

in 1958. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present. The site contained a mound, about 40 feet in diameter and three feet in height, located in a swamp south of Hood Lake and north of Weiner in Poinsett County, AR. Archeological evidence shows that an Archaic village stratum (2000–1000 B.C.), was covered by a Late Baytown burial mound during the Late Woodland Period (A.D. 400–700). The four individuals were discovered in this burial mound. Early Mississippian (A.D. 700–900) occupation of the site is also attested by the presence of shell tempered ceramic sherds.

Between 1959 and 1964, human remains representing, at minimum, 103 individuals were removed from Ballard Mound (site 3PO115), in Poinsett County, AR by Dr. Eugene Wittlake of Arkansas State University. The remains were subsequently donated to the Arkansas State University Museum later that same year. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present. Ballard Mound was excavated between 1959 and 1964 by Dr. Wittlake. Non-funerary artifacts removed from the site date the human remains to the Cherry Valley Phase of the Early Mississippian Period (A.D. 1050–1150).

Sometime between 1956 and 1960, human remains representing, at minimum, 16 individuals were removed from the McDuffee site (3CG21), in Craighead County, AR, by unknown individuals. The remains were subsequently donated to the Arkansas State University Museum between 1956 and 1960. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present. Excavation records for this site from the Gilcrease Museum in Oklahoma show that the site consisted of a “large village with two mounds.” Non-funerary artifacts removed from the site date the human remains to the Middle Mississippian Period (A.D. 1170–1300).

Sometime prior to 1957, human remains representing, at minimum, 14 individuals were removed from the Huber Site, in Poinsett County, AR, by unknown individuals. The remains were subsequently donated to the Arkansas State University Museum in September of 1957. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present. Although no excavation records exist for this site, discussions with a descendant of the site owner suggest that there were at least four mounds on the property. All four mounds have now been land leveled. Non-funerary artifacts removed from the site date the human remains to

the Mississippian Period (A.D. 900–1500).

Sometime prior to 1961, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from the Judd Hill Plantation site, in Poinsett County, AR, by Dr. Eugene Wittlake of Arkansas State University. The remains were subsequently donated to the Arkansas State University Museum in July of 1961. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present. Non-funerary artifacts removed from the site date the human remains anywhere from the Middle Woodland Period (A.D. 1–500) to the Middle Mississippian Period (A.D. 1170–1300).

In 1957, human remains representing, at minimum, three individuals were removed from the Miller site (3PO24), in Poinsett County, AR, by Dr. Eugene Wittlake of Arkansas State University. The remains were subsequently donated to the Arkansas State University Museum in November of 1957. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present. Non-funerary artifacts removed from the site date the human remains to the Mississippian Period (A.D. 1050–1400).

Oral history evidence presented by representatives of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians indicates that the St. Francis River Valley region, which includes Cross and Poinsett counties, has long been included in the traditional and hunting territory of the Quapaw. French colonial records (A.D. 1700) also indicate that the Quapaw were known to be the only Native American group present at that time in the St. Francis River valley region.

#### **Determinations Made by the Arkansas State University Museum**

Officials of the Arkansas State University Museum have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of a minimum of 145 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the Quapaw Tribe of Indians.

#### **Additional Requestors and Disposition**

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Dr. Marti Allen, Director, Arkansas State University Museum, P.O. Box 490, State University, Jonesboro, AR 72467, telephone (870)-972-2074,

before February 25, 2013. Repatriation of the human remains to the Quapaw Tribe of Indians may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Arkansas State University Museum is responsible for notifying the Quapaw Tribe of Indians and The Osage Nation that this notice has been published.

Dated: December 18, 2012.

**David Tarler,**

*Acting Manager, National NAGPRA Program.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **National Park Service**

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### **Notice of Open Public Meetings for the National Park Service Alaska Region Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) Program**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service (NPS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), the NPS is hereby giving notice that the Aniakchak National Monument SRC, Denali National Park SRC, and the Wrangell-St. Elias SRC will hold meetings to develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations and other related subsistence management issues. The NPS SRC program is authorized under Title VIII, Section 808 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public Law 96-487.

*Public Availability of Comments:* These meetings are open to the public and will have time allocated for public testimony. The public is welcome to present written or oral comments to the SRC. The meetings will be recorded and meeting minutes will be available upon request from the park superintendent for public inspection approximately six weeks after the meeting. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Aniakchak National Monument SRC Meeting Date and Location:* The Aniakchak National Monument SRC will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2013, at the Katmai National Park Office in the King Salmon Mall in King Salmon, AK. SRC meeting locations and dates may change based on inclement weather or exceptional circumstances. If the meeting date and location are changed, the Superintendent may issue a press release and use local newspapers and radio stations to announce the meeting.

