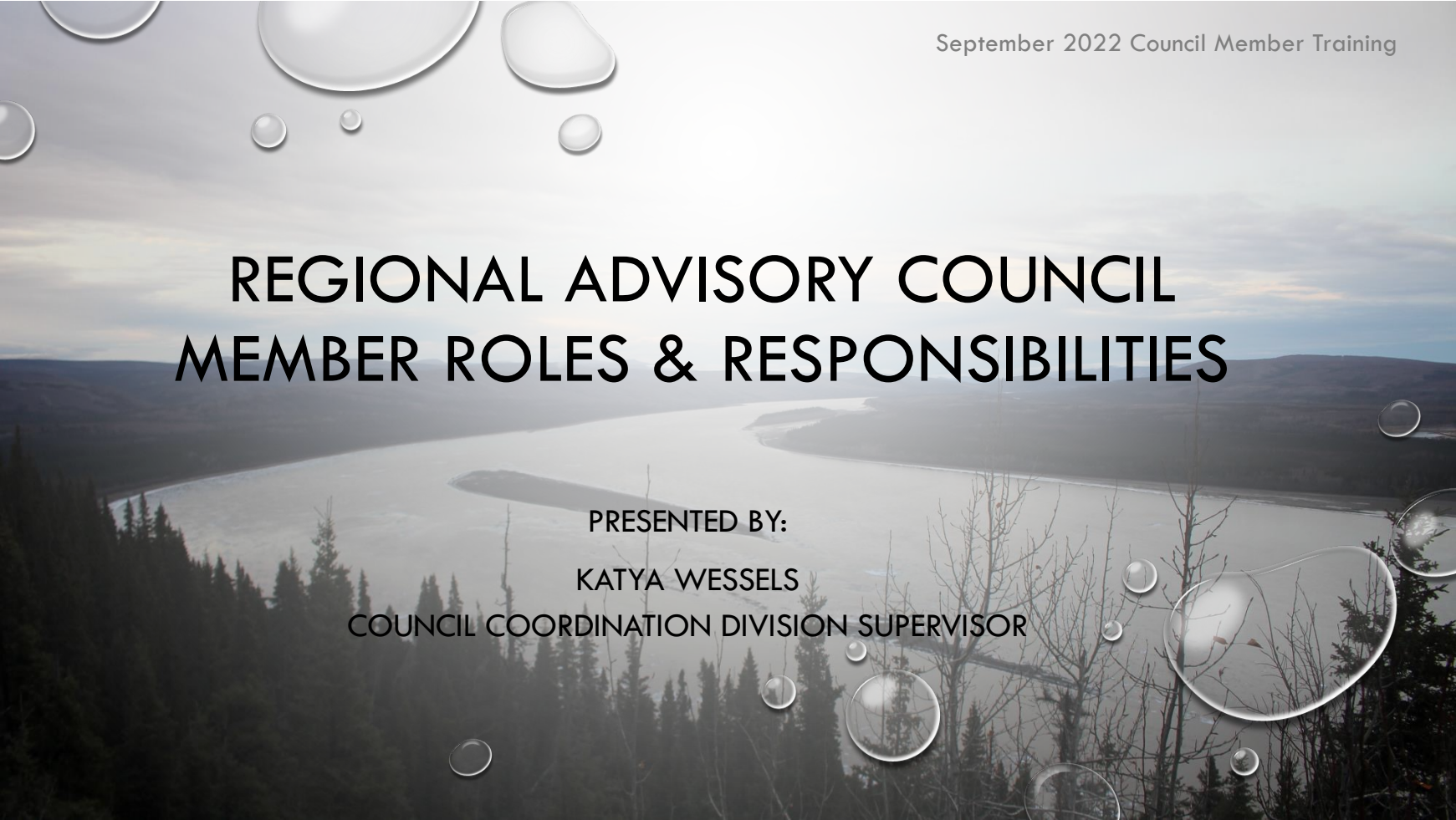




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# REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

