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SOUTHEAST SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

September 28, 1995
Seventh Day Adventist Church
Craig, Alaska

VOLUME 1

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Thomas	Dolly Garza
Mary Rudolph	Dewey Skan
Marilyn Wilson	Mim Robinson
John Feller	Lonnie Anderson
Patricia Phillips	

MEMBERS OF FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES:

Fred Clark, Coordinator	Steve Hoffman
Bill Knauer	Sandy Rabinowitch
Dale Kanen	Ken Thompson
Cheri Ford	Larry Roberts
Jim Capra	Ted Schenk
Bob Vaught	Guy Cellier
Michael Turek	Dave Johnson

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO TESTIFIED:

Paul Kelley	John Foss
Irene Guthrie	Paul Wilson
Mike Galgainitis	Thomas Allen George
A. Millie Stevens	Victor Burgess

PROCEEDINGS
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(On record - 10:03 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Bill Thomas. I'm the chairman for the Southeast Regional Federal Subsistence Advisory Council. Just a brief introduction of the regions for some of you that may not have had an opportunity to read or to hear much about the regional councils. With the federal government's approach, they've established ten regions in the state of Alaska and Southeast is Region 1 and we have the largest membership of any of the regions in Alaska. We have a membership of 13 and the membership ranges from seven to 13. Ms. Rudolph is our newest member. I want everybody to say good morning to Mary. Good morning. We're going to spend as much time as we need with introductions this morning.

These meetings are going to be somewhat different than what you might have anticipated them to be. We do everything we can to discourage any kind of an adversary mode or approach. We like to deliberate things; we like to reach a conclusion and one that can be done in a meaningful way. We're always happy to see as many people from the local communities turn out that can be here. We realize that there's some that can't be here because of other commitments. So there are -- besides the council members, all the council members are here from different communities but our charge is not to represent the community we come from.

Our charge is to represent the region and that's what we try to do. So if you hear a discussion about one part of Southeast, you know we can anticipate that we're all thinking in that same area and in trying to offer whatever is desired in that part of the region. So with that, we're going to get into that some more. There'll be more people coming and there'll be some questions asked and some of these -- and don't be reluctant to ask questions. We want you to get as much from this meeting and we want to hear as much from you as you bring.

So with that, I will start with introductions. I will start with myself and then I'm going to ask those that are here representing agencies to identify themselves. When speakers wish to make comment, we'll

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1 be using the table right there (indicating) and as you
2 speak, to help our recorder, we would like you to give
3 us your name, who you represent and speak to -- let us
4 know what issue you're interested in. So we'll start
5 -- when we get through with the council, I'll ask --
6 I'll ask Mr. Knauer to then start the introductions by
7 -- and anybody who wants to can follow. I don't have
8 any particular arrangement -- good morning, Bob. Glad
9 to see you.

10
11 Anyway, my name is Bill Thomas. I'm a Craig boy.
12 I was born and raised here. Like I've been telling
13 people, when I left here, there were trees here and
14 it's always good to be back. I still have family here.
15 I graduated from school here and all my good character
16 came from Craig. So if I have any bad character-
17 istics, I picked them up along the travel somewhere.
18 But anyway, I'm retired. I spent careers in commercial
19 fishing. I was on a construction crew. I built the
20 city gym. And currently, I reside in Ketchikan and I
21 am the current chairman of this advisory council. With
22 that, I would ask Mary then to start off the rest of
23 the council.

24
25 MS. RUDOLPH: Yes, I'm Mary Rudolph and I'm from
26 Hoonah, Alaska (indiscernible - unclear). And I work
27 out of Hoonah Indian Association and I'm a city council
28 member.

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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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32 MS. WILSON: I'm Marilyn Wilson from Haines and
33 mine says I'm from Kake.

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35 MR. ANDERSON: That's all right.

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37 MS. WILSON: We all represent all of Southeast so
38 I guess that doesn't really matter. I've been involved
39 in subsistence for quite a while and I'm on other
40 committees also.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. John.

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44 MR. FELLER: Good morning. I'm John Feller from
45 Wrangell and the Stikine area and I've been on -- this
46 is going to be my second or the last of my second year
47 on this council. I also serve on SENS, South East
48 Native Subsistence Commission as treasurer and I'm
49 active in local Native politics in Wrangell, and
50 currently serve on the IRA council there. I'm glad to
51 be here.

