

Central Bering Sea Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Notice of Undesignated Seat Elections

2 Undesignated Seats Available

Election Details

Date: October 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Format: Zoom/Teleconference

CALL 1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 822 1930 4854 **Passcode:** CBS; * if calling in press # instead

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82219304854?pwd=uTleRzSj5EJwGSviQrMbiDMEdUKkDI.1>

**Please note: Weather conditions may delay the election. A quorum of the Advisory Committee must be present for the election to proceed. Members are traveling in for the meeting, and unexpected conditions could affect timing.*

Who Can Nominate and Vote

- Any voting-age resident of the area served by the Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee may make nominations and vote. Coastal Villages in the YK delta from Platinum to Kipnuk.
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Candidate Qualifications

Candidates must:

- Have knowledge and experience with the fish and wildlife resources in the area.
 - Have a reputation within the community consistent with Advisory Committee responsibilities.
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Important Notes

- The committee may not reject nominations for undesignated seats if membership is less than the number authorized by the Joint Board.
- Elected members may **immediately be seated** and participate in the meeting following the election.

About Advisory Committees

Advisory Committees provide a local forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendations on matters related to fish and wildlife resources. Members engage with ADF&G and other agencies to discuss issues, develop and evaluate regulatory proposals, and represent their communities before the Boards of Fisheries and Game.



For information or to give a nomination contact:
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Central Bering Sea Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday & Friday, October 8th & 9th

Draft Agenda

By Phone: 1(253)215-8782

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Participant ID: CBS

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82219304854?pwd=uTleRzSj5EJwGSviQrMbiDMEdUKkDL.1>

Call to order: *Chair, Jacqueline Cleveland*

Chevak: Stan Atchak		Nightmute: Charlie Anthony or Nick Tom Jr.	
Chefornak: Tommy Kusaiak		Platinum: Janet Bavilla	
Goodnews Bay: vacant		Quinhagak: Jacqueline Cleveland	
Kipnuk: David Carl		Toksook Bay: Joe Asuluk Sr.	
Kwigillingok: vacant		Tununak:	
Mekoryuk: vacant		Kongiginak: vacant	
Newtok: Stanley Tom			
Undesignated:		Undesignated:	

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- II. Undesignated Seat Elections – Board Support will lead elections
- III. Welcome and Introductions:
 - a. ADFG:
 - b. Other Agency Staff:
 - c. Members of the public who would like to introduce themselves.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Comments to Board of Fisheries; 2.19-20.2026
- VI. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports
 - ii. Wildlife Reports
 - iii. Board Support Section Reports
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business –
 - a. Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Proposals – see chart

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region
Meeting Proposals
January 23-26, 2027 | Kotzebue, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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54	Extend the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Moratorium for an additional Three (3) years.		
55	Establish a subsistence registration permit hunt for caribou in the Cape Newenham and Goodnews Bay region.		
56	Allow the take of caribou from a motor driven boat in GMU 18		
57	Lengthen the resident only registration moose hunt RM620 in Unit 18 by two weeks to end October 15.		
58	Modify the RM615 hunt boundary description		
59	Create a Draw Hunt for Youth hunters from the ages of 10-17 in Unit 18 Zone 1 with season dates of August 1 to August 15.		
60	Move Unit 18, Zone 1 hunt boundary.		
61	Create a Lower Yukon River Management Area within GMU 18		
62	Establish the Andreafski Wilderness Controlled Use Area (CUA) within Unit 18 and restrict the use of aircraft in the new CUA.		

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63	Lengthen the resident moose hunting season in GMU 18 remainder to open July 16.		
64	Shorten the non-resident fall moose hunting season in GMU 18 remainder to open Sept. 10.		
65	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
66	Restrict the sale of moose antlers in Unit 18, unless naturally shed or used in handicraft		
67	Limit the sale of moose antlers in unit 18 to only those that are naturally shed.		
68	Upon harvested moose or at time of kill, a portion of the antler must be sawed off to destroy the trophy value.		
69	Allow the take of moose from a motor driven boat in GMU 18.		
70	Modify the Musk Ox hunts DX001 and DX003 resident and nonresident allocations.		
71	Modify Musk Ox hunts DX001 and DX003 to resident only hunts.		
72	Limit the Non-Resident permit allocation for the Unit 18 Muskox drawing hunt DX001, to "up to" 10% of the available permits.		