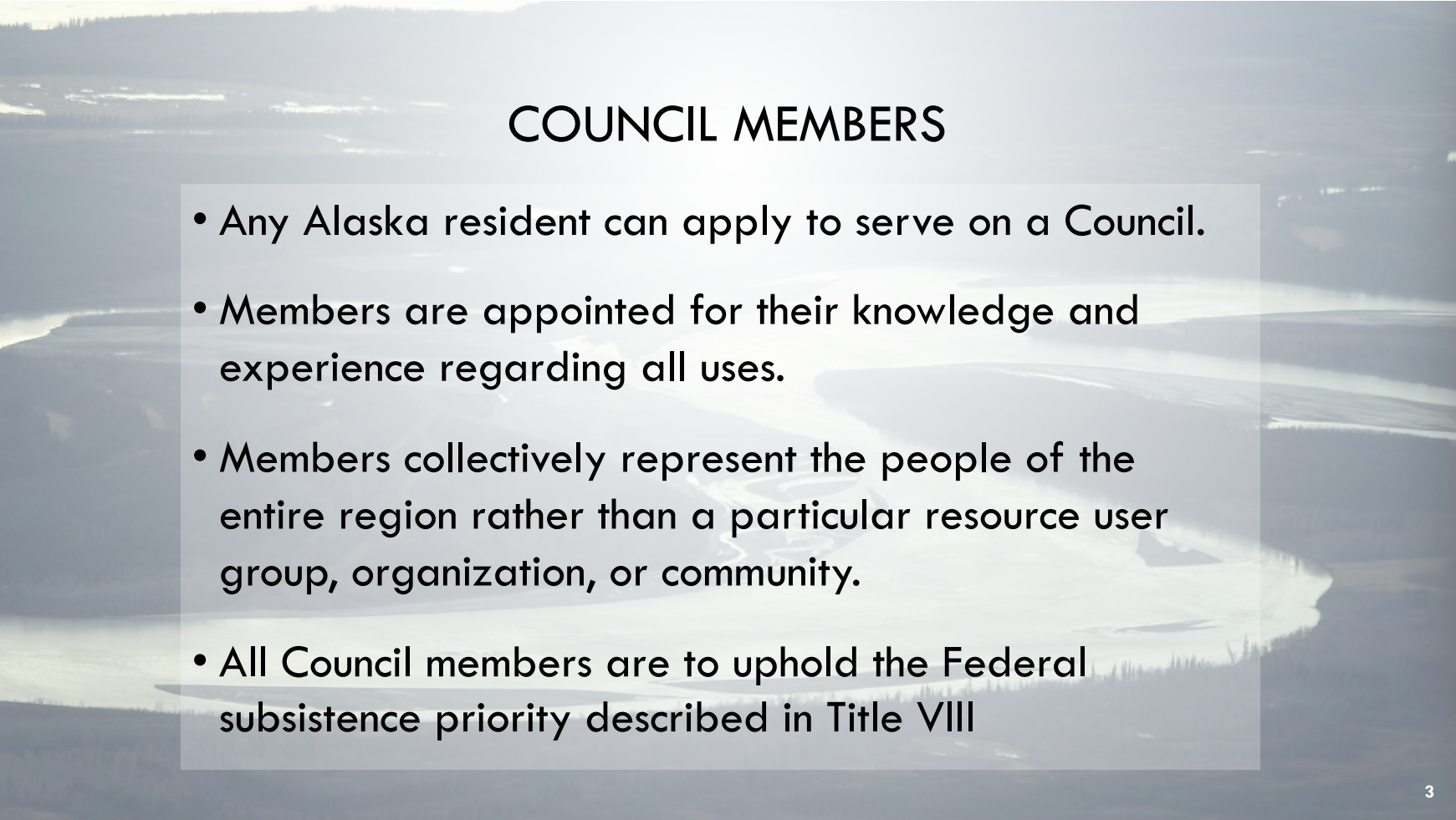
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## WHAT ARE THE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS?