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, John. Patty.
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4 MS. PHILLIPS: I'm Patricia Phillips, 23-year
5 resident of Pelican, born and raised in Alaska. I'm the
6 school board president of our local school board and
7 I'm the Fish and Game Advisory Committee chairperson.
8 My husband's the mayor of Pelican. When you live in
9 rural Alaska, you're diversified in your commitment to
10 your community.
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12 (Ms. Robinson arrives.)
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14 MS. PHILLIPS: Hi, Mim.
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16 MS. ROBINSON: Good morning, Patty.
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18 MR. ANDERSON: You're buying lunch.
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20 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you for inviting us to
21 Craig, Prince of Wales Island.
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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.
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25 MS. LE CORNU: Thank you. I'm Vicki LeCornu.
26 I'm from Hydaburg, presently living in Craig, and this
27 is my main affiliation. I guess I'm a practicing
28 artist so that's what I do for a livelihood so I use
29 the resource.
30
31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Good. Thank you. Dolly.
32
33 MS. GARZA: My name is Dolly Garza. I live in
34 Sitka right now. My mother's from Craig and my father
35 was from Klawock so I'm quite familiar with Prince of
36 Wales. I am a strong subsistence user. I'm a sea
37 otter and seal hunter, a gatherer. Like Vicki, I am
38 working to learn how to make baskets, both from cedar
39 bark and spruce root, and so I have a lot of interest
40 in the uses and the maintenance of resources. In
41 addition, I have a masters in fisheries management. I
42 work for the University of Alaska. Thanks.
43
44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Dolly. Dewey.
45
46 MR. SKAN: I'm Dewey Skan. I'm from Klawock.
47 While Bill lived here, he picked up all his good habits
48 from me. (Laughter) I'm the president of the Klawock
49 Heenya Corporation, a corporation that hires around 100
50 to 150 people, you know, so we're very involved in the
51 economy of this region. That goes hand in hand with

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1 the charter of this board is to try to alleviate some
2 of the hunger and the stress that goes along with being
3 a citizen of a rural culture and a rural area, so we
4 hope that by us employing people, that they're able to
5 buy gas and stuff, you know, boats and stuff to go out
6 and harvest and gather and hunt and fish some of the
7 resources. And I'm also the president of the Rural
8 Community Action Program for the State of Alaska and
9 we're an advocacy agency that advocates for rural and
10 Native and all people that live in rural areas and we
11 do a lot in Headstart and weatherization and
12 subsistence also. And I'm also a commercial fisherman.
13 Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Dewey. Mim.
16

17 MS. ROBINSON: Mim Robinson. Sorry I'm late. I
18 had an important phone call. I have lived in Port
19 Alexander for about 13 years. I'm from the East Coast
20 originally, migrated to Alaska in 1975 with my husband
21 and just because we wanted to go to Alaska and we ended
22 up getting into commercial fishing and moved out of
23 Juneau in 1981, '82 -- '82, I think, to Port Alexander.
24 I'm the chairman of the Fish and Game Advisory
25 Committee there, have been since 1989. I've been
26 involved in also lots of school-type activities. I was
27 on the school board for a few years out there also. I
28 do lots of getting out in the woods and hunting and
29 fishing, mostly commercial fishing. Love getting out
30 around Southeast and seeing it. Love this country.
31 I'm an artist, also somewhat of a musician. I have
32 three children who are 14, 17 and 20. Soon to be a
33 grandmother, I think. I'll find out for sure tomorrow.
34 That's enough for now. You'll learn more about me as
35 the meeting goes on.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I can't wait now, Mim.
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39 MS. ROBINSON: Full of surprises lately.
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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Lonnie.
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43 MR. ANDERSON: I was afraid Mim was going to take
44 the rest of the day. I'm Lonnie Anderson. This is my
45 second appointment to the board. I'm presently mayor
46 and administrator for the City of Kake, the chairman of
47 the Fisheries Advisory Council and about any other
48 organization in Kake that you have in a small rural
49 community. This is my -- I forget how many years --
50 35, 36 or 37 in Southeast Alaska. Retired school
51 administrator. Most anything else that you retired

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1 fisherman. Since I became mayor, I haven't been able
2 to fish like Mim here with city business so with that,
3 I think that we'll get on with business. I'll spend
4 the rest of the day just filling you if you have any
5 questions.

6
7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I want to hear from Mim after
8 awhile. I don't want to hear from nobody else.
9 (Laughter) Fred.

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11 MR. CLARK: My name is Fred Clark. I'm the
12 Regional Advisory Council Coordinator which means I'm
13 not a council member. This is my first meeting and as
14 such, I'd like to say thank you to my predecessor for
15 helping set up my position to be, kind of, easy to
16 slide into because of the relationship that she
17 established both with the agencies and with the council
18 because that's really what my position is is working as
19 an in-between the council and the Federal Subsistence
20 Board and their staff. Carol Jorgensen left in the
21 springtime for another job down in the Lower 48 and she
22 did a great job and I just wanted to thank her.

23
24 I'm the father of two young sons. My wife and I
25 and my sons just moved down to Juneau from Anchorage
26 when I took this position. We've been here in Alaska
27 since '87 on a full-time basis but started, you know,
28 the love affair of living in Alaska in '82. It's been
29 a little while now. My background is primarily in
30 social sciences. I have a bachelor's in philosophies,
31 psychology, sociology, a master's degree in public
32 administration and anthropology. I've been doing
33 archaeology for 20 years. Feels kind of funny not to
34 be in that profession any more but feels very good to
35 be amongst this group.

36
37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. You heard from the
38 council and the coordinator. Bill, if you would please
39 start with the agencies.

40
41 MR. KNAUER: Thank you. I'm Bill Knauer. I work
42 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage in
43 their office of subsistence management. I'm a
44 regulations and policy specialist for them, one of a
45 member of what they call a management team which is
46 composed of the assistant regional director, the deputy
47 and the division chiefs. We have been invited to go to
48 the various council meetings, provide technical support
49 and assistance. I've been with the program since its
50 inception in 1990, been working on regulations since
51 then, and helping the various councils. I try and

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1 rotate my attendance among the ten regional councils so
2 sometimes, I'm at this one and sometimes, I'm at
3 others. I particularly enjoy this council, both
4 because of the beautiful locations and the wonderful
5 people that are on the council. I've been in Alaska
6 since 1981. I've travelled all across the country.

