

58 subsistence meetings planned

Public meetings will be held in 58 Alaska communities, Seattle and Washington, D.C., to take public comment on subsistence uses on federal public lands in Alaska.

The public comment period for written comments is open until Dec. 31 on subsistence in general and until Dec. 10 on the rural/non-rural recommendations for Alaska communities made by the Federal Subsistence Board in September.

The meetings will be conducted by interagency teams from the Alaskan offices of the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Park Service.

Team members will be available for questions and discussion before the meeting. During the meeting a video tape will be shown, and the comments will be sought.

An open house is planned in many of the communities before the meeting.

The federal government assumed the management of subsistence on federal lands in Alaska July 1. This action resulted from a state Supreme Court decision last December which ruled that the laws used by the state to provide a subsistence priority for rural Alaskans violated the Alaska Constitution.

The priority is required on federal lands by Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

Written comments should be addressed to: Chairman, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ATTN: Richard S. Pospahala, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage 99503; telephone, 267-1461.

The first meetings were held last week in Juneau, Tenakee Springs and Petersburg.

Other meeting locations and dates include:

Allakaket, Community Hall, tonight, 7 p.m.

Anaktuvuk Pass, Community Building, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Anchorage, Spenard Recreation Center, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Angoon, Senior Center, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Aniak, Community Center, Nov. 6, 6 p.m.

Arctic Village, Village Office, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.

Barrow, North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers, Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Bethel, Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Cantwell, Community Hall, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.

Chenega, Community Hall, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Chignik, Community Hall, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Cold Bay, City/Municipal Building, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Craig, Council Chamber, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Delta Junction, City Hall, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.

Dillingham, Senior Center, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Eagle, Library, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Egegik, Community Center, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.

Emmonak, Community Hall, Nov. 28, 7 p.m.

Fairbanks, Ryan Junior High School, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Fort Yukon, Native Village of Fort Yukon Building, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.

Galena, Community Center, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Glennallen, High School, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Haines, Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Holy Cross, Community Hall, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.

Homer, Senior Center, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.

Hoonah, City Building, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.

Hooper Bay, Traditional Building, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.

Iliamna, New Halen-Iliamna City Hall, tonight, 7 p.m.

Kaktovik, Community Building, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Ketchikan, Eagles Hall, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Kodiak, School, Drama Pod, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.

Kongiganak, Community Hall, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Kotzebue, Borough Offices, Friday, 7 p.m.

Lime Village, School, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

McGrath, Assembly Rooms, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Mekoryuk, Community Hall, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.

Minto, Community Hall, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Mountain Village, Community Hall, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.

Naknek, Civic Club, tonight, 7 p.m.

Nenana, Council Chambers, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Nome, Nome Eskimo Community Center, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Palmer, Borough Assembly Room, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Port Graham, Community Center, Nov. 26, 1 p.m.

Quinhagak, High School, Room 101A, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.

Seward, City Council Chamber, Nov. 8, 4 p.m.

Shageluk, City Hall Building, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Sitka, Centennial Building Auditorium, tonight, 7 p.m.

Soldotna, High School Auditorium, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Tanana, Elders' Home, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.

Tatitlek, Community Center, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Togiak, Community Hall, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Tok, Community Center, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Unalakleet, School, Nov. 5, 3:15 p.m.

Valdez, City Council Chambers, Nov. 5, noon

Yakutat, City Hall, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.

The meeting for Seattle is tentatively set for Dec. 6, and for Washington, D.C., Dec. 4.

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