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14 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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16 Bertrand Adams, Chairman
17 Michael Bangs
18 Michael Douville
19 Donald Hernandez
20 Harvey Kitka
21 Floyd Kookesh
22 Cathy Needham
23 Patricia Phillips
24 Frank Wright
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Hoonah, Alaska - 9/30/2010)

CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Folks, are we ready to get going for another day?

(Pause)

CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Good morning. May I have your attention, please. We're going to get started here. You know, in the Tlingit language there is no word for good morning, so we've had some students who are taking classes at the University of Alaska and they're really inventive. You know how language changes. We have a faction of people, elderly people, who say that you're not saying it right. Then the youngsters are saying, well, we're trying to express ourself the best way that we know. We were at a meeting last week in Juneau and we had an opportunity to get both the fluent speakers and the younger college students together and try to resolve some of their differences. But, like I said, there's no language in the Tlingit language that says good morning. What these college students did is they took the word yakei, which means good, and ts'ootaat, which means morning and put them together and it says yakei ts'ootaat. So yakei ts'ootaat. Can everyone say that.

IN UNISON: Yakei ts'ootaat.

CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Speaking Tlingit already. All right, thank you. Hopefully, you know, we're going to get done here in time so that some of us who are kind of afraid of getting stuck here, there's a big storm coming in, I understand, and I have a dental appointment in Juneau tomorrow. I'd like to be there to make that appointment, so we're going to push the agenda so that we can get done in a timely manner. I guess Melinda is working on -- she's on the phone right now, on a 5:00 o'clock flight for anyone who wants to go to Juneau this afternoon, let her know. We'll probably have her give a report here when she gets off of that telephone. So, with that, I wanted to announce that there will be a flight probably this afternoon to take people from here to Juneau. Anything else I need to explain here? That's about it, I guess.

So we're going to go on with the agenda now. We're going to take up.....

1 MR. LARSON: Well, we have a motion on
2 the table.

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4 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I was just reminded
5 that we're still on 15. We have a motion on the table,
6 so we're in Council discussion now. I think the
7 Council.....

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9 MR. LARSON: We did not move to adopt.

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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: That's what I thought.
12 I thought we adjourned before we had a chance to. Yes,
13 sir, Mr. Bangs.

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15 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
16 move to adopt FP09-15 as written on Page 125.

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18 MR. KITKA: Second.

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20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Mr. Chairman. I would
21 just ask if Mr. Bangs would like to include the
22 modifications as made by the OSM to that motion.

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24 MR. BANGS: No. I want to keep it as
25 written, the proposed regulation.

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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Patty.

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29 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
30 The RAC reinforces its reasons to oppose FP09-15. This
31 is a summary of the SERAC's rationale.

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33 Number one. Certainly additional
34 information exists regarding use of area by residents
35 of other communities. No harvest data does not equal
36 no use.

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38 Number two. Determine use of sport
39 fishing information as subsistence use. We would
40 prefer to use sport fishing information as an indicator
41 of subsistence use.

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43 Number three. Allow the development of
44 new and currently unknown rules or regulations
45 regarding customary and traditional use by the
46 subsistence review process.

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48 Number four. Reasons to continue to
49 oppose. We do not know the outcome of the
50 jurisdictional issues referred to in State comments

1 currently under consideration by the court in Katie
2 John II. Previous minutes contain evidence of
3 subsistence use that were not recognized in the current
4 Staff analysis. The intent of ANILCA does not require
5 us to determine non-subsistence use areas or determine
6 negative customary and traditional use, which is what
7 this proposal is doing.

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9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Patty.
12 Comments anyone. Donald.

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14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr.
15 Chairman. I would also like to add that I don't see
16 any good reasons given by the State in their request
17 for this as to why we should be considering such a
18 specific group of streams as those crossing the no road
19 system. That does not constitute a discreet stock of
20 fish in the Council's opinion. The only reason that
21 they give for considering those particular streams is
22 they perceive a conservation concern and it's not a
23 reason to do a customary and traditional use analysis.

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25 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Anyone else.

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27 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Patty.

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31 MS. PHILLIPS: I found the last page of
32 my notes to that statement. There is historical
33 documentation of use by tribes. Interruptions by
34 regulations could be a factor of why we don't have
35 documentation of current use, but this should not be
36 used to take opportunity away. There are management
37 tools in place that assures the resources will be
38 sustained. This proposal is asking us to take away
39 subsistence opportunity. We have heard that through
40 economic factors rural residents are moving to Juneau.
41 This opportunity exists for them and we should not take
42 this opportunity away.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Patty. Any
45 more comments.

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47 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Patty, go ahead.

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1 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you. These are a
2 summary of my statements. Nearly 11 years after
3 expanding customary and traditional use determinations
4 for trout, Dolly Varden, smelt and hooligan and to
5 include the remainder of Southeast Alaska here we are
6 again reviewing a proposal that is detrimental to the
7 satisfaction of rural subsistence needs.

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9 This proposal has the effect of
10 precedent setting. As a result of political pressure
11 by the State of Alaska, Alaska Department of Fish and
12 Game, the Office of Subsistence Management's
13 preliminary conclusion is to support with modification.

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15 The current proposal stems from two
16 proposals by ADF&G. One in 2005, which was rejected,
17 and one in 2007, which was rejected, and which ADF&G
18 asked for reconsideration, which the Federal
19 Subsistence Board rejected. ADF&G then submitted FP09-
20 15, which the SERAC rejected and the Federal
21 Subsistence Board deferred. There should be inter-
22 agency consultation, tribal consultation and SERAC due
23 deference.

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25 During the recent subsistence review
26 the Secretary of Interior reminded us of and reaffirmed
27 the important voice and role of the RACs, the authority
28 outlined in ANILCA Section .805. The RAC, as a form of
29 subsistence use, has heard from the personal knowledge
30 of rural residents that the sharing of customary and
31 traditional knowledge is alive and active in our
32 region.

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34 801.5, the proper regulation protection
35 and the continuation of the opportunity for a
36 subsistence way of life, this is ANILCA and a primary
37 function of OSM and U.S. Forest Service subsistence
38 Staff and Federal Subsistence Board is to defer to the
39 RACs and not to the State.

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41 On September 24th, 2008, at the SERAC
42 meeting in Juneau, OSM Staff states both the Council
43 and the Board did not support the request. If
44 conservation concerns arise, they can be addressed by
45 the in-season manager and through the permitting
46 process. The Council determined, I'll remind you, that
47 there was no information presented that indicated that
48 subsistence fishing in the Juneau area waters was
49 inappropriate and no need was seen to make a location-
50 specific customary and traditional use determination.

1 Basically nothing has changed since the Board's
2 decision last year and, therefore, OSM's preliminary
3 conclusion is to oppose this proposal.

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5 In my opinion, ANILCA Section .805(b),
6 the Secretary shall assign adequate qualified staff to
7 the RACs. We have our regional coordinator and U.S.
8 Forest Service subsistence staff structure and we have
9 OSM. The tier of agency support is established for the
10 purpose of enabling rural residents who have personal
11 knowledge of local conditions and requirements to have
12 a meaningful role in the management of fish and
13 wildlife and of subsistence uses on the public lands in
14 Alaska. Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Patty, very
17 well done. Gunalcheesh. Anyone else. Michael, go
18 ahead.

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20 MR. DOUVILLE: I do not support the
21 proposal and I will vote against it.

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23 We gave this opportunity in a meeting
24 in Juneau. Our recommendation was this proposal asking
25 us to take it away. We had compelling testimony at
26 that meeting, which should have been, as you mentioned,
27 included an analysis on this proposal. It withstood
28 RFR. It has a lot of wording in there that says could
29 and might. It's been clearly demonstrated that we have
30 the ability to administer this fishery quite safely
31 without jeopardizing any stocks. So far there hasn't
32 been enough use to threaten anybody's ability to go
33 fish there no matter if they're Juneau residents or
34 otherwise.

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36 It asks for a C&T determination, but I
37 completely don't believe that it's necessary. It also
38 compares a moose ruling that really doesn't apply in
39 this case. These fish don't have four feet. So, I
40 guess with that I'll say that I cannot support this
41 proposal.

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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mr.
44 Douville. Anyone else have a comment. Mr. Bangs.

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46 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
47 wanted to thank Patty for all the work she put into
48 this. It was a good job and I agree wholeheartedly
49 with all the comments that have been said. I don't
50 support this either and I would like to call for the

1 question.

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3 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The question has been
4 called for. All in favor please say aye.

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6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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8 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Opposed.

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10 MS. PHILLIPS: Wait.

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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. We've got to
13 get back on track here. The proposal is to adopt it
14 and you're going to oppose it, so we need to make that
15 clear. Unless you're for it, you can vote for it. All
16 right. How many are for it?

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18 (No aye votes)

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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: How many are opposed?

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Thanks for
25 putting us back on track there, Patty. Here we go.
26 Moving on. You all have a letter from the State of
27 Alaska in regards to proposals that they're going to be
28 considering. Is it next week? It comes from the Fish
29 and Game. It has all the proposals that they're going
30 to be considering. The way that we're going to handle
31 this one is we're going to take some comments from you
32 right now and then our coordinator is going to take
33 those comments and at the end of our comments he's
34 going to draft up a letter. So he'll need about a half
35 hour or so to draft the letter.

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37 MR. LARSON: Depends on the content of
38 the councils, but an hour would be okay with me.

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40 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So he'll need some
41 time to draft the letter. Let's go ahead and take
42 comments on these here. I hope you all had an
43 opportunity to go over these proposals prior to this.
44 So why don't we do that right now and then have
45 Mr. Larson draft up that letter for us.

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47 (Pause)

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49 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: While you're doing
50 that, ladies and gentlemen, I want to recognize a young

1 lady that's walking up to her chair there. I forgot
2 her name, but she's here and she's going to assist
3 somebody, you know, in one of the proposals here. Would
4 you just stand up and introduce yourself, please. I'm
5 going to write down your name.

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7 MS. BRAE: Hi. I'm glad to be here.
8 My name is Jessie Brae and I'm here working with Pat on
9 the Unit 2.

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11 Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Jessica.

14 Welcome.

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16 (Pause)

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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: If you're having
19 problems kicking off discussion on this issue, why
20 don't we have Mr. Larson share with us what he has
21 right now. It's a brief on -- does everyone have this?
22 It's the Alaska Board of Game 2010 proposals. This is
23 the long version of it and Mr. Larson has a briefing
24 there that I think he can share with us and help us.
25 We're going to have Robert highlight some of these
26 things here and maybe that will kind of start the
27 discussion here.

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29 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: By the way, Tina
32 brought this over to me just in case anybody decides
33 they want to talk too long. I'm going to tape their
34 mouth.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 REPORTER: Bob.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
43 Public comments are appropriate to the Board of Game
44 meeting, which will occur in November 8th down in
45 Ketchikan. We've previously distributed a summary of
46 -- a selection of those Board of Game proposals that we
47 thought the Council might be interested in considering
48 for comments based on some conversations I've had with
49 the Council members and our Staff. I've started a
50 letter to the Board of Game from the Councils. Right

1 now what I have -- and I can distribute this probably
2 in an hour or so after we have maybe some further
3 instructions from the Council. I'll put together a
4 draft for distribution.

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6 Right now was topics for the letter
7 that would be submitted to the Board of Game as
8 comments, would be to group Proposals 2, 3, 5 and 19
9 and oppose those. Those lands are currently open to
10 black and brown bear hunting. Those regulations would
11 not affect Federal users but, in fact, it may produce a
12 number of conflicts both between users that now expect
13 to go to those places and not see hunters or
14 enforcement actions that people hunting from places
15 that are closed in State regulations.

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17 Anyway, just a general disconnect
18 between the Federal and State programs. What I said is
19 if the Board of Game wishes to close an area for some
20 reason that is currently open under Federal
21 regulations, then they should come to the Council and
22 have a discussion and some joint action, collaboration
23 between the two agencies is appropriate in those kind
24 of instances.

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26 Proposal 16 is the proposal to have a
27 drawing hunt, at least a portion of that area is
28 currently closed under Federal regulations. Of course,
29 I have no idea what the Board of Game is going to do to
30 that, but that's the area behind the Mendenhall Glacier
31 and the viewing area. It's closed for Federal
32 regulations for a number of reasons. There's
33 conflicting use there.

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35 The proponent really didn't provide any
36 information regarding why it should be opened. I would
37 like to point out that in our testimony we should say
38 if it goes to a State drawing hunt, then likely the
39 Federal government will not keep it closed, but they
40 will have some proposal as a result of the Board
41 action. I don't think we have enough information in
42 front of us to really make a determination except we
43 should inform the Board it would cause issues between
44 the two agencies and their management plan for that
45 area.

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47 For wolves in Unit 2, that's Proposal
48 18, my suggestion is that it would complicate the issue
49 down there. What I've drafted up so far is that the
50 management plan seems to be working. It allows for a

1 sustainable wolf harvest, it allows for some rebuilding
2 of the deer harvest, the deer populations. Populations
3 go up, populations go down. The current regulations
4 seem to be effective at sustaining some level of wolves
5 and some level of deer that people seem to be happy
6 with. I would guess that the Council would be
7 reluctant to change that too dramatically.

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9 Proposal 30, that would be to open a
10 trapping season for fishers. We should remind the
11 Board of Game that under Federal regulations that
12 fishers are unclassified game and if a person catches
13 one under Federal rules, they can sell it. They don't
14 have to relinquish it to the State. So it doesn't
15 really affect the Federal users and the Board should
16 know that.

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18 Proposal 31 is to prohibit the use of
19 small traps after the mink and marten season is closed.
20 Right now the Federal rule says that you cannot use
21 mink and marten traps during the otter season, but it
22 doesn't say anything about wolves and wolverines. It
23 makes sense that you're not going to use a mink and
24 marten trap to catch wolves anyway. So if the season
25 isn't open for those animals that you can catch with a
26 small trap, will not allow the use of small traps. I
27 would think that the Council may think about supporting
28 that proposal.

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30 For Proposal 41, which was to replace
31 the deer hunter survey with deer harvest reports, and
32 it sounds like the State has put a lot of time and
33 energy into some infrastructure and it appears to me
34 that it is not any more of an imposition on the users
35 than the current method of tabulating the harvest. If
36 the Board elects to go that way, then we should follow
37 along. We really don't have any other way of
38 determining harvest if we don't. Right now we have a
39 deer harvest that's mandated, it's a requirement to
40 report your harvest in Unit 2. If we change the system
41 of accounting for harvest for this voluntary harvest
42 report, then I think it's probably appropriate for the
43 Council to consider removing that mandatory reporting
44 for Unit 2.

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46 I believe in the course of those
47 discussions regarding that proposal that the Council
48 will find that the reasons that they did that, they've
49 -- those goals have been fulfilled and that is probably
50 likely unnecessary. Anyway, it would be an appropriate

1 discussion to have if we go to a deer report.

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3 That's all that I've been able to glean
4 here from the discussions from the Council members and
5 our discussions internally about the wildlife
6 proposals. Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Robert. So
9 hopefully this will
10 have spearheaded into a series of conversations on any
11 one of these proposals. Your comments he will take and
12 draft up a letter for it. We need to consider sending
13 somebody from the Council to the Board meeting to
14 represent our position on these. Mr. Douville.

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16 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17 There's some questions that I have about the wolf
18 issues. Who sets the number? This says it would not
19 affect Federal land, but, on the other hand, the
20 district ranger or the forester has the ability to
21 close it. When these numbers are getting close or have
22 been reached, it's unclear what number they would be
23 working off of to make. Whether the 100 cap stays on
24 Federal land or does it change with what the State
25 wants. It hasn't been really clear to me.

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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Do you have an answer
28 for that, Robert?

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30 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. I had a
31 conversation with Dave Persons, who is the wolf
32 research biologist down in Ketchikan, just this morning
33 actually on that very topic. The only time that the
34 Federal lands have ever been closed to protect wolves
35 was in 1999. There was some discussion about the quota
36 at that time. The biologists that were in place at
37 that point agreed with the State that there was a
38 management action that needed to take place. So, in
39 1999 they did that. That delegation of authority to
40 close the Unit 2 wolf hunting and trapping seasons
41 under subsistence rules has been delegated to the
42 Tongass forest supervisor.

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44 In our discussions with Dave this
45 morning I asked him directly, who do you contact within
46 the Federal government for appropriate Federal and
47 State quota. Because of personnel changes and the lack
48 of history we've had with setting this quota he was
49 very unclear. He did not know who or how that was
50 going to take place. I did mention to him that the

1 Council would likely have an interest in setting wolf
2 policies in Unit 2.

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4 They have a mechanism internally within
5 the State program on how they would develop a quota,
6 but that quota would be for State use and State users.
7 If that quota is being met or lower than what they're
8 used to, they would likely come to the Federal
9 government and say this is our suggestions, let's work
10 for a collaborative type of management there. It's
11 true that actions by the State does not necessarily
12 mean that the Federal government has to follow suit
13 exactly the way and the time the State acts.

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15 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Michael.

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17 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18 It still is not clear to me because -- maybe somebody
19 else can help here. The wording in there says that
20 they will work off the number that's been fixed for
21 Unit 2. I don't know if that changes with what the
22 State may or may not do. They have not done that,
23 they're suggesting it at this point. Anyway, when they
24 do come to the Federal side, I would assume that we'd
25 be working from the ground up and going through the RAC
26 when this stuff is addressed and not going to the
27 district ranger or somebody else. It must go through
28 us.

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30 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. That is, I
31 think, a very appropriate and timely comment to
32 transmit to the Board of Game and the State and Federal
33 Staff about expectations regarding the Council's
34 involvement in how this Unit 2 wolf management is going
35 to proceed. When it comes time to do the drafting and
36 crafting of our position, we'll make sure you have an
37 adequate chance to look at that.

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39 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, one more
40 thing.

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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead, Michael.

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44 MR. DOUVILLE: Because they may set the
45 quota at 45 on State and Federal land. Does that mean
46 it's still 100 -- I mean State and private land. Does
47 that still mean there's 100 on Federal land, meaning
48 that I could go catch all I want on Federal land, but
49 only 10 off of private land or State land. I mean
50 there's some things here that aren't clear to me.

1 On the other hand, this is a comment, I
2 made contact with a couple of those chapters and I'll
3 freely admit there's less wolves than there was in '93
4 and '94. Some of these guys are willing to work to
5 keep things from going too far the other way
6 voluntarily rather than take drastic action, which
7 could lead to closing for non-rural users. I'm afraid
8 that's where we're going here. If they're able to fix
9 a quota that the Feds will go by, I'm not sure what
10 kind of agreement was made. They could be depriving
11 people unnecessarily by not working with the trappers
12 or doing something on a voluntary basis. Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Michael.
15 Donald.

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17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
18 My comment would be I would just expect that should the
19 Board of Game adopt this regulation into State
20 regulations, they would probably then come to the
21 Federal Subsistence Board and ask that we change our
22 regulations to match what I would expect and then at
23 that point it would be a topic for us to consider. In
24 the State Board of Game process, I don't see this
25 proposal necessarily affecting subsistence users
26 immediately, but we should definitely communicate to
27 them our concerns about how this management plan is
28 arrived at and what the consultation is. As Mike was
29 saying, that would be very important for us to know how
30 the policies are decided. That would be my comment.

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32 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Any one
33 else. Any other of those proposals that you see that
34 needs to -- go ahead, Mr. Bangs.

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36 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
37 There's one statewide proposal that bothers me. I'd
38 like to explain a little bit. It's the bonus point
39 system for dall sheep and bison.