7
8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Dale?

9
10 MR. KANEN: I'm Dale Kanen. I'm the district
11 ranger here in Craig and I'm new to this area. I just
12 moved down in March so Dewey, I'm looking for good
13 examples. (Laughter)

14
15 MS. GARZA: Stay away from him.

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17 MR. KANEN: So, I'm real pleased to be here and
18 see a lot of old friends. I thought, though, that we
19 weren't going to reappoint any members who always come
20 in late, but I see Mim's still here. So welcome back,
21 Mim. And I'm really pleased to see you here, Mary and
22 I think you've fallen into real good company and we're
23 glad to have you on this group.

24
25 Mr. Chair, if I may, as a housekeeping item, I
26 read Section 805 of Title 8 to say that us feds are
27 supposed to provide you with good staff support so you
28 can do your job so I'm going to jump ship a little bit
29 and introduce Dave Johnson who's my fish and wildlife
30 staff officer. For the duration of your meeting -- I
31 know we abolished slavery back in 18 or something or
32 other with -- but to the extent possible, Dave's yours
33 for the duration, if you need things copied or errands
34 run...

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm going to introduce him too
37 so he's got more than one hat today, so...

38
39 MR. SKAN: The whites didn't abolish slavery.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Are you done?

42
43 MR. KANEN: Yeah.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: To try to have some sense of
46 anticipation, how about we work row by row all the way
47 back so if you're from an agency or representative of a
48 state or government agency, let us know and...

49
50 MS. FORD: My name is Cheri Ford and I'm from
51 Thorne Bay and I work for the forest service there.

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1 I'm a district wildlife biologist and currently working
2 in a fish and wildlife staff capacity. I've been there
3 about five years. I came from Montana before that.

4
5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

6
7 MS. FORD: Pleased to be here.

8
9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you very much.

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11 MR. KELLEY: My name is Paul Kelley. I'm a
12 resident here in Craig. I'm just a curious citizen.

13
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

15
16 MR. CAPRA: I'm Jim Capra. I'm with Glacier Bay
17 National Park. I'm a park ranger up at Dry Bay with
18 commercial fishing and also the subsistence specialist
19 in the park area reserve, resident of Yakutat and
20 pretty new to the area.

21
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Oh, you're brand
23 new, huh?

24
25 MR. CAPRA: Six months.

26
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, that's new. Thank you.

28
29 MR. VAUGHT: My name is Bob Vaught. I'm with the
30 Forest Service. I am the deputy forest supervisor in
31 Ketchikan but for the last year, I've been working
32 rather extensively with the Tongass Land Management
33 Planning team in Juneau and I have been in Alaska since
34 1974, so I've been here a while too.

35
36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

37
38 MR. TUREK: My name is Michael Turek. I'm with
39 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of
40 Subsistence, Southeast Region, and I've been with the
41 division about a year now. Prior to working for the
42 division, I did some work with the traditional tribal
43 council at Hoonah, Glacier Bay which is also
44 coordinated through the division. And prior to moving
45 to Alaska, I worked for the Yakima (ph) Indian nation
46 in their corporate resources program and several Native
47 organi- -- Intertribal (indiscernible - unclear)
48 Cooperative and Native American Fish and Wildlife
49 Society. This is my first meeting so I'm glad to be
50 here.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're welcome to our meeting.
2
3 MR. HOFFMAN: My name is Steve Hoffman and I'm
4 with Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish in
5 Ketchikan. I've been working for the department since
6 1976, worked in commercial fish division for about five
7 years and then I moved over to sport fish in Ketchikan
8 since 1987. Thank you.
9
10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All right. Thank you.
11
12 MR. RABINOWITCH: My name is Sandy Rabinowitch.
13 I'm with National Park Service, Subsistence Division in
14 Anchorage. Been in Anchorage since 1976. And I'm on
15 the staff committee of the Federal Subsistence Board
16 which in the bureaucratic maze of all the words and the
17 charts as to where everything you all do moves to next,
18 to the staff committee up to the board.
19
20 MR. THOMPSON: Ken Thompson, Forest Service in
21 Juneau and I too work with Sandy on the staff committee
22 representing the Department of Agriculture on
23 subsistence (indiscernible - unclear).
24
25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
26
27 MR. ROBERTS: Larry Roberts. I'm the subsistence
28 coordinator in Petersburg. I've been involved in
29 subsistence since 1988. Before that, was the forest
30 archaeologist in Petersburg with (indiscernible -
31 unclear) Land Management.
32
33 MR. SCHENK: I'm Ted Schenk, Chatham area wildlife
34 biologist subsistence coordinator, input into timber
35 sales and odds and ends like that. I provide a little
36 bit of staff support for the Chatham area and the
37 neighboring (indiscernible - unclear).
38
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Hank.
40
41 MR. NEWHOUSE: My name is Hank Newhouse. I'm the
42 Ketchikan area subsistence coordinator. I'm also
43 monitoring coordinator. I've been in Alaska or I
44 should say I came home in 1981. Been in Southeast
45 Alaska since that point in time, I've worked out of
46 Juneau. And the last five years, I've been here in
47 Ketchikan which I hope to remain at for a long, long
48 time. Glad to see that Lonnie and Mim and Patty were
49 reappointed and welcome Mary. It's a real pleasure to
50 see you all here.
51

