

RURAL REVIEW
OF
COMMUNITIES ELIGIBLE FOR A PRIORITY
FOR HUNTING & FISHING
On FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS IN ALASKA
By
The Federal Subsistence Board

Federal law requires that rural residents be given a priority for hunting and fishing on all Federal public lands in Alaska. (Alaska state law requiring Common Use of fish and game for all Alaskans does not apply to Federal public lands.) Federal regulations also require that rural/nonrural status be reviewed every 10 years by the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB).

The Federal Subsistence Board is now seeking comments on whether you, and your neighbors living in your area or community are either rural or not. A rural determination by the FSB would qualify you for a priority to hunting and fishing on Federal public lands.

The FSB is specifically asking for comments on 10 communities and/or areas that were identified in an initial review by Federal Subsistence staff;

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| 1) Kodiak | 4) Fairbanks North Star Borough | 7) Wasilla Area |
| 2) Sitka | 5) Kenai Area | 8) Homer Area |
| 3) Adak, | 6) Seward Area | 9) Ketchikan Area |
| 10) Delta Junction, Big Delta, Deltana and Fort Greely | | |

Additional information on the Rural Review can be found in the report:

“Decennial Review of Rural Determinations” on the Web at;
<http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>

Public meeting review of rural/non-rural areas in Anchorage, December 6th and 7th, 2005