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41 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: What proposal is that?

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43 MR. BANGS: It's Proposal 46. Just
44 quickly, it's a 50/50 split and what they want to do is
45 give bonus points for each year that you apply. You
46 can either apply with the bonus points or not. Fifty
47 percent of the permits would be issued to people that
48 don't go for the bonus point system. The problem that
49 I have with it and the concerns that I've heard from
50 other hunters that apply for these permits is that it

1 automatically excludes the youth to receive or have a
2 chance to get half the permits. As time goes by, it
3 will get more and more permits will be unavailable to
4 the youth in the state of Alaska.

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6 The other part of it is that throughout
7 bonus point systems in other states, when the bonus
8 point system is implemented, the number of applicants
9 from non-residents goes up. So that would further
10 reduce the permits available to Alaskans. There's good
11 points about having a point system, but on the other
12 hand I think it's not appropriate for the Board of Game
13 for one thing to draw up a proposal and then receive
14 public comment, which this is the second time it's been
15 put before the Board of Game.

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17 The first time it wasn't ratified by
18 the legislature, so they had to redraft the proposal
19 and submit it again. The first time it passed the
20 Board of Game and from the research that I did there
21 wasn't a lot of public input into it. It was kind of a
22 proposal that they did and then they passed it. The
23 whole thing isn't right in my mind. This is something
24 we -- I don't know if we as a subsistence council wants
25 to get involved in this, but as individuals or maybe as
26 a Council, I think this is something to be aware of.
27 So thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Michael.
30 Anyone else on that particular proposal. Donald, go
31 ahead.

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33 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr.
34 Chairman. Not on that proposal. I think the other
35 proposal that would be of interest to the subsistence
36 users is the hunter report requirement, Proposal 41.
37 The way regulations are now should the State adopt that
38 proposal, it would be a requirement for subsistence
39 users as well given that we have an agreement on joint
40 reporting, I guess, with the State of Alaska on deer
41 hunting. I would be interested to know what the
42 Council's opinion is on a deer harvest report that
43 would affect essentially all subsistence deer hunters
44 in southeast Alaska. Is that something we think would
45 be an undue burden on subsistence users or do we think
46 it would be a good idea to have a mandatory reporting
47 requirement?

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49 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Do you have some light
50 to shed on that, Robert?

1 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. I believe I'm
2 speaking for a number of people that the mandatory
3 reporting is certainly problematic. Their proposal is
4 not for mandatory reporting. This is in lieu of the
5 current system of mail-out surveys, but it would be a
6 similar type of thing where it would be a voluntary
7 reporting system.

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9 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead, Michael.

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13 MR. DOUVILLE: As I've made comment, I
14 struggle with these reports. Simple enough, I guess,
15 but initially the ADF&G representative of the Deer
16 Planning Committee resisted this reporting system.
17 They were happy with what their survey said. In any
18 case, it does provide information. It's not a
19 mandatory thing. On the other hand, they still have
20 the survey. I don't see how you're going to get any
21 more compliance from some areas with this reporting
22 system over the survey. It looked like to me in a
23 depressed area you've had pretty good effort here by a
24 biologist to study and have a handle on what's going on
25 here. This other system you're kind of asking hunters
26 to do your biology for you. We pay people to do that.
27 Some people just flat are not going to change their
28 habits. I question whether we still need to have this
29 system in Unit 2.

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31 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr.
32 Hernandez, go ahead.

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34 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. I guess I
35 need a clarification on this. On the handout for
36 Proposal 41 it says Federally-qualified users would
37 have to report deer harvested in Units 1 through 5.
38 What does that mean, would have to report deer? Is it
39 mandatory or is it not?

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41 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. Poor choice of
42 words. It's voluntary.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Is that the way it is
45 now, it's voluntary?

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47 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. The way it is
48 now, it's voluntary, yes.

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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Any more comments on

1 that particular one or do you want to move on. Is that
2 about it? Michael.

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4 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
5 Are we going to appoint somebody to go to this meeting?

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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I'd like to, when
8 we're done here, to go ahead and appoint someone to go.
9 Right now, if you're done with your comments, Robert
10 can write up a letter and present it to us later. I
11 think after we have looked at that letter then we can
12 appoint a person to go to that meeting. I'd like to
13 see someone go there. Okay. Do you want to do that
14 letter now or shall we move on? Maybe you can do it
15 later on when you have a few minutes, an hour or two or
16 three.

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18 MR. LARSON: I can do it at the same
19 time.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So we'll go ahead and
22 move on with the agenda. That is agency organization
23 reports. Polly, you've been patiently waiting there.
24 It's your turn. The way we say it in our language (in
25 Tlingit).

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27 DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
28 Polly Wheeler with the Office of Subsistence
29 Management. I think we've covered -- yesterday the
30 bear claw handicraft briefing was given to you, so I
31 don't need to do that. I just wanted to spend a couple
32 of minutes talking about what looks like a real snooze
33 item. Actually it's kind of a good thing from the
34 Office of Subsistence Management's standpoint. That is
35 we have a new permit system.

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37 When the program started, it was
38 thought to be a temporary program and the State would
39 get management authority back, which they didn't do
40 obviously. We had a permit system that kind of worked
41 for wildlife anyway. We've had a permit system for
42 fisheries, but we haven't had a formal way of keeping
43 track of it within the Office of Subsistence
44 Management.

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46 Beginning in February of this past year
47 we pulled our existing permit system offline and
48 reworked the whole database. So we actually have a
49 database now that is much more web-based. It used to
50 be that all permits were issued out of the Office of

1 Subsistence Management and sent out to people. Now the
2 people that issued the permits can go online and issue
3 from their own offices.

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5 Our biggest permitted hunt right now is
6 in Glennallen, where we issue about 3,000 permits for
7 Nelchina Caribou Herd and that was done in the space of
8 a couple days because people were able to get online.
9 So we've revamped the whole system and the data is
10 going to be far more accurate than they have been in
11 the past. We're able to do a lot of -- when you see
12 wildlife analyses down the road, you'll see better
13 data. I think the analysts can get online and do the
14 tables, charts and other stuff.

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16 So we just wanted to let you know that
17 we are looking at continually improving because in my
18 view there's no point in asking people information if
19 you're not going to do anything with it. We're looking
20 at getting our fisheries system online as well and
21 improving that system to the best of our abilities. So
22 I just wanted to give you a heads-up that we are --
23 it's not a real sexy topic, but it is one of those
24 things that from a management standpoint it helps to
25 have control over and access to this information and
26 we're working on it. We're looking down the road at
27 kind of web-based reporting, but that's going to take a
28 little longer.

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30 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Do these topics have
31 to be sexy?

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33 (Laughter)

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35 DR. WHEELER: No, but when you start
36 talking permits and databases people sort of get a
37 glazed look in their eye. I don't need to spend any
38 more time. There's a briefing in your book on Page
39 167, but that's the nuts and bolts of it. We're trying
40 to continually improve internally to do a better system
41 and also kind of step up to the plate and do a better
42 job. So that's all I had on that topic, Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Polly. Any
45 questions for her.

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47 (No comments)

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49 DR. WHEELER: One other topic that I
50 had that wasn't on the agenda, but I wanted to hand it

1 out. As you probably all know, there was a news
2 release in the Department of the Interior with the
3 concurrence of Agriculture a couple weeks ago
4 announcing Tim Towarak as the new Federal Board Chair.
5 Mike Fleagle is officially gone. Tim is the new Chair.
6 There were allusions in the press release to what we
7 can expect out of the subsistence review.

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9 One thing that has come up that's
10 mentioned in the press release that we're working on
11 now at the direction of Pat Pourchot, the special
12 assistant for the Secretary of Interior in Alaska is
13 adding two new Board members to the Federal Subsistence
14 Board. They will be rural Alaska citizens. In order
15 to do that, we have to change the subpart B regulations
16 and the subpart B regulations are the programmatic
17 structure, so it means that we've got to do a proposed
18 rule and put it out for public comment and then get a
19 final rule in there. This is a Secretarial signature
20 item. It's not the subpart C and D, which are the
21 regulations.

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23 We're working on that proposed rule to
24 add two rural Alaska citizens to the Federal
25 Subsistence Board. I suspect it will take at least a
26 year for this whole thing to actually go through the
27 process. You'll be seeing the proposed rule. We will
28 bring it before each of the RACs. So you'll be seeing
29 it down the road, but I just wanted to give you a
30 heads-up. That is the one item that we're currently
31 working on, so you'll be seeing it down the road.

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33 What that means, who it's going to be,
34 I have no idea. We're just making it able to happen by
35 changing the program structure through the Federal
36 process. That's all I have on that. I have copies of
37 the news release.

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39 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I have a couple
40 questions. How long will it take for those
41 appointments to go through and what will it take? I
42 think you already mentioned that, but how long will it
43 take and what's the process for getting someone
44 appointed onto that Board?

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46 DR. WHEELER: You would think it would
47 be easy, but with Federal government I'm learning that
48 nothing is ever easy and sometimes bureaucracy moves at
49 a glacial pace. My estimate is about a year to make it
50 possible to add the two new Board members. So it will

1 take about a year, I think. Hopefully it won't take as
2 long as that.

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4 Just to go back, we had those special
5 action regulation changes. That was also a subpart B
6 change and that's been two years. So, with luck, this
7 won't take two years. To change the structure of the
8 Board we're looking at probably a year. After that
9 they'll take nominations and however long that will
10 take. Remember when Ken spoke to AFN last October, he
11 was clearly optimistic in thinking there would be a new
12 Federal Board Chair by January. I guess he hadn't
13 really learned how things work. In any event, that was
14 October and now it's, by my watch, September 30th and
15 they announced the new Federal Board Chair in August.
16 So, by my clock, that's about 10 months to get the
17 applications in and review them. Maybe because it's
18 not a Federal Board Chair, it's members of the Board.
19 It might not take as long, but it's anybody's guess.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Anyone
22 else have a question for Polly. Harvey.

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24 MR. KITKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
25 was kind of curious how you're going to pick the rural
26 member. One of my thoughts was that at least kind of
27 get them in different areas, one north and one south,
28 instead of being all in just one spot.

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30 DR. WHEELER: I wish I had the
31 authority to pick the two Board members, but
32 unfortunately that's beyond my job description. I
33 think that will be done by the Secretary of the
34 Interior with the concurrence of the Secretary of
35 Agriculture. My recommendation would be that when the
36 proposed rule comes out for actually changing the Board
37 structure to add these two members that every Council
38 put in their two cents for what they think the process
39 should be for adding these two individuals because I
40 don't think they've thought down the road that far and
41 I think it's really important for the RACs to say how
42 they think these people should be selected.

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44 Again, just as a reminder, the Federal
45 Board Chair works for the Secretary of Interior. They
46 get an hourly wage. OSM does the travel for those
47 people, but they actually work for the Secretary of the
48 Interior. These two new members would also work for
49 the Secretary of the Interior, again with the
50 concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture. The

1 employment aspect of it goes through that office. When
2 this proposed rule comes before the Councils, I would
3 recommend that you all put on the record how you think
4 these positions should be selected because that's who
5 they should be listening to. Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Anyone
8 else.

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10 MR. KOOKESH: Question.

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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead, Floyd.

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14 MR. KOOKESH: You mentioned having the
15 press release with you, the one on Tim Towarak. It
16 read on Friday before I left Juneau and I was touched
17 by the last paragraph. Is it possible to read the very
18 last page of press release that talks about temporary
19 and I'd like to know where we're going to go from
20 there.

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22 DR. WHEELER: Mr. Chair. With your
23 indulgence I'm happy to read the last paragraph. The
24 Federal subsistence management structure was crafted as
25 a temporary Department of Interior USDA program to meet
26 the requirements of ANILCA until the State could amend
27 its constitution and comply with Title VIII of that
28 law. This DOI USDA review was predicated on the
29 assumption that the State is no longer attempting to
30 regain management authority for the ANILCA subsistence
31 priority and that Federal management will continue for
32 the foreseeable future. That's the last paragraph.

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34 With regard to where I think the
35 program is going, I think we're still waiting for -- I
36 mean we have indications, obviously, in the press
37 release there's some indications. The only thing I
38 know that's concrete, like I said, is us developing the
39 proposed rule for adding two new Board members and
40 having the change from Mike Fleagle to Tim Towarak.
41 Other than that, Steve Kessler was going to speak to
42 some items that he was aware of with regard to the
43 subsistence review.

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45 I will say OSM hasn't been directly
46 involved with the subsistence review, which personally
47 I think is a good thing because it would appear that it
48 was more subjective if OSM was directly involved in the
49 review. So I think we're still waiting to hear what
50 the programmatic implications are going to be for us.

1 Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Anyone
4 else.

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6 (No comments)

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8 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Polly,
9 appreciate it. Mr. Kessler.

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11 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 Members of the Council. This is going to be sort of
13 the tag team approach. The Forest Service has seven
14 items to report to you on. Although my name is listed
15 as the person who is going to do this, in fact a number
16 of different people will be coming up and making some
17 of these reports.

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19 I might just kick this off -- Polly
20 mentioned that I might have some additional information
21 to provide to you about the review. One of the things
22 that -- a lot of people have seen this news release and
23 I'd like to point out to you maybe sort of a list of
24 things that are in this review that actually are some
25 of the key results and some of the actions that are
26 going to be taken. I assume that will be helpful for
27 you.

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29 Polly mentioned a couple of the items.
30 The first one being Tim Towarak. The second one being
31 adding two rural Alaskans to the Board. That's in the
32 paragraph second from the bottom. The bottom paragraph
33 has a number of items in it that may be of interest.
34 Insure that the Regional Advisory Councils are given
35 the full authorities in the rule-making process.
36 That's really a topic about making sure that the
37 deference to the Councils that's listed in Section .805
38 of ANILCA, that that deference is liberal as possible.
39 You'll see some additional wording for that in the
40 future.

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42 The next item, that the Board take on
43 greater responsibilities for budget preparation. That
44 is another action that resulted from the review. The
45 budgets to date have been essentially internal to both
46 the Department of Interior and to the Department of
47 Agriculture. This would give the Board a greater role.
48 I think, by inference, somewhat the Councils as a
49 greater role because the Councils could provide
50 information to the Board on what you think those

1 budgets ought to be.

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3 The fifth item is hiring and evaluating
4 the director of the Office of Subsistence Management.
5 That's at the bottom of that first page. On the next
6 page, evaluating the Memorandum of Understanding
7 negotiated with the State in 2008. You might remember
8 that that Memorandum of Understanding was issued
9 without going out to the Regional Advisory Councils for
10 your recommendations. That would be looked at again.

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12 I'm going to skip that next paragraph
13 for the moment. The next paragraph talks about a
14 professional management review of the Office of
15 Subsistence Management to ensure that that
16 organizational structure that was created 20 years ago
17 and the budgets meet the needs of the program. So
18 that's a recognition that we have been implementing
19 this program for approximately 20 years and let's just
20 make sure that the way we're going about it and the
21 organization we have in place works.

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23 There are a number of items that are
24 not in this news release and I'm just going to tick
25 them off fairly briefly. One is to review the
26 procedural and structural regulations that were adopted
27 from the State and in particular the customary and
28 traditional use determination process.

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30 If you all remember that our
31 regulations are organized into Part A, B, C and D.
32 Part A and B are those sort of procedural and
33 structural portions of the regulations. Those would be
34 reviewed. An additional item was to take a look at the
35 written policy on executive sessions. The Board
36 already has a written policy on executive sessions, but
37 there was a fair amount of concern about the way that
38 the Board would sometimes go into executive session on
39 different topics.

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41 There's also another item that came up
42 about the concern that other activities and how they
43 affect subsistence. For instance, we've been dealing
44 with the pollock bycatch. That's another activity
45 that's overseen by the Department of Commerce. The
46 review suggested that the Secretaries of the Interior
47 and Agriculture have a greater role in trying to work
48 with other entities.

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50 A final one that will be discussed is

1 the role of contracting 809 agreements and the way that
2 money is principally spent for the monitoring programs
3 and the way the contracting occurs. Here in Southeast
4 Alaska, as you all know, a large proportion of the
5 money for monitoring goes to local tribal entities in a
6 capacity-building type of environment. That was
7 recognized in this review and there was a desire to
8 take a look at doing more of that across the state.

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10 The last item I do want to mention is
11 on the second page, second paragraph. There were a
12 number of requests for statutory changes, actual
13 changes in ANILCA. There were some who really wanted
14 the Secretaries to take a strong position on some of
15 those statutory changes, particularly where the
16 jurisdiction of the Federal Subsistence Board -- what
17 should be included in that jurisdiction. So Native
18 allotments in particular, also Native corporation lands
19 and other areas. There are a number of changes.
20 There's statutory changes. As this says, those will be
21 forwarded to concerned members of Congress and relevant
22 committees with oversight of the statutes. The
23 Secretaries will not be taking any other actions on
24 that.

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26 All these items will come together in
27 some sort of letter from the Secretaries to the Federal
28 Subsistence Board were appropriate and ask the Federal
29 Subsistence Board to take action on those. Any
30 questions with any of those?

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32 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead, Michael.

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34 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
35 Although it's alluded to a couple times in this
36 release, they don't really talk about adequate funding
37 and I'm wondering if that is part of the review that we
38 spoke to Mr. Pourchot and expressed our concerns over
39 the needs for making sure that we can do our job by
40 being able to have the adequate funding to make this
41 happen. So I'm just wondering if that's in the review.

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43 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman. Yes,
44 budget was a very key part of this review. It's twice
45 in here about having a role for the Board in budget
46 preparation. Also in the review, third paragraph on
47 the second side, on the review, the professional
48 management review to make sure the organizational
49 structure and the budgets meet the increasingly complex
50 research and management demands that have accrued

1 through nearly two decades of court decisions and
2 resource allocation changes.

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4 I also will be talking about the Forest
5 Service budget, I think that was number six in this
6 list, and briefly discuss the letter that was sent from
7 Secretary Vilsack to the Council. I think it just came
8 last week.

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10 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Any more questions.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Proceed.

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16 MR. KESSLER: Let's kick off the list
17 that's here under the U.S. Forest Service. With me is
18 Terry Suminski, who you all know well from the Tongass
19 National Forest. He'll be doing item number one.

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21 MR. SUMINSKI: Good morning, Mr.
22 Chairman. Council Members. On the first day of the
23 meeting I handed out a letter from Forest Supervisor
24 Forrest Cole to Mr. Adams.

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26 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: That was a long time
27 ago.

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29 MR. SUMINSKI: I think Jeff has extra
30 copies for people that may not have retained that.

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32 MS. HERNANDEZ: It's dated August 11.

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34 MR. SUMINSKI: I'll give you a minute
35 to find that.

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37 (Pause)

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39 MR. SUMINSKI: I just wanted to touch
40 on the high points of this letter and be available for
41 questions if you had any. One of the concerns of the
42 Council was that because of the roadless rule that some
43 of the roadless areas were no longer available for the
44 free-use timber harvest. That injunction has been
45 lifted so we're back to where we were before with the
46 freeze program. Nothing has changed. So it's still
47 the same, whatever process you went through before to
48 harvest freeze timber is the same for roadless as non-
49 roadless. That was removed by the Secretary I believe
50 towards the end of May, May 24th.

1 The other point of interest, we're
2 still operating under our interim policy for the
3 special forest products. Those are resources that are
4 included but are not limited to mushrooms, bows,
5 Christmas tree bark, ferns, moss, burls, berries,
6 cones, conks, herbs, roots and wildflowers. For
7 personal use there's no permits required for these
8 resources. The only time we require a permit is if
9 it's for sale or commercial use. That's the policy
10 we've been operating under and we're still operating
11 under that.

