supportive of the local Advisory Council and community seeking to find compromise in this new regulation between users.

Thank you for your consideration of our position and comments. Any questions regarding this letter can be addressed directly to me or through our Subsistence Council Coordinator Nissa Pilcher at (907) 455-8147 or nissa_batespilcher@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Greg Encelewski, Chair

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