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm going to skip Millie for
2 now because I'm going to take time to introduce her in
3 another capacity later on, give her an opportunity to
4 make comments to the council. You got to leave?
5

6 MS. STEVENS: Five minutes.
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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, let's do that now then
9 and once you're up here, introductions with that.
10 Millie is the incumbent Grand Camp Alaska Native
11 Sisterhood president and she's very involved in the
12 community in many areas. And every time we go out to a
13 community, we try to involve people that are in
14 leadership positions or representatives of those
15 communities, to give an opportunity to make comment --
16 introductory comments to the council and to the people
17 that are here. And I intend to do that. It's just
18 that Millie's the only one I know in that capacity
19 right now, so if there's somebody here that's a mayor
20 or another threat to society, let me know and I'll
21 introduce you. (Laughter) With that, I'll introduce
22 Millie Stevens.
23

24 MS. STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name
25 is Millie Stevens. First of all, I'd like to welcome
26 you all to the Big Island and that might surprise you,
27 the Big Island. We are the big island in Alaska. On
28 behalf of the City of Craig, I would like to welcome
29 you all. Also, I represent Craig Community Association,
30 our local IRA and Camp 19 (ph) Tlingit Haida, Craig
31 Chapter. I hope that you all enjoy your stay here and
32 I hope the weather stays like this while you're here
33 and will have a little bit of time to do some sight-
34 seeing on our island. I have to leave this morning.
35 I have two other commitments but I'll be back this
36 afternoon and I'll be here for part of the day
37 tomorrow. But I would just really like to welcome you
38 all here to my hometown.
39

40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Irene.
41

42 MS. GUTHRIE: I'm Irene Guthrie. I'm a concerned
43 Native subsistence user, an artist. And I'm here to
44 learn.
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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Let's hold off for about five
47 seconds. There's a train going by. (Pause) I think
48 it just crashed out there. Okay. Let's go ahead and
49 try. Thank you.
50

51 ~~MR. GALGINAITIS: I'm Mike Galginaitis. I work~~

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1 for a private consulting firm called Impact Assessment
2 Incorporated. We do a fair amount of consulting work
3 with various projects going on in the island. Right
4 now, we're working with two of the forest service
5 timber sales. We're concerned with the subsistence --
6 potential subsistence effects of those sales and so I'm
7 here just to see how the board operates and talk to
8 people.
9

10 MR. FOSS: My name is John Foss. I'm a Native
11 Athabascan from Lake Iliamna. My tribe is the Klawock
12 clan. I work for forest service as a Alaska Native
13 liaison, mostly working to establish government,
14 government relationships with tribal governments within
15 the forest service -- within forest service boundaries
16 across the state.
17

18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Paul?
19

20 MR. WILSON: My name is Paul Wilson. I'm IRA
21 president of Haines. I'm here observing and my handle
22 is that I belong to Marilyn. (Laughter)
23

24 MR. ANDERSON: And you said there was no slaves.
25 (Laughter)
26

27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, we're making progress.
28

29 MR. CELLIER: My name is Guy Cellier. I'm the
30 social scientist on the TLMP planning team. My
31 background is in rural (indiscernible - unclear).
32

33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Okay, I have
34 another introduction to make. Dave came up here and
35 gave me his official title for the morning of "Gopher."
36 He's got wheels; he's got keys and he knows the area.
37 He's got a road map if he needs one so if anybody has
38 any errands they need ran or need to be somewhere, let
39 Dave know and he'll be glad to accommodate you. I'll
40 let you finish the introduction, Dave.
41

42 MR. JOHNSON: Most of you that I know here
43 probably know me more by "Road Kill" Johnson so if any
44 of you want to call me "Road Kill" rather than Dave,
45 that's fine too. There's a lot of Dave Johnsons
46 floating around not only Southeast but everywhere I go
47 but I don't see too many other Road Kill Johnsons so
48 Road Kill's my name or handle. I am here to help you
49 today. If there's anything I can do the next few days,
50 that's what I'm here for. I live in Craig; I've lived
51 in Klawock. My wife teaches kindergarten in Klawock

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1 School. Our one son graduated from Klawock last year
2 and our other son is a sophomore this year. We feel
3 very privileged to live here in this community and
4 experience Southeast Alaska.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Well, thank each of
7 you for taking the time to introduce yourself. You'll
8 notice that we bypassed -- misspelled "Role" call here.
9 Vicki, would you please?

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11 MS. LE CORNU: John Vale is absent. Gabe George?
12 Bill Thomas?

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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Here.

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16 MS. LE CORNU: Herman Kitka is absent. John...

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18 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to note
19 that there's been a death in Sitka and Herman would
20 like to be excused from this meeting.

21
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

23
24 MS. LE CORNU: John Feller?

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26 MR. FELLER: Yeah. Here.

