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9 Crowne Plaza Hotel  
10 Anchorage, Alaska  
11 March 11, 2014  
12 9:00 a.m.

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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Bertrand Adams, Chairman  
18 Michael Bangs  
19 Arthur Bloom  
20 Michael Douville  
21 Donald Hernandez  
22 Aaron Isaacs  
23 Kenneth Jackson  
24 Harvey Kitka  
25 Cathy Needham  
26 Patricia Phillips  
27 Robert Schroeder  
28 Frank Wright  
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34 Regional Council Coordinator, Robert Larson

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Anchorage, Alaska - 3/11/2014)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, folks, we'll go ahead and get this meeting going.

Welcome.

(In Tlingit)

Good morning.

Before we begin I'm going to call on my brother Aaron to please open with a prayer for us, please, everybody rise.

(Prayer)

CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Gunalcheesh.

Before we go any further, I'd just like to say (In Tlingit), and for those of you who don't know what (In Tlingit) means, it means honorable and respectable people.

So, hopefully, you know, we'll conduct ourselves, you know, like honorable and respectable people as we go through the process of this meeting.

But, anyhow, I welcome you. It's a historic time that we're going to meet jointly with the Southcentral Council and I'm looking forward to the next few days.

I would like to maybe just start with introductions. We'll start down here with Mr. Hernandez, please, and go on down the line here. I also want to recognize our new Council member Mr. Bloom. It takes me awhile to get on to names. It took me years to get to know these guys' names.

Anyhow, go ahead, Donald.

MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm Don Hernandez from Pt. Baker.

MS. NEEDHAM: Cathy Needham from

1 Juneau.  
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3 MS. PHILLIPS: Patricia Phillips from  
4 Pelican.  
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6 MR. DOUVILLE: Mike Douville from  
7 Craig.  
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9 MR. SCHROEDER: Bob Schroeder from  
10 Juneau.  
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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: All right. Bert  
13 Adams, Sr., from Yakutat.  
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15 MR. KITKA: Harvey Kitka from Sitka,  
16 Alaska.  
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18 MR. BANGS: Mike Bangs from Petersburg.  
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20 MR. BLOOM: Art Bloom from Tenakee  
21 Springs.  
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23 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright from Hoonah.  
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25 MR. ISAACS: Aaron Isaacs from Klawock.  
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27 MR. JACKSON: Ken Jackson from Kake.  
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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Then we'll  
30 go with Staff and people in the audience.  
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32 MR. LARSON: My name is Robert Larson  
33 and I'm the Council's coordinator. I'm from Petersburg  
34 and work for the Forest Service.  
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36 MR. CAPRA: Jim Capra with National  
37 Park Service, Glacier Bay in Yakutat.  
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39 DR. CHEN: Aloha, Council members. My  
40 name is Glenn Chen with the Bureau of Indian Affairs  
41 and I live in Homer, Alaska.  
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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Always good to see you  
44 Glenn.  
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46 MR. LORRIGAN: I'm Jack Lorrigan, the  
47 Native Liaison and I'm the leadership team lead for the  
48 meeting today.  
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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Good to see you, Jack.

1 MR. CASIPIT: Cal Casipit. I'm the  
2 subsistence Staff biologist stationed in Juneau but I'm  
3 also acting as the Chugach National Forest Resources  
4 and Planning Staff Officer here in Anchorage for about  
5 another month.

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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Cal.

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9 MR. KOHLER: Good morning everybody.  
10 My name is Justin Kohler. I'm the subsistence  
11 biologist for Sitka and Hoonah Ranger Districts. Thank  
12 you.

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14 MS. KENNER: Good morning. My name is  
15 Pippa Kenner and I'm with the Office of Subsistence  
16 Management here in Anchorage and I am an  
17 anthropologist.

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19 MR. REEVES: Good morning. Jeff  
20 Reeves, subsistence biologist for Craig, Thorne Bay and  
21 Ketchikan, Misty Ranger Districts.

22  
23 MR. SUMINSKI: Good morning. My name  
24 is Terry Suminski. I work with the Forest Service in  
25 Sitka and I'm the Subsistence Program leader.

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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I heard some clicking  
28 on the phone, is there anyone on line at this time.

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30 MR. OPHEIM: Yes. Michael Opheim from  
31 Seldovia.

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33 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mike.

34 Anyone else.

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36 MS. HANSEN: Bert. This is Cathy  
37 Hansen with Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance.

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39 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, welcome Cathy.  
40 Anyone else.

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42 MS. HERNANDEZ: Bert, Melinda's on the  
43 line for just a little bit this morning.

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45 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Good morning, Melinda.  
46 What are you doing over there?

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48 MS. HERNANDEZ: Working.

49  
50 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Anyone else on line.  
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3 MR. LIEBICH: Trent Liebich, OSM.  
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5 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, thank you. I  
6 didn't get the name, say it over again, please.  
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8 MR. LIEBICH: Trent Liebich.  
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10 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Anyone else on  
11 line.  
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13 MR. PAPPAS: Hello, Mr. Chair. George  
14 Pappas, OSM.  
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16 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Hi, George.  
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18 Okay.  
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20 All right, that sounds like everyone.  
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22 So the next thing on the agenda is to  
23 review it, review the agenda and then approve it.  
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25 Yes, sir.  
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27 MR. LARSON: Quick announcement.  
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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yes, sir.  
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31 MR. LARSON: Bert. For the people on  
32 line, there is concurrent sessions going on, this is  
33 the Southeast session. The Southcentral session is  
34 happening at the same time but they have a different  
35 teleconference number than this one and if you'd bear  
36 with me just for a few minutes we'll get that number  
37 for those people on line that wish to listen to the  
38 Southcentral Council rather than the Southeast Council.  
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40 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So there's some people  
41 on this line that.....  
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43 MR. LARSON: Yes. And they're actually  
44 having a bit of an issue with their teleconference  
45 number so they're not on line right now but their  
46 teleconference number is 866-916-7020, and they have a  
47 passcode, their passcode is 37311548. And if there's  
48 anybody on line that needs me to repeat that then we  
49 can do that.  
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1                   But when you call that number, at least  
2 for the next few minutes you'll find that they're not  
3 line until they get some technical issues resolved.