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13 We do have -- there's a provision in a
14 farm bill that would authorize free of charge those
15 special forest products to tribes for cultural and
16 traditional purposes as long as they're not used for
17 commercial purposes. The comment period on that
18 rulemaking was closed on September 1st and we should
19 see some results of what the final rule will look like,
20 but I don't have the timeline when we'll see that.

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22 The other part, they haven't started
23 rulemaking for how special forest products will be --
24 how other people will be affected by rules to gathering
25 special forest products. Until that process is
26 complete we'll still be operating under that interim
27 policy that I mentioned earlier.

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29 If you have any questions on the
30 letter, I'll be happy to try to answer them.

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32 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: He said he's going to
33 be happy to try to answer them.

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35 MR. SUMINSKI: As long as they're easy
36 questions.

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38 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: As long as they're
39 easy questions. Ahh, developed my policy. Mike.

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41 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 I don't have a question, just a comment. I am pleased
43 to see that personal use stuff is exempt from the
44 roadless. In my area, that created quite a difficulty
45 finding a tree that qualified for personal use in the
46 remainder of the land or the land that was outlined as
47 -- that you could choose from with that prior policy.
48 So things will be much better and I'm glad to see the
49 change.

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mike. Any
2 more questions. Mr. Kookesh.

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4 MR. KOOKESH: Just curious on that
5 second to the last paragraph, Federally-recognized
6 tribes may request consultation. Have you had any
7 requests?

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9 MR. SUMINSKI: That rule has not been
10 finalized. It's not out yet. I believe all the
11 rangers do regular consultation with the local tribes.
12 If any issues came up, this would -- the type of issue
13 we'd see is if somebody requested a commercial use
14 permit for a resource that's commonly used by local
15 people for personal use. That would be an issue that
16 they would consult with the tribes and more than likely
17 not issue that commercial permit if it's going to
18 conflict with subsistence uses in the area. That
19 consultation will happen once that rule is finalized.
20 I imagine it will just be part of the normal
21 consultation process that we've already set up with the
22 tribes.

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24 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The Yakutat Tlingit
25 Tribe has an MOU with the Forest Service as well as the
26 National Park Service so that consultation process is
27 open in that manner too. I think tribes really should
28 pursue that so that they can be involved in the issues
29 that come before them. I know when I was the president
30 of the tribe they always -- when they used the Nunivak
31 bench as an example for goats when they became very
32 concerned about the population of goat in that area.
33 They always got the people involved and they always
34 invited a tribe to come over and listen and give input.
35 I think that's a real good system right now and it will
36 be good to see that, become more prevalent throughout
37 tribal country.

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39 Mr. Kookesh, go ahead.

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41 MR. KOOKESH: We were just talking and
42 we said we need to get you a shock thing and make you
43 react.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Suminski, under the
48 Federal review I noted that there was a lot of concern
49 for increased or improved tribal consultation. Have
50 you guys gone there? Is there any dialogue in the

1 Forest Service system to improve tribal consultation?
2 It is an issue.

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4 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
5 Kookesh. Tribal consultation in general or
6 specifically associated with the special forest
7 products?

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9 MR. KOOKESH: It doesn't matter. Have
10 you improved it?

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12 MR. SUMINSKI: There's constantly an
13 effort to improve consultation government to
14 government, consultation with tribal entities. One of
15 the things that the Alaska region did about maybe a
16 year and a half ago is formulated a group called the
17 Alaska Tribal Leaders Committee. That committee
18 includes four tribal leaders from Alaska, two from
19 Southeast and two from Southcentral, and the membership
20 on that was voted for by -- most of the tribes agreed
21 in Southeast and Southcentral who those members should
22 be. For Southeast, that's Woody Widmark from Sitka and
23 I can't remember who the other person is.

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25 MS. NEEDHAM: Richard Peterson from
26 Kasaan.

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28 MR. KESSLER: Richard Peterson from
29 Kasaan. They have been very helpful to us in helping
30 -- working with the Forest Service on tribal
31 consultation and bringing issues to them to help us
32 understand the best ways to consult government to
33 government and also get feedback from tribes. So they
34 meet monthly except during the summer by
35 teleconference. They have two in-person meetings --
36 well, actually one in-person meeting every year with
37 Forest Service leadership and one teleconference every
38 year with Forest Service leadership.

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40 The in-person meeting was last week at
41 the regional leadership team meeting up in Girdwood.
42 So this is an effort of the Forest Service to sort of
43 up things a notch as far as working with the tribes and
44 making sure that the spirit and how we actually do
45 government to government coordination is better
46 coordinated across the National Forest.

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48 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Any more questions.
49 Harvey.

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1 MR. KITKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
2 just had a question. Usually through my daily walks in
3 the summertime I run across these families and people
4 selling products not necessarily that they had picked
5 but they had hired other people to pick berries for
6 them and they were selling the products. Do they
7 require a permit to do things like that?

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9 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Kitka, through the
10 Chair. If those products come off of National Forest
11 lands and they're used for commercial purposes, there
12 is a permit required. Those people may be getting them
13 from other lands too. The answer is if they're used
14 for commercial purposes and they're coming from Federal
15 lands a permit is required.

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17 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Wright.

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19 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
20 Hunting Indian Association has an MOU with the U.S.
21 Forest Service for quite some time and it was a long
22 time coming but we really appreciate. You know,
23 whenever we ask the district ranger to come -- you
24 know, we have issues that we have, they are very
25 accommodating by coming to our meetings and addressing
26 whatever issue we have. I think the government to
27 government relationship really works for us.

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29 We also have one with the U.S. Park
30 Service in Glacier Bay with the superintendent there
31 and they are very accommodating. I think any tribe
32 that wants to work with government agencies just have
33 to address some issues they have with them. With
34 Glacier Bay it was always a real hard thing, but as
35 soon as we had superintendents there that wanted to
36 work with us, it turned out pretty easy. We appreciate
37 our relationships with the agencies. Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. Wright.
40 Anyone else. More Terry?

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42 MR. SUMINSKI: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead.

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46 MR. SUMINSKI: The last two pages of
47 that letter, called a draft proposal for Southeast
48 Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. It's
49 pretty wordy, but, in summary, what the Forest
50 Supervisor is asking at what level do you want to be

1 involved or be informed of these type of issues that
2 have to do with special forest products. Like I said,
3 it's very wordy and a lot of it is kind of confusing, I
4 think. Maybe we could work with the Council
5 coordinator if you wanted to write a letter of what
6 things you would be most concerned with that have to do
7 with special forest products or freeze timber, those
8 type of things, or at what point that we should be
9 consulting or collaborating with the Council. Thank
10 you.

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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead Mr. Douville.

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14 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
15 Confidential and priority information belonging to the
16 tribe. Would this mean historic sites, sacred sites,
17 things of this type?

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19 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Douville, through
20 the Chair. I didn't catch the very beginning of what
21 you said.

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23 MR. DOUVILLE: Confidential and
24 priority information belonging to the tribe. Would
25 this mean historic sites, sacred sites and this type of
26 thing in that tribal area?

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28 MR. SUMINSKI: As it relates to special
29 forest products, I think it could. If there's some
30 reason that the tribe did not want use to occur on that
31 piece of land because of cultural issues, then they
32 would not have to disclose maybe why. Because you
33 wouldn't want to publicize a cultural site or things
34 like that. If you're talking more about just cultural
35 sites in general, that's probably not directly related
36 to special forest products, but there's other avenues
37 that we address those concerns. I doesn't look like I
38 answered your question.

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40 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Bangs, go ahead.

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42 MR. BANGS: Mr. Chair.

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44 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, one more
45 thing.

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47 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: You have a follow up?
48 Go ahead. And then Mr. Bangs.

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50 MR. DOUVILLE: There's one more thing

1 and there's a lack of information on it, which the
2 Forest Service or the government does have some
3 information that would be helpful to the tribe. It has
4 to do with a subject that we haven't dealt with. This
5 doesn't have to do directly with subsistence, but it is
6 something, information. It is interesting that the
7 tribes certainly in our areas would be interested in
8 following up on to see just what kind of information
9 they could get from you for what purpose.

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11 We have an issue of a land bill that
12 involves historic and sacred sites, which we've not
13 been able to get any information from anybody on. I
14 think it's important that people in the tribe do know
15 where these places are, how much land is involved and
16 everything like this. It's a bill before Congress and
17 they're asking for sacred historic sites and this type
18 of thing and the tribe has no information and nobody
19 else does on what's included in the bill. So, anyway,
20 do you understand what I'm saying?

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22 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Kessler, do you
23 have something to say?

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25 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
26 Yes, I understand, Mike, exactly what you're saying. I
27 think it's important for me to note just for the
28 Council's information I'm on a special task team, a
29 nationwide task team. It's led by Department of
30 Agriculture and by leadership in the Forest Service to
31 take a look at sacred sites policy across USDA lands.
32 Some of you may remember there was an effort started
33 about four or five years ago to do that because the
34 Forest Service policy on sacred sites are not
35 particularly clear. So that effort has been restarted
36 about three months ago. I don't know exactly why I was
37 chosen. I think because of my experience in Alaska and
38 with the Federal Subsistence Program.

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40 We will be, just for your information,
41 doing some listening sessions around the country and in
42 Southeast and Southcentral trying to listen to concerns
43 just like what Mike you just gave us right now.
44 Following that we will be developing some draft
45 policies for -- my understanding it will probably be
46 for the Secretary or it may be for the chief of the
47 Forest Service. After that we will be going out and
48 doing consultation with tribes across the country,
49 including here in Alaska, on these issues as you are
50 concerned about, Mr. Douville.

1 MR. DOUVILLE: I said that was
2 legislation for Congress. It is not. You know the
3 land that I'm talking about with SeAlaska. That's what
4 I'm referring to. There is no information provided to
5 -- and I realize that some of this is sensitive, but
6 certainly it could be provided to the tribal government
7 so at least they could make a rational decision on what
8 happens in that respect.

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10 MR. KESSLER: Thank you. I understand
11 it's specifically about the lands bill and the issue
12 right now. I'm talking about sort of the bigger
13 picture of sacred sites and tribal interests and
14 national forest management. That also has a bearing on
15 land exchanges and other land issues as far as the
16 Forest Service is concerned.

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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr. Bangs,
19 go ahead.

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21 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22 In reference to involvement by the Council with regards
23 to forest products, I would hope that we could have at
24 least input and be aware of any changes to the
25 availability of forest products in regards to what even
26 -- like Mr. Douville is referring to and any changes
27 that might come with free use or any of that. I think
28 that we should have some acknowledgment of those
29 changes. Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you.

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33 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, one more
34 thing.

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36 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead.

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38 MR. DOUVILLE: It says authorization
39 only be issued and inventory roadless areas when needs
40 cannot be met in the road land base in the National
41 Forest. We do have a lot of road there and I don't
42 know if the tribes commented on it. I doubt it because
43 I didn't even know this existed until like yesterday.
44 The comment period was September 1. Is there still
45 additional time to comment or could comments still be
46 made. In reality, there is a lot of road there, but
47 it's also expensive to hire somebody to haul these logs
48 and this type of thing, is why most of the people that
49 live in that area choose to get their logs from the
50 water, which we can harvest themselves at little

1 expense. In reality, it's pretty clean. The Forest
2 Service has very strict guidelines when they let you
3 have the logs. This kind of implies that you have to
4 do it from the road first and if you can, but that's
5 just a concern that I have.

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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So noted. Any more.
8 Terry. You're done?

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10 MR. SUMINSKI: I'm all done with that
11 topic.

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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr.
14 Kessler, go ahead.

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16 MR. KESSLER: Next on the list we have
17 the Kootznoowoo petition for extra-territorial
18 jurisdiction. Cal will be joining me at the table for
19 that presentation and we also believe we'll have Peter
20 Naoroz from Kootznoowoo on the line. The plan is that
21 we will ask Mr. Naoroz to just sort of give us an
22 overview of what the request is and then Cal will
23 discuss sort of the next steps that we'll be following
24 in addressing this petition.

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26 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: How are we going to
27 connect him? He just gave a real good suggestion. Why
28 don't we take a break and then we'll continue on with
29 this. Give him time to set it up.

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31 (Off record)

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33 (On record)

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35 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: We're back in session.
36 We have on teleconference Mr. Naoroz from Kootznoowoo
37 and he's going to participate with us in this portion
38 of this testimony. Go ahead, proceed. Mr. Naoroz, do
39 you want to start yours right now and go from there.
40 Welcome.

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42 MR. NAOROZ: (On cell phone) Thank you
43 very much, Chairman Adams. It's a great honor to
44 address the Council. I wish I was there in person;
45 however, I'm unable to do that. I appreciate the
46 opportunity to speak on the phone. Before I start, can
47 everyone hear me?

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49 MR. KESSLER: We can hear you fine,
50 Pete.

1 MR. NAOROZ: Okay, great. Thank you
2 very much. I'd like to acknowledge that my chairman is
3 a member of the Council and that's Floyd Kookesh. With
4 that disclosure up front I just will start by saying my
5 name is Peter Naoroz. I'm the general manager for
6 Kootznoowoo and I understand that you've given me an
7 opportunity to speak today just to address the Council
8 and answer any questions that may exist regarding our
9 May 10th, 2010 petition to Secretary Vilsack and the
10 regional forester regarding property rights of interest
11 that Kootznoowoo has and expression of concerns over
12 those rights and to petition the government -- you
13 know, making sure that they acknowledge those and
14 recognize them, including rights relating to
15 subsistence.

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17 By way of an additional disclosure, I'd
18 just like to say that Kootznoowoo doesn't see itself as
19 the sole voice on subsistence on Admiralty Island and
20 that area. Rather we see ourselves in the community of
21 Angoon, both the city and the tribe, the Angoon
22 Community Association is working together in that
23 regard. And so far as we're speaking, we speak with
24 that intent in mind and the Angoon Community
25 Association really is the lead on matters relating to
26 subsistence in Angoon.

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28 With that said, I will briefly review
29 where we've been and why we wrote such a petition as we
30 did. I hope everyone has a copy. Basically the issue
31 that's in front of us was born out of a number of
32 events. The one I'll refer to as instrumental here is
33 really our sockeye in Kanalku Lake.

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35 Back almost 10 years ago, 2001,
36 actually a little earlier than that, we noticed that
37 there was -- with the help of the U.S. Forest Service,
38 we noticed that there was a lack of spawners coming
39 back to Kanalku. We went through years of work on that
40 with the Forest Service, the State and here we are in
41 2010. We have a lot of additional information that
42 we're not using. We have a need to have a public
43 process, as was illustrated by a recent court case
44 involving some Angoon shareholders. We need to
45 acknowledge those rights still to this day.

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47 So we've been through a long process.
48 Where I got involved personally was back in 2007 when
49 the State asked at the request of Mr. Floyd Kookesh for
50 a stakeholder meeting. That was the first meeting I

1 attended on the subject of our sockeye fishery. I've
2 reported to this Council before on that meeting and the
3 best way I can describe that meeting in terms of
4 shorthand is that we went with the idea that the State
5 was willing to undergo a public process, a process that
6 involved open communication and open decision-making
7 based on science. What we found out was really that
8 the State was more interested in describing our system
9 as a puddle. That was three years ago. I've reported
10 to the Council since then the specifics of that meeting
11 and our ongoing concern about the management of that
12 fishery.

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14 Last year -- two years ago a
15 shareholder and tribal member was arrested in that area
16 for fishing and Judge George in Sitka dismissed that
17 charge, as I understand it after talking to many
18 lawyers, for lack of prosecution by the State. Last
19 year a slightly more visible case transpired where
20 again the shareholders and tribal members were cut off
21 from resources that we believe are under the dominion
22 of the Forest Service in Kootznoowoo by virtue of some
23 specific provisions of ANILCA that are written in
24 Section .506.

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26 All the property rights interest and
27 the interest regarding the management of that area is
28 well written I think in the petition. We go through
29 the chronology of that. We don't talk so much about
30 the efforts with the State in the petition, but we do
31 talk about what we believe is the deal that Angoon cut
32 with the United States as a result of ANCSA and the
33 amendments that followed, primarily ANILCA and the 1990
34 Act. All that's laid out in the petition.

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36 What we end up doing basically is
37 asking the Federal government to do its job to protect
38 the subsistence resources, technology and the property
39 rights and interests in Kootznoowoo and to ensure that
40 the fisheries are there in the future. Secretary
41 Vilsack received this packet middle of May and
42 responded to us in the middle of August. I think
43 (indiscernible) work with the Regional Forester on some
44 of the issues and he's moved our petition over to the
45 Federal Subsistence Board to take a look at the
46 subsistence related aspects.

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48 Now there's a lot of facts rolling
49 around in the air and I'm not even pretending to try to
50 capture them all, but what we're looking for is really

1 to close this process that began many, many years ago
2 in terms of how do we manage a fishery where the fish
3 are Federal fish to start with, where they go through
4 State waters, where they go out to Federal waters and
5 come back.

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7 We've made additional efforts to work
8 with the Board of Fish to moderate the commercial
9 effort and while we were having some bad years in
10 returns and we've seen those returns come back stronger
11 over time, but we don't see much moderation in the
12 commercial effort. So I think what we're looking for
13 is really for the Federal government to take the
14 jurisdiction that's theirs, make certain that the best
15 science and the best open process for managing these
16 fisheries is deployed and that we basically get what
17 the shareholders bargained for as part of this land
18 settlement.

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20 I won't bother reading you the specific
21 request, but it's detailed and it does talk about
22 Reserve Federal waters, it does talk about the CFRs
23 where jurisdiction was retained. It would be an error
24 for me to try to paraphrase it, but I do think the
25 petition states clearly what Kootznoowoo's request is
26 and I believe at this point what we're going to see is
27 some additional information that Kootznoowoo provided
28 as support to this petition. We've been requested that
29 information. We will detail our specific efforts,
30 continue to work with the Forest Service and the State
31 when possible to make sure that this process is open,
32 transparent and that all stakeholders understand where
33 we're coming from and I'm sure the Secretary won't have
34 it any other way.

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36 So that would be my brief description
37 of where we are.

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39 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Peter. Is
40 there any questions anyone might have toward Peter's
41 report? As he indicated, it's now in Federal
42 Subsistence Board. I don't think that we need to do
43 anything here. It will come back to us and I think
44 we'll be able to act on it then. Mr. Kessler.

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46 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman. Cal will
47 talk about some of the next steps that we plan to
48 undertake with this if that's all right.

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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I was wondering what

1 he was doing there. Go ahead, Cal.

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3 MR. CASIPIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
4 just wanted to make sure that Peter can hear me talk.

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6 MR. NAOROZ: I can hear you right now.

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8 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Hold on.

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10 MR. CASIPIT: Peter, can you hear me
11 okay now?

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13 MR. NAOROZ: I can, yes.

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15 MR. CASIPIT: Okay. Thanks. Peter did
16 a really good job summarizing Kootznoowoo's petition
17 and where they're at and the letter back from the
18 Secretaries. Mike mentioned before we have received
19 this petition for extra-territorial jurisdiction in the
20 Chatham Strait sockeye fishery. The Secretary of
21 Agriculture has received that letter. He has forwarded
22 that on to the Secretary of Interior and OSM. It's
23 making its way to the Board. Like Steve said, we're
24 now working on the next steps. We've requested some
25 additional details from Peter and he's working on that.
26 We're working pretty closely together on getting that
27 additional information. Once we get that it's going to
28 follow the normal -- I can't say normal.

