

Department has also considered this rulemaking in light of Executive Order 13563 and affirms that this proposed regulation is consistent with the guidance therein. This rule merely finalizes an existing interim final rule without substantive change and imposes no incremental costs. Therefore, it is not a regulatory action under Executive Order 14192.

Executive Order 12988

The Department has reviewed this rule in light of Executive Order 12988 to eliminate ambiguity, minimize litigation, establish clear legal standards, and reduce burden.

Executive Order 13132

This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationships between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to require consultations or warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rulemaking is related to an information collection for the DS-4316, "Eligibility Questionnaire for HAVANA Act Payments," OMB Control Number 1405-0250.

List of Subjects in 28 CFR Part 106

Government employees, Federal retirees, Health care.

Accordingly, the interim rule adding 28 CFR part 106, which was published at 89 FR 28633 on April 19, 2024, is adopted as final with the following changes:

■ 1. The authority citation for part 106 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2680b.

§ 106.2 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend § 106.2 by:

- a. In paragraph (a)(1) removing the date "January 1, 2016" and adding in its place the date "September 11, 2001";
- b. In paragraph (b) removing the date "January 1, 2016" and adding in its place the date "September 11, 2001"; and
- c. In paragraph (d):
 - i. Removing the term "Executive Assistant Director, Human Resources Branch" and adding in its place the term, "Operations Director, Human Capital Branch"; and
 - ii. Removing the term "Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Human

Resources and Administration" and adding in its place the term, "Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Human Capital."

Dated: October 22, 2026.

Todd Blanche,
Attorney General.

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NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

29 CFR Parts 1203, 1208, and 1209

Change of Address; Technical Amendment

AGENCY: National Mediation Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The National Mediation Board (NMB) is issuing this final rule; technical amendment to amend its regulations to reflect a change in address for its Washington, DC headquarters office. This technical amendment is a nomenclature change that replaces outdated addresses with the NMB's current headquarters address. Additionally, this final rule amends the NMB's regulations to eliminate references to the NMB Chief of Staff position, a position that no longer exists in the agency's organization. This action is administrative, technical, and editorial in nature; is necessary to provide accuracy and clarity to the NMB's Rules; and does not alter the rights, duties, or obligations of the public.

DATES: The final rule is effective October 27, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Gross, Counsel, National Mediation Board, Office of Legal Affairs, P.O. Box 23300, Washington, DC 20026; telephone number: 202-815-1647; email address: gross@nmb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NMB maintains regulations in title 29, parts 1201-1209 of the Code of Federal Regulations, a number of which identify the agency's Washington, DC headquarters address and/or a staff position that no longer exists in the agency's organization. On August 1, 2026, NMB's Washington, DC headquarters office relocated from 1301 K St. NW, Suite 250-E, Washington, DC 20005 to 445 12th St. SW, Suite 2500, Washington, DC 20024. This final rule updates NMB's regulations at 29 CFR 1203.1, 1203.3(a), 1208.2(a), 1208.2(b)(6)(ii), 1208.2(c), 1208.7(a), 1209.07(f), and 1209.08(d) to reflect the NMB's current headquarters address and eliminate references to the non-

existent staff position. The NMB has already notified the public of the address change on its website and through other means of communication.

Regulatory Analysis

A. Administrative Procedure Act

This action is taken under NMB's authority, at 5 U.S.C. 552, to publish regulations in the **Federal Register**. Under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), statutory procedures for agency rulemaking do not apply "when the agency for good cause finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons therefore in the rules issued) that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." The NMB finds that such notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, on the grounds that: (1) These amendments are technical and non-substantive; and (2) the public benefits from timely notification of a change in the official agency headquarters address, and further delay is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Similarly, because this final rule makes no substantive changes and merely reflects, in existing regulations, a change of address and the removal of references to a staff position that no longer exists in the agency, this rule is not subject to the effective date limitation of 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

B. Congressional Review Act

As this is a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice that does not substantially affect the rights and obligations of non-agency parties, it is not a "rule" covered by the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(C).

C. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by state, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4).

D. Executive Orders 12866, 14192, and 13563

This rule is "not significant" under Executive Order 12866; therefore, the rule is exempt from the provisions of Executive Order 14192. The benefit of the rule in providing clarity to the public on the current address of the

agency's Washington, DC headquarters office and eliminating references in the NMB's regulations to a position that no longer exists within the agency outweighs any costs to the public, which are minimal or non-existent.

