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1 SOUTHEAST ALASKA FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE
2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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5 VOLUME IV

6

7 October 3, 2002

8 9:00 a.m.

9 ANS/ANB Hall

10 Hoonah, Alaska

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12 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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14 William C. Thomas, Chair

15 Dolly Garza, Vice Chair

16 Marilyn R. Wilson, Secretary

17 Bert Adams

18 Floyd Kookesh

19 Clarence "Butch" Laiti

20 Richard Stokes

21 Patricia A. Phillips

22 Michael Douville

23 John Littlefield

24 Harold Martin

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27 Robert Schroeder, Coordinator

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1 PROCEEDINGS

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I want to thank

8 the effort that went on last night. I wasn't here. I

9 was at the sweat lodge meditating last night, but I

10 appreciate the effort that went on, and all that you got

11 done last night. And for this morning, we had to try to

12 prioritize what the essentials were. Everything's

13 essential, but we had to try to give them a little bit of

14 priority, and the suggestion was brought to me that we

15 handle three action items starting with item number 9,

16 the -- not 9. 10, starting with 10. Following 10 will

17 be 18, election of officers, and then 20, the next

18 meeting. So that being the case, we'll do number 10, and

19 who we're going to have for an appointment to Wrangell-

20 St. Elias. What's the wish of the Council?

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22 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chairman?

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24 THOMAS: John.

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26 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I'm nominate Bert

27 Adams.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert Adams has been

30 nominated. Anybody else?

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32 MS. PHILLIPS: Second. Or do we need a

33 second?

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35 MR. LITTLEFIELD: No.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Don't need a second.

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39 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Move to close

40 nominations.

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42 MR. MARTIN: Second.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved

45 nominations closed, and second.

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47 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Question.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been

50 called. All those in favor say aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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5 (No opposing votes)

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Your it. Won by a
8 shoestring on the Wrangell-St. Elias. Congratulations,
9 Bert.

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11 MR. ADAMS: Kunacheesh.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh. Now, that
14 brings us to number 18, election of officers, and I turn
15 the mike over to Rob Schroeder to conduct the first
16 portion of that.

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18 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, I thought
19 you conducted this, but.....

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21 MR. CASIPIT: No, you do.

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23 MR. SCHROEDER: I do. The officers of
24 the Regional Council are up for re-election at this time.
25 I think in practice we've voted separately on each
26 position on the Council. Perhaps we should start with
27 the chairman as first, or shall we build up to the
28 chairman. We have the positions open would be secretary,
29 chairman and vice chairman I believe. Is that correct?

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

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33 MR. SCHROEDER: So at this time we'd
34 entertain nominations for the chair of the Southeast
35 Regional Advisory Council

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37 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Schroeder?

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39 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Adams.

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41 MR. ADAMS: I'd like to nominate Bill
42 Thomas.

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44 MR. SCHROEDER: Bill Thomas has been
45 nominated, is there a second? You don't need seconds,
46 excuse me. Is there any other nominations for the
47 position of chair of the Southeast Regional Advisory
48 Council?

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50 MR. DOUVILLE: Move to close.

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1 MR. STOKES: Second.

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3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: There's a motion to
4 close nominations.

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6 MR. SCHROEDER: Let's close nominations
7 for the chairmanship position. Madame Secretary, would
8 you call for the vote, please? Marilyn, would you call
9 for a vote? Conduct the vote?

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11 MS. WILSON: All those in favor of
12 closing nominations, say aye.

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14 IN UNISON: Aye.

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16 MS. WILSON: All those opposed, same
17 sign.

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19 (No opposing votes)

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21 MS. WILSON: The motion has passed for
22 termination.

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24 MR. SCHROEDER: The motion carries and
25 Bill Thomas is elected as chair person for the coming
26 year for the Southeast Regional Advisory Council. Our
27 next position would be the vice chair position.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I'll take it
30 from here.

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32 MR. SCHROEDER: Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you very much.
35 That leave two positions left. The next position would
36 be for the position of vice chair. Do I hear nominations
37 for vice chair? John.

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39 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I would nominate Dr.
40 Garza.

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42 MS. GARZA: I decline.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dr. Garza declines.
45 Marilyn.

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47 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I nominate
48 John Littlefield.

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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John Littlefield has

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1 been nominated. Okay. John's been nominated. Mike.

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3 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman, I move that
4 nominations cease.

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6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Second the motion.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. It's been moved
9 that nominations close. And seconded. Any discussion.

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11 MR. MARTIN: Question.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
14 called. All those in favor say aye.

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16 IN UNISON: Aye.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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20 (No opposing votes)

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The motion carries.
23 John is the vice. Now, secretary. We have one position
24 for secretary. Are there any nominations for secretary?

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26 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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30 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I'll nominate Ms.
31 Marilyn Wilson.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn's been
34 nominated.

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36 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I move that
37 nominations be closed.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved that
40 nominations close. Is there a second?

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42 MR. MARTIN: Second the motion.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and
45 seconded. Discussion.

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47 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Question.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
50 called. All those in favor say aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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5 (No opposing votes)

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion carries. Okay.

8 So that concludes our election. I do have some comments

9 I want to make at this time. I've been chairman thanks

10 to you folks' graciousness and support. And with the

11 caliber of membership we've had on here, it has made it a

12 lot easier for me to get direction and carry that

13 direction forward to the Board and to other forums I've

14 attended. I appreciate the help that Dr. Garza has

15 lended all of the time she's been here. She's filled in

16 for me on occasions, and she's never wavered in her

17 support, and that alone gave me the confidence that we

18 were strong in leadership. I've also mentioned at the

19 Board level with regard to membership, now, some Councils

20 have alternates. And some councils, if the chairman

21 doesn't show up at the Board meeting, you're dead in the

22 water. Well, I advised them, I said, if I'm not here, my

23 vice chair will take over. If she can't be here, I've

24 got a capable secretary that will take over. And I said,

25 if she can't be here, there's nine other people that can

26 come here and do as good a job. And I mean that. And

27 there's a lot of experience. Everybody here is a leader

28 at different capacities in their own community.

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30 Also you've been very gracious. I've not

31 been able to hide the health issues I've been dealing

32 with, and some of you have graciously acknowledged that

33 and brought it to my attention. And it was discussed

34 with me, and there were some ideas presented. And I

35 never intended for me to have the nominations closed only

36 after my nomination. In fact I would have been more

37 encouraged to have had other people nominated and run.

38 And it was suggested to me that I do something different.

39 Well, one thing I learned years ago, that leadership is

40 not given. You don't give leadership to people. You

41 have to earn it. And I'm not in the least bit concerned

42 about the future of this Council without my leadership.

43 And I'm hoping that for the next year that among

44 yourself, those of us that survive or don't survive the

45 appointment process, that you will consider the

46 leadership of this Council for the year then after the

47 election then, for the following year. But, yeah,

48 leadership is assumed. It's assumed after you win it.

49 If it wasn't a natural instinct of leadership, I would

50 have given this position to somebody a long time ago.

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1 But like I said, one of the lessons I'm going to leave
2 with you in leadership is that it should be competitive,
3 and you should accept the results of the confidence that
4 the membership of your forum displays in their voting.
5 But thank you again for your vote of confidence, thank
6 you again for the years of support, your continued
7 support and encouragement. I've never taken that
8 lightly. It's been very special to me, and with your
9 support, it is recognized by other people. The Board
10 level knows the support that I get from this Council, and
11 everybody that's been associated with this Council knows
12 the support I get from it. And that's what it takes to
13 be successful. You have to support leadership. So in
14 the future when you elect leadership, keep that in mind.
15 You don't elect somebody to beat up on them, you elect
16 them to help them. And again thanks to the Council, the
17 staff and people that have attended our meetings, and
18 with that we'll go on with the rest of our agenda.

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20 Thank you very much.

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22 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Harold.

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26 MR. MARTIN: I'd like to hear from our
27 new vice president.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John. Twenty minutes.

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31 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Thank you for throwing
32 me in the ball patch, Mr. Martin. I'll make it very
33 short and sweet. Thank you for electing me as the vice
34 chair. I'll do my best to assist our very able
35 president. I've got many compliments on his actions for
36 various committees and the effectiveness as president.
37 And I hope to continue to see that, but I'll help him out
38 as best I can.

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40 Thank you for your confidence.

41 Kunacheesh.

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43 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.

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47 MS. PHILLIPS: Recognizing that there may
48 someday in the future be a transition of chairs, that I
49 would like the OSM, Office of Subsistence Management, to
50 fund the participation of the vice chair along with the

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1 chair at some Federal Subsistence Board meetings so that
2 with the assistance of Chairman Thomas John Littlefield
3 can get to know the other regional chairs and the other
4 issues across the State. And if it takes a motion to do
5 that, I will.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think that's probably
8 the most appropriate. Is there a second to that?

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10 MS. GARZA: Second.

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and
13 seconded. Discussion.

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15 MR. STOKES: Question.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
18 called. All those in favor say aye.

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20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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24 (No opposing votes)

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's a good idea.

27 That was a terrific motion. And we'll direct the
28 coordinator to acquire full funding. And if he can't do
29 it, we'll have our biologist chip in part of his budget
30 for that. But that's an outstanding idea.

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32 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Harold.

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36 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, as a matter of
37 record, I move that we accept the election results.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. It's been moved
40 that the election results be adopted.

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42 MR. STOKES: Second.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: There's a second.

45 Discussion.

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47 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Question.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All those in favor say

50 aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any opposed.

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5 (No opposing votes)

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So the election
8 results are accepted. Dolly, with your many years of
9 support and leadership, I would like some closing
10 comments from you, only if they're kind. If you've got
11 some family remarks to share, we'd love to hear them.

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13 MS. GARZA: I have no comments. I'm
14 still here.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think that applaud
17 and acknowledge that was expressed was very appropriate.
18 She's very professional, she's very traditional, very
19 capable, and I've had the pleasure of enjoying all of the
20 skills and the commitment she's had to this program, and
21 to the people she represents.

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23 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I'm also very
24 impatient. I'd like to get to our action items.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Madame Chairman, we
27 will do that. Okay. Now, if I have the right direction,
28 our next item is number 9 on the agenda?

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30 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chair, we were going
31 to deal with meetings, our coming meetings.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, number 20.
34 Establish a time and a place for our next meeting. The
35 next meeting is wildlife.

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37 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, that's
38 correct. Our next meeting would be our wildlife meeting,
39 and then our next fall meeting would, of course, be a
40 fisheries meeting. In the back of your book, page 189
41 and 190 gives us the meeting windows. And as Mr. Boyd
42 told us, OSM would like us to plan tentatively two
43 meetings in advance.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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47 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I move that we
48 meet in Ketchikan the week of February 24th. This is
49 prior to any basketball tournaments.

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1 MR. KOOKESH: I'll second that.
2 Ketchikan.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Ketchikan or Saxman?

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6 MS. GARZA: Ketchikan or Saxman.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Let's list it for
9 Saxman, although the meeting may well be held in
10 Ketchikan, because Saxman is an eligible community.
11 Okay. Did you list a time?

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13 MS. GARZA: The week of February 24th. I
14 think later than that we could be running into the
15 Southeast Basketball Region whatever, and we'll lose a
16 couple members.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The week of February
19 24th. Yeah, I'll have to be gold metal.

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21 MS. GARZA: Oh, that's gold metal? Too
22 bad. Mike.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mike.

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26 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I
27 believe that the tournament takes place on the week of
28 March 9th, through that weekend, so if it's -- the
29 tournament is also in Ketchikan, so.

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31 MS. GARZA: So we could do it March 3rd
32 week and avoid gold metal.

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34 MR. DOUVILLE: So you could do it the
35 week before that or in any effect, the tournament will be
36 held in Ketchikan this year. so if the meeting is in
37 Ketchikan, there's less conflict even still.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. John.

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41 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I have a question and a
42 comment. If you look on the previous page, it lists
43 Southeast twice as Unit 1 and also Region 4, and now I've
44 finally found out where my board book has been going all
45 these years, because they can't get the regions right.
46 But anyway, the Kodiak-Aleutians have held their meeting
47 already, and that's one of the ones we're supposed to
48 avoid conflict with. Is there any date -- has that date
49 been made available to you?

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1 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chair, John, I don't
2 have that date. And we don't have anyone from staff here
3 present who would have that date for us.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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7 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, then we could
8 say either the week of the 24th or the week of March 3rd,
9 depending on Kodiak.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Now, this sounds like
12 it calls for real careful deliberation, because of the
13 traditional supporting. Dolly.

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15 MS. GARZA: I have a conflict the week --
16 well, this March 6th, 7th, 8th. So if we do it the week
17 of March 3rd at the beginning, it would be better. The
18 end of it is going to be the Alaska Native Basketry
19 Conference in Ketchikan, and so if they crossed over, you
20 guys will be able to see some incredible basketry, but
21 you'd lose me.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But then you'd have to
24 take Mike, Dick and Martin here, too.

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26 MS. GARZA: That's right. My splitters.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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30 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman,
31 (indiscernible) anniversary to be here.

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33 MS. GARZA: That doesn't matter.

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35 MR. KOOKESH: (Indiscernible).

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37 MS. GARZA: I gave up a trip to Russia to
38 be here.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I've had to change that
41 this morning. What's the pleasure? John.