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30 In the past, if you remember the Area M
31 ETJ petition, something similar came to us. We
32 prepared a Staff analysis that was delivered to the
33 affected Councils. They made recommendations that went
34 to the Board, the Board made recommendations and it
35 went to the Secretaries for their final decision.
36 We're going to follow a similar process. Once we get
37 this additional information we'll conduct a Staff
38 analysis on it, we'll consult with again the State,
39 affected stakeholders like Kootznoowoo and Angoon
40 community, we'll prepare a Staff analysis, bring it to
41 the Council for their recommendation and information.
42 Of course, you guys will make a recommendation to the
43 Board. The Board will take that recommendation along
44 with the Staff analysis. They will make a
45 recommendation to the Secretaries. That recommendation
46 will be confidential until the Secretaries make their
47 final ruling.

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49 That's basically in a nutshell how it's
50 going to work. I expect it's going to take a while to

1 get all this work through, especially in consulting
2 with the State, ensuring that we have the proper
3 information for the State to make the right -- because
4 the State is the holder of all the commercial fisheries
5 data, we want to make sure that what we get from the
6 State is accurate, so it's going to take some work.

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8 We're still debating on whether Federal
9 Staff will do that Staff analysis or if we would
10 contract to a neutral third party to do the analysis
11 because of the controversy associated with this issue.
12 Suffice to say it is a controversial issue.

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14 So we're still working through some of
15 that and we'll come back to the Council with regular
16 progress reports as we work through this process. In a
17 nutshell, that's kind of where we're at.

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19 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Thank you for
20 that, Cal.

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22 MR. CASIPIT: Any questions? Peter, do
23 you want to ask me any questions?

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25 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Ask him a hard one.

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27 MR. NAOROZ: Yes, I want to ask you
28 lots of questions.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 MR. NAOROZ: I think one of the things
33 that we are trying to understand is really the
34 relationship between the various Federal agencies and
35 potentially how we can -- particularly on this data. I
36 know that there's Port Walter that has a fair number of
37 data sets associated with it.

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39 One of the kind of controversial
40 concerns that I have is that there's been some studies
41 done, there's a lot of information out there that we
42 really can't get a handle on, can't get a hold of. For
43 instance there was some Big Arrow, Little Arrow
44 studies. Some thinking about how the fish migrate,
45 where they come from, where they mill, where they go.
46 I think that in order for us -- I'm not asking for this
47 petition process to go any longer, but I think we
48 really need to bring all the resources that are
49 available together as quickly as possible.

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1 I guess my question is, is there any
2 effort to do that at this point by the USDA?

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4 MR. CASIPIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
5 Peter. Yes, there is. We're working on -- I'm working
6 on right now trying to pull all that information
7 together. Whether the analysis is done in-house or,
8 like I said, whether we contract out, information will
9 be available to whoever will be doing the Staff
10 analysis. It may be, it may be somebody else. But,
11 yes, we're trying to get all the information we can
12 and, as you know, sometimes it takes a while.

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14 MR. NAOROZ: Okay. Thanks, Cal,
15 appreciate it.

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17 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Peter.
18 Any more comments, questions.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Can you hear me,
23 Peter?

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25 MR. NAOROZ: Yes.

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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you very much
28 for your willingness to share this with us over the
29 telephone, so we appreciate that. Gunalcheesh.

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31 MR. NAOROZ: Thank you. I appreciate
32 the Council's attention to this matter.

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34 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: All right. Have a
35 good day. Any further comments on that you guys want
36 to make.

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38 (No comments)

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40 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman, I think
41 we're ready to move on to the next item, schedule of
42 proposed actions. Terry will be coming back here to
43 join me.

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45 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: (In Tlingit) That
46 means hurry up.

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48 (Laughter)

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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Proceed, you

1 guys.

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3 MR. SUMINSKI: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. I
4 was outside dealing with some Yakutat moose issues.

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6 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Something I need to
7 know.

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9 MR. SUMINSKI: Maybe.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 MR. SUMINSKI: Terry Suminski with the
14 Forest Service. I just wanted to -- it's an agenda
15 item about the schedule of proposed actions. I didn't
16 want to go into a lot of detail with this because
17 there's a schedule of proposed actions. All the
18 activities on the Tongass National Forest that require
19 NEPA analysis. There's over 30-some pages of different
20 projects that are going on on the National Forest.

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22 There's a couple that just popped out
23 at me when I reviewed it. There's an analysis for the
24 Kanalku fish pass and there's various outfitter guide
25 analysis to analyze the amount of appropriate use of
26 outfitter guides in the different districts. Numerous
27 small timber sales, pre-commercial thinning projects,
28 quite a few energy projects, whether electrical lines
29 or geothermal or hydro power projects. Various stream
30 restoration projects and proposed mineral exploration
31 projects.

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33 Probably the best thing would be to go
34 to the website and it's at fs.fed.us and it's under
35 projects and planning. Just take a look at those that
36 might be of interest to you in your particular area.
37 If you have any questions, you can always refer them to
38 me and we can work -- each of the projects list who the
39 contact is. If you have questions, you can contact
40 them directly or contact me and I would be happy to get
41 you set up with who might have more information on a
42 particular project.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr. Bangs.

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46 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
47 Terry, it's quarterly? Is that what it's put out,
48 quarterly. I thought everybody here got a copy of
49 that, but I guess it's maybe the advisory committees
50 get it. I'm not sure on that one. It might be helpful

1 if everybody was to receive that if they don't already.

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3 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Bangs. Mr.
4 Chairman. It's a mailing list. You can get on a
5 mailing list and have it sent to you. If you're not on
6 that list, I can also help you contact me and I'll help
7 you get on that list. Does most people get it? Okay.

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9 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chairman. I believe
10 it was two meetings ago I collected emails and everyone
11 should be getting the SOAP announcements. If there's
12 not, we'll make sure we fix that.

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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you.

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16 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Sorry, I can't see
19 through Bob.

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21 MR. KOOKESH: Have one of those cheap
22 shockers right now. I was wondering because in this
23 whole process we've been involved in, like when I do my
24 insurance and everything, we're going paperless. Is
25 there a possibility that you're going to go paperless
26 so we don't have to keep getting these things in the
27 mail?

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29 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
30 Kookesh. Like I said, these are posted on the website,
31 so you can access it without paper and ask to be
32 removed from the paper mailing list. I'm not sure if
33 there's an option for an email distribution with that
34 or not. I'll have to check.

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36 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay.

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38 MR. KESSLER: The next item, Mr.
39 Chairman, is personnel update. Since Terry is here,
40 maybe he could give a personal update for the Tongass
41 and any changes that have occurred recently.

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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: By all means. Take
44 advantage of every opportunity for him to do something.

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46 MR. SUMINSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
47 It's Terry Suminski again. You all know at last
48 meeting we said goodbye to Larry Dickerson, who moved
49 down south. Unfortunately we still haven't gotten that
50 position filled. It's in the process, but we do plan

1 on refilling that. Tricia O'Connor, who was the
2 planning subsistence staff officer, she is on a detail
3 to -- is a deputy forest supervisor working directly
4 with Forrest Cole. Her replacement for now is Sharon
5 Randall.

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7 The more exciting news is we actually
8 have three new subsistence employees that we hired
9 recently in the room with us. I'll have them stand up.
10 The first one is Jack Lorrigan. He took my old
11 position as the Sitka/Hoonah subsistence biologist.

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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: He also took a
14 position that was on here.

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16 (Laughter)

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18 MR. SUMINSKI: I realize I stole him
19 from the Council.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: We didn't appreciate
22 that very much.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 MR. SUMINSKI: So he works for Carol
27 Goulart and stationed in Sitka. I don't know if you
28 want to have him come up and talk or not. Should I put
29 him on the spot?

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31 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah.

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33 MR. SUMINSKI: He's sitting back there
34 patiently waiting to talk to you.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MR. LORRIGAN: Mr. Chairman. Fellow
39 Council members. Jack Lorrigan, former RAC member.
40 It's been a bittersweet move but.....

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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: You don't have to rub
43 it in that way.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MR. LORRIGAN: I hope to further aid
48 and serve the Council through the years as the process
49 goes and hope that my service is just as valuable here
50 as it was over there for the one meeting I went to. As

1 a former RAC member, something I've been thinking about
2 and I've heard from other RAC members is trying to get
3 recruitment into the RAC. A tentative idea is maybe
4 mentor a replacement.

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6 (Cell phone ringing)

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MR. LORRIGAN: So if you have
11 individuals in your community that you think would
12 maybe replace you as you work your way through this
13 process and want to move onto something else, there's
14 somebody in your community you think might be
15 interested in this process, to bring them to a meeting
16 sometime or find a way to get them involved and
17 understand the process so that there will be a turnover
18 and a consistency to the proposal, deliberation and
19 protecting the C&T user. That's just a thought.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I appreciate that.
22 Other RACs and even SRCs are having a hard time getting
23 people to fill empty seats or to apply for those
24 positions. If there's any way that we can make them
25 more interested, that would be great. I try to
26 encourage as many people in my community to apply.
27 They say, oh, yeah, but when it comes time for them to
28 submit that final application they never do it. I
29 don't know their reasons. Thank you. I think that's a
30 great idea. Michael.

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32 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 As much as I was disappointed to see you leave the RAC,
34 I am pleased that you have a job that you have not only
35 your own personal local knowledge and education, I'm
36 looking forward to good information in the future and I
37 think you're in a good position. I think things will
38 work well for you and us.

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40 MR. LORRIGAN: Thank you, Mr. Douville.
41 I appreciate that.

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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah. So Jack and my
44 son, Bert Jr., who is the general manager for the
45 Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, became close friends and got to
46 know each other very well. I know my son Bert was
47 really trying hard to recruit him into our tribal
48 organization as a biologist. We just couldn't find the
49 funding and I apologize for that. Thank you, sir.

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1 MR. LORRIGAN: Thank you again.
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3 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Anyone else?
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5 MR. SUMINSKI: We also have with us
6 Carol Mahara. She's the new subsistence biologist in
7 Juneau working with Ben mainly on the.....
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9 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: She's so little I
10 couldn't even see her.
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12 (Laughter)
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14 MR. SUMINSKI: She's working with Ben
15 mainly on fisheries monitoring projects.
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17 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I was speaking a
18 little bit of Tlingit with her when I first met her. I
19 want you to introduce yourself in Tlingit.
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21 MS. MAHARA: I might need some help
22 with that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and the Council.
23 This is my first summer working with Ben doing
24 subsistence. I really do enjoy science and biology,
25 but it's been nice with this job to see how the
26 information we uncover is important to your communities
27 and I can see how the work that I do directly affects
28 subsistence and managing for the ways of life of people
29 who have been here. It's been a great job and I really
30 enjoy it and I continue to look forward to what happens
31 and how it develops. Thank you. That's all I have.
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33 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Gunalcheesh. Do you
34 know how to answer that? Yahaitee (ph), you're
35 welcome.
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37 MS. MAHARA: What was that?
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39 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yahaitee.
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41 MS. MAHARA: Yahaitee.
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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah.
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45 MS. MAHARA: All right. Thank you.
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47 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you.
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49 MR. SUMINSKI: And we also have with us
50 Trevor Fox. He's stationed in Sitka and he's working

1 on the Falls Lake project with Jack Lorrigan.

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3 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Please come forward,
4 sir. I'm not going to ask you to introduce yourself in
5 Tlingit. You can do it in English.

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7 (Laughter)

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9 MR. FOX: Thank you, Mr. Chair and
10 Council. Yeah, I think I'll have to stick with English
11 this time. As Terry just mentioned, I'm working
12 primarily on the Falls Lake sockeye escapement project.
13 It's just an exciting opportunity getting a chance to
14 work on that project and work closely with Mr. Lorrigan
15 and the folks at the Forest Service in Sitka. I really
16 appreciate the opportunity to attend this meeting and
17 just hear everybody's comments and see how much
18 everybody is involved in these subsistence projects and
19 everything. Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So why don't you share
22 with us what was the most impressive thing that you
23 gathered from today's meeting or these past couple days
24 meetings.

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26 (Laughter)

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28 MR. FOX: I get the hard question right
29 off the bat. I guess the most impressive thing is just
30 hearing all the local knowledge from the Board members.
31 It's nice to see that everybody is involved within
32 their community, but it's not just everything involved
33 within singular communities. It's region wide and
34 everybody is not just involved in the community but
35 region wide.

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37 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah. Very well said.
38 Thank you. We've got the best here. The best of the
39 best is right here. Thank you.

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41 MR. FOX: Thank you.

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43 MR. SUMINSKI: That concludes the
44 Tongass personnel updates. I think Steve has a few for
45 you.

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47 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Terry. Mr.
48 Chairman. At the regional level, there have been some
49 personnel changes. I think at the last meeting we
50 announced the new Regional Forester is Beth Pendleton.

1 We now have a new Deputy Regional Forester. That's
2 Ruth Monahan. Ruth was previously the director for
3 recreation, wilderness, heritage and lands programs in
4 our regional office in Juneau, so she just moved over a
5 couple doors. She's very knowledgeable about many of
6 the lands issues, which I think will be very helpful to
7 us.

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9 Dr. Wayne Owen you met on Tuesday. He
10 was on the field trip. He replaced Dr. Wini Kessler in
11 the director position. Those are the main Forest
12 Service regional office changes. Polly mentioned, of
13 course, we have a new Chair, Tim Towarak.

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15 One other thing I wanted to mention was
16 that Carl Jack, who has been to a couple of your
17 meetings, he functions as a Native liaison within the
18 Office of Subsistence Management and he just recently
19 retired. So that's all I have for personnel.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Steve. Mr.
22 Kookesh.

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24 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. Since
25 we're in personnel and you did mention that we had to
26 replace a RAC member, I think it's really important to
27 note that some of the discussion that just occurred was
28 that we were talking about region wide, the viewpoints
29 that were coming were region wide. One of the things I
30 note is that being a RAC member and the decisions we
31 make have broad-reaching effects. I also recognize the
32 value of local knowledge that comes from the membership
33 here.

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35 What I'm hoping, because we have
36 vacancies is that we make sure that we have a broad
37 representation from all over the region because we do
38 have a need to hear from communities like Ketchikan and
39 Kake. I'd like to be able to represent them, but I
40 believe having those kind of people within this area
41 being on our seat I think it will make a lot of
42 difference for us. I'm hoping that when the selection
43 process occurs that we go there. We shouldn't all be
44 from Angoon sitting here. We should have
45 representation that speaks for the region. Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: That's a good comment.
48 I just wonder do they consider where they live. Go
49 ahead.

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1 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
2 Kookesh. One of the things that is taken into
3 consideration is this geographic diversity of
4 membership. One of the things that we in the Forest
5 Service and I hope with the Regional Advisory Council
6 does is think about where representation is needed.
7 So, for instance, right now we don't have
8 representation from Kake. Is that something we should
9 be working on to try and seek representation from Kake
10 or other communities that are under-represented. I
11 believe that all of you have a role in that as trying
12 to recruit members from these communities that are
13 under-represented. Clearly this Council works well
14 because there's a lot of different communities
15 represented covering Southeast from Ketchikan to
16 Yakutat.

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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Harvey.

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20 MR. KITKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
21 take note that from some of the meetings we've had in
22 the past where the local people have come and talked
23 about rules and regulations coming down from people who
24 are not local to Alaska and to the Native communities,
25 I, for one, am glad you've hired somebody from the
26 local area. Thank you very much.

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Harvey.
29 Steve.

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31 MR. KESSLER: One thing I do want to
32 mention as far as the nominations and the people who do
33 sit on the Councils remember the final selections are
34 made by the Secretaries. The process is, and you've
35 all been through the nominating committee, the
36 committee that sort of evaluates each of the nominated
37 people. That moves forward then to sort of a review by
38 the Staff Committee who makes recommendations to the
39 Federal Subsistence Board and then the Federal
40 Subsistence Board makes recommendations to the
41 Secretaries. But ultimately the Secretaries are
42 responsible for the final selection.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Floyd.

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46 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Adams. One last
47 comment. This might be a good discussion item to go
48 under Number 15. That way we can put a little emphasis
49 on the need. Because if the final decision is made at
50 least we can put the point out there. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Floyd. Go
2 ahead.

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4 MR. LARSON: One last comment regarding
5 the subject is the Council is now made up of 10
6 members. There's 13 members authorized. It's my
7 understanding that not only will we have the members
8 that are normally up for rotation evaluated and
9 replaced, but the additional three members will be in
10 place by the spring meeting. We should have a full 13
11 member Council by the time we meet in March.

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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thirteen members and
14 we have I think about 18 or 20 communities in Southeast
15 Alaska. How do we reach out to those people. I think
16 we do a good job, but I don't know. It's just a
17 thought.

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19 MR. KESSLER: Ready to move on to the
20 next agenda item?

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22 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Please do.

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24 MR. KESSLER: Okay. That will be Terry
25 again to talk about the in-season authority. Thank
26 you.

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28 MR. SUMINSKI: Hello again, Mr.
29 Chairman. Terry Suminski with the Forest Service. I
30 have another letter for you to find that I handed out
31 the first day.

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33 (Pause)

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35 MS. HERNANDEZ: It's dated August 16,
36 2010.

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38 MR. KOOKESH: It's just a standard
39 letter that goes out.

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41 (Pause)

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43 MR. SUMINSKI: It looks like everybody
44 has it. This is a draft letter that the Forest
45 supervisors is proposing some expanded delegations to
46 the District Rangers on the Tongass. This is a result
47 of the last wildlife regulatory cycle. You'll remember
48 that the Board removed a lot of the delegations that
49 were in regulation and moved those to letters and those
50 were issued to the Rangers this last summer. This

1 request is to expand the delegation to those rangers.
2 Right now for fisheries we have seven of the 10
3 District Rangers that have delegated in-season
4 authority. This request is to have all 10 Rangers have
5 that authority for their districts.

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7 For the wildlife delegation, they're
8 requesting a more broad general delegation for just
9 three species in addition to the existing delegations
10 and those three species are goats, moose and deer. The
11 reason for that is -- you know, right now without the
12 in-season delegation authority we have to go through
13 the Board and that's a lengthier process and it also
14 requires more paperwork, more staff time, things like
15 that. We feel we've successfully implemented a lot of
16 these in-season actions in the past and this would help
17 expedite the process when we do have a situation where
18 we have a conservation issue with the species. That
19 delegation for wildlife would also be for all 10
20 Rangers.

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22 The reason for going to all 10 Rangers
23 is that it better fits the organizational structure and
24 the decision-making structure of the Forest Service
25 where each Ranger is responsible for a chunk of land.
26 The Forest supervisors wish to have all the Rangers
27 have the responsibility for their piece of land. The
28 way the Forest Service is organized is the District
29 Rangers are the point of contact with the public, so
30 they're the ones working with their communities and
31 they would have those relationships built and would
32 foster that kind of communication between the
33 communities and the Council and local Fish and Game
34 offices, things like that.

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36 I think that's kind of the highlights
37 of that letter. Like I said, we wanted to get Council
38 comments on this before we submitted it to the Board
39 Chairman and we're interested in your ideas or comments
40 or concerns. Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Douville, please.

