

## CHARTER

### SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION

#### WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA

- 1 . The official designation of the committee is the Subsistence Resource Commission for Wrangell-St. Elias 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 Wrangell-St. Elias 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. 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, Wrangell-St. Elias National **Park, P. O. Box 29, Glennallen, Alaska 99588.**
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 \$10,700,** 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, Wrangell-St. Elias 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. one each appointed by the Southeast, the Southcentral, and the **Eastern** Interior Federal Regional Advisory Councils, established pursuant to Section 805 of P.L. **96-**487 which have jurisdiction within Wrangell-St. **Elias** National Park. Each member must also be a member of one of these federal regional advisory councils, or **a** local advisory committee within the region and also lawfully engaged in subsistence uses within the national park.

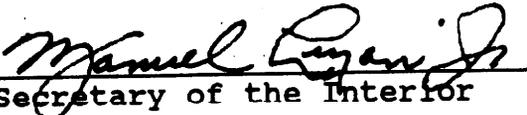
**If no** successor is appointed on or prior to the expiration date of a member's term, the incumbent may continue to serve until a new appointment is made, provided that a charter under the Federal Advisory Committee Act is in effect. Appointments made to fill vacancies created during **a** term will 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, Wrangell-St **Elias** National Park.

11. The Subsistence Coordinator, Alaska Region, National Park Service, or in his/her absence a Federal employee designated by the Subsistence-Coordinator, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer.

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

  
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Secretary of the Interior

Date Signed: JAN 19 1993

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