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28 MS. LE CORNU: Mary Rudolph?

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30 MS. RUDOLPH: Here.

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32 MS. LE CORNU: Patricia Phillips?

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34 MS. PHILLIPS: Present.

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36 MS. LE CORNU: Mim Robinson?

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38 MS. ROBINSON: Here.

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40 MS. LE CORNU: Lonnie Anderson?

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42 MR. ANDERSON: Here.

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44 MS. LE CORNU: Marilyn Wilson?

45
46 MS. WILSON: Here.

47
48 MS. LE CORNU: Dewey Skan, Junior?

49
50 MR. SKAN: Present.

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1 MS. LE CORNU: Myself. And Dolly Garza?
2
3 MS. GARZA: Here.
4
5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do we have a quorum?
6
7 MS. LE CORNU: There is a quorum present.
8
9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Madam Secretary.
10 We've had introductions. What's the wish of the
11 council? Do you want to adopt the agenda as it's
12 written or do you want to use it for a guide?
13
14 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I move we use it for a
15 guide.
16
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you hear the motion? Is
18 there a second?
19
20 MS. GARZA: Second.
21
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any discussion? Discussion.
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24 MS. PHILLIPS: I'd like to add to the agenda a
25 resolution in support of the Tongass Timber Reform Act,
26
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. We're going to do that
28 but let's finish the motion. The results of the motion
29 will allow for that.
30
31 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay.
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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any further discussion
34 regarding the motion? If not, all those in favor say
35 aye.
36
37 ALL IN UNISON: Aye.
38
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed, same sign.
40
41 (No opposing responses)
42
43 CHAIRMAN MARTIN: The motion carries and that
44 does allow us to insert those and thank you for
45 mentioning that. I've got it listed here with a big
46 question mark. I had it listed on one of our draft
47 agendas. What I would like to do and I'm not sure when
48 we'll give it the specific designation. There are
49 several considerations on where to have that overview
50 of TLMP, but we're for sure going to have it before we
51 get into discussing proposal design because I think

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1 some of the information that might come from there
2 might have some influence and give us some more science
3 to consider in our proposals. Fred?
4

5 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to suggest
6 that that fall under Agency Reports. Number two under
7 Old Business.
8

9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any objections?
10

11 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair?
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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.
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15 MS. PHILLIPS: I ask that it be on the agenda but
16 during the course of our meetings, I would like the
17 council members to be considering criteria that they
18 would like put into the resolution so I would like to
19 see it further down on the agenda to give council
20 members time to think about their criteria.
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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What resolution are you
23 speaking of?
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25 MS. PHILLIPS: A resolution in support of the
26 Tongass Timber Reform Act.
27

28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, yeah. Well, we can do that
29 but if we put it down too far then we won't have the
30 opportunity to include that in our consideration of
31 proposals.
32

33 MS. PHILLIPS: We can put it at the top of New
34 Business or at the bottom of Old Business. I don't
35 think it's Old Business, though.
36

37 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman, are you talking about
38 the act of 1995 or the one of 1990 or...
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40 MS. PHILLIPS: The one of 1990.
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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I've got to make a
43 command decision. We'll follow the recommendation of
44 the coordinator, put it under Agency Reports. It's
45 really close to those other areas and so I don't think
46 there'll be too much disruption by doing so. So the
47 people that are involved with the TLMP please
48 anticipate it falling under Old Business, number two.
49 And when we get to TLMP I'm going to ask -- I'm going
50 to ask Hank Newhouse to make the introduction of that
51 presenter. And just because we're going to go on with

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1 our agenda isn't to say that we can't consider the
2 agenda as we go on, so don't hesitate to get my
3 attention if there's something else you want to do with
4 the agenda. With that -- Patty?

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6 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair, I was wondering about
7 the public comment. There will be some of the public
8 members that won't be able to attend every day and I
9 was wondering if we could include public comment period
10 each day.

11
12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: By all means.

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14 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any other questions?
17 With that, I'll start the reports off with the Federal
18 Subsistence Board meetings of April and July. I have a
19 written report. I apologize for having to make this
20 much reference to it, but when you're -- when your mind
21 is as fragile as mine, you've got to do this. So bear
22 with me and I'll get through this.

23
24 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman?

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26 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman, if I might, I have...

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's true. Thank you for
29 reminding me. That's more appropriate. The chairman of
30 the Federal Subsistence Board has sent with Mr. Knauer
31 some introductory remarks and we'll have that at this
32 time.

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34 MR. KNAUER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Mitch
35 Dementieff, the chairman of the Federal Subsistence
36 Board, has issued some introductory material to each of
37 the councils that are meeting and with your indulgence,
38 I would read his letter.