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73			Limit the Non-Resident permit allocation for the Unit 18 Muskox drawing hunt DX003, to "Up To" 10% of the available permits.
74			Change the location of Nelson Island muskox registration permit availability to reflect the change from Newtok to Mertarvik.
75			Open a mainland musk oxen hunt in Unit 18
76			Add muskoxen in Unit 18 to game that is allowed to be taken by proxy hunt
77			Amend Bear baiting in Unit 18 to two seasons July 1 - Oct 31 /Apr 1 - Jun 30.
78			Allow the use of cellular trail cameras for spring bearbaiting in unit 18.
79			Increase the wolf harvest limit in GMU 18 from 10 to 15 wolves.
80			Increase the coyote hunting bag limit in GMU 18 from 2 to 4 coyotes and extend the hunting season to Aug. 15 – May 31.
81			Allow the use a motorized boat under power to position a hunter for a shot on a beaver in a river, lake, or pond in GMU 18.

- X. OSM request **WSA26-05**, to open federal public lands in portions of Units 17A and 18 for caribou hunting in the Cape Pierce area
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Kotzebue, January 23rd-26th
- XII. Set next meeting date
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee Membership Roster

Name	Title	Designated Seat	Term Expiration
<i>Tommy Kusaia</i>		Chefornak	06/2019
Vacant		Chefornak alternate	
<i>Stan M Atchak</i>	Secretary	Chevak	06/2024
Vacant		Chevak Alternate	
Vacant		Goodnews Bay	
Vacant		Goodnews Bay alternate	
David K. Carl		Kipnuk	06/2026
Jimmie Paul		Kipnuk Alternate	06/2019
Vacant		Kongiganak	06/2019
Vacant		Kongiganak alternate	
<i>Johnny Friend</i>		Kwigillingok	06/2022
Vacant		Kwigillingok alternate	
Vacant		Mekoryuk	
Vacant		Mekoryuk Alternate	
Stanley Tom		Newtok	06/2028
George Tom		Newtok Alternate	06/2028
Charlie Anthony		Nightmute	06/2027
Nick Tom Jr.		Nightmute Alternate	06/2027
Janet Bavilla	Vice-chair	Platinum	06/2028
		Platinum Alternate	06/2028
Jacqueline Cleveland	Chair	Quinhagak	06/2027
Edward Mark		Quinhagak Alternate	06/2027
Joe Asuluk Sr.		Toksook Bay	06/2025
Vacant		Toksook Bay Alternate	06/2020
<i>Susie Walter</i>		Tununak	06/2021
<i>Anthony T. Angiak</i>		Tununak Alternate	06/2021
Vacant		Undesignated	06/2029
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13 Designated Seats + 2 Undesignated Seats, 15 Seats total

**Central Bering Sea Advisory
Committee Meeting 02/20/2026**

The Central Bering Sea AC met on February 19th and 20th.

A quorum was reached with 9 members present out of 10.

Members present: Jacqueline Cleveland (Quinhagak), Janet Bavilla (Platinum), Stan Atchak (Chevak), Tommy Kusaia (Chefornak), David Carl (Kipnuk), Johnny Friend (Kwigillingok), Stanley Tom (Newtok/Mertarvik), Joe Asuluk Sr. (Toksook Bay), and Susie Walter (Tununak)

**Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and
Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals**

March 17 – 21, 2026 | Anchorage, AK

175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration
Oppose Unanimous	Janet Bavilla made a motion, 2 nd by Susie. Our Ancestors were innovative and came up with our own tools that worked for different areas. In some areas, we tie the net to the boat and it prevents loss of our equipment. This method is a way to go after species that are abundant while avoiding those species that are not.

