

Subsistence Board to hold Kenai meetings

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) will hold public meetings during June to hear public comment and provide information on proposed customary and traditional use eligibility determinations for rural Kenai Peninsula communities and proposed subsistence moose seasons on federal public lands on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 15. Mitch Demientieff, Chair of the Board, will chair each of the meetings. Public input meetings will be considered by the Board when it meets on July 13 in Anchorage to establish final regulations, which it intends to have in place by August 1995.

Meeting Schedule

June 7	Seldovia, City Multipurpose Room, 3-5 p.m.* and 7-9 p.m.
June 8	Port Graham, Community Center, 3-5 p.m.* and 7-9 p.m.
June 15	Hope, Hope Social Hall, 7-9 p.m.
June 16	Cooper Landing, Community Hall, 3-5 p.m.* and 7-9 p.m.
June 17	Soldotna, High School Auditorium, 2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.
June 21	Homer, High School Theater, 3-5 p.m.* and 7-9 p.m.
June 22	Ninilchik, Community Hall, 10 a.m.-noon and 7-9 p.m.
June 23	Anchorage, Egan Center, La Perouse Room, 7-10 p.m.

* open house

The Board has proposed that the rural communities of Whittier, Hope, Cooper Landing, Ninilchik, Seldovia, Nanwalek, and Port Graham receive customary and traditional use eligibility under federal subsistence regulations. Residents would be eligible to harvest moose, caribou, sheep,

goat, black bear, and brown bear on federal public lands in Units 7 and 15. The Board's proposal would establish customary and traditional use determinations, but does not change earlier determinations on the rural status of Kenai Peninsula communities.

The Board has also proposed

an August 10 to September 20 federal subsistence moose season, with spike-fork/fifty-inch/three-brow-tine antler restrictions, on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 15. The season would open ten days in advance of the State of Alaska's August 20 sport hunt opening. Residents of Hope, Cooper Landing, Ninilchik, and Seldovia would be eligible to harvest moose on refuge lands in Unit 15(A); residents of Hope Cooper Landing, Ninilchik, Seldovia, Nanwalek and Port Graham on refuge lands in Unit 15(B); and residents of Ninilchik, Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Seldovia on refuge lands in Unit 15(C).

The Board is also accepting writ-

ten public comments on the proposed regulations. Comments may be submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Rd., Anchorage, AK 99503, and must be received by July 10, 1995.

To request copies of the proposed regulations or for more information, please call the Office of Subsistence Management, weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., toll-free at (800)478-1456 or, in Anchorage at (907)786-3888. You may also contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge at (907)262-7021. Hearing-impaired callers may call at (907)786-3487 (Anchorage) or (907)260-2803 (Soldotna) during the same hours.