39
40 "I'd like to welcome you to the fall 1995 federal
41 subsistence regional advisory council meetings. These
42 fall meetings mark the beginning of a new cycle of
43 decision making for the next set of annual subsistence
44 regulations. These meetings are symbolic of the role
45 of the regional councils in federal subsistence
46 management. They are the starting point from which the
47 next year's subsistence regulations are produced, and
48 they are intended to ensure that subsistence users'
49 needs are well-accommodated in subsistence regulations.
50 Just as the fall set of regional council meetings is
51 meant to serve as the "kick off" of the annual

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1 regulatory process, the regional councils themselves
2 are meant to serve as the foundation for the
3 subsistence users' involvement in subsistence
4 management.
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6 "The regional councils are the crucial link
7 between subsistence users and the Federal Subsistence
8 Board. The members of the councils all have direct,
9 first-hand experience with subsistence, and they are
10 leaders in their communities. Collectively, they
11 provide the board with unparalleled insight into the
12 needs of subsistence users statewide and, by statute,
13 their recommendations carry a great deal of weight in
14 subsistence decision-making.
15

16 "This begins the third full year that the
17 regional councils have been in operation. During the
18 evolution of subsistence management during these
19 years, we've made great strides in structuring
20 subsistence management to accommodate subsistence
21 users' customary and traditional practices in a manner
22 consistent with maintaining healthy fish and wildlife
23 populations. We could not have made such progress
24 without the involvement of the regional councils.
25 Without a doubt such progress has not been without its
26 share of frustration in both the federal and the
27 regional council arenas. However, change is sometimes
28 difficult, particularly when it involves such a complex
29 issue with so many players, and I believe it is to the
30 credit of all involved that the program that we now
31 have has so many new, and often quite substantial,
32 innovations to accommodate subsistence uses. For
33 example, largely as a result of regional council
34 initiative and willingness to work cooperatively with
35 federal staff, subsistence users now have available to
36 them designated hunter harvest permitting, community
37 harvest limits, and seasons, harvest limits, methods
38 and means that better accommodate customary and
39 traditional practices, to name a few.
40

41 "That is not to say that we are content to rest
42 on our laurels. We are still faced with issues to be
43 resolved, and more issues will undoubtedly arise in the
44 future. In fact some of these issues are on your
45 agendas for this meeting. The federal subsistence
46 management program is on the leading edge of resource
47 management that is cooperative and responsive, and with
48 the continued high quality of involvement of the
49 regional councils, will continue to be so.
50

51 "I wish you the best of luck at this meeting, and

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1 I and the other board members look forward to seeing
2 your proposals and recommendations."
3

4 That's from Mitch Dementieff, chair of the
5 Federal Subsistence Board.
6

7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, if you would convey our
8 thanks to him for those thoughtful and wise comments,
9 we would appreciate that and I will do so personally us
10 well. Thank you very much. With that, I'll go ahead
11 with mine. I put this together sometime back in --
12 Lonnie?
13

14 MR. ANDERSON: Fred has something to say.
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16 MR. CLARK: I just wanted to point out, if I may,
17 Mr. Chairman, there's a copy machine here for anyone
18 who has written materials that they would like to have
19 copied and distributed among the council or among the
20 audience. We can make copies any time. I'd also like
21 to point out that the coffee's ready.
22

23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any time after our reports or
24 between reports. Thank you. Before I do get into my
25 report, I do want to acknowledge these little things
26 that are happening are things that make this work with
27 the generosity of contributing talent and time and
28 commitment to this issue. For some, it's an
29 assignment; for some, it's their heart and soul, so I
30 think that there's been a good make of a good
31 chemistry.
32

33 Anyway, in my report, I started off by wishing
34 that "all of you had a safe and prosperous summer. The
35 seasons seem to come and go more rapidly." Speaking as
36 I get older, that's how things come across to me. "I
37 am privileged to report to you as your chairman for
38 this past year. It is a pleasure to work with you in
39 this process that is so new to us. Our involvement in
40 federal subsistence management is an honorable
41 involvement. And I say that your contributions in
42 discussions and actions are honorable. The forum that
43 the federal government has instituted with the regional
44 advisory councils are the most visible demonstration of
45 performing in good faith.
46

47 "Again, I welcome all of you to this meeting
48 where we have the opportunity to review some of what
49 has happened in the last two years. Like many things
50 in emerging human influence in the interest of
51 maintaining a sustaining healthy balance in natural

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1 resource management.
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3 "While understanding that not all aspects of
4 subsistence management is clearly understood or
5 supported, I'm convinced that it is the only designated
6 use that ensures conservation disciplines. Subsistence
7 is not the culprit some make it out to be." Some of
8 you have heard me say this phrase many times:
9 "Subsistence in its purest form is the most innocent
10 use of a resource. History has demonstrated that, and
11 anticipated continuance will demonstrate that as well.
12 No other user can make that claim.
13
14 "The term ANILCA stands for Alaska National
15 Interest Land Conservation Act. It is the only
16 designated use that demands conservation.
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18 "Had it not been for the wisdom of someone in
19 Congress, subsistence would likely be an anthropology
20 topic at best.
21
22 "There are more than one consideration of what
23 subsistence is. To the Native community, it remains a
24 significant part of our heritage and culture. It is
25 very apparent that subsistence has different meaning in
26 different languages. That will always be. We need to
27 be protective of each other's cultural integrity.
28 Culture is not confined in importance only to minority
29 races. We all represent a culture and a heritage. We
30 just need to continue to honor them rather than
31 compromising them.
32
33 "Subsistence management involves many people,
34 agencies, and specialized staff. You will get to meet
35 them as this meeting proceeds. There are support staff
36 that are not present that make these packets for
37 council members, copies of information for the
38 attending public. I say thank you to all the staff the
39 keeps us in a functional posture.
40
41 "The Game Management Units in Southeast Region
42 are one through five covering geography from Yakutat in
43 the north to Metlakatla in the south.
44
45 "Last February, our meeting was in Hoonah. We
46 recommended to:
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48 "(1), Add an antlerless deer season in Unit 2 to
49 accommodate local customary and traditional use
50 patterns.
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1 "(2) Institute a designated hunter system for
2 deer in Units 1 through 5 to accommodate local
3 customary and traditional use patterns.
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5 "(3) Institute a designated hunter system for
6 moose in Unit 5 to accommodate local customary and
7 traditional use patterns.
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9 "(4) Open a trapping season for marten, mink and
10 weasel in a portion of Unit 4 to accommodate local
11 customary and traditional use patterns, but prohibit
12 the use of motorized vehicles for trapping access to
13 protect the viability of the populations.
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15 "The complete language on item 4 was, but
16 prohibited the use of motorized vehicles for trapping
17 access to prevent overharvesting and to protect the
18 viability of the populations.
19