Approved by: Jacqueline Cleveland via telephone

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<u>Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish Meeting Proposals</u>			
February 18-24, 2026 Anchorage, AK			
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127	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear. David Carl, Joe Asuluk		
Support Unanimous	Much different discussion about the fishing areas in the South Unimak and Shumagin fishing area. Our ancestors knew everything about o David Carl support the motion, Seconded by Joseph Asuluk. All in favor of the motion. Motion carried. While some members sympathize with the Area M fishermen because it is their commercial fishing job they are taking fish from all over and they don't have the same kind of triggers we do and they are taking from fish in the ocean and they don't even know where the fish they are catching are coming from and it should not be only our areas that need to sacrifice. Our ancestors knew everything about land and water because they lived in the front lines and on the land. The land and water must be respected, since life exists in these places and life we depend on. It is considered unwritten law. Our law is often considered anecdotal, but our professors and scientists were our ancestors. This fishery takes a lot of fish in the path towards was. We do not know the best window, but this proposal would still allow them to fish before and after. Gill nets can't release, this proposal says both. Genetic data says at least some come here. Many people in our area can't even get even a taste.		

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			Janet Bavilla is hesitant to close the subsistence fishery in this area and worries this proposal would do that. Joe Asuluk stated– “I wish Paul John, Francis Charlie, [and others] were here. It’s like we forgot. They would say we forgot that we are not always going to be around and this is for future generations. The seiners need supervision. ...__ What about us and our people?
128			Adopt chum, coho and king salmon catch thresholds that trigger time and area closures to conserve Koyukuk River salmon
Support – Unanimous			Johnny Friend makes a motion to support the proposal, Seconded by Tommy Kusaiak. All in favor of the motion. Motion carried. The proposal means well and it’s understand that the biologists can’t manage, but they do need to have thresholds that they need to meet because they could have a record run and take most of them, they just take as many as they can. Some are honest and try not to hurt any chum, but because they don’t run it like any other fishery in AK. These are salmon that go all over. And because it’s managed every 3 years this will go another 3 years. Another 3 years of salmon loss. If the Board does not support a 10-day closure, we are in support of this one cause it creates some kind of trigger. And even so far away it makes sense to help them because they eat what we eat. Tommy Kusaiak said– Remember David Bill and the goal or dream to invite people from Scammon Bay all the way to Bristol Bay to guard the ocean from all this. But because David Bill said in a position like this we aren’t always heard. But in the end it’s up to Board of Fish. When we go home, we should talk to our councils and get resolutions to present to the Board in person Scammon Bay to Bristol Bay. If we unite as a coast and consistently ask for things in person maybe we will be heard. .
129			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time
Support Unanimous			Joe Asuluk support the motion, Seconded by Johnny Friendly . All in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Janet – would support if the 10-day closure would not work. The ONC proposal may close the fishery entirely, but this one would not and she thinks that BOF would be more likely to support short closures rather than long.

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131			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine and drift gillnet gear
Support Unanimous			Johnny Friendmake a motion of support, Seconded by Tommy Kusaiak. All in favor of the motion. Motion carried. They should follow ancestors saying not to gather that which are not meant for us. For them it is not their food, so it is not for them to chuck it or waste it. But if they do that the best thing to do is just close it altogether if that is what they are doing once they start catching people doing that. Joe – When I hear about chum chucking. Once he saw a man fined for wanton waste when there was just a scrape of meat left on the hide and they charged him \$500. But not punished in Area M? Janet stated – this proposal targets commercial and doesn't mention subsistence, so would support

WILDLIFE SPECIAL ACTION REQUEST

WSA26-05: Cape Pierce Caribou

What is WSA26-05, Cape Pierce Caribou?

A member of the public submitted a Special Action request (WSA26-05) to the Federal Subsistence Board (Board), requesting the opening of federal public lands in a portion of Units 17A and 18 for caribou hunting in the Cape Pierce Area, limiting the hunt to federally qualified residents of Togiak, Twin Hills, Goodnews Bay, and Platinum, April 1-30, with a bag limit of one. The Board will consider this request at their regulatory meeting in February 2027.

