

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Aniakchak National Monument

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2025
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Park Service Subsistence Resource Commission-Aniakchak National Monument	552

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 2 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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Bi-annual meeting of the SRC to make recommendations on subsistence management within Aniakchak National Monument and region.	10/28/2024 - 10/28/2024
Bi-annual meeting of the SRC to make recommendations on subsistence management within Aniakchak National Monument and region.	02/11/2025 - 02/11/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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 Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence

Resource Commission is an advisory group. Federal law and regulation provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses, including hunting, within the Aniakchak National Monument. 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.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Each SRC member is appointed to a three year term. The charter allows members to continue to serve until the appointing source reappoints or makes a new appointment. 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.

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

The National Park Service (NPS) recognizes the benefits of seeking advice and assistance from local residents. In 1980, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) authorized the establishment of the Subsistence Resource Commissions (SRC) to devise and recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Alaska a program for subsistence hunting within Aniakchak National Monument. The Commission's unique insight on local customary and traditional patterns of subsistence use within the monument 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 Aniakchak National Monument 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 monument'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. Open meetings strengthen public confidence and provide opportunity for more public involvement.

21. Remarks

The Aniakchak Subsistence Resource Commission met twice during FY25. The first meeting was on October 28, 2024 via teleconference. Three commission members were present: John Christensen Jr., Scott Anderson, and Colleen Jones. Ronald Lind and Andrew Lind were not able to attend. The SRC was able to meet quorum. The SRC met via teleconference to discuss 2025 Federal Fishery Proposals on October 28th, 2024. Commission members discussed recruitment for the SRC seats. They also discussed having a chair alternate in the event that John Christensen Jr. could not attend. They chose Scott Anderson to attend the Chair Workshop in December. SRC members gave their hunting reports for their area. Several fishery proposals were discussed with votes to either

support or remain neutral. BBNA Biologist Cody Larsen explained each proposal in detail. Area Biologist for ADF&G summarized bear, moose, and caribou abundance and hunting pressure. Katmai/Aniakchak NPS staff talked about several ongoing projects with youth and elders such as Placename project and Road Restoration project. Also, discussed co-stewardship projects centered around the upcoming Katmai Preserve Caribou hunt. Dillon Patterson spoke of the new 2024 wildlife rule regarding bear baiting and trapping. Superintendent talked about a paleontology researcher wanting to have Aniakchak National Monument dedicated as a Natural Landmark because of the significant dinosaur/forest fossil record. Upcoming meetings were discussed and included: SRC Chairs workshop, Subsistence Advisory Council meeting, as well as the spring meeting for the SRC. October 2024 recommendations made:

- o FP 25-09: The SRC supported FP 25-09 with OSM modification to remove color requirements of keg or buoy attached to subsistence gear consistent with State Regulations.
- o FP 25-10: The SRC supported FP-25-10 with OSM modification to allow the harvest of non-salmon species at the mouths of rivers, streams, and creeks and prohibit the harvest of salmon.
- o FP 25-11: The SRC discussed the proposal but took no action.
- o FP 25-13: The SRC discussed the proposal but took no action.
- o WP24-01: The SRC was updated on this proposal, but no action was needed

The ANIA SRC met again on February 11, 2025 over Teleconference. Two commission members were present: John Christensen Jr., and Scott Anderson. Colleen Jones, Ronald Lind, and Andrew Lind were not able to attend. The SRC was not able to meet quorum and turned into an informational meeting. The SRC discussed the

SRC member's reports/updates and to respond to the call for 2026-2028 Wildlife Proposals on February 11th, 2025. Agenda and meeting minutes were not approved due to the SRC not meeting quorum. SRC chair alternate, Scott Anderson, mentioned some of the highlights for the Chair Workshop held in December 2024. SRC members gave their hunting reports for their area. John Christensen mentioned there has been more ptarmigan in the area presently and less caribou in the past two years. The RAC and SRC are requesting compensation for their time and knowledge and will elevate their concerns to the new administration. The past administration was in support of fairly compensating the council and commission members, but the funding was not authorized to pay those on the RAC or SRC. How to reapply to SRC appointments that have expired were discussed in detail. The Federal Register notices are currently on hold with the new administration, which will delay SRC reappointments. The SRC was appraised of the Federal Subsistence Boards decision on several of the 2025 Fishery Proposals that had been previously discussed in the 2024 SRC fall meeting. Several of the Statewide Game Proposals were reviewed during the meeting to give the SRC an opportunity to comment.

Designated Federal Officer

Mark Sturm Superintendent, Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Scott	11/04/2012	12/01/2024	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Christenson, John	12/06/2016	11/11/2024	Secretary of Interior	Representative Member
Jones, Colleen	02/17/2015	11/11/2024	Subsistence User	Representative Member
Kosbruk, Gerda	11/04/2014	11/04/2025	Native Council of Port Heiden Administrator	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 5

Narrative Description

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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 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 generally meets twice a year, or as often as circumstances require.

Commission meetings provided an opportunity for Commission members, National Park Service staff, other agency staff, and the public to share information on subsistence issues.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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?

16

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations were made by the commission on State of Alaska wildlife proposals however five recommendations were made to Federal Subsistence wildlife proposals in FY 2025: October 2024 recommendations made: o FP 25-09: The SRC supported FP 25-09 with OSM modification to remove color requirements of keg or buoy attached to subsistence gear consistent with State Regulations. o FP 25-10: The SRC supported FP-25-10 with OSM modification to allow the harvest of non-salmon species at the mouths of rivers, streams, and creeks and prohibit the harvest of salmon. o FP 25-11: The SRC discussed the proposal but took no action. o FP 25-13: The SRC discussed the proposal but took no action. o WP24-01: The SRC was updated on this proposal, but no action was needed

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

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

SRC Hunting Program Recommendation #87-5, supports harvest of fish and wildlife by local rural residents. SRC supports the State regulatory management system as long as it complies with ANILCA. SRC supports a positive C&T use determination of subsistence resources for 9E communities. The SRC recognized that the existing C&T use determination failed to allow some of the monument resident zone communities to harvest traditional subsistence species. SRC Hunting Program Recommendation #92-6: The SRC supports a NPS sponsored cooperative moose and caribou study within GMU 9E.

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

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

For FY24, 4 out of the 5 recommendation that the ANIA SRC put forth were adopted by the Federal Subsistence Board. The FSB chose to defer WP24-01 while the ANIA SRC supported the proposal as written by the proponent. Hunting Program Recommendation AN-85-01: Within Aniakchak National Monument allow subsistence hunting consistent with State regulations.

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 provides feedback to the Commission on subsistence related matters. The Aniakchak National Monument SRC plays an important role in the monument's management by identifying issues and providing recommendations to the Superintendent for resolution of user conflicts. This role is generally served through the SRC's reviews and comments on management actions, development plans, and proposals that may have an affect on subsistence uses and values. NPS staff actively consult with the SRC on planning efforts undertaken in Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve that may have an affect on subsistence uses. The SRC is consulted on issues such as development concept plans, development issues, and NPS park strategic plans (for example, the Resource Management Plan, Statement for Management, and the General Management Plan). Park planning provides a foundation for decision making. NPS plans represent an organizational commitment to the public and to Congress on how conservation units will be managed. Each NPS area is required to prepare several planning documents to provide guidance for preservation, use and development.

Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve currently has, or is developing, a Statement for Management, a General Management Plan, and a Resource Management Plan.

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

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Meeting minutes are available upon request from the Monument Superintendent. Contact the Superintendent online at: <http://www.nps.gov/ania/contacts.html> Information on Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve may be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/ania>