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5                   REPORTER: They're resolved.

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7                   MR. LARSON: Ah, technical issues have  
8 been resolved, so 866-916-7020 is there teleconference  
9 number, 37311548 is their participant passcode.

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11                   Thank you.

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13                   CHAIRMAN ADAMS: All right, thank you,  
14 Robert. So those of you who don't belong here with us  
15 call that number and you'll get connected to the right  
16 people. Thank you.

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18                   Okay, let's look at the agenda.

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20                   Mr. Bangs.

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22                   MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
23 think we need, if I'm not mistaken, there's an  
24 amendment to the agenda in regards to a presentation  
25 about the extra territorial jurisdiction; is that  
26 correct, Robert.

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28                   CHAIRMAN ADAMS: That is correct. But  
29 what I'd like to do is go ahead and have a motion to  
30 accept -- a motion and seconded to accept the agenda  
31 and then we can make the necessary arrangements after  
32 that.

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34                   Patty.

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36                   MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair, was roll call  
37 and quorum established?

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39                   CHAIRMAN ADAMS: You're trying to get  
40 out a job, uh?

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42                   (Laughter)

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44                   MR. KITKA: I wasn't going to say a  
45 word.

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47                   (Laughter)

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49                   CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Before we do the  
50 agenda, think about it and we'll have our secretary

1 call roll.  
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3 MR. KITKA: Art Bloom.  
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5 MR. BLOOM: Here.  
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7 MR. KITKA: Patricia Phillips.  
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9 MS. PHILLIPS: Here.  
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11 MR. KITKA: Michael Douville.  
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13 MR. DOUVILLE: Here.  
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15 MR. KITKA: Harvey Kitka's here.  
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17 Bert Adams.  
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19 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Here.  
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21 MR. KITKA: Robert Schroeder.  
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23 MR. SCHROEDER: Here.  
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25 MR. KITKA: Donald Hernandez.  
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27 MR. HERNANDEZ: Here.  
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29 MR. KITKA: Kenneth Jackson.  
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31 MR. JACKSON: Here.  
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33 MR. KITKA: Aaron Isaacs.  
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35 MR. ISAACS: Here.  
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37 MR. KITKA: John Yeager.  
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39 (No comment)  
40  
41 MR. KITKA: Michael Bangs.  
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43 MR. BANGS: Here.  
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45 MR. KITKA: Cathy Needham.  
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47 MS. NEEDHAM: Here.  
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49 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, John, for  
50 your.....

1 MR. KITKA: Mr. Chair, we have a  
2 quorum.  
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4 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: For your information  
5 John is excused for a day. He needs to take care of  
6 some business at home before he comes so we expect him  
7 tomorrow, right, Robert.  
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9 MR. LARSON: He'll be on this  
10 afternoon's jet, yes.  
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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, thank you.  
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14 MR. LARSON: And one more thing.  
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16 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead.  
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18 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chair.  
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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yes, go ahead, Frank.  
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22 MR. WRIGHT: I'm here too, Mr. Chair.  
23  
24 (Laughter)  
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26 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, Harvey, where  
27 did you make that mistake.  
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29 (Laughter)  
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31 MR. KITKA: Mr. Chair, his name is not  
32 on there.  
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34 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: His name is not on  
35 there -- okay.  
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37 MR. LARSON: I can speak to that.  
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39 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Well, you better speak  
40 to that.  
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42 (Laughter)  
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44 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. In your  
45 Council book on Page 4 you'll see a roster of appointed  
46 members. Seat No. 2, which was previously held by Mr.  
47 Frank Wright is left vacant because at the time of the  
48 printing we did not have a Secretarial appointment for  
49 Mr. Wright. Subsequent to printing, the Secretary  
50 wrote him a letter of appointment and he is the last

1 member of the Southeast Council to be appointed for  
2 this cycle. So he is -- he's present and he is a  
3 bonafide member right now.

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5 I can't explain why his appointment was  
6 held up, I have no idea. We made inquiries and there  
7 doesn't seem to be any reason for it, it's just that he  
8 happened to be last, maybe because his name starts with  
9 a W, I don't know.

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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: W, yeah.

12  
13 (Laughter)

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15 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Well, thank you for  
16 that and congratulations, Frank, for coming back to us.  
17 I didn't know this was all happening, you know, you  
18 should have at least sent me an email or something  
19 because -- yes.

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21 MR. BANGS: I move to adopt the agenda.

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23 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, I wasn't through  
24 with my statement yet, though.

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26 (Laughter)

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, I just want to  
29 go ahead and -- oh, is there a second.

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31 MS. PHILLIPS: Second.

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33 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. So now it's up  
34 for discussion so you can, you know, arrange it in  
35 whatever way you want.

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37 But I was just going to say, welcome  
38 Mr. Bloom, to this group. These are outstanding  
39 members and I want you to know you're among the best.  
40 And Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Schroeder knows us, but,  
41 welcome, Bob, it's always been a pleasure working with  
42 you in the past and we're glad that you're involved in  
43 the process again.

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45 What do we have here.

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47 MR. LARSON: May I speak to the agenda.

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49 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay.

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1 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. We do have a  
2 time certain request from the Director of the Forest  
3 Service to speak to the ETJ petition, and that would be  
4 the first item on our agenda for Thursday morning at  
5 8:30. His name is Wayne Owen. He spoke to the Council  
6 before.

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8 I also have a request that everybody --  
9 there's a signup sheet at the end of the table, closest  
10 to the door, I wish that everybody that attends would  
11 put their name on the signup sheet for our permanent  
12 record.

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14 We also have a time certain request  
15 from Mr. Greg Hayward of the Forest Service to talk  
16 about climate change policies and he requests to have  
17 his presentation at 10:00 a.m., tomorrow.

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19 And I think that is, other than this  
20 item, which I'll let you speak to, that's all the  
21 information I have.

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23 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, thank you. I  
24 guess we can do this now. Is there someplace on the  
25 agenda for this.

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27 MR. LARSON: After you do the agenda.

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay.

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31 MR. LARSON: Finish with the agenda.

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33 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, yeah. Is there  
34 a time certain on the agenda for this.