Special Actions are temporary changes to Federal subsistence hunting or fishing regulations (requested and enacted at any point throughout the year), taken when unusual situations arise, such as a significant change in resource abundance. For temporary special actions, a public hearing is held for public comment, and the Board consults with the Chair(s) of affected Regional Advisory Council(s) and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. If issued, a Temporary Special Action may last more than 60 days and up to 2 years or until the end of the current relevant fish or wildlife regulatory cycle. More: www.doi.gov/subsistence/faqs.

Public Input

A public hearing to receive testimony on WSA26-05 is scheduled for October 27, 2026. Comments received during the public hearing will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Tribal/ANCSA Consultations will be held immediately prior to the Federal Subsistence Board meeting in February 2027 or upon request.

Additional public input opportunities are listed to the right.



Opportunities for Engagement

Provide Feedback to Regional Advisory Councils (fall 2026)

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Oct. 27 - 29
Bristol Bay, Oct. 28 - 29

For more information visit:
www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions

Participate in a Public Hearing

October 27, 2026
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Via teleconference (toll-free):
(833) 436-1163;
Passcode: 645 751 424#
Or via Microsoft Teams:
<https://bit.ly/3TjZC43>

Request a Tribal or ANCSA Consultation

Orville Lind, OSM Native Liaison
907-538-5533 or
orville_lind@ios.doi.gov

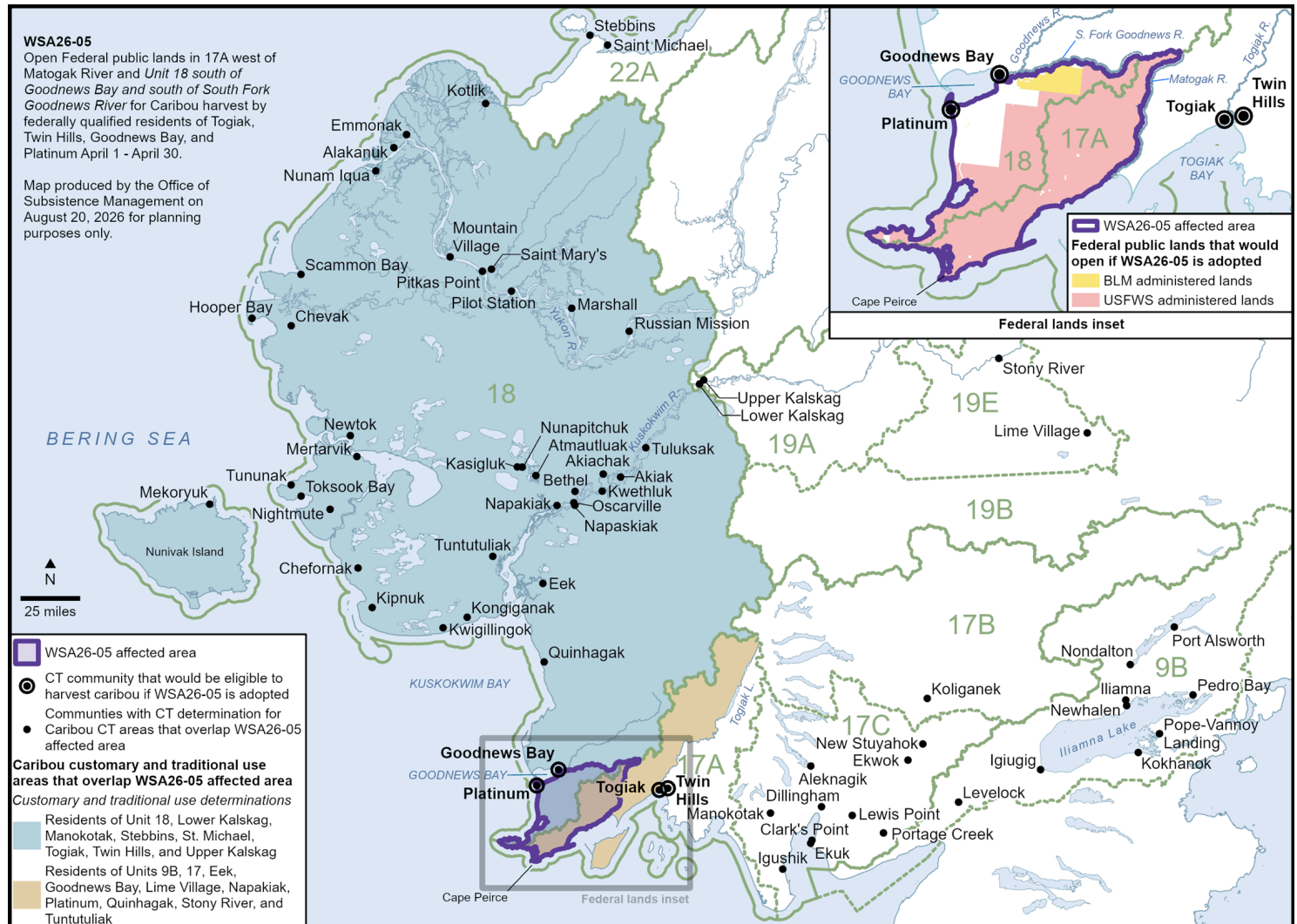
Provide Public Testimony to the Federal Subsistence Board