20 "I've been working on breaking people's old
21 habits of negative characterizing of subsistence users.
22 And we are making some headway."
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24 I might elaborate on that. In our earlier
25 federal board meetings, some people that weren't
26 necessarily supportive of some of the recommendations
27 we brought forth would express their positions
28 regarding that particular issue with almost a character
29 assassination of the subsistence user and I focused on
30 that right away for an adequate amount of time to where
31 that doesn't occur as much and -- if any. I think we
32 got the point across. I think it was recognized as not
33 the thing to do and it just was an old habit.
34

35 "I represented these recommendations at the April
36 meeting and each one was adopted by the board and are
37 now in the regulation.
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39 "It is our responsibility to monitor these
40 regulations to make sure they remain consistent to
41 sound and responsible management practices. If they
42 need changing at a later date, it is our responsibility
43 to do that. We have many checks and balances in place
44 to monitor the harvests.
45

46 "On July 13, I attended another Federal
47 Subsistence Management Board meeting. That meeting was
48 to identify customary and traditional use areas in the
49 Kenai area."
50

51 I wasn't necessarily involved in that but the

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1 chairs of the various regions were in attendance to
2 that because of the implications that process has for
3 each region. Each region is unique, but the process
4 will probably be very similar in each region as they're
5 approved.
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7 "This was very controversial and complex because
8 of the road system and user groups that do not support
9 subsistence as a priority use. Much public testimony
10 was heard; many studies were done; members of the
11 tribes were heard. It did not result to everybody's
12 satisfaction and will be going on for some time, in my
13 estimation.
14

15 "We are going to be introduced to some of the
16 recommended process at this meeting. At some point in
17 the near future, customary and traditional use areas in
18 this area will be identified and registered.
19

20 "Since our last meeting, names have been
21 submitted to the Secretary of Interior for appointment
22 to this commission. We will learn of those appoint-
23 ments soon after I finish this report.
24

25 "We have had a change in coordinators. Carol
26 Jorgensen took a position as a" -- forester?
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28 MR. KANEN: District ranger.
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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: District ranger. What's the
31 difference? Is that more important?
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33 MR. KANEN: Pardon?
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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is this -- I don't know the
36 difference in rank.
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38 MR. KANEN: Well, I think subsistence is more
39 important but the Forest Service thinks district
40 ranger...
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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're talking about our
43 emeritus in Carol Jorgensen now.
44

45 MR. KANEN: Yep.
46

47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Anyway, she went out to
48 bigger and better things and we'll all very proud of
49 her. And I'm sad to report to you that we've replaced
50 her with a new coordinator now who is Mr. Fred Clark.
51

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1 MR. ANDERSON: Doesn't look near as good as
2 Carol.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: "Fred is new to Southeast but
5 not new to Alaska. He is anxious to get to know each
6 of you and work with you. I encourage you to introduce
7 yourself to him and get to know him better.

8
9 "There is also staff from the State and Federal
10 agencies. Our lead agency is the U.S. Fish and
11 Wildlife Service.

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13 "Although, there is political strife with the
14 State regarding subsistence, their staff is here
15 helping in whichever way they can. Their history of
16 management is a valuable resource available to all of
17 us. I encourage you to visit with staff either
18 professionally or socially or both. There are no
19 adversaries in this forum.

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21 I want to remind you that "Elections of officers
22 are to be held at each fall meeting. This fall
23 meeting, we will be electing a chair, and vice-chair,
24 and a secretary. So I invite you to consider during
25 the course of this meeting, the leadership you want to
26 elect when we get to that part of the agenda."

27
28 That concludes my report. Thank you very much.
29 If there's any questions, I'd be glad to respond.
30 (Pause) Thank you. That expires your time for
31 question opportunities. Now, we move onto more
32 vulnerable people.

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34 MR. GEORGE: I have a question. Is there going
35 to be a doe season this year under subsistence?

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes, sir.