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36 MR. LARSON: Right here, after the  
37 agenda.

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39 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay.

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41 MR. LARSON: Yes.

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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Discussion.  
44 Any more discussion on the agenda.

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46 Mr. Douville.

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48 MR. DOUVILLE: In the past we've  
49 generally adopted the agenda as a guide.

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Uh-huh.  
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3 MR. DOUVILLE: I would suggest that  
4 unless we're going to strictly adhere to it.  
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6 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I'm going to ask the  
7 maker of the motion if he would like to, you know, use  
8 that.  
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10 MR. BANGS: Yes, if the person that  
11 seconded would agree, I would change it.  
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13 MS. PHILLIPS: I agree.  
14  
15 MR. BANGS: Thank you.  
16  
17 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Yeah, it's  
18 always a good idea because, you know, we can get stuck  
19 with one agenda item and, you know, miss the whole  
20 picture. But, anyhow, it's going to be adopted as a  
21 guide, okay.  
22  
23 Yes, ma'am.  
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25 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair. Can we make a  
26 recommendation for an addition to the agenda?  
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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Sure.  
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30 MS. NEEDHAM: I don't see on the  
31 current agenda anywhere where we're having any kind of  
32 discussion or update about our TransBoundary letter.  
33 We alluded to it in the training and I think it would  
34 be a good idea to get an update on what happened and  
35 where -- when we can expect some kind of response on  
36 that.  
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38 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair.  
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40 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yes, go ahead.  
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42 MR. LARSON: And if it's -- I will  
43 speak to Steve and he'll include that in the Forest  
44 Service presentation.  
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46 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Is that okay,  
47 Cathy, be included in this report.  
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49 MS. NEEDHAM: (Nods affirmatively)  
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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Anything else.  
2  
3 (No comments)  
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5 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. We've got, you  
6 know, a couple of time certain changes to the agenda,  
7 the C&T use determination will be heard on Thursday at  
8 8:30, and then the climate change issue will take place  
9 at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday -- is that Tuesday -- Tuesday  
10 I think it is, that's what I wrote on mine.  
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12 MR. LARSON: The 8:30 presentation from  
13 Wayne Owen is extended jurisdiction.  
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15 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Right.  
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17 MR. LARSON: And the climate change  
18 would be 10:00 a.m., tomorrow during the joint session.  
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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Okay. And then  
21 the climate change issue, that's at 2:00 p.m., on  
22 Tuesday, right?  
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24 MR. LARSON: 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday.  
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26 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: All right. Are you  
27 sure, I had it -- because I had this written down at  
28 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday -- 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday.  
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30 MR. LARSON: We'll doublecheck.  
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32 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Please do that because  
33 I wrote this down as soon as I heard it, okay, and it  
34 was an email from you.  
35  
36 Okay.  
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38 So those two issues and then the other  
39 issue will be that Cathy referred to is going to be  
40 given in Steve's report. So do I hear a motion -- or a  
41 question called.  
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43 MR. KITKA: Question.  
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45 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Question's been  
46 called. All in favor of the motion please say aye.  
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48 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Motion to disapprove

1 say nay.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Motion carries, thank

6 you.

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8 REPORTER: Bert.

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10 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you for

11 reminding me.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: It's a good thing I

16 didn't have my mic turned on because you missed it.

17

18 (Laughter)

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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: There's this letter

21 that we are going to send to Floyd Kookesh's family.

22 Have you all had a chance to see it yet or is this

23 going to be your first time.

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25 MR. LARSON: It's going to be the first

26 time.

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. It's going to

29 be the first time.

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31 So I'm going to read it to you and it's

32 something that Robert and I put together with some

33 input from other people as well but I'll read it to you

34 and what we would rather have happen is that, instead

35 of just me signing it, we have all of the Council

36 members put their signature on the letter. Okay.

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38 The letter is to Lena Woods, Melissa

39 Kookesh, Ramona Kookesh, Kristi Kookesh, Marty Fred and

40 Tyler Frisbe. And it says:

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42 Dear family of Floyd.

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44 Please accept our sincere condolences

45 for the loss of our friend and fellow

46 member of the Southeast Alaska

47 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

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49 Floyd was a member of the Council since

50 1999 and he will be missed by us all.

1 During his tenure he provided important  
2 leadership to the group and his vision  
3 contributed to insuring that  
4 sustainable customary and traditional  
5 harvesting of fish and wildlife by  
6 rural residents on Alaska's public  
7 lands remained the preferential use of  
8 those resources.

9  
10 Floyd was never shy about expressing  
11 his opinions and speaking up for all  
12 subsistence users. He was quick to  
13 remind us on many occasions that  
14 Council members should not only  
15 represent their communities but that  
16 they had a responsibility to represent  
17 the entire region.

18  
19 Floyd was a good role model to the rest  
20 of the Council.

21  
22 He understood and supported the needs  
23 of subsistence users in the entire  
24 region and encouraged local subsistence  
25 users to participate in our meetings in  
26 each of the communities we visited.

27  
28 We will miss his humor and wit when  
29 discussing contentious issues and  
30 deeply appreciated his tireless  
31 dedication to the national  
32 implementation of Title VIII of the  
33 Alaska National Interest and  
34 Conservation Act.

35  
36 Our best to you and the rest of his  
37 family. We are sure all of you will  
38 carry the legacy that Floyd left for us  
39 all.

40  
41 And as I said, you know, I'll sign it  
42 and then all of the Council members will sign it as  
43 well.

44  
45 Okay.

46  
47 Thank you.

48  
49 MR. LARSON: Yes, Mr. Chair, perhaps we  
50 could speak just before we have elections and clear up

1 that question regarding the agenda, 2:00 p.m., the 2:00  
2 p.m., today, on Tuesday, is the time certain for two  
3 members of the North Pacific Fisheries Management  
4 Council Staff, Jane DiCosimo and Diana Evans, they  
5 would like to speak to the joint group regarding the  
6 North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, their  
7 obligations and functions. 2:00 o'clock today, 2:00  
8 o'clock Tuesday.

9

10 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay.

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12 MR. LARSON: At this time we need to  
13 elect officers. The first will be election of a  
14 Chairman. At that time the new Chairman will assume  
15 the leadership role and conduct the elections for the  
16 vice Chair and the Secretary.