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43 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair, my priority
44 would be the week of February 24th as first, and the
45 second fall back, if there's a conflict, would be the
46 week of March 3rd would work for me.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So one of those
49 two weeks. Or shall we have a two-week meeting?

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1 MS. GARZA: Call for the question.

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3 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman?

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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7 MR. ADAMS: I just recalled here that the
8 SRC meeting is going to be on February 24th or 25th I
9 think.

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11 MS. GARZA: We could meet the end of the
12 week. We could meet the 26th, 27th, 28th.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: 26th, 27th, 28th?

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16 MS. GARZA: Uh-huh.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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20 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, Mike Turek
21 may be aware that the State Board of Fish will be meeting
22 in Ketchikan February 20 through March 2nd.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: February 20th through
25 the 22nd?

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27 MR. SCHROEDER: February 20 through March
28 2nd.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, I see.

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32 MR. SCHROEDER: So on the one hand it
33 would be nice for Council members to be able to attend
34 the Board of Fisheries; however, Ketchikan's probably
35 going to be pretty filled up at that time.

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37 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman?

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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41 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, we have two
42 dates for our SRC meeting. The first one under
43 consideration is February 18th through 19th, and the 25th
44 and the 26th. You know, if this body decides they want
45 to take the 25th and 26, then that will help us decide
46 when the SRC meeting is.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So the 24th through
49 26th is good?

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1 MR. ADAMS: Yeah.

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3 MR. SCHROEDER: Is there any conflict if
4 we were to hold our meeting at the beginning of the
5 window there, the previous week?

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: When?

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9 MR. SCHROEDER: The beginning of the
10 window, say February 18, which is the first available
11 date that we could do this.

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13 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman?

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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17 MR. ADAMS: I think either one of those
18 dates. If you decided February 18th and 19th, you know
19 that's the date that we've kind of tentatively scheduled
20 for our SRC meeting or the week after that, the 24th and
21 the 25th. If this body decides on either one of those
22 dates, then I can tell them that, you know, those other
23 dates are open for us.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We've got a pretty
26 serious caucus going on there, but go ahead. No, you go
27 ahead. We're waiting for the results of the
28 deliberation.

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30 MS. GARZA: We're going to open wolf on
31 October 1.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Open wolf on October 1?
34 Okay. When are we going to meet on the spring time.

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36 MS. PHILLIPS: Tanner crab season opens
37 February 15th and runs for the week, so that first week
38 would not work for me.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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42 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair, again I will
43 speak in favor of the week of the 24th because of the
44 Board of Fish starting on the 20th, if they get their
45 administrative things down, it will be open for public
46 testimony throughout the window that we have. We have a
47 meeting I think that's important there. We may well
48 decide to send a councilman or two to testify on some of
49 these proposals. They're pretty far reaching, some of
50 them. And I think if we go too early and miss them, we

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1 would miss an opportunity.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I agree. I
4 haven't disagreed with anybody yet. Is that pretty good
5 politics, don't disagree.

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7 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman?

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bert.

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11 MR. ADAMS: I'll go ahead and make a
12 motion that we have our next meeting during the week of
13 February 24th.

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15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'll second.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The motion's been moved
18 and second that we meet the week of February 24th. Would
19 that be 24, 25 and 26? Is that what we're looking at?
20 Okay.

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22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And the time and the
23 place is Ketchikan?

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Saxman will be.

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27 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Saxman.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any further
30 discussion.

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32 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'll second it.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been seconded all
35 ready.

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37 MR. ADAMS: Question.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question has been
40 called. All those in favor say aye.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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46 (No opposing votes)

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So then the
49 spring meeting will be in Saxman February 24th, 25th and
50 26th.

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1 MR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Chair,
2 Council members. On page 190 is the meeting window for
3 next year with the concept of tentatively plan on a
4 meeting at this time.

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6 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly. Mike.

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10 MR. DOUVILLE: Craig would like to invite
11 you.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Craig. Everybody happy
14 with Craig? Butch is happy. Okay. Craig. And when?

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16 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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20 MS. WILSON: It seems to me that we
21 should go around the ferry scheduled because the planes
22 sometimes can't get there, because it's in a foggy area.

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24 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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28 MS. GARZA: We've got daily ferry service
29 to Prince of Wales now.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Every day.

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33 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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37 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I would suggest that we
38 not consider any date prior to September 20th, because
39 that is the traditional closure of the coho fisheries,
40 and I would allow those fishermen to continue their
41 business, so I would not select the first or second week,
42 but I do not have any other preference.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How about October 6th,
45 7th and 8th?

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47 MR. ADAMS: So move, Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Second.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and
4 second for October 6th, 7th and 8th. Discussion.

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6 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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10 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Just to clarify, this
11 is a tentative dates. It's subject to change at the next
12 meeting. That is the intent of what they asked us to do,
13 is that correct? It could be changed?

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15 MR. SCHROEDER: That's correct, Mr.
16 Chair. It would also be useful given Mr. Boyd's
17 comments, that I know the Council would like to meet in
18 Craig because of the important fisheries issues that are
19 likely to come up for that community, and that it's
20 useful to have a meeting close to where the user
21 conflicts are, and where the likely issues that will need
22 to be before the Council and discussed. I think that's your
23 intention with Craig, am I correct?

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes, and we're not
26 going to change just because they have someone or
27 something they want to change. They're going to have to
28 guarantee us that the people that wanted the meeting are
29 going to be there, and that they understand the duration
30 of the agenda, and that they plan their attendance
31 accordingly. I mean, what happened here is not going to
32 be repeated.

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34 MS. PHILLIPS: Chairman Thomas?

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.

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38 MS. PHILLIPS: I would like to request
39 that if we could travel in a day early, if the Forest
40 Service could show us some of these systems, I'd like to
41 see them.

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43 MS. GARZA: For the steelhead?

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45 MS. PHILLIPS: Or like Hetta or, I mean,
46 whatever one is.....

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Hetta is not on a road
49 system, but most everything else is.

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1 MS. PHILLIPS: See, I didn't now that.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Cal.

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5 MR. CASIPIT: Chairman Thomas, Ms.
6 Phillips, we would be happy to run you around the island
7 and show you some of the issues. I think, speaking for
8 myself, I think that the Council would get a lot out of a
9 trip like that.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So you want to travel
12 on the 4th to get there on the 5th for a tour?

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14 MS. PHILLIPS: And a cave, tour the cave.

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16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Don't ask.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm the only cave man
19 from that part of the country.

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21 (Off record comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Let's travel
24 then for -- that's going to take up five days, six days.
25 Travel date on October 4th, tour October 5th, start the
26 agenda on the 6th, end the agenda on the 8th, and go home
27 on the 9th. It's a good trip. You guys aren't going to
28 want to leave Craig. Mike will be sick of you guys by
29 then.

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31 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chair, Patty, I think
32 your intention would be that relevant OSM staff would
33 also use this as an opportunity to see some of the
34 subsistence issues on the island.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Did we vote on
37 the last one?

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39 MR. MARTIN: Call for the question.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Question. All those in
42 favor say aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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48 (No opposing votes)

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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Motion's

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1 carried. Now we've our times and places established.

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3 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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7 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Item 21, other
8 business, was there any consideration given for some of
9 the people who may be attending to make sure they have a
10 little bit of time to say what.....

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes. Yeah.

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14 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Okay.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, that's been
17 mentioned to me, and I promised we'd try to get to that.

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19 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Okay.

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21 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman?

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Harold.

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25 MR. MARTIN: Clarification, the early
26 travel, is that just for the October meeting? Not for
27 the spring meeting?

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, just October,
30 because they want to see what's so special on Prince of
31 Wales. Okay. We still have 11(b) to do, is that what I
32 understand? Bob.

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34 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chair, we should deal
35 with item 9 on the agenda. That probably could be dealt
36 with very briefly. Is Dave Johnson here.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Then we'll go to
39 item 9 on the agenda on page two. Item number 9, number
40 15 for ad hoc. My notes are very limited for ad hoc. Do
41 you have further details on what we decided there, Dolly?

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43 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, on number 9,
44 call for proposals to change Federal subsistence wildlife
45 regulations. I know of two proposals that the Council
46 wishes to bring forward. Mike.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Nine and 15.

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50 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman, I have two

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1 proposals that I would like to submit. Do you want me to
2 read them?

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Sure.

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6 MR. DOUVILLE: Or do we need a motion or
7 what do we need?

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9 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Submit that as a Board-
10 generated proposal and read it. Just one.

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12 MR. DOUVILLE: The first proposal has to
13 do with Federal subsistence dates, it's a regulation that
14 would open the Federal subsistence deer hunting season in
15 Unit 2 on July 24th.

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17 MR. STOKES: Second.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and
20 seconded. Discussion. Dolly.

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22 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I know we're
23 running out of time, so I'd like to make it brief. I do
24 support that proposal as a Council proposal. We've dealt
25 with trying to improve subsistence opportunities for deer
26 hunting on Prince of Wales and have just had such a
27 difficult time by trying to move non-rural back, and the
28 only way we can improve access is to move rural up as has
29 been done in Yakutat for moose. This action is similar
30 to other actions that have been taken, and I fully
31 support it.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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35 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair, we will
36 debate this later, but I would like just for the record
37 to note that this should be considered a SEARAC Board-
38 generated proposal.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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42 MS. GARZA: Call for the question.

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
45 called. All those in favor say aye.

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47 IN UNISON: Aye.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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1 (No opposing votes)

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion carries.

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5 MS. GARZA: Mike.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mike.

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9 MR. DOUVILLE: Another proposal that I'd
10 like to read, and this would be a Federal subsistence
11 date change, it would be open Federal subsistence hunting
12 of wolf to October 1 for a federal season. Am I making
13 any sense here? Open Federal subsistence hunting of wolf
14 on October 1, and close the season on the last day of the
15 season, the trapping season for wolf, or when the quota
16 is met. It is now managed on a -- I guess I could say
17 that, the comments, it's managed under an estimated
18 portion of the wolf population at this time.

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20 MR. LITTLEFIELD: What unit.

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22 MR. DOUVILLE: In Unit 2.

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24 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Second.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is there a motion and
27 second?

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29 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I seconded it.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. That's good.
32 Discussion. John.

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34 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. Again,
35 similar to the previous one, I would like this to be
36 considered a SEARAC board-generated proposal, and we can
37 debate the for rationale at the next meeting.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Further discussion.

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41 MS. GARZA: Call for the question

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
44 called. All those in favor say aye.

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46 IN UNISON: Aye.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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50 (No opposing votes)

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion carries. Floyd.

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3 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman, I believe
4 earlier in the meeting I brought up the fact that I
5 didn't feel that the process that was used for requesting
6 or accepting proposal was providing enough information
7 out there to the communities whereby if you needed
8 assistance in filling out one of these proposal
9 applications, and that I thought that we would redesign
10 the proposals packet so that it was more friendly, that
11 in the beginning that if you would like to receive some
12 assistance on the proper process on how to fill out one
13 of these things that it would become available by calling
14 the staff. I would like to see that occur is what I'm
15 saying.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I agree. What
18 might be helpful, if we could generate an instruction
19 sheet and then give an example of an existing regulation
20 and then show where the proposed change to that
21 regulation would be, and then the rest of it is pretty
22 self-explanatory, but we could go ahead and go into
23 detail where it says how will this impact certain users,
24 how will this impact the species, and then we could just
25 put something to explain what they could put down there.
26 And when they submit it, and it's something that needs
27 correcting, whoever received the proposal could call them
28 and ask for clarification, but they may be intimidated by
29 the form. So maybe we could generate an instruction
30 sheet like that, that would be helpful.

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32 MR. KOOKESH: Because like I was making
33 reference, all it says is if you have any question, you
34 know. That doesn't take it far enough, you know. If you
35 need help with a proposal. And the thing to do is to
36 encourage it, and that's what we need to do. Because I
37 know in my position I've been asked why I don't submit
38 proposals for my community, and I don't believe that in
39 my role, that is my role.

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41 Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All right. Any other
44 concerns on the proposal form?

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46 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, is it the
47 wish of the Council that Mr. Douville work with staff to
48 provide the rationale for these proposals since they'll
49 be going into the review material? Thank you. We do
50 have a deadline date of October 18, so we'll need to make

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1 sure that we get together Mike and get those in
2 correctly.

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4 MS. GARZA: And I'll be glad to help.

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6 MR. SCHROEDER: Thanks, Dolly.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Anything else on
9 9? That concludes 9? Okay. Then we move to number
10 13(b).

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12 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Johnson
13 is on route here. We could talk about the shoreline
14 outfitter guide EIS at this time, I think that would be
15 most efficient.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Shoreline EIS.

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19 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman?

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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23 MS. GARZA: While they're coming up and
24 getting ready, I guess I'd like to get a feel for what's
25 going to happen, how fast we're going to rip things down,
26 and if all the staff is leaving before we're flying out
27 of here, which is a rumor I've heard, just to get an idea
28 of where our suitcases should be, blah-blah-blah.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bob, could you give a
31 report on that?

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33 MS. GARZA: I thought someone said they
34 had to be out of here by 11, and our flight's out at two.

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36 MR. SCHROEDER: Dolly, some staff have to
37 leave for the Common Grounds Meeting as you know, which
38 is on a catamaran that leaves at 12. I don't if any
39 council members are also on that boat ride? Is anyone
40 going to Kake?

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No.