TBD during Feb. 2-5, 2027 meeting
Anchorage or virtual



What happens next?

Office of Subsistence Management staff will write an analysis, incorporating any data and comments provided by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the recommendations of the Regional Advisory Councils as well as summaries of comments received during the public hearing, and any Tribal consultations. The final analysis will be available at least one week prior to the Board's February 2-5, 2027 meeting at: <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/upcoming-federal-subsistence-board-meetings>. The Board will take final action on this request during the meeting, and a bulletin will communicate their decision.



Map 1. Federal public lands that would open if WSA26-05 is adopted.

For more information, Contact:

Office of Subsistence Management

(907) 786-3888 or (800) 478-1456 / Fax: (907) 786-3898 / Subsistence@ios.doi.gov

Council Coordinators

Bristol Bay: leigh_honig@ios.doi.gov / Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta: brooke_mcdavid@ios.doi.gov



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Request to create a caribou season on Cape Pierce in Unit 17A

Name: Jimmy Coopchiak

Address: Po Box 310 Togiak, AK 99678

Telephone: 907-493-2290

Email: coopchiakjimmy@gmail.com

Organization: Traditional Village of Togiak

Describe the action you are requesting; reference the current regulations you wish to change: open federal public lands in a portion of Unit 17A and Unit 18, for caribou in the Cape Pierce area.

Proposed Federal Regulation

Unit 17A – Caribou

Up to 2 caribou by State registration permit

May be announced
between Aug. 1 and
Mar. 31

One caribou in Unit 17A west of Matogak River

April 1 – April 30

Unit 18 – Caribou

Up to 2 caribou by State registration permit

May be announced
between Aug. 1 and
Mar. 15

One caribou in Unit 17A west of south of Carter Bay drainage

April 1 – April 30

open to federally qualified resident of Togiak, Twin Hills, Goodnews, and Platinum

Justification:

The summer 2026 photo census on Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, west of Togiak and south of Kanektok indicated that the resident caribou herd exceeds 1,400 animals. There were ~270 caribou located on Cape Pierce, and ~600 caribou South Goodnews Bay and West of Togiak.

Table 1. Sex and age composition of Mulchatna caribou in southwest Unit 17A/south Unit 18, 4 October 2022.

					Small	Medium	Large			
	Total				bulls	bulls	bulls	Total	Composition	Estimate
	bulls:	Calves:	Calves	Cows	(% of	(% of	(% of	bulls	sample	of herd
Date	100 cows	100 cows	(%)	(%)	bulls)	bulls)	bulls)	(%)	size	size
4 Oct 2022	44.4	45.9	24.1	52.6	28.8	37.3	33.9	23.3	253	470

Caribou hunting has been closed since 2019 due to the low population of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH). Reopening the hunt will provide increased subsistence opportunities for residents

of Togiak, Twin Hills, Goodnews, and Platinum. Unlike the MCH, this resident herd does not migrate out of the Cape Pierce area, allowing for a sustainable harvest while supporting the traditional use of caribou as an essential food and cultural resource.

Traditional knowledge indicates that this herd remains in the area year-round. This was confirmed in March 2023 when staff from the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game collared caribou, further validating that this is a resident herd.