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18 The floor is now open for nominations  
19 for Chair.

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21 Mr. Douville.

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23 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair. I'd nominate  
24 Bert Adams for Chair.

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26 MR. LARSON: Do we have a second.

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28 MR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd second  
29 that. Ken.

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31 MR. LARSON: Do we have additional  
32 nominations.

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35 (No comments)

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37 MR. LARSON: The opportunity is once.  
38 Opportunity twice. Opportunity for additional  
39 nominations to be Chair of the Southeast Council.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Hearing none.

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46 MR. SCHROEDER: I move that nominations  
47 be closed, and that Mr. Adams be recognized by  
48 acclimation as Chair of the Council.

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50 MR. LARSON: Nominations are closed.

1 And, unless there is some -- I think it would be  
2 appropriate to have a vote. I'm going to vote -- we're  
3 going to vote and.....

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5 MS. PHILLIPS: Second that move.

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7 MR. LARSON: We're going to have a  
8 vote. So all in favor of Bert please raise your right  
9 hand.

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11 (Council raises right hands)

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13 MR. LARSON: Is there anyone that is  
14 opposed.

15  
16 (No opposing votes)

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18 MR. LARSON: Seeing none, he's  
19 appointed by -- elected, without opposition,  
20 congratulations and I will turn the floor back over to  
21 you as the new Council Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. It's  
24 actually the old new Council Chair.

25  
26 (Laughter)

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: But I want to let you  
29 all know I appreciate the confidence that you have in  
30 me as serving as your Chair. You know, I've talked to  
31 some Council members about the position already and I  
32 said, you know, as long as you want me in here I'm  
33 willing to serve, and I'll certainly let you know when  
34 I get tired and want to go home. But, anyhow, thank  
35 you and it's been a privilege.

36  
37 Okay.

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39 We'll now open the nominations for a  
40 vice Chair. And the way we'll do it is we'll keep the  
41 nominations open, if somebody wants to nominate  
42 someone, somebody else wants to nominate someone else,  
43 you know, we'll keep the nominations open until  
44 somebody closes it, okay.

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46 Mr. Wright.

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48 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chair. I nominate Mr.  
49 Bangs.

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Bangs has been  
2 nominated. Is there any other nominations.  
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4 MR. JACKSON: Mr. Chair. I second  
5 that.  
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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Pardon.  
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9 MR. JACKSON: The nomination to be  
10 seconded or do we just have to wait for somebody else  
11 to make a nomination.  
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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah, did you nominate  
14 someone.  
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16 MR. JACKSON: No. I was just seconding  
17 the nomination of Mr. Bangs.  
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19 MR. KITKA: He seconded Mr. Bangs.  
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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Oh, you don't need a  
22 second when you're nominating, okay, you just keep the  
23 nomination open until enough people are nominated or  
24 whenever you want to close it and then somebody makes a  
25 motion to close it, okay.  
26  
27 Mr. Bangs -- or Mr. Douville, I'm  
28 sorry.  
29  
30 (Laughter)  
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32 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: It's still early in  
33 the morning, I shouldn't be that way but anyhow.  
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35 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair. I move that  
36 nominations cease for vice Chair.  
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38 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. That's the  
39 way that you handle it.  
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41 MS. PHILLIPS: Second.  
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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Second. And then it  
44 needs a second. So I say all in favor, please say aye.  
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46 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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48 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Opposed, same sign.  
49  
50 (No opposing votes)

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Motion is carried.  
2 Congratulations, Mr. Bangs.  
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4 MR. BANGS: Thank you.  
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6 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The Chair recognizes  
7 nominations now for Secretary.  
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9 Mr. Bangs.  
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11 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
12 nominate Harvey Kitka for Secretary.  
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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Any more  
15 nominations.  
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17 Mr. Douville.  
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19 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair. I move that  
20 nominations cease for Secretary.  
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22 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Is there  
23 a.....  
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25 MS. PHILLIPS: Second.  
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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: There is a second. So  
28 Mr. Harvey Kitka has been nominated as Secretary, all  
29 in favor please say aye.  
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31 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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33 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Oppose, same sign.  
34  
35 (No opposing votes)  
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37 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Motion is carried.  
38 Okay, with that done we need to look at the minutes.  
39 Do you want to take maybe five or so minutes and look  
40 at the minutes and then come back and we'll carry it on  
41 from there.  
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43 (Council nods affirmatively)  
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45 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you.  
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47 MR. KITKA: I voted nay.  
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49 (Laughter)  
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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: You voted nay.  
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3 (Laughter)  
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5 (Pause)  
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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So how're we doing.  
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9 (Pause)  
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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Cathy.  
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13 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair. I move we  
14 approve the minutes.  
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16 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Do I hear a second.  
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18 MR. BANGS: I'll second.  
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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Bangs, seconded.  
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22 Okay, it's been moved and seconded that  
23 the minutes be approved. You've had a few minutes to  
24 go through the minutes are there any issues that you  
25 would like to bring forth at this time before we pass  
26 it.  
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28 Cathy.  
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30 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
31 I'd like to add one correction to the minutes on Page  
32 11 under a Council member report, which happened to be  
33 mine, the last sentence, recognizes the Kasaan Indian  
34 Association. It's a Federally-recognized tribe and the  
35 correct name is the Organized Village of Kasaan.  
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37 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Anyone else have any  
38 issues with the minutes.  
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40 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair.  
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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Robert.  
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44 MR. LARSON: Could you remind me and  
45 I'll make that correction -- remind me exactly what  
46 we're talking about.  
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48 MS. NEEDHAM: Page 11, at the very last  
49 sentence under my Council report. It says Kasaan  
50 Indian Association and it should be the Organized