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44 MR. SCHROEDER: There will be other
45 Forest Service staff here who will help people with
46 transportation to get you around. If there are any
47 logistics things that people are unclear about, perhaps
48 catch me. I'm assuming that you'll have a break after
49 you hear about shoreline outfitter guides. But we will
50 have transport for people.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Tell us
2 who you are?

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4 MR. MATTER: Mr. Chairman, so that we
5 leave lots of times for questions, do you have an
6 estimate of how much time you'd like us to take for this
7 presentation?

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9 MS. GARZA: If you leave it down, she can
10 turn it up to your voice.

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12 MR. MATTER: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,
13 how much time would you like us to take to give you this
14 presentation? We'd like to leave lots of time for
15 questions.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, we can't take
18 very much time, because we don't have the time. We've
19 got to finish our agenda.

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21 MR. MATTER: Fifteen minutes for the
22 total or 20?

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Let's go with 15
25 minutes, yeah.

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27 MR. MATTER: Okay. My name is Paul
28 Matter. I'm the District Ranger on the Hoonah Ranger
29 District. To my immediate right I have Bill Tribley.
30 Bill is the, what do you call it, special use and
31 recreation development program manager for the Tongass.
32 And on my far right I have Gino Cesneros. Gino is the
33 special use permit and recreation technician on the
34 Hoonah Ranger district. Gino's going to speak out a
35 couple of maps for you.

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37 We've come today to present you
38 information on a project we have called the Shoreline
39 Outfitter Guide Environmental Impact Statement. Just a
40 little background. For an individual business to conduct
41 commercial operations on the national forest, a permit is
42 required. We call those permits special use permits.
43 One of the most common special use permits and activities
44 that take place on the national forest by companies and
45 private individuals is the businesses of outfitting and
46 guiding. Outfitting and guiding includes activities such
47 as kayaking, hiking tours, fresh water fishing, big game
48 hunting, site visits on recreation developed sites and
49 that sort of thing.

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1 This project that we've laid before you
2 today covers the Admiralty, Baranof and Chichagof Islands
3 and the mainland immediately adjacent to those areas.
4 It's an area of approximately -- and it includes the
5 near-shore national forest lands. Generally we say one-
6 half mile from the beach to one-half mile inland, and
7 that is it. The activities that this project encompasses
8 are no construction, generally non-disturbing activities
9 such as nature, fresh water fishing, hiking, big game
10 guiding. So that is the project we're having before you.
11 The analysis we're doing, and we have a draft out to the
12 public right now, is going to approve a variety of uses,
13 and the percentage of commercial use of the total
14 capacity of an area. So when we get done, we're going to
15 say that X-number of percent of the total use of an area
16 can be done commercial with an outfitter and guide
17 special use permit. So we're going to approve activities
18 and we're going to approve the percent of commercial use.

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20 Bill, maybe you can take it. Bill is the
21 team leader on the project, and I believe can probably do
22 a better explanation of the project than myself.

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24 MR. TRIMBLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25 I've taken over this project just recently as chairman
26 just a couple months ago, and I'm sure Paul or Gino will
27 help me out if I stray. Just to update you on where we
28 are on the process, late last fall the districts
29 contacted organizations and communities to talk to talk
30 about where we were heading with this analysis. There
31 were public hearings, there were public comments made on
32 what was called a proposed action, basically what the
33 Forest Service wanted to do in their communities with
34 commercial use. After we received those comments, we've
35 worked for about a year to develop alternatives to the
36 proposed action, and we're now putting forward the draft
37 environmental impact statement. This draft environmental
38 impact statement shows the proposed option as well as
39 three additional alternatives, plus a no action
40 alternative, which can also be chosen. Where we are in
41 the process is while the document is out for comment, we
42 did have an error in the mailing as it was sent out. And
43 there will be an additional mailing to persons who didn't
44 originally get this document, so the public comment
45 period is currently open, and will probably be extended
46 to somewhere towards the first time of January to give
47 everybody ample time to make comment on this. As far as
48 how the comments are being directed, it's noted that
49 written comments can be sent to a central office, but
50 also the local district offices, like Paul and Carol and

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1 Pete over in Juneau, they'll be taking the lead to make
2 sure that they get the contacts for the local tribes and
3 organizations and for their community.

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5 As far as the process goes, I think
6 what's important to note is, you know, we are looking at
7 almost 5,000 miles of shoreline, which can be quite
8 daunting, and if you start talking a look at the
9 alternatives just reading through the document, it could
10 be a bit overwhelming. What we'd like people to do is
11 focus mostly on their local areas to see if what we're
12 prescribing for that type of use is appropriate at what
13 levels that we're identifying by alternative. As you can
14 see in the map, in the middle, we have the northern part
15 of the Tongass broken out in different areas. These
16 follow primarily guide use areas from the State so we
17 have logical break out in these areas. And if someone
18 was to take a look at the document, like I said, it's
19 kind of big, but if they look towards the back in the
20 appendix, the appendix help focus a little bit more of
21 the discussion to those specific guide use areas, or
22 those identified areas that we have there. If we get our
23 information correct in the back and you understand what
24 we're doing there, it would probably be best then to
25 start looking at how we address specific resources in the
26 document, once you understand how we addressed each area.

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28 Just for particular note, not all areas
29 would have the same amount of use, and that follows
30 mostly because of our Tongass Land Use Management Plan.
31 That Tongass Land Use Management Plan and the different
32 land use designations you'll see, Mr. Chairman, on your
33 left, we note that in wilderness we're likely to have
34 less commercial use than we would have in other areas
35 such as remote recreation. Wilderness areas are
36 basically designated to have experiences that are more
37 challenge related, isolated, and remote. So we try to
38 change the different types of capacities for the
39 different land use designations. So when you read
40 through your different areas you're registered in, that
41 will track hopefully.

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43 Along with this document, and to talk
44 about over-all use, we recognize that there's a growing
45 need, or a growing desire for especially larger and mid
46 size cruise ship operators to have maybe more specific
47 locations where they might be able to accommodate in
48 larger groups. Just for an example, within a wilderness
49 area, generally we would only allow for a group size of
50 maybe 12 people in a party size, but outside of the

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1 wilderness we may have other facilities that may be able
2 to accommodate more people at one time, so we have what's
3 called large group areas which is identified in the map
4 to your right. But we have other locations where we may
5 be targeting more extensive use from operations. Then
6 again, too, the number of group areas that we have vary
7 by alternative, so people should take a look at the
8 different alternatives, take a look at the specific
9 locations and see if there's any concerns out there as
10 well. I know in this past field season, we've had quite
11 a few of our archaeologists out there taking a look at
12 specialty group use areas to make sure that there's no
13 cultural concerns at these locations, and if there, to
14 bring them to our attention so we might address them
15 before the conclusion of the environmental impact
16 statement.

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18 At this point, I don't have anything
19 else, unless you have questions as to how we're doing on
20 this.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Council, have any
23 questions. John.

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25 MR. LITTLEFIELD: If there's no further
26 presentations, do have some questions, and a couple of
27 comments. Number one is I attended the previous
28 shoreline outfitter guide meetings, at least the one in
29 Sitka, and was quite dismayed when you had 25 maps and 14
30 posters up on the wall, and then on the far right one,
31 down on the bottom right, it said areas of other concern,
32 subsistence. Subsistence is mandated by Congress to be
33 the priority consumptive use of all of the resources,
34 fish, wildlife, as well as plant and animals, and I think
35 it's deserving of higher consideration. Okay. Secondly,
36 you've mentioned using percentage of area. To me that's
37 going to be misleading, because when you look at the
38 percentage of the rivers where all of our salmon are in
39 the Tongass, it's less than one percent. It's a very
40 minute percent of the area, so that may be misleading to
41 us. The next thing I'd like you to do is extend the
42 comment period to the end of March to allow the Southeast
43 Alaska Regional Advisory Council to take a position on
44 this, and have enough time to do it. Our next meeting is
45 in March. It would be a little hard for us to take a
46 position on this today. And the other thing I'd like to
47 ask you, what is a large group? 500? 100? You said 12
48 for a wilderness. And that was my last question is how
49 many people are in a large group.

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1 MR. TRIMBLEY: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,
2 I will try to address all those questions. First of all,
3 as defined in the environmental impact statements, the
4 large group can be anywhere -- or a group as defined can
5 be anywhere from one to 75, as far as how they're
6 interacting a social unit in a party out there in the
7 national forest. So generally we're looking at group
8 sizes such as that. We recognize that because of the
9 remote locations in a lot of these areas, it's unlikely
10 that we're going to have party sizes larger than 75 out
11 there.

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13 The other question regarding the
14 importance of subsistence is we do recognize in this
15 document that subsistence is a concern out there, and
16 that we do note that any outfitting and guiding,
17 particularly taking the fish and game, just address
18 current management practices, and must adhere to current
19 laws. We recognize that if there is any type of
20 adjustments needed in the harvest or harvest season, that
21 our outfitters and guides would have to adhere to those
22 as a part of their operations.

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24 And as far as the delay of the comment
25 period, I can't answer that at this point. We can take
26 this down as a comment and I'm sure that's something that
27 we would have to address later, but currently right now
28 in most of our -- when we have a public comment period
29 open, generally it's open for a 45-day comment period,
30 which actually was supposed to start sometime in July,
31 and like I said, unfortunately what happened is we found
32 that we had an error in our mailing list, and there's
33 quite a few people that were missed. So we're having a
34 second mailing that should be happening very currently
35 and people who were associated with it at all should now
36 be getting letter notifying that the comment period has
37 been extended a full 90-days until the first part of
38 January. We anticipate it being the first week of
39 January, it possibly could be the second depending on
40 what I find out today. But as far as extending it to
41 March, one of the problems that we may have with that is
42 that we have a lot of key decisions related to possible
43 uses of the national forest that are dependent on this
44 decision and how we might want to allocate the use on the
45 national forest, so I'm not sure that -- we need to see
46 what we can do with that.

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48 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman, I attended
49 the hearing you had in Angoon, and there were
50 alternatives, but can you kind of explain on them? But

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1 before you do, I have another question, dealing with an
2 issue and speaking in an area that I'm familiar with, for
3 Mitchell Bay, I recently talked to the Ranger District
4 about our Mitchell Bay permit system. And it's a system
5 we're not even familiar with in our community. We don't
6 even know even where the applications are. I know we
7 have a new liaison for our community and hopefully that
8 will correct that, but one of the things I was kind of
9 curious about is I requested to get a permit for Mitchell
10 Bay, and I was told that the permit system for Mitchell
11 Bay has been frozen. Can you elaborate a little more on
12 that? The freezing? Because what I'm kind of looking at
13 is yesterday we heard discussion about reasonable, I
14 believe Fred Salinas was talking a lot about the word
15 reasonable, and I felt like I was going up against a wall
16 trying to ask for the freeze to be lifted. I was told to
17 go get a -- to submit a proposal if I wanted in that
18 sense, in that same tone. If you want to undo the
19 freeze, submit a proposal. Is that how you undo an
20 action, and is that considered reasonable?

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22 MR. TRIMBLEY: Mr. Chair, if I can
23 address that. I'd like to clarify, too, that this
24 analysis that we're looking at is for most of the north
25 part of the Tongass National Forest. The two areas that
26 were excluded from this analysis are the Pack Creek area
27 and the Mitchell Bay area. And the Mitchell Bay area was
28 excluded primarily because as we know there's a lot of
29 ANILCA allowances specifically talking about how that
30 area should be managed, which couldn't be addressed in
31 this analysis. So the question about permitting in that
32 area is probably more appropriately addressed to the
33 District Ranger of the Admiralty National Monument and
34 how they're running that process, but I'm unaware of how
35 they're working that right now.

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37 MR. KOOKESH: My question is on permits
38 in general. You talked about needing a permit for other
39 areas, I'm just talking about administrative style or is
40 this common practice to go against walls? Is that
41 reasonable, or does.....

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43 MR. TRIMBLEY: And then again, Mr.
44 Chairman, as far as permits go, this is what may be
45 occurring in the Mitchell Bay area is something that
46 we're running into in other locations where if ever
47 there's somebody who applies for a permit for the use in
48 the national forest, we have to go through an evaluation
49 process. We have to go through an evaluation process to
50 make sure the use is conducive to the use of the national

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1 forest, and isn't harmful to the resources. Currently as
2 it stands when people come in and ask for a permit, we
3 have to evaluate an area and other uses specific to what
4 that permit requests. What we have to do in this
5 analysis is that by having one document done, we
6 basically have identified the level of use we want to
7 accommodate out there, and as long as those uses don't
8 request building a facility or other things that may be
9 more impactful in a national forest, we won't have to do
10 individual analysis for each permit that comes forward.
11 We'll be able to take a look at our chart to look at the
12 existing uses out there, note whether the use that's be
13 requested is compatible, and if it is, we'd be able to
14 use the permit a lot sooner. So this should facilitate
15 the process of permitting a lot better. We've had
16 something similar to this in place for the last five
17 years on the Petersburg/Wrangell area, and it has worked
18 quite well. It has helped speed up the permitting
19 process quite a bit.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Can you put it on a
22 document, a single document, printed in duplex,
23 explaining about those permits?

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25 MR. TRIMBLEY: The permitting process? I
26 would take that request and see what we can do to help.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, because every
29 time we hear an agency talk about a document, it's
30 usually delivered on an answer (ph) and we're trying to
31 avoid that. Floyd.

