

Donating hunted and gathered foods to ANMC

You can donate hunted and gathered foods to the inpatient food service program at the Alaska Native Medical Center! Traditional foods are healing, nourishing medicine for our people and your donations will be greatly appreciated by our patients at ANMC.

Donations we can accept:

- Most wild game meat and bones (caribou, moose, deer, sheep, goat and beaver): must be whole, quartered, or roasts; meat cannot be ground
- Most fish and seafood: must be gutted and gilled, with or without heads
- Seal meat and fat
- Plants and berries: whole, fresh or frozen

Donations will be accepted if:

- The animal was not diseased
- The animal was butchered, dressed, transported and stored to prevent cross contamination, undesired bacterial growth, or deteriorations; and the food would not cause significant health hazard or potential for human illness
- The meat is whole, gutted, as quarters or as roasts without further processing
- A transfer of game form is completed prior to taking possession of any donated meat per Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game
- The fish is whole, gutted or gilled

Donations we cannot accept:

- Fox, any kind of bear, and walrus meat
- Seal oil or whale oil (with or without meat)
- Fermented game meat (beaver tail, whale flipper, seal flipper, mikigaq, and walrus)
- Homemade canned or vacuum sealed foods
- Smoked or dried seafood products (unless those products are prepared in a seafood processing facility permitted under 18 AAC 34)
- Fermented seafood products (salmon eggs, fish heads, and other)
- Molluscan shellfish

Nothing will be wasted!

- All donated items that are received will be used in their entirety. Any left over, trim or items deemed “unservable” will be distributed to organizations that will utilize them in animal consumption, and waste will go to local organizations that will use it (i.e. Alaska Zoo, Raptor Rehabilitation, etc...)

Have questions on accepted donations or interested in donating?

Please email nativefood4life@anthc.org.

Shipping assistance is available for remote or out of Anchorage area donations.

If you are interested in helping out with ANMC's Traditional Native Foods Initiative, but do not have access to traditional foods to donate, you can make a donation to the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation by visiting: <http://inspiringgoodhealth.org/donation-page/>.