E. Regulatory Flexibility Act: Small Business

The NMB certifies that this rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA) (Pub. L. 104-121). The RFA applies only to rules for which an agency publishes a general notice of proposed rulemaking pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b) of the APA. Consistent with section 553(b)(3)(B) of the APA, and as noted above, the NMB has determined for good cause that general notice and opportunity for public comment is unnecessary because the rule makes only technical changes to its regulations and does not alter any substantive standard, and, therefore, the NMB is not issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking. Accordingly, the NMB has concluded that a regulatory flexibility analysis under the RFA is not required. We are taking this action to ensure our Rules reflect updated and accurate information for the public.

This action is not a major rule as defined by section 804 of the SBREFA. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of U.S.-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

F. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements, and a submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*, is not required.

List of Subjects

29 CFR Part 1203

Administrative practice and procedure, Air carriers, Labor management relations, Railroads.

29 CFR Part 1208

Confidential business information, Freedom of information.

29 CFR Part 1209

Sunshine Act.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the NMB amends 29 CFR Chapter X as follows:

PART 1203—APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE

- 1. The authority citation for part 1203 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 44 Stat. 577, as amended; 45 U.S.C. 151-163.

- 2. Amend § 1203.1 by revising the first sentence to read as follows:

§ 1203.1 Mediation services.

Applications for the mediation services of the National Mediation Board under section 5, First, of the Railway Labor Act, may be made on printed forms N.M.B. 2, copies of which may be secured from the Board's Office of Mediation Services or on the internet at www.nmb.gov. * * *

- 3. Amend § 1203.3 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 1203.3 Interpretation of mediation agreements.

(a) Applications may be filed with the Board under section 5, Second, of the Railway Labor Act, for the interpretation of agreements reached in mediation under section 5, First. * * *

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PART 1208—AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

- 4. The authority citation for part 1208 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 44 Stat. 577, as amended; 45 U.S.C. 151-163.

- 5. Amend § 1208.2 by:

- a. Revising the first sentence of paragraph (a)(1);
- b. Revising paragraph (b)(6)(ii); and
- c. Revising the second sentence of paragraph (c)(1).

The revisions read as follows:

§ 1208.2 Requests for records or information under the Freedom of Information Act.

(a) * * *

(1) All requests for NMB records shall be filed in writing by emailing FOIA@nmb.gov or mailing the request to the Chief FOIA Officer, National Mediation Board, 445 12th St. SW, Suite 2500, Washington, DC 20024. * * *

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(b) * * *

(6) * * *

(ii) A statement that the denial may be appealed within 90 days by writing to

the Chairman, by emailing FOIA@nmb.gov, or by writing to National Mediation Board, 445 12th St. SW, Suite 2500, Washington, DC 20024, and that judicial review will thereafter be available in the district in which the requester resides, or has his principal place of business, or the district in which Agency records are situated, or the District of Columbia.

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(c) * * *

(1) * * * Appeals to the Chairman shall be in writing, addressed to the Chairman, National Mediation Board, 445 12th St. SW, Suite 2500, Washington, DC 20024 or emailed to FOIA@nmb.gov.

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- 6. Amend § 1208.7 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 1208.7 Subpoenas and other requests for testimony and production of documents in legal proceedings where the NMB is not a party.

(a) In legal proceedings between private litigants, a subpoena or other demand for the production of records held by the Agency or for oral or written testimony of a current or former NMB employee should be addressed to the General Counsel, National Mediation Board, 445 12th St. SW, Suite 2500, Washington, DC 20024. * * *

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PART 1209—PUBLIC OBSERVATION OF NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD MEETINGS

- 7. The authority citation for part 1209 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(g).

- 8. Amend § 1209.07 by revising paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 1209.07 Notice of meetings; public announcement and publication.

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(f) Announcement of meeting made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be posted on a bulletin board maintained for such purpose at the Board's offices, 445 12th St. SW, Suite 2500, Washington, DC 20024. Interested individuals or organizations may request the National Mediation Board, 445 12th St. SW, Suite 2500, Washington, DC 20024 to place them on a mailing list for receipt of such announcements.

