

CHARTER

SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION

KOBUK VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA

1. The official designation of the committee is the Subsistence Resource Commission for Kobuk Valley National Park.

2. The purpose of the Commission is to devise and recommend to the Secretary and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Kobuk Valley National Park. Such program shall be prepared using technical information and other pertinent data assembled or produced by necessary field studies or investigations conducted jointly or separately by the technical and administrative personnel of the State of Alaska and the U. S. Department of the Interior, information submitted by, and after consultation with the appropriate local advisory committees and federal regional advisory councils and any testimony received in a public hearing or hearings held by the Commission prior to preparation of the plan at a convenient location or locations in the vicinity of the national park. Each year thereafter, the Commission, after consultation with the appropriate local committees and federal regional advisory councils, considering all relevant data and holding one or more additional hearings in the vicinity of the Park, shall make recommendations to the Secretary and the Governor for any changes in the program or its implementation which the Commission deems necessary.

3. In view of the objectives, scope and purposes of the Commission, it is expected to continue beyond the foreseeable future. The provisions of Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988) requiring a biennial rechartering, are inapplicable to this Subsistence Resource Commission. However, there shall be a biennial review of this Commission to determine if its purposes are being fulfilled.

4. The Commission reports to the Superintendent, Kobuk Valley National Park, P. O. Box 1029, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752.

5. Support for the Commission is provided by the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior.

6. **The duties** of the Commission are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph 2 above.

7. The estimated annual operating cost of the Commission is \$10,650, which includes approximately one-fifth work year of staff support.

8. The Commission will meet approximately twice a year, or as often as circumstances require. The Commission shall not hold any meetings except at the call or with the advance approval of the Superintendent, Kobuk Valley National Park. All meetings will be open to the general public. Any organization, association, or individual may attend or file a statement before the Commission regarding topics on a meeting agenda. All meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

9. The Commission's membership as set forth in P.L. 96-487 (December 2, 1980) shall consist of nine members appointed for 3-year terms, or until the member's resignation or removal by the appointment source, as follows:

- a. three appointed by the Secretary of the Interior;
- b. three appointed by the Governor of the State of Alaska;
- c. three appointed by the Arctic Federal Regional Advisory Council established pursuant to Section 805 of P.L. 96-487 which has jurisdiction within Kobuk Valley National Park, each of whom is a member of either the federal regional advisory council or a local advisory committee within the region and also lawfully engaged in subsistence uses within the national park.

If no successor is appointed on or prior to the expiration date of a member's term, the incumbent may continue to serve until a new appointment is made, provided that a charter under the Federal Advisory Committee Act is in effect. Appointments made to fill vacancies created during a term will be for the length of time remaining in the unexpired term. Members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior under 9a, shall represent the interests of the subsistence users of the park.

The chairperson is elected annually by the members of the Commission.

10. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation as **such**, except that the Secretary of the Interior may pay the expenses reasonably incurred by the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities upon presentation of vouchers signed by the Chairperson and approved by the Superintendent, Kobuk Valley **National Park**.

11. The designated Federal Officer, pursuant to Section 10(e) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, shall be the Superintendent, Kobuk Valley National Park, or his/her designee.

12. The Subsistence Resource Commission for Kobuk Valley National Park is established pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 3118, P.L. 96-487, title VIII, section 808(a), December 2, 1980.



Secretary of the Interior

Date Signed: MAR 11 1996

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