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33 MR. KOOKESH: I had one question that I'd
34 like -- there was alternatives that were placed in front
35 of us at the meetings, can you explain some of those
36 alternatives so that we'll have a better understanding
37 like the status quo?

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39 MR. TRIMBLEY: Sure. Like I mentioned
40 there's five alternatives, the first one being the no
41 action. Every analysis has to have a no action
42 alternative which is basically that we'd keep managing it
43 as we currently are. As I just explained, as a request
44 would come in, we would have to individually analyze that
45 to see if it could be implemented. It's very time
46 consuming. The second alternative some you may be
47 familiar with if you showed up to the -- if you attended
48 the meetings last fall, because that was called the
49 proposed action. The second alternative in this analysis
50 is the same proposal that was put forward last fall so it

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1 could be tracked through how the resources may be
2 affected by that process. The third alternative is
3 looking at what the Tongass Land Management Plan
4 addresses, which is I believe, is that 50 percent use?

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6 MR. MATTER: Yes.

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8 MR. TRIMBLEY: Yes. Okay. Excuse me.
9 That they -- it's the highest amount of use that we might
10 accommodate or consider for use on the national forest.
11 That's up to 50 percent of the capacity as we've looked
12 at. Alternative number 4 looks at approximately eight
13 percent, instead of 50, eight percent of the area being
14 used commercially. And alternative 5 which identified as
15 the preferred is the maybe as much as 23 percent.

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17 MR. MATTER: I think you should clarify.

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19 MR. TRIMBLEY: I'm sorry.

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21 MR. MATTER: Let me clarify, it's not
22 eight percent of the area, it's eight percent of the use
23 would be allowed commercially.

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25 MR. TRIMBLEY: Right.

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27 MR. MATTER: I'm sorry.

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29 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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33 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I know we've run out of
34 time, and you've answered some of my questions. I would
35 like to ask that each Council member be put on the
36 mailing list and make sure that enough copies are given
37 to us, and if we could have the assurance that the
38 Forester would consider the recommendations of the SEARAC
39 in its spring meeting, that would be acceptable to
40 extending the comment period, similar to what we did on
41 the Tongass SEIS. But I think that this Council deserves
42 to comment. And there are so many things, we cannot
43 possibly take care of them right now. It's too broad for
44 us.

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46 MS. PHILLIPS: Chairman Thomas?

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.

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50 MS. PHILLIPS: I have reviewed the

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1 booklet, and I found it easy to get through, but it was
2 time consuming. But I also have experience with those
3 sort of documents. As far as the subsistence section of
4 the booklet goes, it says that the only area that there
5 might subsistence conflicts in is deer, and I want to
6 disagree with that. There is lagoonberry areas that
7 could be impacted by commercial groups going in and
8 picking the berries before the local people can get
9 there. There's only a certain amount of berries in a
10 patch, and we've kind of like got certain people in a
11 town who go and pick them, and they're already picked by
12 non-locals, then there's a subsistence conflict there.
13 Also, thanks to Mr. Littlefield and the Council, we have
14 coho subsistence permits for Lisianski River, and earlier
15 in September three young men, of which was my 18-year-old
16 son, were up fishing for cohos, and a bear hunter guide
17 and client asked them to move out because they wanted to
18 get a bear. Well, they didn't move out, but there is a
19 user conflict there. We've had helicopters landing on
20 the Lisianski Flats, drop off two loads of fly fishermen,
21 and then we have our local coho fishermen there, too, and
22 there's user conflicts there.

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24 I know that you've posted open house
25 informational meetings, and you held one in Elfin Cove
26 and one in Pelican. Did these meetings include a Section
27 810 hearing? A Section 810 hearing is -- oh, you guys
28 know what it is, don't you? Which it's part of ANILCA,
29 you're to.....

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31 MR. TRIMBLEY: Yes.

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33 MS. PHILLIPS:request certain
34 information concerning subsistence restrictions of this
35 activity.

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37 MR. TRIMBLEY: Mr. Chairman, no, we did
38 not conduct hearings. We've conducted only open houses
39 to provide information.

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41 MS. PHILLIPS: And I also wanted to say
42 that as far as I'm concerned, my outfitter guide permit,
43 the Hoonah Ranger District was very helpful in helping me
44 with my application. It is an expensive permit though,
45 you know, because I had to get \$1200 worth of insurance
46 before I could become an outfitter guide, but I really
47 believe that people in these rural villages need to have
48 that opportunity.

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50 MR. TRIMBLEY: Mr. Chairman, if I could

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1 in one last response, what I appreciate was hearing
2 specific comments about specific locations. When we're
3 dealing with a document of this size, of course, you can
4 get kind of bogged down in the details and the scope of
5 things, but what is really very effective in comments to
6 something like this is to provide us specific location
7 and specific instances where we can better understand
8 what's happening at the local level, so I do appreciate
9 the comments that were made.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Further
12 comments, questions. Thank you very much.

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14 MR. TRIMBLEY: Thank you for your time.

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16 MR. MATTER: Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Matt Davidson.

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20 MR. DAVIDSON: Hello again, my name is
21 Matt Davidson. I'm with the Southeast Alaska
22 Conservation Council. I wasn't planning to testify
23 regarding the outfitter guide EIS, but I think it is a
24 really important action for the Council to pay close
25 attention to. Just looking at those maps, you could see
26 that the Forest Service has identified areas that they
27 want to permit these small cruise ship, disengage their
28 passengers. We're talking about 75 people. On those
29 maps they've identified several areas that I know have
30 important subsistence resource gathering going on there.
31 So I just urge the Council to really look at those areas
32 and provide specific comments. I know one of them is
33 Neka Bay. They're talking about letting small cruise
34 ships unload there. There's also other areas around the
35 Tongass that they do not specifically address the
36 subsistence uses. I think some of the sockeye areas are
37 areas that they're considering allowing outfitter guides,
38 in some cases large groups to go and use. So I really
39 urge the Council to really take a strong stand and not
40 let the Forest Service permit large cruise ships and
41 maybe even in some cases small operators like the fly
42 fishermen or so to go into areas that are really key
43 subsistence areas. I think that's appropriate for the
44 Council to comment on.

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46 And don't be fooled by the numbers. They
47 talk about the carrying capacity of the Tongass for
48 visitors. That's just a number they came up with. They
49 think there can be 10 million visitors or something like
50 that in the Tongass every year because of the way they've

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1 designated different areas for different things, and I
2 think their estimation for how many people can have a
3 good experience in the Tongass and not conflict with
4 other users is way overblown, so we really need to pay
5 attention. I know this is just -- I really appreciate
6 the fact that the Forest Service is doing this permitting
7 and doing this kind of planning. I think it's a great
8 project, but we really can't allow the level to be at
9 such a high level, because once you permit something and
10 say 15,000 permits for people to go and guide on the
11 Tongass, we're never going to get that level back down to
12 a level that allows traditional uses to take place, and
13 we will have big impacts on communities and areas, that
14 we won't be able to get the genie back in the bottle.
15 And I hope the Forest Service heeds your concerns about
16 trying to make sure you have a chance to review the
17 document, because it is lengthy.

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19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Wanda Culp.

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23 MS. CULP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
24 can't help but comment on the remark that subsistence is
25 a concern out there. It's more than a concern, and, yes,
26 it is out there, and it's out there a lot. I don't feel
27 that the Native Community of Hoonah has had the proper
28 time and opportunity to meet with the Forest Service with
29 the specific focus of customary and traditional
30 wilderness usage. And we have a lot of activity around
31 us. We go hunting. I hunt. I go fishing. And I go
32 with the guys around here that have been, that are the
33 hunters, so they know all the traditional places that
34 what they've been using forever. Idaho Inlet, Excursion
35 Inlet, Port Frederick, White Stone Harbor, Gold Cove,
36 Lemon Shore Island, Porpoise Island, Indian Islands,
37 these are all places not even mentioned in Glacier Bay
38 that we used heavily. Now when we go into also Idaho
39 Inlet, it's all trampled down by hunter footprints
40 already before we even get there. And then the last time
41 I fished there a couple years back, one of the hunters
42 with us was already beading in on a deer, and one of
43 those sports hunting outfitters' planes buzzed just as he
44 was going to shoot off, so he lost that opportunity. So
45 we're being impacted by these outfitters. Excursion
46 Inlet, they're going to start swarming that place before
47 we've even had a chance to get our two cents worth on our
48 usage. So again we're getting shoved out. We're getting
49 shoved out. And we have to compete. I agree with the
50 berries, the medicinal plants, the roots that are

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1 gathered, all this is competing interests that need to be
2 taken into consideration. But I don't feel that the
3 Forest Service and the outfitters that are coming into
4 our midst really do have a grip on customary and
5 traditional subsistence usage. And maybe there is a
6 concern, but it isn't a big enough concern. When we are
7 out there as it's called, we run into them, or we run
8 into the results of what's left. I could say some more,
9 but I know is in the essence here. But we have a
10 traditional usage area that's well known through
11 Goldschmitt and Hawes. This should be an operating
12 booklet of knowledge for each Federal agency that's
13 amongst us, and the State also that's planning usage
14 that's going to be tromping on our usage.

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16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Okay.
19 Anybody else who would like to comment on the outfitter
20 guide EIS? Okay. Thank you. That takes us now to....

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22 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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26 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I would like to request
27 that the staff prepare a letter to the Forest Supervisor
28 allowing our comments at the next meeting to stand. It
29 will be after the date, and I think if they would give us
30 the same accommodation that they did for the Tongass, I
31 think that would be appropriate.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Got that.
34 Organizational reports and briefings, beginning with
35 statewide rural determinations.

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37 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chair, Dan LaPlant
38 was going to give that report. I have some notes on that
39 that I can go through in just a few minutes.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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43 MR. SCHROEDER: You note that Title VIII
44 of ANILCA requires a subsistence priority for rural
45 residents. Quite clearly it's important to determine who
46 are rural residents and who are urban residents. Under
47 the -- when the Federal Subsistence Management Program
48 began in 1990, the Federal Subsistence Board make rural
49 determinations at that time. They basically ported over
50 the determinations that had been made by the State of

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1 Alaska. Under the original EIS, the Federal Subsistence
2 System said it would review these rural determinations
3 every 10 years after the decennial census was done.
4 Additionally, in the late 1990s the Federal Subsistence
5 Board request to explore methods of use to determine
6 which communities might be rural. This led to an RFP
7 which was issued to University of Alaska Institute of
8 Social and Economic Research, and Dr. Bob Wolfe has been
9 working with them looking at what methods might be best
10 used to determine whether a community was rural or non-
11 rural. The Institute of Social and Economic Research has
12 conducted a literature review. They're looking at
13 statistical assessment of communities to determine which
14 communities might be rural or non-rural. The team
15 working on this has visited eight areas. I know that all
16 council members have attended focus groups. There have
17 also been focus groups that have included tribal groups.
18 The final report is due for ISER in November of this
19 year, and that would include the proposed methodologies.
20 In January, January 14th and 15th, the Board will have a
21 public meeting and decide what methodology the Board
22 believes should be used. In February/March the public
23 and the Regional Councils will be able to review that
24 methodology. This should lead to a Board decision on the
25 methodology or determining which communities are urban
26 and rural at the May Board meeting. This methodology
27 then would be applied over the next year, reaching a
28 final determination on which communities are considered
29 rural for subsistence purposes in May of the following
30 year, or May 2004. That's all I have from notes provided
31 by OSM on this topic.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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35 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Schroeder,
36 in looking at the process, the one area that I am very
37 concerned about is that the public process and the
38 Regional Advisory Council appears to be limited to only
39 speaking to the methodology process, and I didn't see in
40 that, and perhaps I'm incorrect that there's a process
41 where Ketchikan could say, we want to be considered for
42 rural, and so I would like that concern to be made known
43 to ISER or Federal Subsistence Board or whatever, and to
44 more clearly define when and if communities have the
45 opportunity to state their preference.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anybody else?

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49 MS. GARZA: Could we have a two-minute
50 break?

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Two-minute break.

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Next on our agenda is

8 Prince of Wales deer RFR, Dan LaPlant, Dave Johnson.

9 These are regulatory issues of concern.

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11 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

12 Council members. My name is David R. K. Johnson. For

13 the record, I'm the subsistence coordinator on the

14 Tongass. Cal is handing out two handouts for my

15 presentation. The first one is the request for

16 reconsideration regarding Proposal 9 that was submitted

17 by the Craig Community Association, and you have that

18 before you. This was in response to the Board's decision

19 in May to reconsider the request for the reduction -- or

20 restricting non-rural users for deer hunting in Unit 2.

21 The second -- and by the way, that RFR process for

22 reconsideration is outlined in your Operations Manual. I

23 don't have the page reference, but it explains the

24 process for requesting reconsideration.

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26 The second package that's the thicker of

27 the package is the response from the Federal Subsistence

28 Board. Also as part of the enclosures, there's a

29 clarification letter that was submitted by Dr. Wini

30 Kessler with respect to comments that she made at the

31 Board meeting to clarify her comments and her rationale

32 for the way she voted on the proposal. Also in your

33 packet is a copy of the actual initial analysis that was

34 in the Council packets at the spring meeting that Bob

35 Schroeder and I gave to the Council at that time.

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37 I guess at this time I would add one

38 additional item. As directed by the Board, the Forest

39 Service has entered into discussions with the State

40 regarding the cooperative planning process for deer

41 management in Unit 2. That process is ongoing. However,

42 we've been given some information by our legal counsel

43 that there are some issues associated with FACA that need

44 to be resolved before we can actually proceed with a

45 formal contract for implementing the cooperative planning

46 process. That concludes my comments, Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Questions, comments.

