

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Lake Clark National Park

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Lake Clark National Park	557

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	09/25/2023	09/25/2025	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	P.L. 96-487	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 96-487	12/02/1980	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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Lake Clark National Park Subsistence
 Resource Commission meeting addressing
 the programmatic review of the Federal
 Subsistence Management Program in
 Alaska by the Secretaries of Interior and
 Agriculture 02/07/2026 - 02/07/2026

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its
purpose?**

The Commission consults with every appropriate
 local advisory committee and regional council

consultation process directed by P.L. 96-487 (the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), the Commission is required to hold public meetings in all areas affected by the subsistence hunting program. Federal law and regulation provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses, including hunting, fishing, and trapping within Lake Clark National Park. The Commission was established by Congress to devise and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Lake Clark National Park. The Commission's recommendations help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. The NPS has adopted the following mission statement to guide its activities.

Subsistence will be managed as a legislated use consistent with the provisions of ANILCA, the Organic Act of 1916, and the park's enabling legislation to:

- protect the opportunity for qualified local rural residents to continue traditional subsistence activities
- recognize that subsistence ways of life differ from region to region and are continuing to evolve, and where appropriate, park management practices may reflect regional diversity and evolution
- promote local involvement and participation in processes associated with subsistence management
- ensure that management practices involving the utilization of public lands adequately consider the potential for restriction of subsistence uses and impacts upon subsistence resources
- ensure that management of park resources is consistent with the conservation of unimpaired ecosystems and natural and healthy populations of fish and wildlife, incorporating scientific data and principles with traditional knowledge and cultural values

and•promote effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural and social values, and park purposes and protection,between the NPS, subsistence users, the State of Alaska and the public.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership, as prescribed by the Commission's enabling legislation, consists of nine members as follows: (a) three members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior; (b) three members appointed by the Governor of Alaska; and (c) three members appointed by the regional council, as established by the Secretary or the State pursuant to section 805 of P.L. 96-487. The members include a range of individuals having personal knowledge of the region's subsistence.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Commission generally meets twice a year, or as often as circumstances require. Commission recommendations are vitally important on matters relating to the taking of wildlife within the park and are the foundation for the development and review of the subsistence hunting program. Commission meetings provided an opportunity for Commission members, National Park Service staff, other agency staff, and the public to share information on subsistence issues.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Commission is a forum that promotes effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural resources. The Commission is regularly consulted by the National Park Service to provide

input and make recommendations on issues affecting subsistence management within Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. During each meeting time is allocated for public testimony. The public is welcome to present written or oral comments to the Commission.

21. Remarks

The Lake Clark Subsistence Resource Commission met twice during fiscal year 2025. The meetings were held on April 26, 2025, in Pedro Bay, Alaska and on September 27, 2025, in Newhalen, Alaska. Quorum was met for the meeting in April of 2025.

Designated Federal Officer

Grant V. Hilderbrand Superintendent, Lake Clark National Park

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anelon, Timothy	03/19/2024	04/24/2027	Subsistence hunter	Representative Member
Fowler, Ned	11/04/2024	11/04/2027	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Hedlund, Thomas	03/19/2024	04/24/2027	Subsistence	Representative Member
Hill, Charles	04/18/2023	04/17/2026	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Jensen, Karla	11/14/2019	08/27/2028	Subsistence Hunter	Representative Member
Kahn, Steven	12/13/2016	11/04/2027	Subsistence Hunter	Representative Member
Trefon, Billy	03/31/2023	03/30/2026	Subsistence hunter	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

Federal law and regulation provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses, including hunting, fishing and trapping within

Lake Clark National Park. The Commission is a forum that promotes effective communication and mutual understanding of subsistence uses and related cultural resources. The Commission consults with every appropriate local advisory committee and regional council for comment and input on draft hunting plan recommendations. In addition to the advisory committee and regional council consultation process directed by P.L. 96-487 (the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), the Commission is required to hold public meetings in all areas affected by the subsistence hunting program. The Subsistence Resource Commission for Lake Clark National Park was established by the Congress to devise and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Lake Clark National Park. The Commission's unique insight on local customary and traditional patterns of subsistence use within the park has been important in developing workable subsistence hunting plan recommendations. The Commission's recommendations help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

The Commission and National Park Service are working together to address concerns for management of wildlife populations within the national park. During FY 2025, the

Commission members gave individual Commissioner reports on subsistence observations and concerns within their communities, Commission members adopted the agenda and approved previous meeting minutes, several Commissioners and members of the public discussed the lack of trout in Lake Iliamna and the possibility that it is related to the growing seal population in the lake, Commissioners discussed wildlife proposal WP24-01 and agreed to submit a letter to the Federal Subsistence Board expressing their concerns with the proposal, The Commissioners discussed the issue of low-flying aircraft over the Chulitna River and planes landing in the hard park in the Pile River drainage, and park staff provided reports from their programs.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

35

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission made 1 recommendation in FY25: Commissioners discussed wildlife proposal WP24-01. They approved to take no action on WP24-01, but to submit a comment to the Federal Subsistence Board stating concerns about the proposed action.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Subsistence coordinator submitted the Commissions comment letter to the Federal Subsistence Board stating concerns about the proposed action on WP24-01.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

The National Park Service and the Commission use public meetings to evaluate recommendations and proposals. NPS officials will provide oral or written briefings or status reports during meetings of the Commission.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Information on Lake Clark National Park may be found at:

<http://www.nps.gov/lacl/parkmgmt/index.htm>