1 Village of Kasaan.  
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3 MR. LARSON: Thank you.  
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5 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair.  
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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Patty, go ahead.  
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9 MS. PHILLIPS: I don't want to change  
10 the minutes but Mr. Reifenstuhl of the NSRAA  
11 volunteered to evaluate Kanalku for enhancement  
12 opportunities, if requested, did we request that?  
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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Did we, Robert?  
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16 MR. LARSON: We did not.  
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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay.  
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20 MS. PHILLIPS: Maybe we could add that  
21 on the agenda.  
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23 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: We could.  
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25 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you.  
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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Could you remember to  
28 put it on the agenda Mr. Larson, or Patty remind us.  
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30 Mr. Bloom, you know, you're new here  
31 and I see you, you know, going through the minutes so  
32 if you have any questions about anything that you've  
33 seen in the minutes that one of us can explain, you  
34 know, please feel free to do so.  
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36 Same with Mr. Schroeder.  
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38 (Pause)  
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40 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I see people still  
41 turning their pages so I assume they're still busy.  
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43 (Pause)  
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45 MR. KITKA: I call the question.  
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47 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Kitka has called  
48 for the question. All in favor please say aye.  
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50 IN UNISON: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Opposed, same sign.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. The  
6 minutes are passed. The minutes are approved, behind  
7 us.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Reports are up.  
12 So we'll go through the Council. As always, Mr. Bloom,  
13 we give the Council an opportunity to make kind of some  
14 opening remarks, you know, and you can talk about  
15 anything, you know, that comes from your area, your  
16 knowledge from Tenakee Springs, some of the issues that  
17 you might be facing there. But, you know, as we  
18 mentioned earlier we represent the whole region but  
19 we're interested in hearing what's happening in your  
20 area as well.

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22 So why don't we start with Ken and go  
23 ahead and have you start the discussion, please.

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25 MR. JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

26

27 Coming from Kake, they decided that  
28 they would send proposals later and I know there is a  
29 deadline and most people that we talked with were  
30 talking about the issue of sea otters and the openings  
31 and limits of sockeye on Admiralty Island that is  
32 controlled by Sitka. And just depletion of deer and  
33 the increase of moose and the shutting down of marten  
34 on Kuiu Island and they're finding out that some of the  
35 marten actually traveled nearly 20 miles to Kupreanof  
36 Island and then traveled back, I guess they had tagged  
37 them.

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39 So right now that's all I have to  
40 report.

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42 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr.

45 Isaacs.

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47 MR. ISAACS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There  
48 are three main concerns that I've heard.

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50 One, of course, is the sea otter. And

1 it's been mentioned several times that there's a  
2 concern also of abundance of wolves on Prince of Wales.  
3 But the third thing, though, is the -- I kind of caught  
4 Jeff this morning, early, about -- just before I was  
5 heading this way I spotted a poster on the mall in  
6 Klawock, they were concerned about a closure of a road  
7 system at the north end of Prince of Wales, which in  
8 there it stated it does affect the subsistence  
9 gathering. There's quite a few of those roads that  
10 were closed -- well, not -- not yet, but they were  
11 waiting for some comments from individuals and if they  
12 get enough concerns expressed then they wouldn't close  
13 those roads.

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15 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr.  
16 Wright.

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18 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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20 It seemed like this year that there was  
21 a great abundance of deer that had come in so -- and it  
22 was a pretty mild winter that I'm hoping that they come  
23 back because there was a lot of deer coming in.

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25 One of the activities that's going on  
26 in Hoonah is that the Tribe has contracted with  
27 Sealaska to do tree thinning so the forest may do a  
28 little better and we got some employment there.

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30 A couple years ago my nephew had got me  
31 some cockles from the other side of the breakwater  
32 there and I couldn't even eat those things because, you  
33 know, the bark from the harvested logs was pretty bad  
34 but he got me some this year and they're pretty tasty  
35 so they're coming back.

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37 And one of the issues with the  
38 commercial fishing of dungees is that whenever the  
39 dungee season opens we still have -- I don't even put  
40 my crab pots out for dungees because they get pulled  
41 anyway by commercial and they just lace the place. So  
42 -- but I think it might be that, you know, I seen some  
43 boats that went up the bay to put their crab pots out,  
44 some commercial and then the next day -- next couple  
45 days they'll be bringing them back down, I don't know  
46 if the sea otters are getting up there or what's going  
47 on up there so -- I know my nephew had said he's seen a  
48 couple of them up there and he tried to take care of  
49 them.

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1 But, anyway, haven't seen too many king  
2 salmon come in but I'm always watching. I live on  
3 Front Street so.....

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5 (Laughter)

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7 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The watchdog, uh.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Frank. Mr.  
14 Bloom, you know, if you want to pass and listen to  
15 other people you get the idea, though, don't you --  
16 okay, you want to go ahead.

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18 MR. BLOOM: Thank you. Well, I am  
19 honored to have been selected and to be part of this  
20 group. I was only notified fairly recently of my  
21 selection so I really am still in a learning process.  
22 So I'm just happy to be here.

23  
24 Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: We are all in the  
27 learning process so don't feel alone.

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29 Go ahead, is that it.

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31 MR. BLOOM: Yep, that will be it.

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33 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr. Bangs.

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35 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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37 Well, I think some of you have heard  
38 that we had kind of a catastrophic happening in  
39 Petersburg here just last week. Our hatchery caught  
40 fire and burned, like 1.2 million baby salmon up, king  
41 salmon mostly and some coho and that's going to affect,  
42 I think, subsistence users who take advantage of some  
43 of the release sights for gathering more fish. It will  
44 have an affect on, not only commercial, sport, guiding,  
45 everything, it's a pretty big tragedy, pretty much, you  
46 know, that took us by surprise. But we're hoping that  
47 the State will rebuild it quickly and get back on  
48 track, and in three or four years from now there'll be  
49 some skinny returns to some of the release sight  
50 streams for enhancement.

1                   Another thing that has been coming up  
2 in discussions around town is that the city and borough  
3 of Wrangell and the city and borough of Petersburg, or  
4 the Petersburg Borough, is the Advisory Committees are  
5 putting in proposals addressing the subsistence sockeye  
6 and net fisheries on the Stikine. And they're  
7 concerned about the lack of net tending, leaving nets  
8 in overnight and a myriad of other issues and I just  
9 wanted the Council to be aware that that's coming down  
10 the pike here with our next set of proposals and we're  
11 going to have to address that issue with subsistence  
12 uses.