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44 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
45 I have some reservations with this. As an example, we
46 struggled for a long time with steelhead. It's been a
47 good program. There's been no problems with it even
48 though there was many perceived by the Department.
49 Eventually we were able to have bait included in this
50 fishery. The District Ranger had the authority to

1 modify some of these things without -- at that time I
2 don't think he did any consultation. He printed the
3 permits and he eliminated the bait even though it was
4 authorized. Before the fishery even started they put a
5 restriction on rural users. When it came to my
6 attention, I went there and said you can't do that, but
7 we already printed the permits and they wouldn't change
8 it. I thought that was way wrong. The following year
9 there was consultation and it was included. This
10 decision was made by pressure brought on by the
11 Department and was able to influence the District
12 Ranger and he's one person making that decision. I
13 know that it says will discuss it with the Chair or
14 perhaps a local RAC member, but I have a little bit of
15 concern on contentious issues like Unit 2 wolf, which
16 may turn that way.

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18 There's some questions that still have
19 not been answered on Unit 2 wolf. Being a proposal to
20 the Board of Game and things like this, these things
21 are really unclear as to who develops that number and
22 who has to abide by it and any agreement that exists.
23 I see room for the Department to also pressure the
24 Rangers in this respect. These are just some concerns
25 of mine that need to be answered because it is not
26 clear to me. I don't understand how it works and I
27 don't know how anybody else could because no one can
28 give me an answer here.

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30 I don't know if I made myself
31 understood, but that is a concern. Giving one person
32 that authority is sometimes not in our best interest.

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34 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Got a response for
35 them.

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37 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
38 Douville. I'm aware of the situations you're talking
39 about. With the steelhead, I hope that was just a
40 hiccup with getting that new regulation implemented and
41 things like that. I think things have smoothed out a
42 bit since then. The idea that -- you know, these
43 delegations are given to the in-season managers from
44 the Board and they can be revoked at any time if
45 they're abused or working outside of the sideboards
46 given by the Board. These letters of delegation also
47 have fairly specific instructions of what they can and
48 can't do. I'd really be surprised if these authorities
49 were abused in any way. I think so far we've shown
50 that they really haven't been. I do understand your

1 concerns with wolves and that's something we'll check
2 into more and make sure that we're involved in any
3 decisions made by the State and things like that.

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5 That's the best I can tell you, that
6 these are -- when the Board grants these authorities,
7 they're doing it with the intention that the position
8 that they're granted to acts within the rules
9 established by the Board and the guidelines, so they
10 can be taken away if they're abused.

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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Steve, go ahead.

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14 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
15 I think I'd like to add also that the best decisions
16 ought to be made at the lowest level, so those are the
17 people who know what's going on. That's the
18 subsistence users, that's the District Rangers who work
19 at the local level who understand what the issues are,
20 who are accountable for working with local people.
21 That's not the case with the Federal Subsistence Board
22 or Office of Subsistence Management in Anchorage. The
23 accountability is right there at the local level. The
24 knowledge is there at the local level. Then there's
25 sort of these checks and balances. If there's
26 something that is going on that people are not
27 satisfied with at the local level, that can be just
28 brought right back up to the Federal Subsistence Board
29 through a proposal, it can be brought up through your
30 annual letter. Multiple ways that can come forward.
31 That's the general idea. Make it so that the people
32 who've got the most knowledge are working on these
33 resource issues. Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. We've
36 heard one member's concern about this. Is there anyone
37 who would like to address it as well? I found that it
38 was pretty effective in some situations. I understand
39 what Mr. Douville's real concern is. Maybe one person
40 has been given authority to make these decisions and
41 then push it through the Federal system as well. I
42 feel like Steve does that. The best knowledge comes
43 from the local areas. If you listen to them and when
44 these issues come up you need to talk with them about
45 it and say how do you feel and then take that to
46 whoever is in charge of making these decisions. I
47 don't see anything that's wrong with this at this point
48 other than the fact that Mr. Douville's concern is
49 really legitimate as well.

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1 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.
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3 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Floyd, go ahead.
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5 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. I was
6 noting in this process that the consultation occurs
7 with the Chair of the RAC. Does that also mean that
8 there's consultation with the affected user in the Unit
9 aside from the Chair?
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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: For myself, you know,
12 I always go to the tribe and I talk with them about it.
13 If they think it's a good idea, then I relate that as
14 well. I share that. That's how I handle it. Mike.
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16 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
17 know in the past when there's been a need for emergency
18 closures that it was in my area and I was contacted by
19 also the chairman, but yet they contacted the local
20 people and asked what our opinion was on it. So I felt
21 comfortable with the process. Thank you.
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23 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: It's a quick way to
24 address a situation that is critical. Any more
25 comments. Mr. Wright.
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27 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
28 I was just curious on the bottom of the paragraph it
29 says for subsistence management able to 10 District
30 Rangers have various delegated authority. What is
31 various?
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33 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
34 Wright. What that is referring to, instead of listing
35 all the delegations that we currently have in wildlife,
36 we just made it various. Just for example the Forest
37 Supervisor is delegated authority to close wolf season
38 Unit 2. There's various moose delegations for the
39 Yakutat Ranger. The Petersburg Ranger has some moose
40 and deer delegations. The four Rangers in Unit 4 have
41 deer delegations.
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43 Right now that's one of the issues.
44 They all have different ones. It's kind of a mish-mash
45 of delegations. What this process would do is
46 standardize that across the Rangers for those three
47 species for moose, goats and deer and not have these
48 piecemeal delegations. Thank you.
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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Douville, go

1 ahead.

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3 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
4 didn't say I was against it. I think it is an
5 effective tool. What I'm saying is it's gone sideways
6 in the past. We just need to watch so it doesn't
7 happen again. That's basically what I'm saying.

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9 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mike. Any
10 more comments.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: All right. Shall we
15 move on. Do you need action on this issue or is just
16 comments enough? What's your wish?

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18 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman. I think an
19 action would be a good idea if you support. I do
20 really want to point out again that although it has a
21 date on the letter and a slash and a slash on the
22 letter, this has not been sent yet, so it is timely.

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24 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So they're asking for
25 our action, do we want to do this or not. Motion,
26 please, Mike.

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28 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
29 make a motion that we approve the letter and that we
30 have it sent with our approval.

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32 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Is there a
33 second.

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35 MR. HERNANDEZ: Second.

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37 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Discussion. Did we
38 talk about it enough. Mr. Kookesh.

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40 MR. KOOKESH: I don't know if we want
41 to consider it implied, but it would probably be good
42 to also contact the Unit -- the RAC member which is in
43 the affected Units.

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45 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Particularly, yeah,
46 the RAC Unit. You bet.

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48 MR. KOOKESH: Put that in there instead
49 of having it being implied. Maybe Bert might be going
50 senile on us and he might forget.

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Already getting there.
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3 (Laughter)
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5 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead, Mr. Larson.
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7 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. Although it is
8 not specifically identified in the letter, that it does
9 correspond with the regulatory changes made in Section
10 19 of Federal rules. Implicit in those instructions
11 are the Council Chair will work with the coordinator
12 and appropriate Council members. That's our intention
13 that the affected Council members will be consulted.
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15 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.
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17 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: More, go ahead.
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19 MR. KOOKESH: Not only should it be
20 your intention but the plan.
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22 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay.
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24 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman. I think
25 we're comfortable adding something about that in this
26 letter. We could call that a friendly amendment to the
27 letter.
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29 MR. BANGS: (Nods affirmatively)
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31 MR. KESSLER: Okay, just make sure it's
32 in there. Any more.
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34 (No comments)
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36 MR. KITKA: Call for the question.
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38 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The question has been
39 called. All in favor say aye.
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41 IN UNISON: Aye.
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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Opposed.
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45 (No opposing votes)
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47 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The motion is carried.
48 Thank you. Steve, do you have more jurisdiction?
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50 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman. We have an

1 additional topic and Terry will tell you what that is
2 if that's okay. Thank you.

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4 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman. I just
5 wanted to notify the Council that we're working on a
6 special action for moose in Yakutat. I think the
7 Chairman is aware of it. It's under a delegation where
8 required to announce the quota before the season. That
9 will go out with a quote of 55 bulls and no more than
10 25 of those bulls west of the Dangerous, which is the
11 same as last year. The quota was set based on surveys
12 that indicated the bull/cow ratio was a little less
13 than desired, so they're maintaining what was done last
14 year.

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16 I just wanted to let you know about
17 that and that should be coming out fairly shortly.
18 That's why I was late for the microphone earlier
19 because I was talking to Susan about that.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Oh, okay.

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23 MR. SUMINSKI: Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: There was a public
26 meeting about this here maybe a week and a half ago.
27 After their meeting some of the moose subsistence
28 hunters came and asked me if for some reason or another
29 if the subsistence need wasn't met if there would be an
30 opportunity to have a cow opening for a short period of
31 time. I've talked to Neil Barton about this a year or
32 so ago and he said it probably wouldn't hurt at all.
33 There's plenty of moose in the area. It's just that
34 bull/cow ratio has been very low and they're trying to
35 build that up. There might be a proposal of some sort
36 for a special action to come forth from the community.
37 I suggested maybe the tribe should do it and look at
38 that possibility. I thought I'd just throw it out to
39 you and maybe be on the watch out for it.

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41 MR. KESSLER: The next item, Mr.
42 Chairman, is Forest Service Subsistence Program budget.
43 The Council on May 24th wrote a letter to the Secretary
44 of Agriculture through the Federal Subsistence Board
45 Chairman concerning the Forest Service budget. That
46 response finally was sent to you on September 21st and
47 I believe everyone received an email with that letter.
48 I'm afraid I didn't provide copies for you. What I'd
49 like to do is read two of the paragraphs because I
50 think they're really significant to you as far as the

1 Secretaries' view of subsistence and your role. So if I
2 may.....

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4 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: You may read anything
5 that is pertinent that will help us understand a little
6 bit more.

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8 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9 Implementation of a subsistence program -- and this is
10 from the Secretary -- that fulfills the obligations of
11 the United States government to rural users in Alaska
12 is very important to me. The program aligns closely
13 with USDA's mission and embodies key priorities that
14 include sustaining the livelihood of rural families,
15 ensuring access to healthy and affordable food,
16 providing jobs in rural communities, sustain a cultural
17 and traditional ways of life and strengthening
18 relationships with Alaska Native tribes.

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20 I would like to thank you and other
21 members of the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional
22 Advisory Council for assisting the Secretary of the
23 Interior, the Federal Subsistence Board and USDA in
24 carrying out the provisions of Title VIII of the Alaska
25 National Interest Lands Conservation Act. Your roll is
26 crucial for all rural residents of Southeast Alaska in
27 assuring that those most affected by fish and wildlife
28 harvest regulations have a meaningful role in the
29 management of those resources and of subsistence uses
30 on public lands.

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32 The letter then goes on and talks to
33 the budget issue and does not give a lot of detail for
34 what we'll move forward in 2011, but it says in fiscal
35 year 2010 the Forest Service used a combination of
36 funds to maintain a similar level of support for the
37 program that was provided in the previous year. The
38 level of funding allowed most fisheries resource
39 monitoring projects about which you have expressed
40 concern to move forward. However, no wildlife resource
41 monitoring projects were approved.

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43 For fiscal year 2011, President Barrack
44 Obama's budget proposed funding with anticipation that
45 a similar mix of funds would be used to continue the
46 subsistence program at funding levels comparable to
47 fiscal year 2010.

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49 The letter also refers to the review
50 that was coordinated by the Department of the Interior

1 and says that the budget and taking a look at the
2 budgets for all the Federal partners would be part of
3 an additional action item resulting from that review.

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5 We don't have really any more details
6 for fiscal year 2011 budgets, which fiscal year 2011
7 starts tomorrow. Happy New Year. Although we do know
8 that we'll continue to be funded. We expect, as the
9 letter says, to be funded at a similar level. We do
10 know that this issue of budget keeps getting raised to
11 a higher and higher level. Of course, I think everyone
12 knows that the budget situation in the United States in
13 general what Congress can deal with is problematic. We
14 do have the ear of the Secretary, the Under Secretary,
15 the Chief's Office, and hopefully we'll start seeing
16 some sort of change from that sort of dramatic drop
17 that we received starting this fiscal year.

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19 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Steve.
20 Comments or questions from anyone.

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22 (No comments)

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24 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: No.

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26 MR. KOOKESH: I do.

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Kookesh.

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30 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Kessler. You would
31 think in light of the review that there would be an
32 increase. They would recognize a need is there to have
33 an increase.

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35 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
36 Kookesh. The review -- incidentally there was also a
37 Forest Service review that was undertaken prior to the
38 Department of Interior review and that recognized the
39 budget was a real problem. That review at this point,
40 the report is still in draft. We're hoping to get that
41 finalized sometime soon. It is well recognized that
42 there's a problem and the Chief's Office of the Forest
43 Service has been working hard to try to make us whole.
44 The way that's been done is by augmenting the budget
45 that we -- the money that we receive from the line item
46 that Congress gives us. Congress has a line item in
47 their budget that says this is how much Alaska
48 subsistence Forest Service will get.

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50 This last time around there was also an

1 allowance that we could be funded out of other funds
2 too. So we received not only the subsistence funds for
3 this year. We also received some of our regular
4 wildlife fisheries funds and some additional law
5 enforcement funds.

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7 So it's recognized that there's a
8 problem. It's recognized that we need to get the money
9 back up and there's going to be a specific review that
10 will look at budgets to try and influence that.

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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. I know
13 when we were commenting before, what's his name, Pearl,
14 that this was an issue that was brought out. So I
15 think it was identified as an item in the review.
16 Anything else there, sir.

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18 MR. KESSLER: The only other item I
19 have, of course, is that last item, jurisdiction for
20 fisheries adjacent to State and private property.
21 There was an incident on the Prince of Wales Island in
22 the Neck Lake area this last summer about someone who
23 was fishing standing not on Federal land but fishing in
24 Federal waters, the waters that we exert jurisdiction
25 on. The State has been threatening to issue citations
26 or warnings associated with that.

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28 The language that is on Page 61, which
29 had to do with one of your proposals jurisdictional
30 issues says, while standing on State and private lands,
31 including State owned submerged lands and shorelands,
32 persons must comply with State laws and regulations
33 regarding subsistence harvest.

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35 What the State has been threatening is
36 that they will start issuing warnings and citations.
37 The Federal program disagrees. We believe that we do
38 have jurisdiction on those lands and that fishing is
39 okay. This is one of the issues that is actually in
40 the Katie John II litigation and will be worked out.
41 Just wanted to let you know that there are some users
42 that sort of feel threatened by State action for
43 fishing in Federal jurisdictional waters.

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45 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: All they need to do is
46 come in compliance. Mike.

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48 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
49 That is an interesting situation because you have that
50 similar situation in Klawock River where there is

1 private land. When I do use my permit, I will be
2 standing in the water for sure. What happens if I pack
3 a big rock out there and stand on it? Whose land is
4 that?

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6 (Laughter)

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8 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Any more
9 comments on that issues.

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Is that it, Mr.
14 Kessler?

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16 MR. KESSLER: That's it. Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman, very much.

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19 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you very much.
20 I do have a question for you though. This was passed
21 down to me. I want to ask if Carl's position is going
22 to be advertised and, if so, it should be filled by an
23 Alaska Native.

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25 MR. KESSLER: I'm not prepared to
26 respond to that. I don't know if Polly is.

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Polly.

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30 DR. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
31 Actually Steve mentioned Carl Jack, but we've had a lot
32 of other staffing changes. In the interest of time, I
33 didn't really feel like I needed to go through them
34 all. In any event we will -- we haven't made a formal
35 decision as to whether or not we're going to fill the
36 Native liaison position, but I can assure you if I have
37 any influence over it, we will. And it will be
38 advertised. It's a Federal position, so obviously we
39 can't preselect or select before we see what the
40 applicants look like. Given the nature of the position
41 -- well, I'll just leave it at that. I will also say
42 that the Fish and Wildlife Service just hired a Native
43 liaison position that's has a direct assistant to the
44 Regional Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, the
45 Regional Director. Her name is Crystal Leonetti and
46 she is plugged in right next to the Director's Office
47 and he takes great stock in what Crystal has to say.
48 She'll be working on Fish and Wildlife Service tribal
49 consultation document among many other things.

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1 I can tell you informally that we'll be
2 filling Carl's position, but obviously who we select
3 depends on who applies. I'll also tell you that
4 applying for a job through the Federal government is a
5 nightmare. So I would be more than happy to help
6 anybody with the application process to the extent that
7 I can, but I will tell you it's not a friendly process.
8 It's cumbersome, it's unwieldy, it's all on line so you
9 have to go through this whole where you can't just like
10 submit it, you know, mail an envelope Express Mail and
11 know that it got there. You have to go through this
12 God-awful system.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 DR. WHEELER: In any event, I would be
17 more than happy to help anybody that wants to apply
18 with that introduction. Once we do advertise the
19 position we'll let you know. Seriously, people should
20 take me up on my offer because it is a cumbersome
21 process and there's not a person in this room who has a
22 Federal job that can't back me up on this, so I'm not
23 talking out of school. Anyway, we'll be filling it and
24 we'll let you know when we do and hopefully we'll get
25 some great applicants.

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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Just take
28 note the note that I read that we wish to have a Native
29 person on there even though you don't have a Native
30 preference regulation. But thanks for that. Remember,
31 take her up on that offer. We're going to break for
32 lunch and be back in an hour.

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34 Another thing too just reminded by Mike
35 Bangs. Why don't you do that. Do you want to
36 recognize Mr.....

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38 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
39 was reminded that we hadn't formally recognized a
40 member of our Council family that passed this year, Mr.
41 Dick Stokes, and I just wanted to acknowledge the work
42 he did. He really tried hard for subsistence and was
43 in part responsible for a lot of subsistence, the
44 Stikine fisheries. I think his heart was with the
45 subsistence program and I just wanted to acknowledge
46 him for all of his work. Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. Bangs.
49 So done for the record. I really admired Mr. Stokes
50 myself. Even though he had all of those health

1 problems he was always willing to come to the meetings
2 and sit here for days and days, hours and hours,
3 working on subsistence issues along with us. Mr.
4 Larson, you have something to add.

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6 MR. LARSON: Yes, Mr. Chair. I would
7 like to say that Mr. Casipit and I went to Dick's
8 memorial service and we conveyed our condolences from
9 the Council and reminded them that he was held in high
10 regard by this Council and we appreciated all his work.
11 It was very well received. They appreciated that
12 effort.

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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Lunchtime.
15 One o'clock.

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17 (Off record)

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19 (On record)

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay, folks. On
22 behalf of the Mount St. Elias Dancers, they've asked me
23 to extend their gunalcheesh for supporting them in
24 their lunches they have supplied here yesterday and
25 today. Let's give them a big hand. I tried to get
26 somebody out here to talk themselves, but they're all
27 pretty bashful.

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29 Anyhow, let's go ahead and continue on
30 with where we left off.

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32 (Whispered discussion)

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34 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Oh, my apologies, you
35 guys. It's the Mount Fairweather Dancers. Mount St.
36 Elias comes from my country. But the Tlingit word for
37 Mount Fairweather is Tsalxhaan.

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39 So we'll continue on with where we left
40 off. U.S. Park Service is next. Nancy and Dianne.
41 Just for a note of interest you had some conversations
42 with Barbara Cellarius that you were going to report
43 something from Wrangell-St. Elias as well. Go ahead.

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45 MS. SWANTON: Okay, good. Thank you,
46 Mr. Chair. Council members. My name is Nancy Swanton
47 with the National Park Service and Dianne McKinley is
48 joining me to provide part of the report as an update,
49 National Park Service activities occurring in parks you
50 may have interest in. Glacier Bay National Park and

1 Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.

