**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

36 CFR Part 242

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

50 CFR Part 100


RIN 1018–AW30

**Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—2010–11 and 2011–12 Subsistence Taking or Wildlife Regulations**

AGENCIES: Forest Service, Agriculture; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the January 20, 2009, memorandum “Regulatory Review,” signed by Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, we, the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, withdraw our proposed rule published January 29, 2009, to establish regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, methods, and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses in Alaska during the 2010–11 and 2011–12 regulatory years.

DATES: Effective February 4, 2009, the Forest Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service withdraw the joint proposed rule published January 29, 2009 (74 FR 5127).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Fish and Wildlife Service questions, contact Peter J. Probasco, Chairman, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management, at (907) 786–3888 (telephone) or subsistence@fws.gov (e-mail). For National Forest System lands questions, contact Steve Kessler, Regional Subsistence Program Leader, USDA, Forest Service, Alaska Region, at (907) 743–9461 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background**

Under Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 3111–3126), the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretaries) jointly implement the Federal Subsistence Management Program (program). This program grants a preference for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in Alaska. The Secretaries originally published regulations to carry out the program in the Federal Register on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22940), and the program has subsequently amended these regulations several times. Because this program is a joint effort between Interior and Agriculture, its regulations are located in two titles of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); Title 36, “Parks, Forests, and Public Property,” and Title 50, “Wildlife and Fisheries,” at 36 CFR 242.1–28 and 50 CFR 100.1–28, respectively.

Among other things, subpart D of these regulations set forth specific harvest seasons and limits. Subpart D regulations are subject to periodic review and revision. The Federal Subsistence Board completes the biennial process of revising subsistence hunting and trapping regulations for wildlife in even-numbered years and subsistence fishing and shellfish regulations in odd-numbered years; public proposal and review processes take place during the preceding year. The Board also addresses customary and traditional use determinations during the applicable biennial cycle.

On January 29, 2009 (74 FR 5127), we published a proposed rule in the Federal Register revising the subpart D regulations that set forth specific harvest seasons and limits for wildlife and the subpart C customary and traditional use determinations. The text of the 2008–10 subparts C and D final rule that published June 24, 2008 (73 FR 35726), serve as the text for our 2010–12 subparts C and D proposed rule (January 29, 2009, 74 FR 5127).

We are withdrawing this rule because publication did not follow the requirements set forth in a January 20, 2009, memorandum signed by the President’s Chief of Staff. That memorandum requires Administration appointees to review rules prior to publication. This rule did not receive complete Administration review.

For more about the background and structure of the Federal Subsistence Program, Federal Subsistence Board, and Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils; our Public Review Process involving Comments, Proposals, and Public Meetings; Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory Authorities; and discussion of our original proposed rule, see 74 FR 5127.


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**POSTAL SERVICE**

39 CFR Part 111

**New Standards for Domestic Mailing Services, Revised Proposal**

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Proposed rule; supplemental.

SUMMARY: On January 29, 2009, the Postal Service published a proposed rule to provide mailing standards that would accompany new prices for mailing services in 2009 and 2010. Upon further review, the Postal Service has determined that it is appropriate to make certain changes in its initial proposal. In particular, language has been inserted to clarify that proposed new standards relating to static charge and coefficient of friction standards for automation and machinable letters would be recommended, not mandatory, and a proposal to revise the standards for window envelopes on letter-size envelopes has been removed. For purposes of clarity and convenience, the entire revised version of the proposed rule is being published for comment.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before March 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Mailing Standards, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Room 3436, Washington, DC 20260–3436. You may inspect and photocopy all written comments at USPS Headquarters Library, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., 11th Floor N, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. E-mail comments, containing the name and address of the commenter, may be sent to: MailingStandards@usps.gov, with a subject line of “Price-related Proposal Comments.” Faxed comments are not accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Chatfield, 202–268–7278.