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14                   Another concern that's coming down our  
15 way is the talk of the State obtaining, I think it's  
16 roughly 5 million acres from the Federal forest lands  
17 in the Tongass which would have a big affect on all of  
18 us, I think. So that's something to keep mind of.

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20                   That's all I have, thank you.

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22                   CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead, Harvey.

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24                   MR. KITKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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26                   Sitka is still very concerned with the  
27 herring issue. Over the last two years the herring in  
28 Sitka, the biomass that they keep saying is out there  
29 is -- it doesn't seem to be there and the commercial  
30 guys only got less than half a percent each time and  
31 our subsistence, when we set our trees out, if we don't  
32 get them out when they start seining then we don't get  
33 anything. A lot of people really suffered from that  
34 this last year.

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36                   We also have the problem of the sea  
37 otters like a lot of people do. I wish there was a way  
38 to put them on the predator list because they do eat  
39 everything that we eat and they are a very big  
40 competitor to us. It doesn't take them long to wipe  
41 out a whole bay. You send 30 sea otter out -- out in  
42 our Sitka Sound and they wiped out half of the sound in  
43 three months. So that just tells you how fast they can  
44 eat and how much they eat and the more they eat the  
45 more they multiply.

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47                   And that's quite a concern.

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49                   Another concern is possibly some of the  
50 closures that are happening, especially on the goats

1 and other things. We're in the process of trying to  
2 find a way to set up a subsistence for goats on Baranof  
3 Island. Because it was just recently found out that  
4 goats were on Baranof Island originally so this is  
5 something -- and I think that's about enough for now.

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CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Harvey.

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10 You know our concerns in Yakutat, you  
11 know, are pretty much the same as everywhere else, you  
12 know, the sea otters. You know the thing about sea  
13 otters, you know, is they're just like humans, they  
14 breed yearround so they multiply quite a bit and then  
15 the more they multiply, you know, the more food they  
16 require and it's really a strain on the resources, you  
17 know, with things like sea urchins and clams and crabs,  
18 you know. But, you know, anyhow our concern is no  
19 different than anywhere else as far as they are  
20 concerned -- sea otters are concerned.

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22 We had to do a special action on the  
23 moose last fall in Yakutat because the bull/cow ratio  
24 on the eastern side -- or western side of Dangerous  
25 River was very low. They're trying to get it up to an  
26 appropriate level before they can keep it open again  
27 but they've had to close that portion of it. It used  
28 to be 60 moose, you know, a season, 30 on one side of  
29 the river and then 30 on the other so they reduced the  
30 other side of the Dangerous River down to 25.

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32 I didn't get a report, you know, about  
33 the deer. We've had a pretty good winter so, you know,  
34 I think maybe the deer might not have suffered. I know  
35 that some of the people in the community, you know,  
36 when they saw a real big snowfall in November, that  
37 they just automatically, you know, made up their mind  
38 themselves that they weren't going to go get deer  
39 because they felt that snow was going to be too  
40 hazardous to them. And we only have the one month  
41 season, you know, and you're only allowed one deer per  
42 family -- or per person.

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44 Let's see, eulachons. We had a real  
45 good run of eulachon last year, more than we'd ever had  
46 in a long time. In fact, I think it extended even into  
47 May and, you know, I got so tired of eating eulachon  
48 that I'm not too interested in eulachon this year.

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(Laughter)

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: But I think they're  
2 starting to show up down in the Dry Bay area.

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4 The herring, you know, we're starting  
5 to have, you know, a pretty good show up of herring  
6 spawning their eggs in the area. I think the last good  
7 spawn was a couple years ago and I think just like  
8 Sitka, you know, last year they came and went, you  
9 know, real quick and you had to be at the right place  
10 at the right time in order to get herring spawn.

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12 I think what I'll do, is my Chair's  
13 report, is I'll go ahead and include that as well --  
14 include the Chair's report in my own report as well  
15 because it's -- I went to the Wrangell-St.Elias  
16 Resource Commission meeting last week and I had to miss  
17 a couple meetings and so it was my first time in a  
18 little over a year so they do have a new Chairman. I  
19 remember when I got appointed by the RAC, you know, and  
20 when I came back to give my report Big Bill Thomas  
21 wanted to know how come I wasn't Chairman already, you  
22 know, it took a couple years but I served as Chairman  
23 for many years and then we got a real, you know, local  
24 person that is serving as Chair right now and so she's  
25 doing a great job.

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27 The C&T issue didn't hit to well with  
28 them. I tried my best to explain it, you know, the way  
29 that we envisioned it but I realized there that we do  
30 have a lot of educating to do if we want, you know,  
31 this issue to go. I explained to them that, hey, you  
32 know what, your regions have the privilege or the  
33 option of, you know, deciding how you want your C&T  
34 administered in your areas, if you want to keep your  
35 eight factors, fine, keep them; you know, if you want  
36 to divide it in half, you know, you can determine  
37 yourselves, you know, what you want and that's one of  
38 the options that I thought was really significant with  
39 the workgroup that developed that proposal, is that,  
40 every region would have an opportunity to determine how  
41 C&T would be, you know, managed in their area. So like  
42 I said we have a lot of educating to do and there was a  
43 couple people there that said that they rely on the  
44 eight factors to determine whether a community is rural  
45 or not so they, you know, they're pretty devoted to  
46 that.

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48 Other than that, you know, folks,  
49 having not been to their meetings for a couple times,  
50 it is always good to go up there but that's what I came

1 back with at this point. That's about the end of my  
2 report.

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4 Mr. Schroeder, would you go ahead and  
5 take your turn.

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7 MR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr.  
8 Chairman.

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10 I'm very grateful to have been  
11 appointed to the Council in this new role and I am also  
12 very thankful for the warm welcome that I've gotten  
13 from my colleagues and friends on the Council and  
14 people I used to work with on Staff so I'm really  
15 looking forward to seeing what the Council's been up to  
16 in the last five or six years since I was Staff to the  
17 Council.

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19 And I would comment that really, you  
20 know, I am appreciating the thoughts that are going  
21 through my mind right now are how this program and the  
22 continuance of subsistence in our region, Southeast  
23 Alaska and around the state really depends on the  
24 volunteer efforts of Regional Council members over the  
25 years and the hard work that they do to support this  
26 and so I look forward to being a part of that, at least  
27 for the coming year, and hopefully for years to come.