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3 On the Wrangell side, Barbara
4 Cellarius, the subsistence coordinator at that Park
5 unit indicated that an ethnographic overview, an
6 assessment for the Yakutat area will soon be underway
7 within the next year or so. This is largely a
8 literature review, but it will also include some
9 interviews especially related to subsistence uses.
10 Cooperative agreements in place with the Portland State
11 University, which is the first step in this study.
12 Doug Dewar is the prime. He's done much work with the
13 Park Service and in the Pacific Northwest and he will
14 be assisted by Tom Thornton who Bert said he's familiar
15 with. Tom has done quite a bit of work with Tlingit
16 communities.

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18 Barbara has talked with the tribal
19 council about this a couple of times and she indicated
20 that Jacqueline Ashwell, the District Ranger for
21 Wrangell and Glacier Bay out of Yakutat will be meeting
22 with the Council again soon.

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24 Molly McCormick, fisheries biologist
25 for Wrangell-St. Elias indicated that a smelt study in
26 the Malaspina Forelands would be undertaken I believe
27 she said next year. They will be looking at two types
28 of smelt, spring and fall spawners. That's an NPS
29 funded study and then she also indicated that the Park
30 intends to submit a proposal to OSM for funding
31 consideration to look at the harvest history of smelt
32 in the Yakutat area. That would be proposed to
33 commence in 2012.

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35 There are two proposed compendium
36 changes. One dealing with ATV use in the Malaspina
37 Forelands and another dealing with aircraft landing in
38 that area as well. The Park determined ATV use is a
39 traditional means of access, but there aren't any
40 designated routes yet. The Subsistence Resource
41 Commission, as you might remember, Bert, indicated some
42 concern about the Park's capacity to properly monitor
43 that traditional use in that area and requested
44 continued restriction of ATV use until the Park Service
45 could monitor on a regular basis, which the Park is
46 intending to do, but it will require an adjustment to
47 our compendium to allow it to be put into formal
48 practice.

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50 Icy Bay aircraft use exception. The

1 Subsistence Resource Commission also requested that
2 aircraft use be allowed in the Icy Bay area. It's a
3 Park, so it's generally not allowed there except in the
4 Malaspina Forelands. That's the one exception. Well,
5 the SRC asked for an additional exception for Icy Bay
6 and the Park intends to include this exemption in its
7 compendium. It's possible that regulatory change might
8 occur at a future time, but the compendium right now is
9 the fastest way to get that under that request. So
10 that will be done. A press release was issued earlier
11 this year.

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13 For those who aren't familiar with Park
14 compendia, they are more informal means of establishing
15 seasonal closures, for example, when circumstances
16 require that that be done or other conditions. Opening
17 hours of visitor centers, that sort of thing.
18 Typically they're not to be used for things that
19 otherwise would be put in regulation and actually the
20 State has called us to task on that several years ago
21 and we've been going through a process over the last
22 few years to clean out those compendia and put in
23 regulation the things that need to be in regulation.
24 That process is still ongoing. I think it's at Tier
25 III now.

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27 An EIS is in process on the Nabesna
28 Road area of Wrangell-St. Elias. A draft EIS is
29 available online for public comment. You could also
30 obtain a copy from the Park and I have a contact on
31 that for those of you who may be interested in ATV use
32 and that part of the Park. It's not directly related
33 to Southeast, but those who have interest in ATV use
34 and what the Park Service is doing with respect to that
35 type of use in some other Park areas that aren't
36 directly related to your interest, it still might be of
37 interest to you. Public comments on that draft EIS are
38 due by November 10th.

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40 The Wrangells SRC will meet next week,
41 October 6th and 7th in Tok. From what I could gather
42 there didn't appear to be any topics of direct interest
43 to this RAC. They will be talking about how the Park
44 regulates firewood harvest. A little bit on the ORV
45 EIS and there are no fisheries proposals.

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47 Moose permits, Terry talked about that.
48 There is some brown bear monitoring extending into Dry
49 Bay. NPS funded on the Wrangell side and Glacier Bay
50 is working in collaboration with the State Department

1 of Fish and Game to cover the Yakutat to Dry Bay area.
2 A record of decision was completed within the past
3 three weeks on collection of gull eggs in Glacier Bay.
4 That's been a long process. This step needed to be
5 completed in order for the request to go to Congress.
6 This is going to take a Congressional action to change
7 and provide that opportunity for a cultural practice
8 that hasn't been able to occur in that Park for a very
9 long time. So we're hopeful we can keep this moving.
10 I know it's been a long process.

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12 Lastly, the Glacier Bay recently
13 completed a cooperative agreement with the Hoonah
14 Indian Association to carve a house screen for a
15 community house that is intended to be built in the
16 Glacier Bay Park area in the Gustavus area, I believe.
17 Work should commence on that soon. With respect to
18 selecting carvers, HIA will take the lead in the effort
19 to select those carvers. Funding is not yet available
20 for construction of the house, but plans are in the
21 works and we're hopeful we can move that along. But the
22 first and important piece of it is funded and will be
23 in process and that is the carving of the panel.
24 Contacts with respect to that are Wayne Howell, HIA, or
25 Ken Grant with the Park.

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27 Dianne is going to update the Council
28 on an NPS proposal with respect to collection
29 regulations. Go ahead, Dianne.

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31 MS. MCKINLEY: Thank you. My name is
32 Dianne McKinley for the record. I won't do the long
33 Tlingit introduction but I will say that I am (Tlingit)
34 and I'm very happy to always come to the Southeast RAC
35 meeting and particularly Hoonah, which is a high
36 subsistence use area. So I really am glad to see that
37 Hoonah was considered and we came here even though it's
38 not considered a hub area. So I'm happy about that.

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40 What I'm going to talk about is just to
41 note on the radar some government to government
42 consultation with tribes. What is happening is Park
43 Service is considering amending regulations which
44 govern gathering of natural resources in National Park
45 areas. We recognize that Alaska Natives use and have
46 continued access to plant resources in Park Service
47 land. What we would like to do and this is reaffirming
48 what President Obama has reaffirmed the executive order
49 of consultation and coordination with tribal
50 governments.

1 Before we craft a regulation we would
2 like to consult with the tribes that have land in Park
3 Service areas and get their input on the regulation of
4 plants and minerals and resources and have them be at
5 the start of the process for this regulation. This
6 doesn't affect ANILCA or hunting or fishing. It just
7 has to do with plants, minerals and natural resources
8 and people gather like bark and stuff for handicrafts.
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10 The National Park Service
11 superintendents enter into government to government
12 relationships with Federally recognized tribes. These
13 changes are not intended to address the fishing or
14 hunting. Any agreements or permits for gathering under
15 the proposed rule would be subject to determination of
16 known and unacceptable impacts to Park resources. For
17 this area, Ken Grant out of Glacier Bay will be holding
18 meetings next month and I don't have the exact date,
19 but it will be in Hoonah.
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21 If you think that like maybe in Yakutat
22 or areas that your tribe would like to weigh in on
23 this, I'll have information after this presentation too
24 and a timeline. We're looking at probably the final
25 rule would be the end of next year. This consultation
26 is not only taking place in Alaska but the Lower 48,
27 which has already finished their consultation. Ours is
28 just now getting started.
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30 That's all I have on that. Thank you.
31 Gunalcheesh.
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33 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Gunalcheesh. Any
34 questions of either of these young ladies. Floyd, go
35 ahead.
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37 MR. KOOKESH: I apologize for missing
38 the beginning of your presentation, but I was kind of
39 curious about the Park Service and the role when it
40 comes to the sea otter issue in Glacier Bay. Can you
41 speak a little bit to that? We are holding a
42 management workshop in Juneau in November and I was
43 curious how the Park Service is going to be dealing
44 with that issue.
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46 MS. SWANTON: I don't have any
47 information on what Glacier Bay is doing with respect
48 to sea otters, but I can get that information for you
49 and send it on if you'd like. And I'm not aware that
50 they may be participating in your workshop. Were they

1 invited? Okay. I'll get back to you on that point.
2 Thanks.

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4 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Just make
5 a comment here too on some of the things Nancy was
6 reporting. Icy Bay exempt from aircraft use came about
7 when we had our SIC meeting there. Some of the people
8 who had come there and used the Icy Bay area for goat
9 hunting wanted to see if they could make it possible
10 for people in Yakutat to go up there and goat hunt. As
11 you know, the reports for the goat hunting in Yakutat
12 area, from Nunatak Ford all the way down to Dry Bay,
13 particularly in Nunatak Ford, has been suffering a lot.
14 Not so much in the Dry Bay area. They thought it would
15 be a good idea if they opened up that area for aircraft
16 use in order for people to go there to goat hunt.

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18 This summer we had a teleconference on
19 the EIS for the Nabesna Road area. That's still in
20 process. So I just thought I'd make those two comments
21 in addition to what you already reported, Nancy. Thank
22 you. Any more comments, questions.

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24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, ladies.
27 Appreciate it. BLM. There's the BLM man. Sat there
28 all the last couple days and patiently waited to make
29 his report. Thank you.

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31 MR. SHARP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
32 By way of introduction, my name is Dan Sharp. I'm the
33 BLM representative to the Interagency Staff Committee.
34 I serve as the statewide subsistence coordinator.
35 George Oviatt and I drew straws. He got the short one
36 and he's in Bethel. I've served in this capacity for
37 about two and a half years. This is the first
38 Southeast RAC meeting I've attended and I appreciate
39 the opportunity to come down here having never been to
40 Hoonah either.

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42 I don't have a lot to report.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: You did come to the
45 best, you know.

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47 MR. SHARP: This is the last RAC that I
48 have not had a presence at and I'm duly impressed,
49 quite honestly. I will say about the most significant
50 news I can share with you is that there's a new State

1 director who has been named for Bureau of Land
2 Management. A gentleman by the name of Bud Cribley.
3 He's coming from the Washington office. I believe his
4 reporting date is sometime in October, although we've
5 been told it may take some time to clear Washington,
6 D.C. I've been providing him some briefing materials.
7 I guess I'll have the opportunity to quiz him when he
8 shows up to see if he's been reading it, but I think
9 there's going to be a learning curve with folks new to
10 Alaska. From all indications and feedback I've gotten,
11 I'm looking forward to working with him and I think
12 they made a good selection.

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14 The other issue that is significant for
15 BLM is that the conveyance program for the 2011 budget
16 was cut about \$13 million. That is having an impact
17 statewide and it's as one might expect. BLM is trying
18 to absorb those cuts and achieve some savings. It's
19 impacting many other programs. Our participation in
20 some fisheries research projects and game surveys may
21 be impacted. They're working through the numbers right
22 now, but we've all been asked to examine budgets and
23 look for savings, so we'll sort of see what the fallout
24 is. But that's a fairly significant cut to absorb.
25 We'll just sort of see how deeply it goes.

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27 That's about all I had unless there's
28 any additional questions.

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30 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Any questions anyone.

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you for your
35 patience sitting there all these days and giving a two
36 and a half minute report.

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38 MR. SHARP: I'm happy to be here and no
39 one asked me about Makhnati. I was going to say I've
40 never heard of it. Thank you very much.

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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Okay.
43 Moving on. U.S. Fish and Wildlife or is it BIA?

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45 MS. PETRIVELLI: I don't think there's
46 a Fish and Wildlife Service person here.

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48 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I don't see any.

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50 MS. PETRIVELLI: Oh, Polly, did you

1 want to make a report?

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3 DR. WHEELER: She says looking directly
4 at me.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MS. PETRIVELLI: You're OSM. We have a
9 PowerPoint. I guess before I move over I'll explain
10 this is Jessie Brae. She works with the Craig
11 Community Association. They were funded with a
12 research proposal in May of 2007. That was originally
13 supposed to be a team of Bob Schroeder and on Craig
14 Community Association Dennis Nickerson. Of course,
15 Dolly Garza set this all up. She invite me down to a
16 seaweed workshop the year before she retired and she
17 said you need to talk to the POW tribes. Craig
18 Community Association was the one who stepped up to the
19 plate because they wanted -- they've had a deer
20 celebration for the last -- this will be the eighth
21 annual deer celebration. So they said they would
22 coordinate the research project and I've been providing
23 technical assistance for the study.

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25 We reported in February -- and I'm
26 going to flip through all the slides I did from the
27 February one. Of course, I was supposed to be
28 presenting the draft final report at this meeting now,
29 but we're not. If we're lucky, there will be a draft
30 final report in December. You can see it in Sitka.
31 We've made progress on maps and I think everyone
32 remembers the wonderful maps you saw in Saxman.

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34 Melinda, did you want to just click
35 through slides. Melinda replaced Schroeder on the
36 research team and she's done some of the key respondent
37 interviews and she got to do the household surveys in
38 Protection and Baker and we worked together and did
39 Naukati. Then she did Saxman and Metlakatla key
40 respondent interviews. We'll just keep flipping.

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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Slow down.

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44 MS. PETRIVELLI: You don't remember all
45 those? Do you want to hear all that again?

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MS. PETRIVELLI: Do you want to see it
50 again?

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: No.

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3 MS. PETRIVELLI: No. But it's numbers
4 and tables and charts. This is the beginning of the
5 mapping. When we first did our preliminary mapping say
6 in 2007, this is all we had. We had the old ADF&G
7 data. Melinda had made this map and it was part of our
8 survey form, but we just added the core where I think
9 the high average harvest were in those areas there just
10 from the household database. So that was our very
11 first initial map. That's just some preliminary graphs
12 that we made just using existing harvest.

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14 If we'd just stop right here. When you
15 were talking about mandatory reporting, those striped
16 bars, just plain, like barber shop poles to the right,
17 those are the mail-out survey reportings. The red and
18 yellow ones to the left for 2005, 6, 7 and 8. That's
19 the mandatory reporting from Unit 2. Then there's
20 three years in there with household survey data. So
21 for Coffman Cove those people are pretty consistent.
22 They report their harvest and what are household
23 surveys match what they report.

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25 I know Mr. Douville was wondering what
26 good it is to have mandatory reporting. For me it's
27 good because then I can just make more charts. But
28 maybe the charts will help in deer celebration about
29 the importance in deer management.

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31 In other communities -- I don't know if
32 that will keep going, but as a PDF, other communities
33 just have no harvest reporting for the mail harvest
34 survey. They even have it for the mandatory reporting,
35 but that will be more in the report.

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37 These are the maps I showed you in
38 February and we had contracted with Chilkoot Indian
39 Association. He was giving us technical assistance to
40 Jessie because Dennis Nickerson, who left the project,
41 got replaced by Jessie and Jessie was just learning
42 GIS. This is before we got to talk with Scott, but
43 this is all I had last February. It didn't look good
44 in Saxman and it still doesn't look good there. Now we
45 have new ones. We're making progress on there.

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47 At first when we discussed those maps
48 we were just going to not have the land because we
49 thought it looked too busy, but we did the land status
50 and we decided we better show it. So all those darker

1 gray are State lands. The paler gray are Federal
2 public lands and the darker grays are the non-Federal
3 public lands just so that people are aware of where the
4 Federal regulations apply and where they don't. So you
5 can see on the map exactly.

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7 I brought a show and tell, but we print
8 out on 11x17 and we'll be using that at the deer
9 celebration. Any of our community review meetings
10 we'll have the 11x17 just as handouts and it's just
11 easier. I'll pass it around later just the one copy.
12 We'll probably print out larger maps too for the
13 community to look at.

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15 This was just the 2007 map that we
16 started and what we did was the blue ones are what we
17 showed in our harvest survey and the orange or reddish
18 dots are what was reported through the mandatory
19 harvest reporting. So we just wanted to compare it for
20 that year. One thing about Hydaburg is you'll see very
21 few orange dots on there. Kasaan, Klawock, Naukati,
22 Point Baker. Protection only -- they harvested one
23 deer in 2007 according to the ADF&G. The last one
24 would be Whale Pass.

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26 This is where I'll turn it over to
27 Jessie, but these are key respondent data. Jessie will
28 explain how.

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30 MS. BRAE: Hi. Like Pat said, I've
31 been working on this project for two years and I've
32 been working with Scott Hanson and he was excellent to
33 work with. He did some training with me on the phone
34 for several hours and it was an awesome training and he
35 worked really well with me. So props to Scott Hanson.

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37 What you see is a polygon there.
38 They're identical to what the key respondent
39 interviewer -- basically I copied their map and put it
40 onto GIS.

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42 The key respondent data, the dots are
43 scattered, so they're not really that spot.

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45 MS. PETRIVELLI: I can explain about
46 that dot density data. People would only tell us
47 according to WAAs. So what we did was whatever --
48 there's a feature on GIS that will just scatter the
49 dots within the WAA, so the harvest -- from the harvest
50 database. If they reported harvesting in 17, 20 or 13,

1 I think it's 13, 19, the dots scarred. Every time you
2 click the button in GIS it will scatter them again. So
3 there's no exact location of where the hunter harvested
4 their deer. It's just all random scatter within a
5 certain area. Jessie drew in the polygon and whatever
6 the key respondent's average harvest was reported for
7 the average yearly harvest for that decade, those dots
8 would be randomly scattered within that polygon. So
9 I'll let you finish, Jessie.

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11 MS. BRAE: See, some of them are pretty
12 crazy, pretty wild.

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14 MS. PETRIVELLI: More key respondents.

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16 MS. BRAE: Yeah, that's what we've been
17 working on.

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19 MS. PETRIVELLI: This is for like the
20 decade 2000. We're still trying to figure out more
21 analysis of whether we're going to look at older and
22 younger hunters and then just scatter through time.
23 We've just gotten the details out where we could just
24 get a map that kind of shows things, but we haven't
25 really decided what it told us yet.

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27 This is comparing all the -- what is
28 this. Oh, in the 1990's this is like average harvest.
29 We just took a stab at looking at -- because it gets
30 pretty busy when you have Unit 2 C&T people with
31 Petersburg and Wrangell C&T and then Ketchikan and
32 other state and outside. It's surprising how many
33 people are from outside of Alaska that harvest deer.
34 There are certainly particular areas where their
35 harvest are concentrated, but we want to just get all
36 that in a more user friendly format and just see what
37 it really means to see if it's statistically
38 significant, the differences in those patterns through
39 the years. We have all that data and we're just using
40 the GIS program to analyze it.

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42 This was some of the survey stuff that
43 we're still going through. We have frequency responses
44 to all the survey questions we did. We did a seven-
45 page household survey in 2007 and then a six-page
46 hunter survey of very similar questions of all hunters
47 on Unit -- whoever hunted Unit 2. We're just in the
48 process of analyzing those results still.

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50 So this is what's going to happen this

1 year. We'll continue processing and analyzing the
2 survey and interview data and we're going to continue
3 writing the draft report. This is exactly what we said
4 in February. It's just we changed the date from June,
5 the draft report being ready, to December. That's just
6 to let you know. I don't know if you have any
7 questions.

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9 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I'm sure there will be
10 questions. Questions anyone. Even a comment.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I'm glad to see you're
15 working with them. We need more young people involved
16 in this process.

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18 MS. BRAE: I didn't hear you.

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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I said I'm glad to see
21 you involved in this. We need to see more young people
22 involved in subsistence issues. Maybe some day we'll
23 see you sitting here among some of the greatest.

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25 MS. BRAE: I hope to be a leader one
26 day, yes.

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Good. Any questions
29 anyone.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: If not, gunalcheesh.
34 Thank you much. We're on Item No. 15 now. Identify
35 issues of 2010 draft annual report. I think Mr.
36 Kookesh brought up an issue that he would like included
37 in there and that's a process of choosing -- was it RAC
38 members? Is that what you were referring to?