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50 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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3 MS. GARZA: Mr. Johnson, from what little
4 I know about the RFR process with Craig Community
5 Association, it's my understanding that they were
6 disappointed that the RFR was denied, and I'm not sure if
7 you and/or Mr. Douville can answer this question, but I
8 was wondering if Craig Community Association was planning
9 any further action?

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11 MR. JOHNSON: I don't know specifically,
12 Dolly, Mr. Chairman, Council, I don't know specifically
13 if Craig Community Association is planning any additional
14 action. I know that administratively the RFR response
15 concludes the administrative process for a proposal in
16 the proposal process.

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Further questions.
19 Thank you.

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21 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, just very
22 briefly, if I could add to this FACA question, and to
23 possibly get some indication of the Council's interest in
24 participation in a planning effort concerning deer on
25 Prince of Wales Island. The FACA situation isn't totally
26 clear. There does appear to be the possibility that a
27 recognized FACA committee, which in this case is the
28 Regional Advisory Committee, can initiate and participate
29 in a planning effort which would be constituted as a
30 subcommittee of a FACA committee. So the reading of FACA
31 is that a FACA committee can have a subcommittee that
32 goes off and does certain work. The key to the way a
33 subcommittee operates is that it has to be, and these are
34 terms that are used in FACA, managed and controlled by
35 the FACA committee. So I thought I'd take this
36 opportunity just very quickly to see if there is interest
37 on the part of the Council in engaging in that sort of
38 planning which would essentially be under the substantial
39 management and control of the Regional Advisory Council.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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43 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, if you look at
44 the correspondence from the Federal Subsistence Board,
45 it's my understanding they are looking at creating some
46 kind of subcommittee to develop a deer management plan or
47 whatever for Prince of Wales. Is that what you're
48 referring to, Mr. Schroeder?

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50 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes, Mr. Chair, Dolly,

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1 the FACA consideration is that if a committee is
2 constituted to advise the Federal Government on
3 something, it needs to comply with FACA. So that if the
4 Board or someone else creates a new committee to make a
5 recommendation on some Federal decision, that that would
6 have to be a FACA committee itself, which would mean that
7 the appointments to the committee would need to go
8 through the Secretary of Interior or Agriculture, and
9 would need to be representative, et cetera, et cetera.
10 That's one option. That's a pretty high administrative
11 hurdle for doing that planning. One option that has been
12 discussed has been that a FACA committee can have a
13 subcommittee that then reports back to the FACA
14 committee. And there's a little bit more leeway in how a
15 subcommittee can be formed.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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19 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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23 MS. WILSON: I guess I get easily
24 confused, but can a subcommittee be made up of Council
25 members or people from communities? I'd like to know.

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27 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes, a subcommittee
28 appears to be able to include quite a few different
29 people, and the key there is that the subcommittee
30 reports back to the FACA committee, and so a subcommittee
31 in this case could include regional council members and
32 members of the public, members of communities,
33 governments, sportsmen's groups, as you wish, as directed
34 by the FACA committee, so the key under FACA is the idea
35 that the FACA committee manages and controls the
36 subcommittee. Again, this is filtered through me of
37 sitting in a number of discussions, so I'm not the
38 absolute last word on FACA, but I wanted to take this
39 chance to bring this before you guys to see if there was
40 any potential of moving in that direction.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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44 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair, I would
45 recommend that we ask the Federal Subsistence Board to
46 consider a FACA subcommittee of SEARAC. That would be
47 much easier to accomplish, would not have to go through
48 the vetting process that a new FACA committee on deer
49 would, and so it would be fairly simple to have a
50 subcommittee that reported to us as opposed to the

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1 lengthy process required to establish a new FACA
2 committee. So that would be my recommendation is
3 that.....

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5 MS. GARZA: Is that a motion?

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7 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I will make a motion
8 that a FACA subcommittee that reports to the Southeast
9 Alaska Regional Advisory Council be formed to address the
10 deer issues on Prince of Wales Island.

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12 MS. GARZA: Second.

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and
15 seconded. Questions. I mean, discussion.

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17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Question.

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19 MS. WILSON: Okay. I need to have that
20 said again, the subcommittee will be made up of.....

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: He just said the
23 subcommittee be established.

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25 MS. WILSON: Be established.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And report to this
28 Council.

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30 MS. WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: More discussion.

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34 MS. GARZA: Question.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Question's been called.
37 All those in favor say aye.

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39 IN UNISON: Aye.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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43 (No opposing votes)

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion carried. Dolly.

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47 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, if we're
48 looking at names for the subcommittee I'd recommend Mike
49 Douville, myself, Mr. Morris from Craig Community
50 Association?

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1 MR. DOUVILLE: John Morris.

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3 MS. GARZA: John Morris, and ADF&G
4 biologist, and a Fish and Wildlife Service biologist.
5 Perhaps more, but I think that those five are necessary.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I don't think that it
8 needs any action. We'll get those names down, and that
9 will be our starting point. That will probably be the
10 catalyst, the core of that particular group. Dolly.

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12 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, just for the
13 sake of clarity, I would move that.

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15 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Could you read the
16 names again, please?

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18 MS. GARZA: Okay. That the subcommittee
19 would include at least Mike Douville, SEARAC, Dolly
20 Garza, SEARAC, Mr. John Morris, who is the environmental
21 person for Craig Community Association, an ADF&G wildlife
22 biologist, and a Forest Service wildlife biologist.

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24 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Second.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and
27 seconded. Discussion.

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29 MS. GARZA: Question.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
32 called. All those in favor say aye.

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34 IN UNISON: Aye.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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38 (No opposing votes)

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion carries. Dolly.

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42 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, just as a
43 matter of direction for moving in that process, I think
44 we would like to see those meetings coordinated by the
45 Craig Forest Service office, either Mr. Johnson or Mr.
46 Kanen.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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50 MS. WILSON: Coordinated by whom?

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Craig office.

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3 MS. WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any more on
6 Prince of Wales deer request for reconsideration? Thank
7 you, sir.

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9 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman?

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

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13 MR. JOHNSON: If I might, on another
14 agenda item you had before you, Board of Game proposals,
15 there are a number on the State side, there are a number
16 of proposals that have been submitted that have to do
17 with wildlife allocations, seasons and bag limits for
18 Southeast Alaska. And I have a handout I can provide the
19 Council that gives the dates and times and places where
20 they would be taking testimony on those.

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22 Also the Federal process for submitting
23 wildlife proposals for this Council to review next year
24 is currently open and will close October 18th, not
25 October 25th as is printed in the wildlife regulation
26 booklets. So that deadline is coming up also in a couple
27 weeks.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: I think Mister....

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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35 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair, I would like
36 to ask Mr. Johnson to advise me of when would be the
37 proper time to submit a proposal that has the effect of
38 changing section 6, which is in subpart (a) where it
39 talks about, 6(a)(1) talks about possessing valid Alaska
40 resident hunting and trapping license? To me that says
41 no license is required to take fish or shellfish, and
42 I've been trying to get that to apply to wildlife as well
43 in Southeast Alaska, that no license. And procedurally I
44 need to know when to put that in, and how we can do that
45 correctly, if you could advise me on that, whether it
46 should come now or how to proceed?

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48 MR. JOHNSON: Bob may want to comment,
49 too, but I would suggest submitting it now, and at a
50 minimum that way you will get a formal response that if

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1 this isn't the time, when is the time, because I don't
2 know the schedule of when those regulations are up for
3 review under that section. So if it's submitted, I
4 assume they would send a response that they can take it
5 out of cycle, or can take it in with this proposal
6 process that's currently open.

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8 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Okay.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.

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12 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
13 Counsel members.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. That brings us
16 down to 17.b., statewide rural determination.

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18 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, we already
19 did that.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We've already done that
22 item. Shall we do it again?

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24 MR. SCHROEDER: Play it again, Sam.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. 17.3 NPS.

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28 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chairman?

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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32 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Before we get off 17.2,
33 I have a complaint that I would like to note for the
34 record, that the three presenters there from the Office
35 of Subsistence Management are not at this meeting, and
36 they felt that they had other duties that were more
37 important and left. These issues are extremely important
38 to the Southeast Alaska Regional Advisory Council.
39 They're timely. They're something we're looking at right
40 now, and I would like to, I don't know how to do this,
41 but formally make the Office of Subsistence Management
42 aware that we expect them to come up with the time to
43 attend these meetings just like every Council is busy and
44 has other duties and has made the time to be here with
45 the exception of sickness or something else. We all have
46 to sacrifice. And I believe that it was disrespectful
47 that they are not here to provide the briefings that are
48 timely, and I want to register my complaint.

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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. OSM will be

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1 getting an admonishment from the Chair.

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3 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Harold.

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7 MR. MARTIN: I would like to take that a
8 little further. I think that complaint should come from
9 this Council. In fact, I make that a motion.

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11 MR. ADAMS: Second.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. It's been moved
14 and seconded that we complain to OSM about OSM. Did I
15 hear a second?

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17 MR. ADAMS: Second.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Second. Question --
20 discussion.

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22 MS. GARZA: Question.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
25 called. All those in favor say aye.

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27 IN UNISON: Aye.

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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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31 (No opposing votes)

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. All right.
34 Okay. Join us again, Wayne. I appreciate your head's up
35 on that when you recognize that we were in a quandary,
36 you very graciously, professionally, discretely retreated
37 back to your seat until the appropriate time.

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39 MR. HOWELL: Mr. Chairman, I work in
40 Hoonah for the National Park Service. I've learned that
41 strategy quite well, and the hard way, when to retreat.
42 I thank you for the opportunity to address the Council.
43 As you note, I'm the only representative from the
44 National Park Service here for this meeting. I'd hope
45 that some of our staff from Anchorage would be able to
46 attend, but they could not make it. So I really don't
47 have anything I can offer in terms of what's going on
48 around the St. Elias National Park and Preserve.

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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: For the record, would

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1 you tell the young lady who you are?

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3 MR. HOWELL: Oh, my name is Wayne Howell.

4 I'm the cultural resource manager at Glacier Bay National

5 Park.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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9 MR. HOWELL: So I don't have anything to

10 offer regarding what's going on at Wrangell-St. Elias,

11 other than the fact that I've visited with Bert Adams,

12 who's the Council representative on that resource

13 commission. And I know that there is an ATV issue going

14 on, so I assume that Bert can fill you all in on that.

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16 We also have some activities going on at

17 the Glacier Bay National Preserve, which is in Dry Bay.

18 The National Park Service has been working with the

19 Yakutat Tlingit Tribe the last few years on a TEK project

20 on the East Alsek River. And we've also just recently

21 been successful in getting some funding to do some

22 studies in terms of trying to understand the causes for

23 the decline in the sockeye run on the East Alsek. And

24 those studies are going to be starting up in the next

25 year I believe, and looking at a variety of issues,

26 primarily changes in habitat that may be affecting those

27 runs, and it's my understanding that the understanding we

28 get from what's going on at the East Alsek could also be

29 beneficial in understanding all of the stream systems on

30 the Yakutat forelands, because the same processes are

31 happening on all of those systems. They have primarily

32 to do I believe with isostudy (ph) bound up with to the

33 land and a diminishing flow in the streams. Okay. Is

34 that pretty accurate, Bert? Okay.

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36 And then on to Glacier Bay issues, I'd

37 like to start out by offering some clarifications. Over

38 the last couple of days, there have been some statements

39 made that I would like to clarify. At one point I heard

40 it said that there is a personal use fishery that's

41 permitted in Glacier Bay National Park, but it's

42 exclusive to Gustavus residents, and that's an inaccurate

43 statement. It's actually the State personal use fishery

44 which is open to all Alaskan residents. It's an ADF&G

45 permit that they get. A lot of them are issued here in

46 Hoonah, and sometime -- there are a number of systems

47 here in the Hoonah traditional use area that appear on

48 that permit. Two of them occur in the Glacier Bay

49 National Park. One at Cape Spencer and one at Bird Bay

50 inside the park proper. Although it is true that often

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1 Gustavus residents do apply to fish on that system, it is
2 open to all residents, and we have gone out of our way to
3 make it available to Hoonah folks. For example, last
4 year a Hoonah elder applied to go fish at Bird Bay, and
5 right before -- and he got his permit, and right before
6 he came, he hurt his back, and was unable to come, and so
7 we helped him transfer his permit to another Hoonah
8 fellow that was working with us over at the park, and
9 then a Gustavus resident generously donated his time,
10 boat, and net to go fish for this elder, and they were
11 able to accomplish a successful fishing trip that way.
12 So we just want to make it clear that that fishery is
13 open to all Alaska residents, and they just need to go
14 through the same process that they go through in terms of
15 getting their permits and going and fishing here in other
16 areas, for example, Hoktaheen I think is the primary
17 producing stream in the local area.

