

Subsistence regulation proposals out for review

The Federal Subsistence Board has published proposals to change federal subsistence management regulations for the July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998 regulatory year for public review and comment.

These proposals suggest changes to federal customary and traditional use determinations, open seasons, harvest limits, methods and means for the taking of wildlife on federal public lands in Alaska. The proposal booklets have been distributed statewide, and the Board will accept comments on the proposals through Jan. 21, 1997.

To request a copy of the proposal booklet or for more information, contact the Office of Subsistence Management toll-free at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888 in Anchorage; fax at (907) 786-3898, or email at ASM@mail.fws.gov. Hearing-impaired individuals may call (907) 786-3487.

There will be additional opportunity for public comment on the proposed regulations changes during the winter meetings of the Board's 10 regional advisory councils.

The Board will meet in Anchorage from April 7-11, 1997, to consider regional

council, staff, and public recommendations and to make decisions on the proposed changes.

There will also be an opportunity for

public comment during this meeting. The 1997-98 regulations will take effect on July 1, 1997, and regulation books will be distributed at that time.

Winter Meeting Dates

North Slope Region - Barrow	Jan. 28-29
Seward Peninsula Region - Unalakleet	Feb. 4-5
Eastern Interior Region - Tanana	Feb. 4-5
Yukon-Kuskokwim-Delta Region - Bethel	Feb. 5-6
Southcentral Region - Anchorage	Feb. 6-7
Southeast Region - Sitka	Feb. 11-12
Northwest Arctic Region - Kotzebue	Feb. 13-14
Bristol Bay Region - Naknek	Feb. 18-19
Western Interior Region - Holy Cross	Feb. 19-20
Kodiak/Aleutians Region - Kodiak	Feb. 25-26