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40 MR. KOOKESH: I wasn't listening to
41 you.

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43 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Identify issues in the
44 annual report. You never listen to me.

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46 MR. KOOKESH: Huh?

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48 (Laughter)

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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I think it was you

1 that brought up the issue of processing -- of the
2 process of choosing RAC members. Would you like to
3 elaborate on that a little.

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5 MR. KOOKESH: I'm sure it's in the
6 minutes there what specifically I said, but I just want
7 to make sure that when the Secretary makes his
8 selection that he keeps in mind the need to keep our --
9 or recognize the need for us to have region-wide
10 representation. I know we can't cover all 18
11 communities, but we can certainly keep it broad enough
12 so that we pick up those little pieces in between and
13 make us very effective. Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mr.
16 Kookesh. Is there anything else? Go ahead.

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18 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
19 I've got a question for our deer report people here.
20 This little orange square here represents these orange
21 dots, right?

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23 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yes. I tried to color
24 code them and maybe I didn't do the legend the best. I
25 thought I matched it up. I tried to do orange with --
26 the orange was supposed to be State, the non-C&T
27 people, then the blue were supposed to be C&T people
28 and if it was darker, if there was a dot like the plain
29 orange dot was Ketchikan and the orange with a dot was
30 people who -- hunters from Alaska outside of Ketchikan.
31 Then triangles were Lower 48 hunters.

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33 MR. DOUVILLE: My comment is holy
34 smokes. That represents 20 deer. I mean we have a lot
35 of non-C&T. A tremendous amount of non-C&T people
36 hunting on there.

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38 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah, the non-C&T
39 people had the higher with the 20 deer. With just 10
40 deer -- well, I tried to make it 20 deer for each dot,
41 but then the C&T people didn't show up. If they didn't
42 harvest at least 20 deer in a WAA as a yearly average,
43 they wouldn't show up.

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45 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead.

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47 MR. DOUVILLE: My initial impression is
48 that they are taking probably more deer than the people
49 that live there by far.

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1 MS. PETRIVELLI: It's only in certain
2 WAAs because overall harvest the local people take two
3 to one. They take twice as many deer as the non-local,
4 but it's just in certain WAAs. We had a little graph.
5 That's just in WAA specific areas where you show
6 harvest within certain WAAs. So like in the WAA by
7 Craig and Klawock, the locals take the most deer. The
8 ones that are farther away in the southern end because
9 the locals don't go there, they don't show up. That's
10 the problem with graphs and charts sometimes. The
11 locals take two-thirds of the deer and the non-locals
12 take one-third. It's just you can see them more
13 clearly. They show up as triangles and circles.

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15 If you have suggestions on how to make
16 it more clearer.

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18 MS. BRAE: Or if there are points that
19 you would like.....

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21 MS. PETRIVELLI: Would like to have
22 added. We would only show that map along with the
23 harvest numbers. It gets complex. I was amazed at how
24 it showed -- you know, that they would only show up in
25 the mapping. But then you go to the tables and the
26 numbers are two to one that -- oh, because that's by 12
27 different communities. Each of those dots are the
28 individual harvest of the communities, not them
29 totalled together. That's why. We were trying to show
30 community patterns.

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32 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay.

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34 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Thank you.

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36 MS. BRAE: I'd just like to say
37 something. When we present this at the deer
38 celebration in November, the first week of November, it
39 would be awesome if any of you can attend. Prince of
40 Wales, Craig. We'll be doing a two-day event,
41 educational event for the island students and then the
42 second day will be a cultural exchange day. We're
43 trying to get up a dance group from my tribe and then
44 we're also inviting other -- we hope to see KIC dance
45 group over there and all of our -- Prince of Wales,
46 Klawock, Hydaburg dance group. We want to make it like
47 a growing thing every year. For the second day it will
48 be just kind of like a mini pow-wow, just to get it
49 going. So I hope that any of you could attend.

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The dates are when
2 again?

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4 MS. BRAE: The 4th and the 5th of
5 November.

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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. We've got some
8 local people here that can probably make it. If I'm in
9 the area, I'll make it. Okay. We're on the annual
10 report.

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12 (Pause)

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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: There's some things in
15 last year's annual report that weren't addressed by the
16 Board and so I think we need to include that in this
17 report as well. Why don't you just share with Council
18 what those issues were, Robert.

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20 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21 In the opening section of the annual report from 2009,
22 the Council expressed an interest in developing a
23 strategic plan for the subsistence management of
24 wildlife in the Southeast Region. They wanted to make
25 some progress on that. You wanted to make some
26 progress on that topic and to include it in the agenda
27 for the March 2011 meeting.

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29 There's been very little progress to
30 that end to this point. If you wanted to include it
31 again in this year's -- as a suggested topic for this
32 year's annual report, that would probably be
33 appropriate. The annual report will be finalized and
34 approved at the March meeting, so we could have some
35 more discussion from Staff about strategic planning for
36 wildlife if you want to include it as a topic.

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38 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Would you like
39 to include that in the annual report again this year?
40 Yes. Mr. Bangs.

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42 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
43 had written down a couple things that I thought we
44 might consider putting in the annual report and express
45 our concerns about the letter for the delegation of
46 authority. I had the accounts -- appointment to
47 Council as well should be region-wide. And letters of
48 concern about adequate funding. This is an ongoing
49 thing. I don't know if we need to readdress that.
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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: And it was in our
2 annual report last year too.

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4 MR. BANGS: And there's the continued
5 concern over what we're going to do with sea otters.
6 Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So we'll radiate those
9 in this report as well, Mr. Larson. Anyone else.
10 Anything else. Don.

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12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr.
13 Chairman. I was thinking we should add the request
14 that the RAC be involved in some of these policy
15 decisions that we have to abide by. We might have some
16 consultation with the RAC in the process of developing
17 policy.

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19 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yes, I agree. And we
20 could do that. ANILCA provides for it. We just
21 haven't been utilizing it. Anything else. Is there a
22 little caucus going on over there?

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24 MR. BANGS: I was just mentioning if
25 we'd get a salary would be good.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Uh-huh. Another thing
30 that we mentioned in last year's annual report was the
31 fact that a stipend for all Council members, even when
32 you go to your own community. You don't get a stipend
33 right now. I'll use Mr. Wright as a real good example.
34 He's a fisherman and there are several times when he
35 couldn't come to our meeting because he was out fishing
36 or it interfered with his work somehow. When you take
37 a volunteer like that and take them away from their
38 livelihood, there needs to be I think some compensation
39 other than just paying your lodging and per diem and
40 all that. So I think we need to keep that in there as
41 well.

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43 Mr. Bangs.

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45 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
46 Another thing we had talked about in the spring meeting
47 was the desire for the Federal Subsistence Board to
48 consider incorporating other Council members at the
49 Federal Board meeting.

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Is that enough
2 for the annual report for now? Go ahead.

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4 MR. DOUVILLE: I'm only going to add
5 one clarification on what he's saying. We're not
6 asking that the whole RAC go there, but one or two a
7 meeting or something so that the RAC gets exposure to
8 the next step of the process, which very few RAC
9 members have experience.

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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah. I think, as I
12 understood it when we talked about it earlier, is that
13 it wouldn't be the whole RAC, but maybe one or two
14 other RAC members. Is that the thought?

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16 MR. BANGS: Yes. I expressed that at
17 the Federal Board meeting as well, that was our intent,
18 is maybe one or two, whatever the budget could allow
19 for. Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I think other members
22 of the RAC, you know, membership needs to have that
23 exposure. I'd like to maybe thank Mr. Bangs for
24 representing me on the last Board meeting. Maybe you
25 could just share, you know, some of the things that you
26 had learned going around in some of the other regions
27 and so forth. Let's listen to Mr. Kookesh first, okay.

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29 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. One of the
30 things I tend to see -- I looked at the Board's
31 response. It doesn't say much to me other than we
32 appreciate your comments but there's not much we can
33 really do for you. I don't know if you want to keep
34 writing them those kind of letters and getting those
35 kind of responses.

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37 The one thing that I would like to say
38 is there was a time when we all went up to Anchorage
39 and received training as RAC members. It would be nice
40 if we could get training. We do have issues that we
41 need to always work on. You know, Robert's Rules is a
42 good one. Maybe review some of their policies and
43 maybe even talk to -- like for example when we were up
44 in Anchorage just talk to other RAC members. We
45 haven't done that since I came on board. That's 10
46 years. At least every 10 years send us somewhere to
47 get an idea how other RACs work.

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49 Yeah, these responses, they're pretty
50 empty.

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: In relation to that,
2 we have been talking with the Southcentral about having
3 a joint meeting together. I don't know how far along
4 we've gotten on it since our last conversation. Mr.
5 Larson might be able to add to that, but that's
6 something that we're going to talk about when we talk
7 about meeting dates and so forth. But both Chairs and
8 the coordinators, you know, really felt that it would
9 be advantageous to have such a meeting because we are
10 pretty similar. We have the same kinds of issues and
11 so forth. We thought it might be a good idea. The
12 initial thought was maybe we could have it over in
13 Cordova. Is there anything new on that, Mr. Larson,
14 that you can share with us. We'll just skip over that
15 for the sake of conversation. Go ahead.

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17 MR. LARSON: Yes, Mr. Chair. The
18 Office of Subsistence Management is amenable to those
19 types of activities that in fact would enhance the
20 functioning of the Regional Advisory Councils. If there
21 were agenda topics that were identified that would be
22 better served at a joint meeting versus individual
23 meetings, if they were identified and it was found to
24 be in their public interest, there's nothing to prevent
25 a joint meeting. They've had them in the past in other
26 venues, most recently regarding the Yukon River issues.
27 We have people in this room in a policy-making decision
28 that are capable of spending money of Office of
29 Subsistence Management. My understanding is that in
30 itself there's no prohibition against having joint
31 meetings. However, that being said, it has to be shown
32 that it would be in the public's interest to do that
33 and it would enhance the functionings of the Regional
34 Advisory Councils.

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36 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you.

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38 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead.

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42 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you. Going along
43 with what Floyd said, I was at that meeting he was
44 talking about. I think you were too probably. But
45 anyway we did speak to Mr. Pourchot and addressed this,
46 that we have half the meetings we did before and we
47 have RAC members that get on board and it takes them a
48 while to get up to speed. Being that we have half the
49 meetings, I think it takes twice as long for this to
50 take place. Just to understand and get a feel for how

1 everything works and be effective. I don't know if
2 this will be addressed in the review or not. I know
3 what Floyd is referring to we've had severe budget
4 constraints since then. It is a difficult thing to
5 achieve although it's worth mentioning.

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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah, I think it's
8 worth mentioning and keeping it in there even though
9 there might be some budget constraints and so forth.
10 If we can just keep it in the radar.

11 Mr. Kookesh, go ahead.

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13 MR. KOOKESH: You know, like trying to
14 put some -- get some good agenda items. One of the
15 things I thought maybe we can agree with Mr. Salazar,
16 that subsistence is broken, that we'd like to get
17 responses back on the technical review to match on it.

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19 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I'd just like your
20 impressions of the meeting at the Board. Again, thank
21 you for taking my place.

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23 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
24 Well, I found it a little intimidating at first. I
25 think we all have experienced it. It's harder to sit
26 there than it is to sit up here in a lot of respects.
27 I learned a lot and I feel it's really important that
28 we all get a chance to cycle through and attend a Board
29 meeting. I encouraged him to maybe hold the Federal
30 Board meetings in other communities rather than just
31 Anchorage. I think they felt, as we've talked about
32 that in the past, that that was probably a good idea,
33 but budget constraints would not allow that or may not
34 allow that. If things changed, then maybe we could
35 have the Board meetings in other places.

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37 As far as the other, it was real
38 interesting to listen to the other region Chairs and
39 get their input and talk to them during breaks and
40 whatnot and get to understand how their systems work.
41 I think, just as you were talking about combining RACs,
42 I think the dynamics are a lot different in different
43 areas, but we have similar issues as Southcentral and
44 maybe that would be an advantageous thing to learn how
45 they work and vice versa. That was a topic that we did
46 discuss a little bit. Other than that it went well for
47 our region, I think. They didn't agree with the
48 NECCUA, but the rest of our decisions were met with a
49 positive response. I'd just encourage anybody that if
50 they can afford to do it or combine another trip with

1 the Board meeting, to attend.
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3 Does anybody have any questions about
4 it?
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6 (No comments)
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8 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thanks.
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10 MR. BANGS: Thanks.
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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: And I'm sure Floyd is
13 going to be there
14 representing the subsistence issues from Tlingit-Haida,
15 so that will be good.
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17 Shall we move on. Let's go to No. 16,
18 other business. Chichagof Island trip. Do you want to
19 talk about that?
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21 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. The Staff
22 would like to know, me being your Staff, whether you
23 thought this trip was a good idea. We invested a fair
24 amount of effort into doing it.
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26 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Polly, do you have to
27 go?
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29 DR. WHEELER: I'm listening.
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31 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Listen while you
32 go.
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34 MR. LARSON: If it's something that we
35 should be doing again or incorporating into our plans
36 for future meetings, I thought it was worthwhile. If
37 anybody has any thoughts on that subject, we'd
38 appreciate hearing them.
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40 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Mr. Bangs.
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42 MR. BANGS: I felt it was a very
43 positive learning experience for myself. I thought the
44 gentleman, I'm sorry I can't remember his name, that
45 gave us the explanations and whatnot was very -- a
46 wealth of information. I was real amazed at how much I
47 didn't know about simple things that he was springing
48 before. It's always right there in front of me. I
49 thought it was a good idea myself and I would encourage
50 other informative types of trips like that. I think

1 it's on the ground floor. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Kathy.

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MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I agree with Mr. Bangs wholeheartedly. A lot of times we sit and read a lot of background information on things. For me, I'm a visual learner and so just being able to go out there and have somebody point it out to me was extremely important to kind of learn more about habitat in general.

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The other thing that I appreciated about it is that we had a lot of Staff with us. Even thought we had to break it up into a million different cars and I had to sit as a sardine, I appreciated being able to have that, like more one-on-one dialogue and I learned even more deal other than just the real presentations that were put together at the stop and show me places. I think it was highly educational and I would encourage us to continue to try to do things like that.

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CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Anyone else. Well, I came in late -- Harvey, did you want to say something? After me, okay. I came in late because I had a teleconference at noon and Frank Wright was gracious enough to offer to drive me out there, so Dianne went along with us. The weather wasn't that good, the road was narrow and we saw deer along the way, which I thought was pretty nice. We almost hit one. Coming back I just saw the tail end of one going into the woods because I was sitting in the back. Going out there I was wondering to myself, boy, the end of this thing better be good. But getting out there and listening to Mr. Mooney talk about deer and habitat and all that was very interesting and it was worth it to me.

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Donald, go ahead.

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MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, that was my reaction also. I thought it was pretty worthwhile. We could have had a presentation here in this room and he could have told us all that information, but like Kathy said there's no substitute for being there on the ground and actually seeing the situation.

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What I think was the most valuable to

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1 me was this northeast Chichagof area, the cause for a
2 lot of the problems here is habitat issues. There's
3 just no substitute for being out there and actually
4 driving through the country and seeing what the habitat
5 conditions are to understand what the problem is. So
6 that was pretty valuable to me.

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8 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr. Kitka,
9 please.

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11 MR. KITKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
12 People say a picture is worth a thousand words, but
13 being out there to see it maybe wasn't a thousand
14 words, but gave us an insight we don't really see from
15 a lot of other things. Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you.
18 Gunalcheesh. Item 16(a)(i). Dennis Chester, is he
19 here?

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21 MR. LARSON: We've had his.

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23 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: We've already had his.
24 You're right. Council comments on the State Board of
25 Game proposals. What Mr. Larson has done is given each
26 one of us -- Polly, thanks a lot. Have a safe trip
27 back home.

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29 DR. WHEELER: Thank you all.

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31 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: He sent out a paper
32 here for us to look at and it's a shorter version of
33 the longer letter that we have. If you want to add
34 anything to it, you can scratch this up, make comments.
35 He's got a letter here that if you don't see any
36 changes that need to be done we can just sign off on it
37 and get it on its way. Why don't you take a few
38 minutes and look it over and if you have any comments
39 please let's do that and get this off our way.

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41 Floyd said it looks good. How do the
42 others feel? Does it look pretty good? It must be
43 okay with Michael because he's walking away. We'd like
44 to have a motion to accept this letter and send it on
45 its way.

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47 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
48 make a motion that we approve the comments to the Board
49 of Game proposals that Mr. Larson has drawn up for us.

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Do I hear
2 a second.
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4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Second.
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6 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Seconded by Donald.
7 Discussion.
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9 (No comments)
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11 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Hearing none, all in
12 favor say aye.
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14 IN UNISON: Aye.
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16 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Opposed nay.
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18 (No opposing votes)
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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Motion carries. Thank
21 you. Okay. Council comments on draft delegation of
22 authority request by U.S. Forest Service. What's that?
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24 MR. LARSON: You've already voted on
25 that, giving direction to the Staff.
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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: There's an item number
28 D and it's one that Mr. Kookesh brought up and it's
29 Angoon court decision. Did we do enough on that
30 already? Do you want to comment?
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32 MR. KOOKESH: The comment I'd like to
33 make is if this process is out there, then we, as a
34 Council, should be aware of it for future references if
35 this Administrative Procedures Act. It might have
36 bearing on decisions we're making if we're passing
37 regulations that mirror the State's. We need to see
38 what this Administrative Procedures is as a body so we
39 can be more knowledgeable. Thank you.
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41 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Gunalcheesh. Anything
42 else people would like to bring up for that. Mr.
43 Kitka.
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45 MR. KITKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
46 Maybe a little more on what Floyd said. We'd like to
47 see it. If we can get a written copy, we can look at
48 it.
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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Make note of

1 that. We'd like to see it. We're getting down to the
2 wire here folks. Let's move on to 17, meeting dates
3 and locations for 2011. We've designated Sitka for
4 March 22nd to 24th, 2011. We probably need to confirm
5 that and we need to talk about fall of 2011.

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7 In the Sitka meeting, if we go there,
8 the little print there says invite the Southcentral
9 Chair to that meeting.

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11 MR. LARSON: Do you want me to ask him.

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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yes, I think so. It
14 says confirm, so we need to confirm it. Michael.

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16 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
17 make a motion that we confirm the dates for the winter
18 meeting at Sitka.

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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Who's going to second.

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22 MR. DOUVILLE: Second.

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24 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: It's been moved and
25 seconded. All in favor say aye.

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27 IN UNISON: Aye.

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: All not in favor say
30 nay.

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32 (No opposing votes)

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34 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Motion carries. I
35 think there's a calendar in the back of the book. It
36 gives us a window of opportunity for our fall meeting.

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38 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. Is it the will
39 of the Council to invite the Chair of the Southcentral
40 Council to this meeting?

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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yes, I think it is so.

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44 MR. LARSON: Thank you. I think that's
45 adequate for instructions. Thanks.

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47 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Floyd.

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49 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. Are you
50 looking for a community?

1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: A community and dates.

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3 MR. KOOKESH: With non-daily jet

4 service.

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6 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: We can have it in

7 Yakutat.

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9 MR. KOOKESH: Non-daily jet service.

10 Mr. Chairman, I just noted in all this process we

11 haven't had one in Angoon. I'm curious to see if this

12 Council would like to come to Angoon.

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14 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Why don't you give us

15 an invitation.

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17 MR. KOOKESH: I'll make one up. I'll

18 send you a note.

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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Mr. Larson, go

21 ahead.