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19 One issue that perhaps has been a
20 stumbling block in the past regarding people regarding
21 that fishery is access during the summer months from
22 Memorial Day through Labor Day. It is necessary to get
23 an access entry permit to come into Glacier Bay. There
24 are three -- well, there are 25 private permits available
25 per day, and three of those are set aside for local
26 residents of the Icy Strait communities. And so at times
27 perhaps people have been reluctant to apply for those
28 permits, although I'm not aware that anybody has ever
29 been denied. I think we've always been able to
30 accommodate them. But aware of that situation, we
31 initiated a process through a local -- a current EIS
32 process wherein we have succeeded in creating a new
33 system for issuing permits, and we're in the process
34 right now of working out a cooperative agreement with the
35 Hoonah Indian Association whereby Hoonah Indian
36 Association members will now be excluded from the
37 National Park Service permit requirement, and they will
38 be able to enter Glacier Bay with a tribal permit. So
39 basically we've partitioned them off so that there's the
40 rest of the world, and then there's Hoonah Indian
41 Association members, and there are separate permit
42 processes now, and so they will now be able to enter with
43 a tribal access permit, and there is no quota on that.
44 No limit on numbers. Okay. So we think that that will
45 help facilitate this process.

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47 There was also a statement made about
48 wilderness waters and the fact that the wilderness water
49 designation precluded the winter trial fishery. Within
50 Glacier Bay National Park there are over 600,000 acres of

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1 marine waters within the park boundary. Of that 600,000,
2 58,000 acres have been designated as wilderness. That
3 designation applies for the most part to inlets within
4 Glacier Bay proper, the Beardslee Island area, and then
5 upper Dundas Bay. During the summer months, portions of
6 that wilderness designation is designated as nonmotorized
7 waters, about 30 some odd thousand acres of the 58,000 is
8 nonmotorized, meaning that you can't take a motorized
9 vessel into those areas. And that's done in order to
10 provide people who chose paddle sports to be able to seek
11 solitude in portions of the park, and so those areas are
12 closed to motorized access, but fishing, sport fishing is
13 allowed. Then following the peak of the tourist season
14 in September, the nonmotorized designation is withdrawn
15 and so all of the wilderness waters within the park are
16 open to motorized access, and all of those waters are
17 open to sport fishing under terms of an ADF&G fishing
18 license, ADF&G fishing regs. So just as a clarification,
19 wilderness does not mean no fishing. There is still
20 fishing activity, sport fishing activity permitted in
21 wilderness. Okay.

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23 The Dundas Bay wilderness waters, there
24 was no nonmotorized restriction on upper Dundas Bay even
25 though it's designated wilderness. It's been decided to
26 leave Dundas Bay open for motorized access, and that's in
27 order to accommodate personal use crab fishers out of
28 Elfin Cove. Okay. And also all of Glacier Bay is open
29 to personal use crab fishing, dungeness, king. And
30 during the winter months all of the wilderness waters
31 will be open and available for that kind of fishery, so
32 just as a clarification, wilderness does not mean no
33 fishing. Okay?

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35 And also I believe it was about two years
36 ago I came and visited with this Board about the issue of
37 seagull eggs and gull egg collecting. At that time I had
38 informed you that we were in the process of doing some
39 studies on that. First, an ethnographic study, and then
40 a biological study. I'm here to report that we have now
41 completed those studies. We are in the process of
42 getting the final proofing done and sending them to
43 press. We also were able to complete the biological
44 studies, and what we did that was we did it in two
45 phases. first, we did the ethnographic phase where we
46 had a team of anthropologists come and visit with a
47 number of Hoonah folks, to gain an understanding of what
48 the traditional gull egg gathering practice was, and then
49 we took another draft of that study and handed it off to
50 some biologists who then basically replicated the study

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1 on a gull colony in Glacier Bay on South Marble Island,
2 and then they watched the nesting response of the birds.
3 And then they took the data they gather from that and
4 generated a computer model which showed the long term
5 effects of the strategy of the collecting, harvesting
6 strategy and what effects it might have on the gull
7 colony. With those two documents we are now going to
8 enter into an environmental assessment process wherein we
9 would look at the issue with the best science available
10 and we will work through the EA process and determine
11 whether or not gull egg collecting can happen in the park
12 without having an effect on the gull population, and if
13 the superintendent who is the decision-maker in this
14 process decides that in fact it can happen, then we are
15 prepared to go to Congress to seek a legislative fix that
16 would allow the activity to resume. It's about 40 years
17 since people have been able to collect in the park.
18 Okay. So when we get a final report published, I will be
19 sure that we get copies of it to everybody here. And I
20 think it's really a neat project for several reasons, one
21 reason being that it's a demonstration of how you can
22 take a TEK and Western science and meld the two in a
23 cohesive process and in the end come up with a decision
24 that hopefully will be workable for everybody. Okay.
25 Any questions.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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29 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
30 I encourage that and I would like to see that codified,
31 because this has been a bone of contention in the use of
32 the Hoonah people of Glacier Bay since its formation in
33 the early 1900s. And when that's codified and in
34 regulations, I for one will be happy to see it as I
35 believe the Hoonah people will.

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37 A comment on the 600,000 acres of marine
38 waters. I support that the marine waters are underneath
39 the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. And in
40 fact I believe there's more than that, and I'm wondering
41 if you could cite for me what -- that's disputed by the
42 State, and if you could cite for me what gives the Park
43 Service the authority to have jurisdiction over marine
44 waters, which as been denied to us, when given the fact
45 that the Glacier Park was originally established at the
46 same time as the Tongass, within that withdrawal. It was
47 reaffirmed and expanded by ANILCA, and if you have the --
48 in other words, I would like you to make available to the
49 Forest Service why you believe the marine waters are okay
50 for you, and why they're not for them. They're the same

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1 documents that formed them. And I do support that, but
2 I'm wondering what you cite.

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4 MR. HOWELL: Thank you. That's a good
5 question, and I'm not sure I have all the answers, but I
6 can tell you that the issue has to do with the park was
7 established. Its enabling legislation, and basically in
8 1925 upper Glacier Bay was set aside as a national
9 monument, and it says for the protection of tidewater
10 glacier, which is a marine feature. And then there was a
11 description given which described the boundary that
12 included marine waters. And then in 1939 the monument
13 was expanded greatly in order to provide a reserve for
14 brown bears, and in that boundary description, it very
15 distinctly also described a marine boundary that extended
16 through miles off shore for the entire monument expansion
17 area. And it was for the protection of brown bears. At
18 the time of statehood, the Statehood Act states that the
19 State would get all the marine waters within the State
20 boundary out to the three-mile limit, except for all
21 areas already reserved as wildlife refuges or for other
22 purposes. And so the National Park Service has taken the
23 stance that when the monument was established and then
24 expanded, that the description of the boundaries included
25 marine waters, and that those marine waters were
26 necessary for the mandated purpose, which was tidewater
27 glaciers and protection of brown bears, and brown bears
28 as we all know use the marine resource a lot. They spend
29 a lot of time in the intertidal. And so that's the
30 National Park Service stance. And then also the fact
31 that since the beginning the National Park Service,
32 particularly after 1939, has had an active program of
33 managing those resources, and of managing the Bay as a
34 marine area. And I've been able to read much of the
35 background information about that, so I have an
36 understanding of that.

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38 Now, when it comes to the Tongass
39 National Forest, when you look at the maps of the
40 Tongass, you also see that three-mile boundary on the old
41 maps. And you go along to -- all of the islands also
42 have that three-mile boundary. I don't know that that --
43 I don't know the background behind all that. I don't
44 know if at the time of statehood those boundaries would
45 be considered a reserve, and particularly in terms of the
46 management issues of the Tongass. I just don't know.
47 Now, I will tell you that when the State filed the quiet
48 title suit, that rather than hearing it out in District
49 Court, it was decided that they would move the -- there
50 was an appeal put forth to move the hearing directly to

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1 the Supreme Court. I can't remember the name of the
2 process, but it was agreed upon that this issue would
3 bypass the District Court hearing, and a Circuit Court
4 hearing, and it would move directly to the Supreme Court,
5 and so the Supreme Court appointed a special master who
6 came in August and at that time lawyers for the State of
7 Alaska, I believe it was six lawyers for the State and
8 six lawyers for the Federal Government, and they are
9 Department of Justice lawyers met with the special master
10 and presented their cases. And I'm aware that both sets
11 of lawyers had presented or prepared briefs to present to
12 the special master. I've not yet seen the briefs. I
13 don't know if they're even available, but I would suggest
14 that perhaps the best way to understand that issue is to
15 see if you can get access to those briefs, or talk to a
16 Forest Service legal representative. It's a complex
17 issue with the Forest Service. I can tell you about the
18 Park Service side of it, but the Forest Service side, I'm
19 not sure. Okay. Does that make sense?

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MR. LITTLEFIELD: To me it does.

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MR. HOWELL: Okay. It's complex. It
24 really is.

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CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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MS. GARZA: I want to ask you about
29 seals.

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MR. HOWELL: Okay.

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MS. GARZA: But before that I want to say
34 so if we all get adopted to the Bear Clan, then we can
35 start using the intertidal under Federal regulations?

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MR. HOWELL: That's a good question.

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MS. GARZA: Seals. Can you hunt seals in
40 Glacier Bay?

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MR. HOWELL: You can't, no. Seal hunting
43 is another complex issue that has a long and difficult
44 management history in Glacier Bay. The Park Service and
45 the BIA beginning back in the 30s agreed to make an
46 exception for seal hunting within the monument, and so
47 Hoonah folks were able to continue seal hunting up
48 through the 40s, 50s, 60s, and up until the 1970s, but
49 prior to passage of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the
50 National Park Service determined that it was a non-

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1 compatible activity and so....

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It was a non what?

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5 MR. HOWELL: Non-compatible with park
6 purposes, and so they make it illegal. They terminated
7 the special provision that allowed it to continue. It
8 has been an issue that has boiled up since then. In 1992
9 I believe it was Greg Brown, a Hoonah fellow, took a seal
10 in the Bay and he was cited for it. There was a process
11 initiated to take that to trial, but the jurisdiction
12 issue which I just spoke about reared its head in that
13 process, and the Department of Interior solicitors felt
14 that the legal basis for pushing the citation on the seal
15 hunting was predicated on the jurisdiction issue, and
16 because the National Park Service was prosecuting the
17 case, they felt that the National Park Service would have
18 to first demonstrate the jurisdictional right before they
19 could press the case, and so they decided that they
20 didn't want to push the case, the jurisdiction case
21 because of the seal case, and so they withdrew the
22 citation. I know that's a funny explanation for it, and
23 I haven't understood it entirely, but at any rate it is
24 still not legal to take seals in the park. However, that
25 said, I would also point out that in the same process
26 wherein we took on this issue of seagull eggs, we have
27 also agreed to start addressing the issue of seal
28 hunting, and we're going to approach it the same way
29 we've taken the seagull egg thing. And we took the
30 seagull eggs, because first the Hoonah elders that we met
31 with choose that as the number one priority, and we felt
32 that if we could work through the seagull egg issue and
33 work it through successfully, that that would improve our
34 chances of working through the seal issue, which is much
35 more difficult. But we have already initiated our
36 ethnographic study. It's about two-thirds down, and we
37 also have a lot of biological work done already, so we're
38 going to work through the process with the seagull eggs
39 and we think we're going to be successful on that. And
40 once we get that done, then we're going to start tackling
41 the seal issue. And then the third one down the way
42 which we haven't talked about is mountain goats. But we
43 would approach that the same way.

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45 And keep in mind that Glacier Bay if you
46 recall is an old park or a hard park, which means that
47 the laws that apply in Glacier Bay, because it was here
48 pre-ANILCA, the apply here are the same laws that apply
49 to parks in the Lower 48, such as Yellowstone, Yosemite,
50 Grand Canyon, and it's a very different environment, and

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1 so whatever we do up here, we're being watched closely in
2 the Lower 48, meaning that the process we're working
3 through, if we're successful here, it could set a
4 precedent for the way they do things and the way they
5 approach issues like this in the Lower 48. So we're
6 approaching everything very cautiously and by the letter
7 of the law.

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9 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Seal hunting?

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11 MR. HOWELL: Not seal hunting, but any
12 kind of hunting, yeah. And, you know, for example of the
13 Hopi wanting to take eaglets from golden eagle nests at
14 Rupaki (ph) National Park is one issue.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.

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18 MR. HOWELL: Okay.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You can cover a lot of
21 systems in the Lower 48.

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23 MR. HOWELL: Yeah.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We have a guy from
26 Craig that wants to talk about this. Bill?

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28 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. Patty.

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32 MS. PHILLIPS: What about sea otters?

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34 MR. HOWELL: Sea otters has not come up
35 as an issue yet inside Glacier Bay, but it certainly
36 could. But it would be the same, you can't hunt them in
37 the park.

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39 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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43 MS. WILSON: Just a quick question. How
44 long is it going to take to do the EA on the seagulls so
45 that the people who are waiting for the Park Service to
46 start on the seal issue? Is there any timeline or time
47 frame?

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49 MR. HOWELL: We are going to try to get
50 the EA process going this fall, and get a decision made

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1 sometime in the winter. And then it's a matter of
2 getting to Congress if we decided that we could move
3 forward with it and getting it on the radar screen in
4 Congress, which we'll just see how that happens. But,
5 yeah, we are moving on it. And the seal issue is going
6 to be a bit more long and drawn out. I don't have a time
7 frame on that.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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11 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I guess the one
12 thing we can offer to that process once you take it
13 forward and look for support, we would be glad to support
14 those efforts if you need to find allies.

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16 MR. HOWELL: Okay. All right. Good. We
17 will be sure that you get copies of the reports, and of
18 the EA. Good. Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Dale?

