

geographic clusters, with each cluster containing major and local roads. Assignment of sites and times within clusters should be random.

F. Two counts should be recorded for all eligible vehicles:

1. Number of front seat outboard occupants.

2. Number of these occupants wearing shoulder belts.

### III. Estimation

A. Observations at each site should be weighted by the site's final probability of selection.

B. An estimate of one standard error should be calculated for the estimate of belt use. Using this estimate, 95 percent confidence intervals for the estimate of safety belt use should be calculated.

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**Ricardo Martinez,**

*Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### 36 CFR Part 242

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 100

#### **Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Meeting; Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the Regional Council meeting identified above. The public is invited to attend and observe meeting proceedings. In addition, the public invited to provide oral testimony before the Bristol Bay Advisory Council on a Special Action request to change Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska for the 1998-1999 regulatory year as set forth in a final rule on June 29, 1998 (63 FR 35332-35381). The Regional Council will receive testimony and consider six requests from local villages asking that federal public lands in Unit 9(E) be closed to taking of caribou by non-qualified subsistence users. Three requests from local villages additionally ask that federal lands be closed to the taking of moose by non-qualified

subsistence users. The requests cite recent information on the continuing decline in population of the North Alaska Peninsula caribou herd. In addition, the severe reduction in the commercial fishery incomes this year is said to result in higher reliance on subsistence food resources.

**DATES:** The Federal Subsistence Board announces the forthcoming public meeting for the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. The Bristol Bay Regional Council will meet in Naknek, AK on September 2, 1998 at 10:30 A.M. in the Bristol Bay Borough Assembly Chambers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o Thomas H. Boyd, Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (907) 786-3888. For questions related to subsistence management issues on National Forest Service lands, inquiries may also be directed to Ken Thompson, Regional Subsistence Program Manager, USDA, Forest Service, Alaska Region, (907) 271-2540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Regional Councils have been established in accordance with Section 805 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, and Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, 36 CFR part 242 and 50 CFR part 100, subparts A, B, and C (57 FR 22940-22964). The Regional Councils advise the Federal Government on all matters related to the subsistence taking of fish and wildlife on public lands in Alaska and operate in accordance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The Bristol Bay Regional Council meeting will be open to the public. The public is invited to attend this meeting, observe the proceedings, and provide comments to the Regional Council.

This document provides less than the required 15 days notice. However, these requests were just received, and the Federal closure is requested to coincide with a comparable closure by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game which takes effect on September 10, 1998. Thus, in order to provide the Regional Council and the public an opportunity to comment on this proposal before Board action and for the board to act in a timely manner on this proposal, the Board finds good cause under 41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)(2) to conduct the meeting with less than 15 days notice. Additional notice of the meeting will be placed in local papers and broadcast on local radio and television stations.

Dated: August 25, 1998.

**Thomas H. Boyd,**

*Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.*

Dated: August 25, 1998.

**Ken Thompson,**

*Acting Regional Forester, USDA-Forest Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### 49 CFR Parts 1002, 1182, 1187, and 1188

[STB Ex Parte No. 559]

#### **Revisions to Regulations Governing Finance Applications Involving Motor Passenger Carriers**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Final rules.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) adopts revised procedures governing finance applications involving motor passenger carriers filed under 49 U.S.C. 14303. In addition, the regulations in parts 1187 and 1188 are removed and replaced by new provisions incorporated in part 1182. The rules at part 1002 are modified to redescribe fee categories.

**DATES:** This rule is effective October 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By decision served and published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1997 (49 FR 36477), the Board issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) proposing to establish revised procedures governing finance applications involving motor passenger carriers, filed under 49 U.S.C. 14303. The proposed regulations would adopt, with modifications, the existing procedures promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) at 49 CFR 1182.<sup>1</sup> Also, we proposed to remove the regulations at 49 CFR parts 1187 and 1188 and to replace them with provisions incorporated in part 1182. Comments were received from the American Bus Association, Inc. (ABA),

<sup>1</sup> The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995) (ICCTA), which took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the ICC and transferred certain of its motor carrier regulatory functions to the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) and to the Board.