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Robert.  
30 And having been our coordinator for many years we don't  
31 feel that we have to educate you so much so welcome  
32 aboard.

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34 Mr. Douville.

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36 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Chairman  
37 Adams. Just a couple things.

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39 I believe at the last meeting I said  
40 this, that the road closures are compressing the  
41 hunters and there is conflict between hunters, if you  
42 will.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah.

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46 MR. DOUVILLE: There's more competition  
47 in a smaller area and it's causing problems so you may  
48 or may not see proposals to address that.

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50 On a good note, PWA Hatchery had a

1 good return of cohos and that helps offset some of the  
2 sockeye deficiencies in Klawock, and the better news  
3 is, is that it's been economically really stressed but  
4 Sarah is positive on supporting that hatchery. We just  
5 learned this, it looks good for its continued operation  
6 for at least a couple more years which is really a good  
7 thing.

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9                   There's one enforcement issue  
10 concerning steelhead, the Federal permit, it says that  
11 you have to log your fish before you leave the stream  
12 but in many cases the stream is -- you can drive your  
13 car right up to it and you're technically at the stream  
14 and so they're not having to log their fish, even  
15 though they've put it in their car and they can drive  
16 away. What enforcement would like to see is when you  
17 take your steelhead that you log it immediately. And I  
18 don't know how we would make that change, if it takes a  
19 full blown proposal or something simple that could be  
20 done. But I recommend that that be addressed so it's  
21 corrected because these are small streams and we need  
22 to be accountable.

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24                   That's all I have.

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26                   CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mike.

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28                   Patty.

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30                   MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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32                   I live in Pelican and our population is  
33 80 but 12 of those are 82 and 12 of those are kids so  
34 we're like at 70 adults and, you know, you have your  
35 seniors and then so the actual hunting population is,  
36 you know, less than 50 but we really rely on  
37 subsistence. We don't have a grocery store in our  
38 community and as I reported before, you know, our fuel  
39 prices are high and it's just a way of life for us that  
40 we -- you know have to go out and get our deer and our  
41 marine resources.

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43                   The deer, I wouldn't say the deer are  
44 plentiful but they are very healthy this winter. The  
45 snow hasn't been as piled up as high as it has been in  
46 more recent years.

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48                   We have, I believe, an overabundance of  
49 bear and this may be keeping the number of deer  
50 population down.

1                   And also we have some local trappers  
2 and they had a good harvest of furs.

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4                   Our younger people, our Alaska Native  
5 people are taking advantage of harvesting sea otters  
6 and we had a local Alaska Native woman teach a fur  
7 sewing class and that really inspired, you know, some  
8 productivity of, you know, significantly altered.....

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10                   MS. NEEDHAM: Handicrafts.

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12                   MS. PHILLIPS: .....handicrafts, yeah,  
13 thank you. And so it's really neat to see that but,  
14 you know, our young people continue to need our help  
15 because they can go get the sea otter, they can get the  
16 sea otters tanned and they can make the products but  
17 then what you do with it, you know, especially when you  
18 live in a small community like mine.

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20                   I would say that, you know, having been  
21 born and raised in Southeast Alaska, my dad was a  
22 seiner, I see the effectiveness of the seine fleet  
23 going, you know, sky high and I don't want to take away  
24 anybody's livelihood but when you see that  
25 effectiveness affecting -- I mean curtailing the amount  
26 of fish that are getting to their streams because  
27 they're just able to put a, you know, basically a  
28 blockade across your inlet so as deep as those nets go  
29 because there's no restrictions on the depth and then  
30 if they're corking -- they're setting, corked up to one  
31 another then there isn't much fish that's getting by.

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33                   So, you know, we have an overabundance  
34 of bears. They're coming into the community in the  
35 falltime because they're not getting enough to eat  
36 necessarily even though we've had high returns of fish  
37 so -- in terms of catch rates, commercial catch rates  
38 so, I mean, what Angoon has done was opened up the eyes  
39 of some of our smaller communities and went, hey, now,  
40 they're -- we're concerned about our salmon returns too  
41 but we don't want to take away anyone's livelihood but  
42 we need to recognize that this increasing effectiveness  
43 of these seine vessels is potentially adversely  
44 affecting the subsistence resources of salmon.

45  
46                   Thank you.

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48                   CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Patty.

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50                   Cathy, your turn.

1 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
2 just want to touch on a couple of points of issues that  
3 I've been hearing more across the region with  
4 communities that I work with through my personal work.  
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6 I think when we talk about subsistence  
7 issues one of the things I hear -- have been hearing a  
8 lot of about more recently is climate change so the  
9 climate change impacts on subsistence resources. I  
10 think we're really starting to see those signs more and  
11 more frequently and starting to recognize it as  
12 populations being impacted by climate change as seen by  
13 maybe this past summer when we had a lot of warm  
14 weather and fish trying to get back into rivers and  
15 maybe not going and holding off shore from that. And  
16 so tribal organizations that I've worked with are  
17 starting to think along those types of lines and trying  
18 to think about how regulation changes might need to be  
19 made in order to compensate for some of the shifts in  
20 fish run timing and things like that. And so I know a  
21 couple tribes are working on that and I'm hoping that  
22 they'll put proposals through to the Board of Fish.  
23 But climate change seems to be something that's talked  
24 about quite a bit.  
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26 Sea otters, of course, we've heard it  
27 here around the table and that's always, when I talk to  
28 people about subsistence and potential impacts to  
29 subsistence, sea otters is always one of the first to  
30 pop to mind and what they're doing to marine resources  
31 that local communities rely upon for food. We seem to  
32 have -- you know we've talked about sea otters ever  
33 since I started on this Council and the solutions that  
34 have come forth happen to be regulation changes on how  
35 to harvest sea otters but we're still not looking at  
36 the populations of marine resources that are being  
37 depleted like we're not really -- because we don't  
38 have jurisdiction, I guess, but, you know, the focus  
39 needs to kind of shift from how many animals can you  
40 take out in terms of sea otters, and what can we do  
41 about saving invertebrates like dungeness crab and clam  
42 populations and things like that.  
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44 In Juneau there's a lot of people,  
45 especially now that legislative session is going on,  
46 talking more and more about this TransBoundary mining  
47 issues and the potential of contaminants coming into US  
48 waters and impacting fish and fish resources and so  
49 there's a lot of talk about that especially as  
50 legislation is being passed that may or may not inhibit

1 things on the permitting side of things, even though  
2 that doesn't necessarily have to do with mines in  
3 Canada. But people are really starting to listen and  
4 try to address that particular topic more and more if  
5 they can. And I do see a few tribal communities trying  
6 to implement water quality monitoring programs so that  
7 they can at least look at, well, if we have mines in  
8 Canada is it actually contamin -- or are those  
9 contaminants found in the water.

