

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Denali 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-Denali National Park	554

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
Discussed DOI subsistence program review.	02/18/2026	03/18/2026

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current	Next
	FY	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 is an advisory group. Federal law and regulation provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses, including hunting, within the Denali National Park. The Subsistence Resource Commission for Denali National Park 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. 96-847 (the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), the Commission is required to hold public meetings in all areas affected by the subsistence hunting program.

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 conditions, and having an interest in Federal subsistence management.

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 Subsistence Resource Commission for Denali National Park has been 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 Denali 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 will help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Denali 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 (Section 202(3)), the Organic Act of 1916, and Denali'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.

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 Denali Subsistence Resource Commission met twice during fiscal year 2025. The meetings were held on Feb 26, 2025, via teleconference, and on August 27, 2025, in Healy, Alaska and via teleconference. Quorum was not met during the February 2025 meeting and quorum was met during August 2025 meeting.

Designated Federal Officer

Brooke Merrell Superintendent, Denali National Park

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Collins, Miki	11/04/2008	12/01/2025	Subsistence Representative User	Member
Green, Pamela	11/04/2009	12/01/2028	Subsistence Representative User	Member
Wallace, Coke	06/23/2023	12/01/2027	Subsistence Representative User	Member
Wright, Charles	10/10/2024	10/10/2027	Subsistence Representative User	Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 4

Narrative Description

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Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Denali 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 will help the NPS to ensure the continuation of the opportunity for local rural residents to engage in the subsistence use of resources in Denali National Park and Preserve. The Commission did not submit any new formal regulatory proposal recommendations.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 reports from their local areas at each meeting, discussed and provided recommendations to various projects, agencies provided updates, approved meeting minutes, met in executive session and following made recommendations to the park.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

14

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission made 3 recommendations to the Park in FY25: • Pursue funding to work with tribe to develop culture camps focused on dog mushing, beaver trapping, and hunting. • Work with NPS to get local artists and provide information to visitors about local medical herbs/plants in Alaska Geographic bookstore. • Provide Educational Opportunities for visitors to expose them to traditional tribal practices – traditional dancing, showcase artwork, elder storytelling sharing, make fish wheels, caches, sleds, carvings, beading, etc. *The Denali SRC has made many informal recommendations to the park over the years that have not been previously tracked as formal recommendations but have nonetheless been important contributions to the park subsistence management, guiding research and monitoring of subsistence resources in the park and development of projects documenting local and traditional knowledge of the park, informing customary and traditional uses within the park and guiding cultural programs with the park the support continuation of subsistence uses.

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

18%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The park is working to implement recommendations. Recommendations were just received in August 2025, thus less than a month ago. Therefore, not much has been implemented yet, but follow up work has been assigned to park staff. Informal recommendations of the Denali SRC that were not previously tracked have been

implemented and will now continue to be tracked moving forward. ** The park and the Federal Subsistence Board fully implemented the Denali SRC recommendations on the two Individual C&T Determinations that were made in FY2023 but adopted by the Board and the Park in FY2024 but were not previously accounted for fully implemented.

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

82%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The park will continue working on implementing recommendations made by the SRC. Previously informal recommendations of the SRC were not tracked yet most have assisted the park with implementing subsistence programs and informing subsistence management within the park.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

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 type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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 Denali National Park may be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/dena/index.htm>