- Established under Title VIII of ANILCA:
  - To advise the Federal Subsistence Board
  - To provide a public forum for the expression of matters related to subsistence
- Chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act
- Composition of each Council:
  - Ten to thirteen members
  - Diverse representation of viewpoints (resource users) on the Councils is required under FACA
  - Goal to insure that 70% of each Council represents subsistence users and 30% commercial sport users



## COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Any Alaska resident can apply to serve on a Council.
- Members are appointed for their knowledge and experience regarding all uses.
- Members collectively represent the people of the entire region rather than a particular resource user group, organization, or community.
- All Council members are to uphold the Federal subsistence priority described in Title VIII

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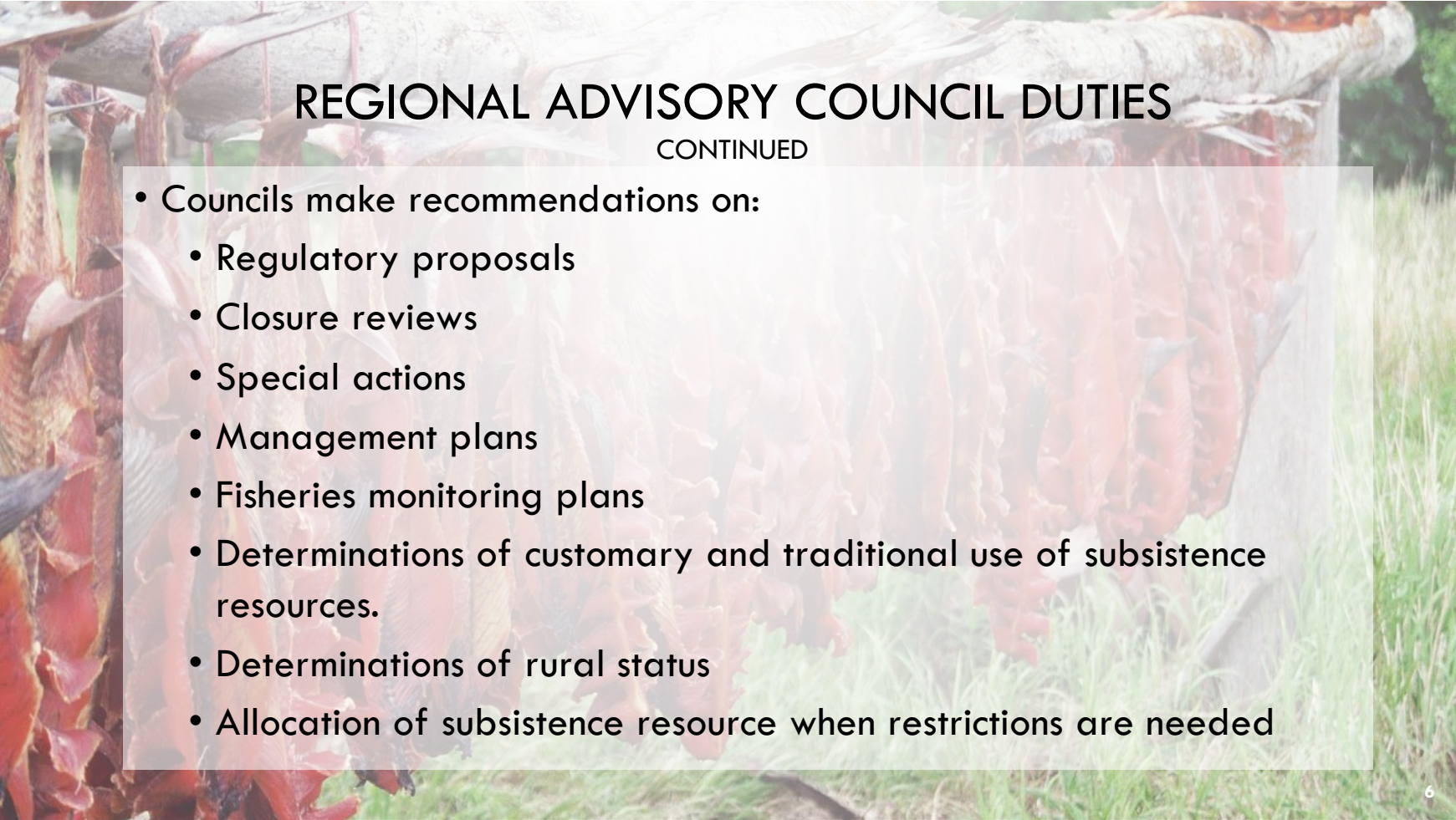
## COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Council members must be a resident of the region the Council represents
- Council members typically serve 3-year terms
- Council members must be willing to travel at least two times a year, for 3-5 days at a time to attend Regional Advisory Council meetings
- Council members are volunteers; however, all approved travel and lodging is prepaid, and Council members receive per diem for meals and other expenses



## REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL DUTIES

- Submit an annual report to the Board
- Develop regulatory proposals
- Provide a public forum
- Encourage public participation
- Appoint members to NPS Subsistence Resource Commissions

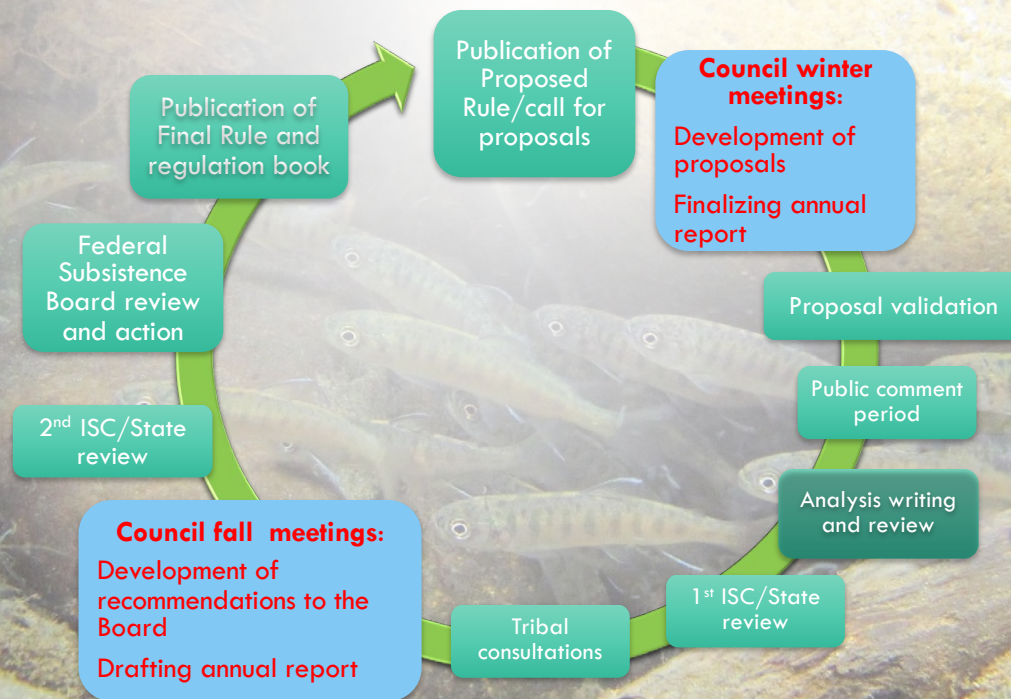


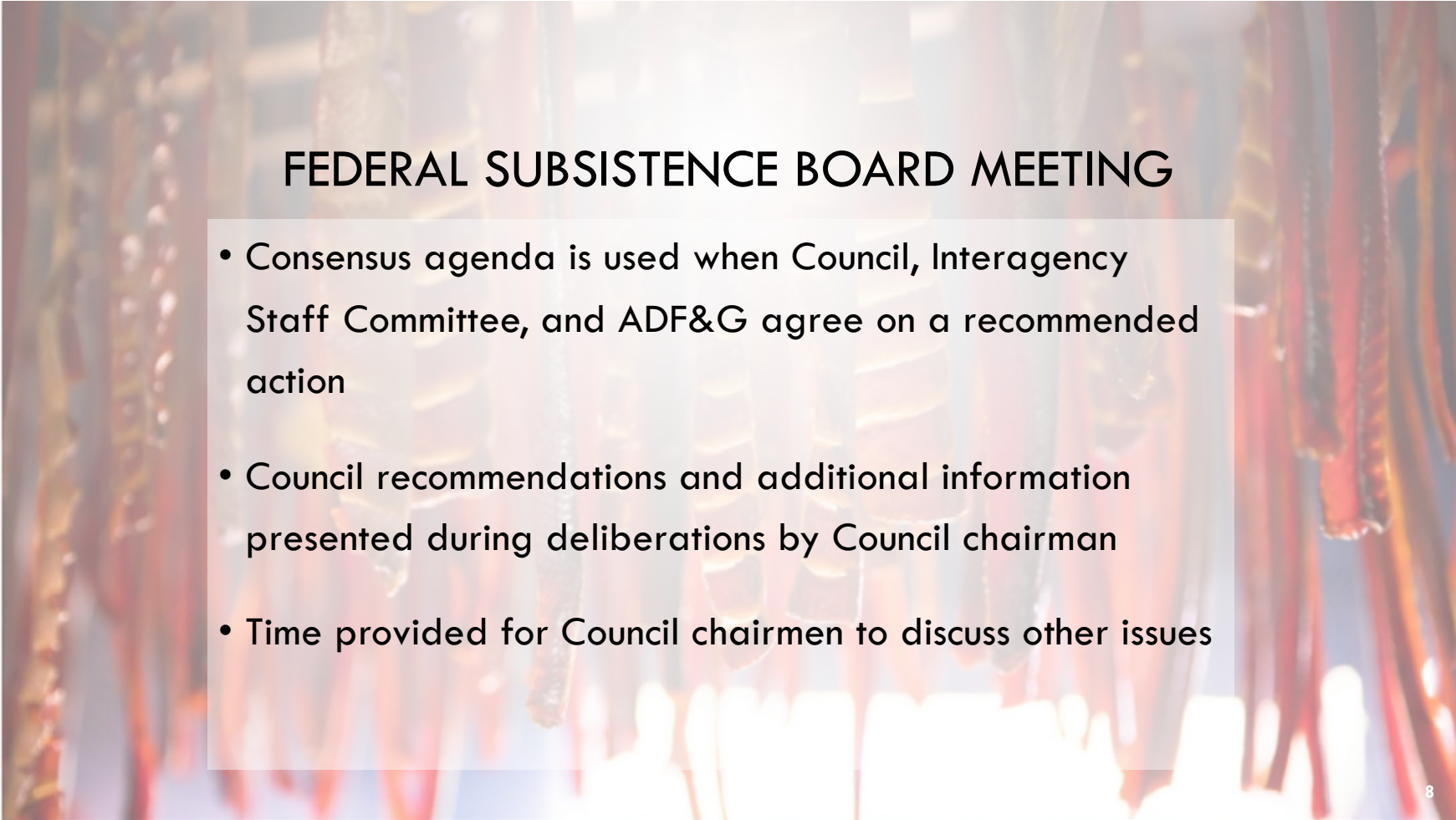
## REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL DUTIES

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- Councils make recommendations on:
  - Regulatory proposals
  - Closure reviews
  - Special actions
  - Management plans
  - Fisheries monitoring plans
  - Determinations of customary and traditional use of subsistence resources.
  - Determinations of rural status
  - Allocation of subsistence resource when restrictions are needed

# ANNUAL REGULATORY PROCESS





## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD MEETING

- Consensus agenda is used when Council, Interagency Staff Committee, and ADF&G agree on a recommended action
- Council recommendations and additional information presented during deliberations by Council chairman
- Time provided for Council chairmen to discuss other issues

## DEFERENCE TO THE COUNCILS ON PROPOSALS

- Section 805(c) indicates that the Board may choose not to follow a Council recommendation, if it is:
  1. Not supported by substantial evidence
  2. Violates recognized principles of fish and wildlife management
  3. Is detrimental to satisfaction of subsistence needs
- Council recommendations on crossover proposals do not always agree

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## COUNCIL MEMBER CONDUCT

- ✓ Be responsive to your Council Coordinator
  - Let Coordinator know best way to contact you
  - Be responsive to communications
- ✓ Act as liaison to your communities
  - Help get the word to your community
  - Bring information/concerns to meetings



## COUNCIL MEMBER CONDUCT

CONTINUED

- ✓ Be respectful, courteous and fair both at public meetings and at all other times
- ✓ Unruly members can be removed from meeting
  - Continued violations are grounds for removal from the Council
- ✓ Attend all Council meetings
  - Be on time and remain for entire meeting
  - Two unexcused absences are grounds for removal from Council



**QUESTIONS?**