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22 MR. KANEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
23 think the proper answer to -- my name is Dale Kanen,
24 District Ranger for Craig. I think the perhaps
25 additional answer to John's question regarding why the
26 Tongass and not Glacier Bay is that the State was very
27 careful when they filed for quiet title to submerged
28 lands to only I believe file with respect to the Tongass.
29 They did not include Glacier Bay. So at this time it's a
30 limited claim that the State is making. And as to the
31 merits, since we're under litigation, I can't speak.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.
34 Department, fisheries and wildlife.

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36 MR. TUREK: Mr. Chair, Counsel members,
37 Mike Turek, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division
38 of Subsistence. I'm the last remaining member of the
39 Department here, and we don't have much more to say.
40 Last night I presented most of the information I had for
41 you. I'd just like to thank you once again for inviting
42 me to the meeting, and I enjoyed myself, and look forward
43 to meeting again with you at your next meeting. Thank
44 you. If you have any questions, you can fire away.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, but we do own guns.
47 Dolly.

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49 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman. I just want to
50 thank you for staying here through the length of the

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1 meeting, and for the commitment you've had to subsistence
2 for your tenure at ADF&G. I know that has not been easy
3 at all times, but we much appreciate your commitment and
4 support.

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6 MR. TUREK: Okay. Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. He thinks
9 he's a SEARAC member. Okay. Tribal governments, other
10 organizations. Since when is a tribal government
11 organized? Okay. Items for 2002 annual report. Council
12 wishes for annual report. John.

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14 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair, under annual
15 reports, I don't know if every councilman has a copy of
16 them. I do have a copy of every annual report, and I'm
17 somewhat dismayed that they seem like they just get
18 thrown in the wastebasket to me, because some of the
19 issues that have been brought up since the very first
20 annual report that I've looked at are still being
21 mentioned by us, like in Yakutat we asked about marine
22 waters, marine jurisdiction. It's still on the table.
23 We just -- we don't get any answers back to the items in
24 our annual report that I think are satisfactory. And I
25 don't know what to do with the annual reports. If we put
26 that in the annual report that I'm not happy with what
27 they look at and they throw it in the garbage, I don't
28 know what the effect is going to be, but anyway, that's
29 my comments on annual reports.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Let me tell you
32 what I know about the annual report. The annual report,
33 the coordinator solicits information from the members of
34 this Council, so we deliberate, we get together, we give
35 him the report we need for the report. He puts the
36 report together, submits it to the Federal Subsistence
37 Board. They send it back to him to answer the same
38 questions that he wrote, and that's how it winds up in
39 13. Was that stated incorrectly?

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41 MR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, I think so.
42 I'm a newcomer to this process, and that's the way it was
43 explained to me, possibly with a little bit different
44 words, but that was the effect.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How else can you say
47 it? Anyway, John.

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49 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chairman, given
50 that that is the case that this stuff just goes around in

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1 a circle, and it was brought to my attention that at the
2 Yakutat meeting we directed that the Sitka Tribe of
3 Alaska's supporting documentation on Proposal 29, which
4 was also resubmitted at this meeting as Proposal 20,
5 which was a quite lengthy packet that was prepared by
6 their council was not made part of that, because OSM said
7 it was outside the jurisdiction of us to consider. What
8 I would like to do is I would like to direct, and I'm
9 afraid to even ask them to direct, because they may get
10 the same thing, but I want to see a copy of that
11 supporting documentation given to each individual Board
12 member separately so that they can consider that when
13 they look at Proposal 20, because they should have had it
14 earlier, and they don't have it in their hand, because of
15 a technical requirement.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Where is the document
18 now?

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20 MR. LITTLEFIELD: And I want to make sure
21 it's a supporting document of 20 and that they get a copy
22 of it individually.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Where is it the
25 document now?

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27 MR. LITTLEFIELD: The Staff should have a
28 copy, because it was submitted on 29. I'm sure the Sitka
29 Tribe has another copy. I have a copy at home. Cal?

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31 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr.
32 Littlefield, we do have copies in our office, and I know
33 OSM has copies of that information as well. It was part
34 of the administrative record for Yakutat. And we will
35 make sure that each Board member gets a copy.

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37 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Thank you.

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39 MR. CASIPIT: Either got a copy or has a
40 copy.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See how good of staff
43 we've got? See how good of staff we've got here?

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45 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Yes. Excellent. Thank
46 you.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Have you got the
49 material for the annual report?

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1 MR. SCHROEDER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'd
2 like you to know what direction you want to take with
3 annual reports, whether the Council wishes to continue
4 with this writing exercise or put our energy in another
5 direction.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: My suggestion would be
8 if our annual report is just an exercise of consuming
9 time, and it's a dead end process that winds up right
10 back where it starts, I would suggest that we discontinue
11 with offering annual reports. Any objection to that?
12 John.

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14 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair, given that
15 it is a requirement of Title VIII and also a requirement
16 of the regulations that we prepare an annual report, I
17 would say that we continue to put in an annual report,
18 but it be very limited in nature.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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22 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I also think
23 that we need to continue to write an annual report. If
24 we're not willing to sit down and write down what our
25 concerns are, then we don't need to be on this Council.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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29 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.

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33 MS. PHILLIPS: I think we've identified
34 that deer populations on Prince of Wales Island are
35 having an increase in subsistence harvest, and based on
36 the household surveys that their needs are not being met,
37 that they're harder to get, and I would like to recommend
38 a strategy of enhancing deer populations on Prince of
39 Wales Island. And part of that strategy would be a
40 recommendation to change timber management policies.
41 There's old clearcuts on Prince of Wales Island, and
42 we're told that for X-amount of years that the deer
43 populations will increase, but then after X-amount of
44 years that the habitat decreases, the carrying capacity
45 for deer populations, and I would like the Forest Service
46 to manage those areas with thinning or other methods that
47 would improve the habitat for deer so it would increase
48 their populations so the subsistence needs of the people
49 of Prince of Wales Island would be met.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the wish of the
2 Council? Dale, what would be our role in initiating that
3 to see if we can get some of that done?

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5 MR. KANEN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I can
6 speak to, you know, the Forest Plans, Standards and
7 Guides, the ASQ, but I think it might be better to share
8 some of the things that we've been doing to address
9 concerns that Patty's raised, and Councilman Douville.
10 Last fall we got language in a draft bill that would
11 allow us to spend national forest dollars doing thinning
12 and pruning on native corporation lands if they were open
13 to that. It didn't say that we had to. As you know, we
14 have roughly 250,000 acres of native corporate land that
15 surround Craig, Klawock, Hydaburg, and Kasaan. Many of
16 those village corporations are done with their harvests.
17 They have not retained their foresters. And so the big
18 question is how will those second growth stands be
19 managed. So we're trying to move in that direction. We
20 just completed the initial round of the Klawock watershed
21 cooperative project with the tribes, and the three native
22 corporations around Klawock watershed, trying to identify
23 rehabilitation needs and concerns with streams and
24 riparian areas to help restore the sockeye. Our
25 particular harvest on our district is probably down to
26 less than 15 million board feet per acre. I'm not sure
27 what it is on the northern half of the district. Perhaps
28 at the most 40 million board feet per year.

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30 I think the big issue on Prince of Wales
31 Island is how will we manage the second growth that's
32 there, and what kind of habitat will that provide. We're
33 working with FSL right now on thinning and pruning and
34 responses to the understory from that. And from alder
35 stands. So part of the good news, Steve Brink, the
36 deputy regional forester has been pushing monies for
37 civil cultural treatments apart from whether or not they
38 are economical from a commercial, precommercial or
39 commercial thinning standpoint. So benefit from the
40 standpoint of employing people with jobs in the woods,
41 and also from habitat provided, so I don't know if that
42 answers or addresses all of your concerns, but I think I
43 can honestly back up that much.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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47 MS. GARZA: So I don't know if your
48 process was to add that to the annual report, Patricia,
49 but I have a list of things that we need to add.
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1 MS. PHILLIPS: (Nods affirmatively)

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3 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I would hope
4 that Mr. Schroeder could glean through the numerous notes
5 he's made from the meeting over the last three days and
6 help us pull together a letter that covers our concerns
7 with FACA, with the Prince of Wales deer, with the
8 Stikine, and then further I think that we should
9 highlight that we have heard from the FIS people and that
10 their TEK and SST reports were wonderful. They're the
11 kinds of things we're looking for. Another concern that
12 I have that we haven't mentioned, but I think we have
13 mentioned it before is the MOA process appears to
14 exclude the councils from what appears to be decisions
15 that are made between the Federal and the State agencies
16 prior to Council meetings. So that is what I think we
17 should at least have in the annual report.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd.

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21 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman, I noticed
22 when I was talking to Meg the other day, yesterday, that
23 one of the concerns that keeps coming up is that we're
24 always wondering how much sockeye is going to be
25 available for the subsistence users in our region. And I
26 have always been of the opinion that in order for us to
27 properly keep track or to determine how much fish is out
28 there, I think we need to make sure that we maintain
29 levels of funding for stock assessments and in-season
30 harvest monitoring for the full cycle of the sockeye
31 salmon. I think that's important. I think when you go
32 three years, you're only going so far. I think we need
33 to go all the way, and I think that we need to support
34 funding these kind of systems for five years. That's the
35 only way we're going to get into this strategy for the
36 management of the fishery.

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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40 MR. LITTLEFIELD: My issue is pretty well
41 covered by Ms. Garza. I did have one. It's similar to
42 that, and that's actions that are taken within the
43 region, within our region, that affect subsistence, I
44 believe that the Council should be given those documents
45 as soon as possible in a timely manner so that they have
46 the ability to comment on them at the next meeting. The
47 other is the rural determination report which is due out
48 sometime. If that's available a month ahead of our
49 meeting, that's when I want it. And I would like to get
50 these reports as soon as possible. I got my board book

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1 the day before I left Sitka, and I'm still concerned
2 about the delivery of these documents timely so that the
3 Board has time to consider them properly.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Butch.

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7 MR. LAITI: Are we stating our concerns
8 now of what we went?

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's that?

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12 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Yeah.

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14 MR. LAITI: They said they did some of
15 the headwaters on some of the systems. I would like to
16 see a list of that, and maybe even a map showing which
17 ones they've done and which ones they plan to do so we
18 have an idea what they've done.

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20 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, Mr. Laiti, I
21 will make sure you get a package of all the official
22 signed maps that we have, and then I'll also give you,
23 the rest of the Council as well, a summary of where we
24 are with drawing additional maps. But I will get you a
25 package of all the maps we have at this point.

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27 MR. LAITI: (Indiscernible)

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29 MR. CASIPIT: Well, it's kind of as folks
30 request them, as people want them, we try to draw them.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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34 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I will request every
35 river and other water as they flow to the sea.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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39 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman?

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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43 MS. GARZA: So just as a point of
44 clarification then, do your comments, or do you want that
45 in the annual report that we request additional and
46 adequate funding? Okay.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anybody else? Okay.

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50 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman?

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Harold.

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3 MR. MARTIN: Are we going over our
4 concerns, is that what we're doing?

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6 MS. GARZA: These are things that
7 supposed to go in the annual report to the Federal
8 Subsistence Board.

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10 MR. MARTIN: Okay. Okay. I have a
11 concern is it seems like every year we meet, or every
12 time we meet, we seem to jump all over the agenda. We're
13 always overrun by people who have to leave. It would be
14 nice if we could hear from everybody the first day and
15 get it over with, but that's not a reality. The agencies
16 are always concerned about costs. One person came down,
17 sat around, let us know they have to leave, we put them
18 on the agenda, heard from them, tell us who he was or who
19 he is, and left. I mean, why did he come down here at
20 all? I mean, John stated that, you know, we take time
21 out of our lives to be here. We're all volunteers. The
22 money we get doesn't amount to anything. Bill Knight
23 (ph) said if we're still drinking people, we could have
24 bought a couple of rounds and that would have been it.
25 So we're not getting rich out of what we're doing here.
26 Like, you know, I guess, we're here at this thing, that
27 there's nobody here from OSM right now. And I think,
28 too, that we don't advertise enough. I see it in the
29 newspapers. I think where we need to advertise is the
30 community that we're coming to. I was disappointed in
31 the show of local people. I was glad to hear from those
32 that showed up. Wanda is always here. Tom Mills showed
33 up. Ernestine. And I was glad to hear their testimony.
34 But I think we need to do a little more in that regards
35 locally to hear their people. I think the reason we come
36 out to the communities is because actions we take
37 directly affect the rural community people. And I had a
38 couple of others, but I'll stop there.

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40 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Harold.
43 Anybody else? Okay. We're moving on to other business.
44 Mr. Stokes had some other request of the Council he's
45 going to present to us.

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47 MR. STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
48 have three proposals to the State of Alaska. One is to
49 establish a local management plan for the Wrangell area
50 for halibut. My son-in-law set gear out four different

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1 places many miles a part, and we got just one little
2 bottom fish, so we're depleting. And I'm requesting that
3 the commercial season be shut down from the first part of
4 May to the first part of September.

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6 The second one is requesting the waters
7 closed in front of town to all commercial crabbing so
8 that we can go out in a skiff and harvest our own crabs
9 whenever we wanted.