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11                               Lastly I just want to say that I had  
12 the pleasure of accompanying Bert to the Southcentral  
13 Council meeting, which happened after our last meeting.  
14 It was delayed because of that government furlough  
15 thing. So we ended up coming up here in October,  
16 probably in this very room, and met with them, and I  
17 just want to speak to the experience that that added a  
18 lot of value to my learning and I appreciate this  
19 Council nominating me to be able to go to that meeting  
20 to talk about the C&T issue with Bert. And I'm glad to  
21 see that it's something that's on our joint agenda to  
22 talk about in terms of how we, as Council members, can  
23 be more effective in our job by learning from each  
24 other, whether it be across Councils or being able to  
25 attend Federal Subsistence Board meetings. I really  
26 think we should push for it because I learned a  
27 tremendous amount just being able to sit with people  
28 like us but that are working on different issues in --  
29 and they conduct their business in a very different way  
30 in some respects.

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32                               Thank you.

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34                               CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Cathy.  
35 And, yeah, I forgot to mention the fact that we were  
36 here last fall together. We ran away together and came  
37 up here.

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39                               (Laughter)

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41                               MS. NEEDHAM: That's right.

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43                               (Laughter)

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45                               CHAIRMAN ADAMS: And that was quite an  
46 -- running away together wasn't quite the experience  
47 but meeting here with the Southcentral was a great  
48 idea, so, thanks.

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50                               (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Change the subject  
2 Donald.  
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4 (Laughter)  
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6 MR. LARSON: I was the chaperon.  
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8 (Laughter)  
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10 MS. NEEDHAM: Yeah, Robert was there,  
11 too.  
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13 (Laughter)  
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15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Bert, you're  
16 always a hard act to follow but I'll see what I can do.  
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18 (Laughter)  
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20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Since we met last fall  
21 I'd say we had a fairly successful deer hunting season  
22 on the north end of the island. We had a very mild  
23 winter this winter, exceptionally mild, which should  
24 bode well for deer survival which is encouraging. But  
25 on the flip side of that, being so mild there's  
26 virtually no snowpack on any of the -- even the highest  
27 peaks in the southern region on the island side and  
28 that could really be something of concern come salmon  
29 season, what that might do for the streams. I've never  
30 seen so little snow, you know, in my 40 years here.  
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32 Last year we did have kind of an  
33 extended hot, dry spell. You know the trends (ph)  
34 could be bad, I don't know, that's not something we can  
35 do anything about but we should be aware of it.  
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37 Our main concern I'd say that I'd like  
38 to bring to the Council is, as usual, we have land use  
39 concerns on Prince of Wales and a new concern has risen  
40 to the top here recently with the State now requesting,  
41 or it sounds like they are in the process of requesting  
42 more State land to be granted from the National Forest  
43 to the State, primary purpose would be for timber  
44 production. It has kind of a two-fold negative impact  
45 on subsistence users. One would be the loss of  
46 wildlife habitat and potential damage to fisheries  
47 habitat under State Forest Practices Act management  
48 scenario as opposed to what the Federal government does  
49 with management. And the second negative impact would  
50 be taking a sizeable chunk of land out of the National

1 Forest, would eliminate that from protection under  
2 ANILCA, Title VIII, which could have all kinds of  
3 consequences and implications in the future.

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5 So something that we're, as a  
6 community, tracking and like I say the process is in  
7 the Legislature, we don't know how far it's going to go  
8 but we'll certainly be aware of it.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Donald.

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14 That kind of concludes the reports.

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16 I saw Clarence walk in here and then  
17 back out again. But I'd like to recognize Jennifer in  
18 the back there.

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20 I think what we'll do now, folks, is  
21 we'll go ahead and adjourn until this afternoon and  
22 then that's when we meet jointly, you know, with  
23 Southcentral.

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25 MR. LARSON: Do you have any advice on  
26 seating here, we never really did get that clear.

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah. We've been  
29 talking about the seating arrangements, you know, for  
30 both Councils. My idea is that maybe Southeast on one  
31 side and Southcentral on the other, or do you mind, you  
32 know, intermingling one with another; is that okay.

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34 MR. ISAACS: There's room for four of  
35 them.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MR. ISAACS: There's only room for four  
40 of them.

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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. I do have a  
47 suggestion. Is that, because there's not going to be  
48 action, there's no votes anticipated for this  
49 afternoon, that I think maybe this would be a good  
50 opportunity to really get to know our neighbors to the

1 north as opposed to opposite each other, as some  
2 perceived differences of opinion right from the get-go,  
3 that we allow intermingling and integrated joint  
4 Council, seems to have some benefit, but it's up to  
5 you.

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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So, I think maybe the  
8 ruling here is to go ahead and just sit wherever you  
9 want, you know, and have a good afternoon and get  
10 acquainted with the other members of the Southcentral  
11 Council.

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13 MR. ISAACS: How many of them are  
14 there?

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16 MR. LARSON: Nine.

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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: There's nine of them  
19 but I don't think they're all here.

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21 MR. LARSON: And I'm going to check on  
22 the per diem checks, I don't have those right now, but  
23 they should have them. I'll check with Carl during  
24 this lunch hour.

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26 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Anything else.  
27 So what time are we supposed to meet.

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29 MR. LARSON: 1:30.

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31 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: 1:30 this afternoon,  
32 folks.

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34 Thank you.

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36 Gunalcheesh.

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38 (Off record)

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40 (PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONTINUED)