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23 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. I think it's

24 probably appropriate that I remind the Council kind of

25 some large extended time series of decisions that are

26 going to be before the Council. The most oppressing

27 issue I believe for the Council would be to comment on

28 implementation, rules and regulations regarding the

29 Secretary review. Those regulations and rules,

30 although I have no personal knowledge of that, will

31 likely be presented in some draft form at a report to

32 the Council during their March meeting of 2011 with the

33 idea that there will be action items for Council's

34 consideration at the fall meeting of 2011. At that

35 fall meeting of 2011, I believe it's very likely that

36 we will have representatives or we could have

37 representatives from the hierarchy of both the

38 Department of Agriculture and the Department of

39 Interior. We could easily have at our meeting

40 representatives from the Washington office of those two

41 organizations. I believe we will have -- it would be a

42 good opportunity to have a Board member or two,

43 certainly if we put it on the agenda early enough and

44 it is handy enough, we would have the Board member for

45 the Department of Agriculture.

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47 Because of the likely content of this

48 meeting, I would encourage the Council to consider a

49 meeting location that would be advantageous for

50 travelers from some distance to attend. Make it easy

1 for policy-makers to attend your meeting. I think it
2 would be a great advantage to have those people who are
3 in the policy-making decision actually meet the Council
4 and address the Council personally. A meeting
5 location, for instance, in Juneau would have some
6 appeal to people of that station and that position. So
7 that's one consideration you should keep in mind.

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9 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you for that,
10 Robert. Is it pretty well set in stone that these
11 dignitaries are going to be at our next meeting or in
12 that fall meeting?

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14 MR. LARSON: No, Mr. Chairman, it is
15 not. However, if we wanted to encourage their
16 attendance, we should make it easy for them to do it.

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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So that means going
19 back to the hub idea again. Mr. Kookesh.

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21 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. I respect
22 Mr. Larson's right to his opinion, but I don't know if
23 you remember when we had policy-makers or big shots,
24 whatever you want to call them, flying all over the
25 state of Alaska. They weren't just going to Anchorage.
26 They certainly didn't stop in Juneau, but they were
27 certainly out in the Bush where they wanted to be.
28 That's where they felt they needed to be to see the
29 honey bucket. These guys are willing to step into the
30 trenches and I don't think we should just try to keep
31 them in a nice place. They need to see what we're all
32 about.

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34 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I fully agree with you
35 on that, Floyd. You took the words out of my mouth.
36 Mr. Douville.

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38 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
39 Considering the issues that we're dealing with with
40 this review and important we are, if we can get
41 representatives that are directly responsible for
42 implementing and seeing this through and we get to talk
43 to those people it would be quite an advantage in my
44 opinion. Not to step over Angoon in any way, but it is
45 important. We've had our fist in the air over this for
46 a long time. If somewhere like Ketchikan or Juneau or
47 something is more acceptable for them to come and make
48 a quick trip, these people are pretty busy, then
49 certainly we need to consider that.

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: How do some of the
2 others feel? Mr. Bangs.

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4 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
5 really think it would be important to go to Angoon
6 whether we do it this next fall or not. It could work
7 into the schedule as soon as possible, but I think that
8 would be a good place to have a meeting. The logistics
9 of getting there in the winter meeting are much more
10 difficult, but the fall meeting would make more sense,
11 as Mr. Kookesh's invitation. Maybe we could run the
12 fast ferry or something and get everybody from Juneau
13 in one shot. I don't know how it would work. Mr.
14 Douville says the time constraints, I think, on those
15 guys is probably pretty demanding and maybe it would
16 make more sense to be in an easier access place. I'm
17 kind of torn between whether we're sure they're coming
18 or whatever because then it would probably be another
19 year before we could -- to go to Angoon. Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Any more comments.
22 Why don't we have it on the ferry, go up and back.
23 Okay, what's the wish of the Council. And we need to
24 look at a date or dates. Why don't we determine
25 location first and then we'll work on dates.

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27 MR. DOUVILLE: First week in October.

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Is that okay, first
30 week in October? Let's do it in two motions. One for
31 location and another one for dates. There's a caucus
32 going on over here. Maybe one of them will suggest
33 something. Mr. Bangs.

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35 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
36 I'd like to make a motion for the dates.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Go ahead.

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42 MR. BANGS: I was thinking possibly
43 this same time next year, the last week in September,
44 the week of the 26th through the 30th, which is the end
45 of the fiscal year. Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you.

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49 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'll second.

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1 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: It's been seconded.
2 The week of September 26th. Open for discussion. Mr.
3 Hernandez.

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5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr.
6 Chairman. This has been a real good time for me this
7 year, this last week in September. I think it will
8 work as well next year.

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10 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: For me, I've always
11 tried to -- I felt a lot more comfortable having it
12 after we've had our SRC meeting. That way I can come
13 here with a report. I'll see if we can get ours
14 scheduled ahead of this one here for next year.

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16 MR. KITKA: Question.

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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The question has been
19 called. All in favor for the week of September 26th
20 please say aye.

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Opposed.

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26 (No opposing votes)

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Now place. If you're
29 talking about a hub community, it could be Juneau,
30 Sitka, Ketchikan. Mr. Bangs.

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32 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 If we're going to pick a hub community, I think it
34 would be appropriate to have it in Wrangell in honor of
35 Mr. Stokes.

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37 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Is that a motion?

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39 MR. BANGS: It's an idea.

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41 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: To discuss it we need
42 a motion.

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44 MR. DOUVILLE: I'll make it a motion
45 and so move.

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47 MR. BANGS: Second.

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49 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Discussion. I think
50 it's a good idea, Mr. Bangs, to honor Mr. Stokes for

1 the fine work that he has done with this RAC and to
2 have it there. That's a good idea. Yes.

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4 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
5 Under discussion, would that work do you think as an
6 adequately accessible place for the people involved in
7 the review?

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9 MR. LARSON: I think it would be. It
10 has daily jet service. That was my only consideration,
11 that you don't make it too difficult for people to show
12 up if they're traveling by jets from some place. If
13 they want to attend, they could certainly find Wrangell
14 and make that time available to them.

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16 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
17 Under further discussion, I would say then we could put
18 Angoon on the top of the list for the meeting
19 following.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: That's right. Put
22 that down as a matter of consideration for the next
23 fall meeting.

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25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Call for the question.

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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: The question has been
28 called for. All in favor say aye.

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30 IN UNISON: Aye.

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32 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Opposed nay.

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34 MR. KOOKESH: Si.

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36 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Si. Motion carries.
37 Thank you. Meeting dates. Final review of the Council
38 -- communications and Council actions. This letter,
39 did we take -- we took care of that. Okay. Is there
40 anything under 18 that needs to be addressed.

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42 (Pause)

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: One item that we need
45 to talk about, Members, is we should send somebody to
46 the Board of Game meeting to address those State
47 proposals that went over here earlier. First I'll ask
48 for a volunteer then I'll ask for a volunteer. It's
49 going to be in Ketchikan.

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1 MR. LARSON: I think it's November 7th
2 through the 9th or something like that. Is that
3 correct?

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5 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Uh-huh. Floyd.

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7 MR. KOOKESH: Why don't we volunteer
8 somebody from that area. Somebody that's 51 miles away
9 from Ketchikan.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 MR. KOOKESH: Is that correct? If you
14 read Fish and Wildlife policies, if you live within 50
15 miles they won't compensate you. So we need somebody
16 that lives 51 miles away from Ketchikan.

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18 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Playing by the rules.
19 I agree. Mr. Douville, I just want to know if you'd be
20 willing to accept that appointment. I mean you
21 represent yourself pretty well here on those issues and
22 I think you can do a great job there too.

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24 MR. DOUVILLE: Flattery gets you
25 nowhere.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman. I would
30 do that if I don't have a conflict. The other thing
31 I'm concerned about is the direction -- first of all,
32 it needs to be clear in my mind if I'm representing the
33 RAC what their wishes are or is it just to basically
34 give information? I mean we didn't take clear, precise
35 action on what we might really want to say about these
36 proposals I guess is what I'm saying.

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38 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: There was a couple of
39 those proposals that we went over pretty thoroughly.
40 The wolf one and I think a deer one. I think from the
41 experience I've had representing this body is that you
42 only talk about what the Council has already discussed.
43 With that kind of guidelines, I think it's kind of hard
44 to determine what to say and how to approach those
45 things, you know, but I think this body also feels that
46 you are probably the most qualified person to go to
47 that meeting.

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49 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you for that, but
50 still I would not want to step beyond what the Council

1 is saying. Probably I know as much about this issue as
2 most people. There's some things that aren't clear and
3 I asked those questions and they haven't been clarified
4 yet. Would Robert be attending that meeting also?

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6 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: He could. We could
7 say, Robert, go too. I think we could have him prepare
8 your -- just like he does for me when I go to the Board
9 meetings, he prepares me by writing up some things that
10 I'm going to address and everything and then I just
11 feed off of that. He could also be there to support
12 you as well.

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14 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
15 Just as an individual I can address some of these
16 issues quite clearly. I don't know if I will or not.
17 It depends really on what they do as far as -- I could
18 make effort to try and do it, okay.

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20 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. You would
21 only address the issues that the Council has discussed
22 and I don't see any reason why you can't also in a
23 different venue testify on some of the things that you
24 personally feel needs to be addressed from your point
25 of view. Okay?

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27 (Laughter)

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: I'm sorry, Floyd, but
30 I was paying attention to what he was saying. Go
31 ahead.

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33 MR. KOOKESH: Sure. Respect that, sir.
34 Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to point out that when I
35 was given the opportunity to attend the Board of Fish
36 meeting I was told maybe one thing or two things. One,
37 I can't speak on actions that the Council has not
38 taken, that I only speak on positions the Council has
39 or supports. One of the other things was that I was --
40 when I went to this, I did receive very good support
41 from Federal Staff. One of the ideas being when I was
42 there was to get an idea of how the process worked. I
43 couldn't spend a whole 10 days there, but I was given
44 the opportunity to participate in the committee process
45 and to see how the whole process worked overall, which
46 I felt was really good. Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So you have a lot of
49 support there, Mr. Douville, wherever. It could be
50 through him or some of the other Federal Staff people

1 that will be there. You can rely on them. Mr. Bangs,
2 do you have something?

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4 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
5 Yeah, I have a little confusing paperwork here.
6 There's one particular proposal that I voted on. One
7 paper says oppose and the other one says support and
8 it's the wolf trapping one and I'm wondering what we
9 actually voted on, whether we supported that particular
10 Proposal No. 18 and it has to do with reducing the
11 annual bag limit for wolf trapping. The one I think
12 everyone else has says support and I thought we were
13 voting to oppose.

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15 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Would you please
16 clarify that? Are you looking off of the letter that
17 we just got through drafting?

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19 MR. BANGS: (Nods affirmatively)

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay.

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23 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. The most
24 recent version of the letter, the letter that was part
25 of the last motion, actually has neutral. It doesn't
26 say either support -- so you've got all three letters.
27 It's the last letter that says neutral and that's the
28 one that we understood was the subject of the motion
29 and was approved.

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31 MR. BANGS: Thank you for that
32 clarification. I'm sure that you're aware of that.
33 Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. Go ahead.

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37 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chair. I have been
38 considering the best way for the Council to be
39 represented at the meeting and to be the most effective
40 and I do believe it would be advantageous for the
41 program if found time in my schedule to attend with
42 Mike and I could do that.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: So be it. Mike, go
45 ahead.

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47 MR. LARSON: Just one quick follow up.
48 There's also going to be other Federal Staff there at
49 this meeting. There will be a representative from OSM,
50 a guy named Chuck Ardizzone, who is our wildlife

1 liaison. Terry Suminski will also be there
2 representing the Tongass National Forest, so there will
3 be some Staff support.

4 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Go ahead.

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6 MR. DOUVILLE: I have a couple things.
7 One is what was our stance on the wolf and the other is
8 there may be one conflict. If it conflicts with the
9 Boat Show, then we've got a real problem. I can't
10 remember what the date is, but I've already made
11 promises on that. An alternate might be in order.

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13 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: If you want an
14 alternate, we could do that. To cover ourselves, I
15 think it's a good idea. Mr. Bangs.

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17 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
18 believe I'll be there anyway. I think I'm going to
19 represent our local advisory committee.

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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Okay. So you guys can
22 both work together. That doesn't give him an excuse to
23 bow out.

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25 MR. DOUVILLE: Does that take a motion
26 to do that?

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28 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah, I think it
29 would. Just solidify the fact that he'll also be
30 working on behalf of the Council.

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32 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. I had to
33 step away for a minute. Is Mr. Douville aware that he,
34 as a RAC, has the opportunity to do a 10-minute
35 presentation? Is that correct?

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37 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yeah, it's 15.

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39 MR. LARSON: 15.

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41 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: And you're given a lot
42 of leeway in regards to other testimony.

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44 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. Also, I
45 think it's really important that we have a presence
46 there. I think it's important for Southeast, the RAC,
47 to be represented.

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49 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Yes, go ahead.

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1 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
2 move that Mr. Bangs be an alternate.
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4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Second.
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6 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Donald seconds. All
7 right. Passing the buck back and forth here, see. All
8 in favor say aye.
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10 IN UNISON: Aye.
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12 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Opposed nay.
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14 (No opposing votes)
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16 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Motion is carried.
17 Very good. Thanks.
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19 MR. DOUVILLE: Are we done?
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21 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: We are done. Mr.
22 Bangs.
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24 MR. BANGS: I was just going to move to
25 adjourn.
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27 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Well, I'd kind of like
28 everyone to make a comment before we all go, so why
29 don't we start with you, Mr. Bangs, and just go down
30 the line here.
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32 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
33 think this meeting went fairly well. We had all our
34 people here except for vacant seats and Merle and
35 hopefully she'll get better and be with us at our next
36 meeting. I just appreciate all the people that sit out
37 there the whole time and then they only can come up at
38 the last part or whatever to give their presentation. I
39 appreciate their patience.
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41 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: That's why Jim Capra
42 decided not to come here anymore.
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44 (Laughter)
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46 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: That's not true.
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48 MR. BANGS: Thank you.
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50 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you.

1 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 As with the last meeting, this being my second meeting,
3 it's been a highly educational experience and I'm
4 enjoying getting to know the process more and being
5 able to contribute towards it. I'd like to offer one
6 recommendation, like a positive recommendation, of
7 potentially how we could get more communities involved
8 with coming to RAC meetings and perhaps following up
9 with this meeting. Now we know for sure we're going to
10 be in Sitka and the dates and stuff. If we could just
11 even do -- have an email released to members of the RAC
12 so that we could forward it on to all of our contacts
13 or people that we work with in our communities now to
14 get it on their agendas and make them aware of it, I
15 think might be helpful. I've been trying to think of
16 ideas since that's something that's been repeated in
17 this meeting a couple of times.

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19 I appreciate all the people who sit in
20 the audience and work with us and all the opportunities
21 that we've had to learn from then and gather more
22 information. So thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. Mr.
25 Kookesh.

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27 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. Thank you
28 on behalf of Central Council for allowing me the
29 opportunity to comment. I wasn't really expecting it.
30 There was one thing that the gentleman that replaced
31 Wini, I tend to catch people's words once in a while
32 and the one thing I heard him say was he wanted to do a
33 little more. I caught that and I thought we want him
34 to do a lot more. So wherever he is we need to tell
35 him you need to do more than a little more. But I did
36 appreciate coming to Hoonah. I was hoping we could
37 have come here in March to really have gotten a good
38 earful on NECCUA to see how it really played out, but
39 that's water under the bridge. But thank you very much
40 and I hope the Federal review comes to a head so that
41 we can have an idea where we stand and where we're
42 going to go. Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Mr.
45 Kookesh. Just a note here. I've asked Mr. Larson to
46 make sure that Central Council, whoever has your
47 position there have permanent position on our agenda
48 for your report. We look forward to that. Harvey.

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50 MR. KITKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 Coming to these meetings is always an education. It
2 seems like the things we discuss we get into some
3 details that some of us don't even think about. I
4 really enjoy it. I walk away with a little more
5 knowledge on everything. Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Harvey. I
8 too feel like this was a real good meeting. I need to
9 say something about Harvey. When my -- I was born in
10 Sitka and I was about six months old my father went on
11 a hunting trip with his brother and a couple of friends
12 and they all perished in a drowning accident. My
13 mother hung around Sitka for about maybe two years and
14 she was really struggling and spent a lot of time with
15 Harvey's parents. His mother really wanted to adopt
16 me. If that happened, I would have been his elder
17 brother. So I always regard him as my brother because
18 of that. I've had a close relationship with his father
19 as well. I just wanted you to know that, Harvey, as
20 well as this group. Because of that Sitka has a very
21 dear place in my heart because I was born there.

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23 I really feel that every one of these
24 meetings are really productive. I keep saying that
25 this is the best RAC in all the 10 regions in Alaska.
26 I say that not because I believe it, I say it because
27 other people, other RAC Chairs look to us for
28 leadership. And that started way back during the time
29 of Big Bill and then Dolly took on the reigns for a
30 while and then John Littlefield and it was really an
31 awesome job to be able to have you people recognize me
32 as your Chair. I've always said and I still say that
33 those former Chair members were very powerful people
34 and I'm still trying to fulfill some really big shoes.
35 I will continue to do so as long as you feel I deserve
36 this position.

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38 So Gunalcheesh and thank you for the
39 opportunity to serve you in this manner and I look
40 forward to our visit to Sitka next spring. Hopefully
41 everyone will have a safe trip home. I just say to all
42 of you people gunalcheesh. Thank you for your support
43 and thank you for the good job that you do here every
44 time we have a meeting. It's fantastic.

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46 Gunalcheesh.

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48 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you for that, Mr.
49 Chairman. First of all I'd like to say that coming to
50 Hoonah was a real good experience for me. I've never

1 spent any time here. I really enjoyed coming to the
2 community and seeing what it was like. II think it
3 worked out great logistically coming here this time of
4 year. Our meeting place and accommodations and
5 hospitality was all excellent. The field trip was a
6 good experience. I think that went well and it was
7 pretty valuable. However, I think the one main
8 impression that I'm going to leave from this meeting
9 with is what I mentioned earlier. This is the first
10 time we had to take some action to close a very
11 important subsistence fishery. That's going to stay
12 with me when I leave this meeting, the gravity of that
13 action.

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15 The other thing that we've been
16 discussing foremost at this meeting is the need to
17 have to close deer hunt to local people, a subsistence
18 deer hunt. Common thing I see in both of those actions
19 that I'm going to keep in mind was they are most likely
20 caused by human activity. I think whether it be
21 degradation of habitat or overfishing or pollution or
22 even climate change what we do can have serious impacts
23 to our subsistence uses and that's going to be my
24 reminder with this meeting, that we can have some
25 serious impacts to our subsistence uses and we should
26 all realize that and stay vigilant and how we conduct
27 our affairs as we go forward. Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you, Donald.
30 Mr. Douville.

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32 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
33 We got through another one. I would like to thank you
34 for the job you do. You do it well. I would like to
35 thank the Staff for preparation and the work they did.
36 They provided excellent information. Thank the people
37 of Hoonah for having us and feeding us. Melinda,
38 wherever she's at, thank her for everything, travel and
39 everything. She does an excellent job and look forward
40 to the next meeting.

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42 CHAIRMAN ADAMS: Thank you. If it's
43 okay with everyone, I would like to pronounce a
44 benediction on this meeting. So everyone will please
45 rise.

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47 (Benediction)

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49 Gunalcheesh.

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1 We are adjourned.
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