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Comments Invited on Proposed Changes to Federal Subsistence Hunting and Trapping Regulations for the 2020-2022 Regulatory Years

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) is accepting written comments through June 28, 2019 on proposed changes to Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations. These proposed changes would affect Federal subsistence seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means for the taking of wildlife, and customary and traditional use determinations for the regulatory years July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

In addition, the Board is asking for your comments on existing wildlife closures that will be reviewed by the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Councils) and the Board during this wildlife cycle. The Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) is reviewing existing wildlife closures to determine whether the original justifications for closure continue to apply. Closure review analyses are being addressed by the Councils and the Board in the same manner as regulatory proposal analyses.

The book containing these proposals and wildlife closures is available on the Federal Subsistence Management Program's website at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/proposal/current>. Printed copies should be available by the end of May. You may request a printed copy by contacting OSM at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888.

Comments should reference the specific proposal number or wildlife closure number, and should be e-mailed to subsistence@fws.gov. Those without e-mail access may fax comments to (907) 786-3898 or mail comments to:

Federal Subsistence Board - Attn: Theo Matuskowitz
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In addition to written comments, members of the public are welcome to testify at any Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting. The Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting schedule is available at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions>, or you may call OSM for the dates and locations of meetings. Members of the public can also give testimony at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting in April 2020.

Information about the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found on the web at www.doi.gov/subsistence or by visiting www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

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