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11 And the third one is I'd like to keep the
12 mouth of the Stikine River open for subsistence fishing
13 only. About 40 years ago it was closed down to all
14 commercial, they closed the waters to everybody. And
15 it's closed from the 15th of April until the 15th of
16 June. And when it's opened again, the commercial crab
17 season is open, and we can't fish there. So I would just
18 like the endorsement of this Council for it. If you'd
19 like to read the proposals, they're right here.

20
21 Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Dick.

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25 MS. GARZA: Do you move and support?

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27 MR. STOKES: Okay. I move that we
28 support these three proposals.

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30 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Could you list the
31 proposal numbers, please? I'd like to second.

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33 MS. GARZA: One is 193.

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35 MR. STOKES: One is 193. Should I read
36 them all off?

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38 MS. GARZA: Yes, if you can find it.

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40 MR. STOKES: 193.

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42 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman?

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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh.

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46 MS. GARZA: While he's looking up the
47 numbers, I'd like to amend the motion to ask for support
48 for Proposal No. 342 which would reduce the personal use
49 of State steelhead harvest from two to one a day on
50 Prince of Wales.

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1 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Second.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. You heard the
4 amendment and the second.

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6 MR. MARTIN: Question.

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
9 called. All those in favor.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Motion carries.

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19 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John.

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23 MR. LITTLEFIELD: I'd like to amend that
24 to include Proposal 106 which was submitted by Frank
25 Wright, Jr., of Hoonah. This is to repeal the
26 prohibition on the subsistence take of coho salmon. This
27 goes right hand-in-hand with previous action of the
28 Counsel.

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30 MS. GARZA: Second.

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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. You heard the
33 motion and second. Discussion.

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35 MR. STOKES: Question.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
38 called. All those in favor say aye.

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40 IN UNISON: Aye.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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44 (No opposing votes)

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The motion carries.
47 What numbers did you have, Dick?

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49 MR. STOKES: I have Proposal No. 104,

50 193, and 208.

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1 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Stokes,
2 perhaps you want to add 103 as well, that's your
3 proposal.

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5 MR. STOKES: 103.

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7 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Stokes, that's your
8 proposal to establish subsistence fisheries in the
9 Stikine River. It's a companion proposal to the ones
10 before the Federal Board, and I suggest that maybe the
11 Council ought to approve that one as well.

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13 MR. STOKES: Yeah, we do have another on
14 the State Game Board, an educational permit. So I know.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the number on
17 it?

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19 MS. GARZA: 103.

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21 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chair, I'd move to
22 add by amendment Proposal 103 if that is the proposal.

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24 MR. STOKES: Second.

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26 MS. GARZA: Question.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
29 called. All in favor say aye.

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31 IN UNISON: Aye.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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35 (No opposing votes)

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The motion's carried.

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39 MS. GARZA: Well, can I get a list of all
40 the numbers?

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: 193, 104, 208, 103.

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44 MR. LITTLEFIELD: 343 and 106 by
45 amendment.

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47 MR. SCHROEDER: 342. I believe.

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49 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman?

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Floyd.

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3 MR. KOOKESH: I don't mind supporting
4 these proposals, but I'd like to see them, at least look
5 at them before I pass them. I feel a little
6 uncomfortable. Well, I didn't say anything, but I'd like
7 to see them before I vote on them. It would be nice next
8 time.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. We have two
11 members of the public who would like to speak. Charlotte
12 Titickson (ph).

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14 MR. LAITI: We need to vote on the main
15 motion.

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17 MS. WILSON: The main motion.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. The question's
20 been called on the main motion. All in favor.

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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26 (No opposing votes)

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The motion carried.
29 Oh, Mike, I forgot Mike. Mike has a request at well with
30 regard to the season on steelhead. Mike, go ahead.

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32 MR. DOUVILLE: I would like to amend
33 Proposal 25, the one we worked on, just a date change,
34 adding.....

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36 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Reconsider.

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38 MR. DOUVILLE: What?

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40 MR. LITTLEFIELD: You want to reconsider
41 Proposal 25.

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43 MR. DOUVILLE: Oh. I guess I move to
44 reconsider Proposal No. 25.

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46 MS. GARZA: Second.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Moved and second to
49 reconsider.

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1 MR. MARTIN: Question.

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3 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Clarification. I
4 believe it's Proposal 23 as amended on page 106. Is that
5 what you're talking about?

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7 MR. DOUVILLE: I think it's 23.

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9 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Yeah, it started out as
10 weird numbers. I just want to be sure what we're going
11 to. I think it's on page 106.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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15 MS. GARZA:105.

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But the amendment is to
18 number 25.

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20 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Okay. Question.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. The question's
23 been called. All in favor say aye.

24

25 IN UNISON: Aye.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed.

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29 (No opposing votes)

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31 MR. LITTLEFIELD: So go to 106. And then
32 make your changes, move to amend.

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34 MR. DOUVILLE: I move to amend to add the
35 month of May.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: From December to May?

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39 MR. DOUVILLE: December 1 to May 31.

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41 MR. LITTLEFIELD: Second.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. It's been moved
44 and second to amend the date from December 1 to May 31.

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46 MS. WILSON: So May instead of April?

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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50 MS. GARZA: Question.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question's been
2 called. All in favor say aye.

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4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Those opposed.

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8 (No opposing votes)

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you for
11 your patience.

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13 MS. TITICKSON: Hi, I'm Ukachegate (ph)
14 of Situk River. I came to speak on behalf of 12,000
15 Lovebirds (ph) that reside in Canada. I contacted one of
16 them that sits with six leaders. Her name is Marge
17 Jackson at Klukshu (ph), Canada. I requested them to
18 come and back up Katie John when Senator Stevens had told
19 these Lovebirds to go back home, this is no longer their
20 country. Well, I come to step forward in testimony that
21 when the United States was taking over Alaska, I'm the
22 one that they buried alive twice. I'm the one with scars
23 of bullet wounds. And I'm the one that they raped
24 repeatedly. And I'm the one that stood in front of the
25 whole world and all the leaders and all the people. I
26 stood with Ashadahingshakoesh (ph) at United Nations
27 where the United Nations informed these 12,000 Lovebirds
28 and their six leaders, along with Ashadahingshakoesh (ph)
29 that the properties between Mt. St. Elias and Mt.
30 Fairweather still maintained and has been accepted by the
31 world, belonging to the Lovebird Nation.

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33 My dad as a leader, Charles David Shada
34 (ph) had kept his family fed, with medical, and with
35 clothing, and with housing, and with transportation from
36 Dry Bay all the way up to Icy Bay. The camps that we
37 resided at was in Dry Bay, Dome River, Situk River. Our
38 home was based in Situk River. My granddad's still
39 buried above there, above ground there, where the United
40 Nations have accepted that this is the marker that the
41 Lovebird Nation still owns these properties.

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43 The world at the United Nation had told
44 my Dad and I that if I stepped forward and claimed these
45 properties to the United Nations, they would step forward
46 on their behalf, on the Lovebird Nation's behalf, but it
47 would be a conflict against United States of America.
48 All these 12,000 Lovebirds have had no desire for a
49 conflict, so they have silently sat and waited for me to
50 invite them back. And when I did, Ted Stevens told them

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1 they have no home here. Now, my younger brother, his
2 home was towed off this property a few weeks ago, maybe a
3 month ago. Now, this is the last in my mind.

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5 I approach the United States through the
6 Forest Service here at this meeting, and I'm asking for
7 your help so that there is no conflict among the Lovebird
8 Nation, the United States, or any other nations. These
9 hear have been recorded at United Nations, and Canada
10 holds papers that verify all this. All this has been put
11 in a safe in Geneva, Switzerland on behalf of the
12 Lovebird Nation. Now, I see and have been participated
13 with my family where they have had to account for their
14 fish. They have had to account for everything they did,
15 and this is property where Situk herring known to the
16 United States resides above ground in his burial. His
17 native name is Setuk Shada. When the United States gave
18 us names, it gives white man's first names for our last
19 name. When my granddad fought for the right to maintain
20 and keep the last name of Shada.

21

22 I'm standing on behalf of these 12,000
23 natives and asking that you all make a space for them, as
24 these are the people are the ones that gave up a lot and
25 had -- they're the ones who taught us to stay physically
26 healthy, mentally healthy, and spiritually healthy, have
27 kept our lands clean, and as the world knows has been in
28 existing for well over 9,000 years. So a race to exist
29 that long without the rest of the world knowing must say
30 we know how to care for our own. I don't want to step
31 forward to the world, but I have requested Canada to
32 return my dad, my four house posts that he duplicated of
33 the epidemic mushkatans (ph) in Yakutat and placed in New
34 York, New York. It has been since 9/11/2002 of my
35 request to Canada. Now it's in still a peaceful manner,
36 and these things can still be handled without conflict
37 with the assistance from people that can make a
38 difference.

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40 Now our peoples did step forward with
41 conflict and was told to go back home. Their home is
42 between Mt. St. Elias and Mt. Fairweather, and all the
43 grandchildren (ph) in between. All that is their
44 property. They are Lovebirds. They're the ones that
45 were chased away. They're the ones that were standing up
46 for everyone here, not just myself. I cannot speak on
47 their behalf to say what should be done as far as
48 subsistence, because I am just one of many Lovebirds that
49 would like to step forward. But without our leaders
50 which when we count my dad, Ashadahunshakoish (ph), there

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1 are seven leaders. Now, Marge Jackson at Klukshune,
2 Canada was brave enough to do this on her own. She is a
3 grandma, and she did alert the six leaders.

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5 Now, how to remedy this? I don't know.
6 As everyone talks about money and time, they spent their
7 money when Senator Stevens told them to go back where
8 they come from. I would like the Forest Service, the
9 United States through the Forest Service to replenish all
10 the actions they done in slander and finances and travel
11 and everything else for these people who were still ready
12 to back up you who fight for subsistence here in Alaska.

13

14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. We
15 appreciate your sharing that with us; however, we are not
16 a native organization. We're a regional organization
17 that's representative of everybody in the region. It
18 just so happens that a majority of us are native. And
19 like I mentioned to you yesterday, the proper forum for
20 this would be probably Grand Camp which are meeting here
21 in a couple of weeks. We don't deal with issues like you
22 just presented. And if you do want the assistance of
23 various Federal agencies, I'd recommend you approach the
24 agencies, or perhaps the tribal government or
25 representatives. There's a lot of skills and talents in
26 Hoonah that can give you good direction on that. But we
27 don't disagree with anything you said, and we applaud you
28 for the courage and your willingness to share that.

29

30 Thank you very much.

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32 MS. TITICKSON: I would like to also
33 state that since this is property that has been
34 recognized by the world to belong to the Lovebird Nation,
35 that the Forest Service should back up. As I am part of
36 them, I am owner to it. And since this deals with
37 subsistence, then this property of which I say to the
38 Federal Government, we tell Forest Service that they need
39 to back off, because my remaining family who resides
40 there has been moved off. this is subsistence issue. I
41 never left my country. And I am a representative for the
42 Shadas to say there is no reason for me to state and go
43 through these procedures of resolution as United Nations
44 already have done this. I don't try to bring on any
45 conflict or hardship to anyone existing as I see
46 everybody works hard and fights hard for native rights.
47 I am saying to the United States that they need to cut my
48 family loose, that they are not there to be regulated by
49 the Federal Government.

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1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Wanda.

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5 MS. CULP: Thank you. For the record I'm
6 Wanda Culp. And I would like to just briefly talk about
7 the seagull egg study that was done. I wish Wayne would
8 have expanded on it, because the results showed that
9 traditional way of gathering is indeed the best way, and
10 is as we've always said. That's what the study revealed.

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12 And I don't know if many of you have
13 heard about the document that came out from SEAlaska when
14 my brother Bob was still here. This is addressing the
15 National Park Service administrative history, and it's a
16 document called National Treasures are Stored in Culture,
17 and I believe you can still get that document on the
18 SEAlaska web page, and I've also got a couple of extra
19 copies I could snag from my brother if anybody wanted to
20 see that. But that's what I wanted to talk about.

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22 And one other concern that plagues me
23 throughout time is the Marine Mammal Protection Act is a
24 separate law from ANILCA Title VIII, and yet the Fish and
25 Wildlife Service does not work with another Federal
26 agency like the National Park Service to assure that we
27 have the rights that are opted in that Marine Mammal
28 Protection Act. So that's what I wanted to say, and I do
29 enjoy watching the interaction going on with you folks,
30 because I know you take everything very serious and
31 listen to us closely, and I'd like to thank you for that.

32 Kunacheesh.

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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Kunacheesh. Okay.

35 That concludes our agenda.

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37 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman?

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It concludes our
40 agenda. Harold.

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42 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I have a
43 question mostly for Staff, and maybe, Mike, you can take
44 note. I did have a letter from Kake Tribal Corporation.
45 I misplaced it somewhere and I apologize for that. The
46 question was about we have a cold storage, we have a
47 smokery, and there's been inquiries from local people,
48 shareholders, that process of subsistence-caught fish.
49 There are people that would like to have the smokery
50 smoke up some of their salmon and vacuum pack it. The

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1 Corporation sees no problem with that. They could mark
2 the vacuum pack or processed fish not for sale. So they
3 want to know the legality of this. I'm not sure if it's
4 a Federal problem or a State problem, but I'll be in
5 touch with you, Cal, and Bob, and maybe Mike, to see if I
6 can get some answers back to these people.

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8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Anything else?
11 Okay. We are adjourned. Thank you very much.

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13 (Off record)

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15 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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