*Aniakchak National Monument SRC Proposed Meeting Agenda:* The proposed meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Call to Order—Confirm Quorum
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Administrative Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes
5. SRC Purpose
6. SRC Membership Status
7. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)
8. SRC Chair and Member Reports
9. Public and Other Agency Comments
10. Old Business
  - a. Update on environmental assessment on the subsistence collections and uses of shed or discarded animal and plants
11. New Business
12. Federal Subsistence Board Updates
13. Alaska Board of Game Updates
14. National Park Service Reports
  - a. Superintendent updates
  - b. Subsistence manager updates
  - c. Resource management updates
  - d. Ranger updates
15. Public and Other Agency Comments
16. SRC Work Session
17. Select Time and Location for Next Meeting
18. Adjourn Meeting

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Designated Federal Official:* Eric Veach, Acting Superintendent at (907) 246-3305 or Mary McBurney, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 235-7891, or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 644-3603. If you are interested in applying for SRC membership, contact the Superintendent at P.O. Box 7, King Salmon, AK 99613 or visit the park Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/ania/contacts.htm>.

*Denali National Park SRC Meeting Date and Location:* The Denali National Park SRC will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, or until business is completed at the Cantwell Community Hall in Cantwell, AK. SRC meeting locations and dates may change based on inclement weather or exceptional circumstances. If the meeting date and location are changed,

the Superintendent may issue a press release and use local newspapers and radio stations to announce the meeting.

*Denali National Park SRC Proposed Meeting Agenda:* The proposed meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Call to Order—Confirm Quorum
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Administrative Announcements
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
6. SRC Purpose
7. Status of Membership
8. SRC Chair and Members Reports
9. Public and Other Agency Comments
10. Old Business
  - a. Update on environmental assessment on the subsistence collections and uses of shed or discarded animal and plants
11. New Business
12. Federal Subsistence Board Updates
13. Alaska Board of Game Updates
14. National Park Service Reports
  - a. Superintendent updates
  - b. Subsistence manager updates
  - c. Resource management updates
  - d. Ranger updates
15. Public and Other Agency Comments
16. SRC Work Session
17. Select Time and Location for Next Meeting
18. Adjourn

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Designated Federal Official:* Philip Hooge, Assistant Superintendent, or Amy Craver, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 683-2294 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 644-3603. If you are interested in applying for Denali National Park, SRC membership, contact the Superintendent at P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, AK 99755, or visit the park Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/dena/contacts.htm>.

*Wrangell-St. Elias National Park SRC Meeting Date and Location:* The Wrangell-St. Elias National Park SRC will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6 to Thursday, March 7, 2013, at Kenny Lake Community Hall in Kenny Lake, AK. SRC meeting locations and dates may change based on inclement weather or exceptional circumstances. If the meeting date and location are changed, the Superintendent may issue a press release and use local newspapers and radio stations to announce the meeting.

*Wrangell-St. Elias Park SRC Proposed Meeting Agenda:* The proposed meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Call to Order—Confirm Quorum
2. Welcome Introduction
3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from the October 30, 2012, Meeting
5. Welcome by Local Community (Kenny Lake League Representative)

6. Superintendent's Welcome and Review of the Commission Purpose
7. SRC Membership Status
8. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)
9. SRC Chair and Members Reports
10. Superintendent's Report
11. Old Business
  - a. Update on environmental assessment on the subsistence collections and uses of shed or discarded animal parts and plants from NPS areas in Alaska
  - b. Update on Nabesna-area ORV management
  - c. Update on firewood harvest and portable motors
  - d. Report on actions at January 2013 Federal Subsistence Board meeting
12. New Business
  - a. Call for proposals to change federal subsistence wildlife regulations
  - b. Public testimony Unit 11 by residents of Kenny Lake
  - c. Discussion of topics to bring up at SRC Chairs Workshop
  - d. Updates to the park subsistence plan
  - e. Use of chainsaws and small motors
  - f. SRC involvement in developing compendium entries
13. National Park Service Reports
  - a. Ranger updates
  - b. Resource management updates
  - c. Fisheries management updates
  - d. Wildlife management updates
  - e. Subsistence manager's report
14. Public and Other Agency Comments
15. Work Session
16. Set Tentative Date and Location for Next Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting
17. Adjourn

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Designated Federal Official:* Rick Obernesser, Superintendent, or Barbara Cellarius, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 822-5234 or Clarence Summers, Subsistence Manager, at (907) 644-3603. If you are interested in applying for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park SRC membership, contact the Superintendent at P.O. Box 439, Copper Center, AK 99573, or visit the park Web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/wrst/contacts.htm>.

Dated: December 8, 2012.

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