- 9. Amend § 1209.08 by revising the second sentence of paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 1209.08 Transcripts, recordings or minutes of closed meetings; retention; public availability.

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(d) * * * Requests for copies of transcripts or minutes, or transcriptions of electronic recordings of Board meetings shall be directed to the National Mediation Board, 445 12th St. SW, Suite 2500, Washington, DC 20024.
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Dated: October 22, 2026.

Michael Jerger,

Chief Financial Officer, Acting Director of Administration, National Mediation Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

36 CFR Part 242

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary of the Interior

43 CFR Part 51

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RIN 1090–AB29

Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—2026–27 and 2027–28 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture; Office of Subsistence Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule revises regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses during the 2026–27 and 2027–28 regulatory years. The Federal Subsistence Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”) is on a schedule of completing the process of revising subsistence taking of wildlife regulations in even-numbered years and subsistence taking of fish and shellfish regulations in odd-numbered years; public proposal and review processes take place during the preceding year. The Board also addresses customary and traditional use determinations during the applicable cycle. This final rule revises the existing subsistence wildlife taking regulations, the general regulations on subsistence taking of fish and wildlife, customary and traditional use determinations, and addresses a deferred proposal regarding eulachon

harvest in District 1 from the last fish cycle and a deferred proposal regarding brown bear hide sales from the last wildlife cycle. This final rule also makes administrative corrections to the regulations and corrects errors discovered since the last rulemaking.

DATES: This rule is effective October 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The comments received in response to the proposed rule are available at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. DOI–2024–0011. Federal Subsistence Board meeting transcripts are available for review on the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) website (<https://www.doi.gov/subsistence>); and at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. DOI–2024–0011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o Office of Subsistence Management, Attention: Crystal Leonetti, Director; (907) 786–3888 or subsistence@ios.doi.gov. For questions specific to National Forest System lands, contact Gregory Risdahl, Regional Subsistence Program Leader, USDA, Forest Service, Alaska Region; (907) 302–7354 or gregory.risdahl@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 3111–3126), the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as “the Secretaries”) jointly implement the Federal Subsistence Management Program (hereafter referred to as “the Program”). The Program provides a priority for take of fish and wildlife resources for nonwasteful subsistence uses on Federal public lands and waters in Alaska. Only Alaska residents of areas identified as rural are eligible to participate in the Program. The Secretaries published temporary regulations to carry out the Program in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 1990 (55 FR 27114), and final regulations on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22940). Program officials have subsequently amended these regulations many times. Because the Program is a joint effort between the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, these regulations are located in two titles of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): The Agriculture regulations are at title 36, “Parks, Forests, and Public Property,” and the Interior regulations are at title 43, “Public Lands: Interior,” at 36 CFR 242.1–28 and 43 CFR 51.1–28, respectively. Consequently, to indicate that identical changes are proposed for regulations in both titles 36 and 43, in

this document we will present references to specific sections of the CFR as shown in the following example: § _____.24.

The Program regulations contain subparts as follows: Subpart A, General Provisions; Subpart B, Program Structure; Subpart C, Board Determinations; and Subpart D, Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife. Consistent with subpart B of these regulations, the Secretaries established the Board to administer the Program. The Board comprises:

- A Chair appointed by the Secretary of the Interior with concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture;
- Five public members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior with concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture;
- The Alaska Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- The Alaska State Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM);
- The Alaska Regional Director, National Park Service (NPS);
- The Alaska Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS); and
- The Pacific Geographic Area Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service.

Through the Board, these agencies and public members participate in the development of regulations for subparts C and D. Subpart C sets forth important Board determinations regarding program eligibility (*i.e.*, which areas of Alaska are considered rural and which species are harvested in those areas as part of a “customary and traditional use” for subsistence purposes). Subpart D sets forth specific seasons, limits, and other harvest parameters and requirements.

In administering the Program, the Secretaries divided Alaska into 10 subsistence resource regions, each of which is represented by a Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council). The Councils provide a forum for rural residents with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal public lands in Alaska. The Council members represent varied geographical, cultural, and user interests within each region.

The Board conducts rulemaking for the Program on a biennial schedule with the process of revising the fish and shellfish regulations and the process for revising the wildlife regulations occurring during opposite years. The Board addresses “customary and traditional use” determinations during the applicable biennial cycle. The regulations at § _____.4 define “customary and traditional use” as “a