

Comments are Due

February 13th

8pm AK

Your Subsistence Rights are at Risk

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Safari Club International—a national recreational hunting and fishing lobbying group—submitted a Petition for Rulemaking to the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. The petition asks for major changes to how the Federal Subsistence Management Program, the Office of Subsistence Management, and the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) are structured and operated.

Specifically, the petition proposes:

- Eliminating all public seats on the Federal Subsistence Board which were added to ensure Indigenous and rural representation
- Limiting the Board to federal agency heads only (all of whom are political appointees) and removing requirements to have subsistence knowledge to serve on the Board
- Review Board process in rural determination potentially putting several communities' rural status at risk
- Requiring the Federal Subsistence Board to defer to the State of Alaska on subsistence regulations

Because the State of Alaska cannot legally implement a rural subsistence priority, this change could effectively **end the federal rural subsistence priority altogether.**

The Department of the Interior is now accepting scoping comments in response to this petition. Scoping comments are an early and critical step—they help determine what the agency will consider as it decides whether and how to draft a new rule.

GET INVOLVED:

We are urging the Department of the Interior to:

- Protect the rural subsistence priority and uphold ANILCA Title VIII, which recognizes the **subsistence priority as essential—not optional**
- Ensure subsistence users have a real voice through maintaining voting public seats requiring subsistence knowledge
- Preserve a flexible, community-based rural designation process

SUBSISTENCE = SURVIVAL

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