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39 MR. GEORGE: I was wondering if they couldn't
40 reconsider that mainly because I don't think that the
41 island here can handle it. For one, they have a lot of
42 habitat loss. The Forest Service claims that the clear
43 cuts benefit the deer but from my point of view, I
44 don't think it does, not when you have 40 hunters
45 sitting on all the stumps around waiting for a deer to
46 come out. That's not benefitting the deer population in
47 my book. But with the doe season and the habitat loss,
48 all the road access, the roads we have now, 3,000
49 miles, and what they figure on having by the year 2001,
50 I think it is if I'm not mistaken, they anticipate on
51 having over 8,000 miles of road on this island. I

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1 don't think the island -- the deer will handle that
2 impact. There's so much pressure on the deer, not
3 only from hunters, but wolves. The wolves have access
4 to the road. Even when they dig 'em up, it becomes a
5 massive wolf trail. I'm a wolfer here on the island
6 and a hunter. Subsistence hunters, you know, were
7 raised that way, but what I'm getting at is if they
8 continue logging and taking away the habitat of the
9 deer and the wolf and environmentalists or GreenPeace
10 or whoever comes in and steps in and puts pressure on
11 the trappers and puts restrictions on trapping and the
12 wolf population booms and we keep harvesting the doe
13 population or all species, for that matter, this island
14 is in for a dramatic crash in deer population and it
15 may never recover from what I can see. There's just
16 too much darned pressure on the deer.

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18 When I was a kid, growing up, up in the
19 mountain...

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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Excuse me. Were you here for
22 my whole report?

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24 MR. GEORGE: No. I just got in here late.

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. In my report, I said
27 that our responsibility is conservation management.
28 Any regulations that we have on the books are
29 monitored, scrutinized, evaluated and are subject for
30 adjustment at any given time. They can either be cut
31 back or eliminated if that's what happens. But we're
32 not necessarily -- we've been managed by speculation
33 for too long. And we're getting away from that now.
34 We're going into customary and traditional use
35 patterns. That's what it represents.

36
37 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, for the record, could
38 we have the speaker identify himself? Could you give
39 your name, please?

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41 MR. GEORGE: Thomas Allen George.

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43 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anyway, the process here calls
46 for in some of these areas -- anyway, there's
47 regulations in the books. It's going to happen. They
48 had a reconsideration yesterday -- day before yesterday
49 and it was a request by the state was requested. It
50 came before the board, the Federal Subsistence Board.
51 The scientific analysis that they had before them felt

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1 like the populations here would be able to deal with
2 that. Dolly.

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4 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman. Mr. George, I think
5 that I certainly appreciate hearing your comments and I
6 think there's a lot of concern both ways on this island
7 regarding the doe season. What I do know is that there
8 will be another opportunity to submit a proposal to
9 change this regulation and that if you and if the
10 Klawock AMB or Klawock IRA or any organization or just
11 group of individuals would like to submit a proposal to
12 change that back, you're welcome to do so. We, as the
13 Southeast Regional Advisory Council, cannot do that
14 based on your testimony. We can only take it into
15 consideration and then it goes to the full Federal
16 Subsistence Board who makes that determination. And so
17 although I appreciate hearing your comment, I think the
18 best avenue is to submit a proposal for a change in
19 regulation.

20
21 MR. GEORGE: If it does get out of hand, I mean
22 the doe season and this island does go into a crash,
23 who do we find to point the finger at? Who implemented
24 this proposal?

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The Federal Board of
27 Subsistence Management. Who implemented the proposal?

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29 MR. GEORGE: Yes.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The proposal came from the
32 island.

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34 MS. LE CORNU: Mr. Chairman, can I address the
35 question? On conservation I think the burden is on the
36 customary and traditional users, I think, and you know,
37 we've always been the ones to give so if we see that
38 there's a problem from pressure from logging, I think
39 that's where we need to stop before we stop the
40 customary and traditional users. What Bill was saying
41 is that people have always hunted when they needed
42 food. If they want a doe and they can't get anything
43 else, that's what they would take, so what we are
44 trying to do is protect the customary and traditional
45 user, somebody that's always hunted like that. And
46 what has happened is that there's pressure on this
47 island before we came with this proposal. That's the
48 way I see the problem. To me, I would have handled it
49 by relieving the pressure from the sport hunters first
50 and allowing a subsistence hunt first and I would have
51 checked all the logging that is impacting all the

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1 subsistence users negatively and we haven't done that.
2 Thank you.

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4 MR. GEORGE: Well, if this doe season does
5 continue like they plan, you know, we may not have any
6 subsistence hunting in the near future because there
7 won't be anything to hunt.

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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, it's hard to make a
10 living on the word, "May." With that, I think I'll
11 close the discussion because it's not relevant to our
12 agenda. It's a regulation that's on the book. It's
13 not a proposal to be considered at this time. Appreciate
14 your views. We're not trying to discourage you
15 by any means but we do have a long agenda and I can't
16 think of anybody that is more subsistence and
17 culturally aware than you are and I appreciate and
18 respect that. And I really thank you for being here.

19
20 MR. GEORGE: I understand.

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22 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chair?

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.

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26 MS. WILSON: On this subject, can he or the group
27 from your area, this area, can they bring a proposal to
28 us to present to the federal board? I thought that was
29 what we are here for.

30
31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

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33 MS. WILSON: Okay. So I would suggest that you
34 do that right away. Get a proposal to us.

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36 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman?

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.

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40 MR. SKAN: Around 1981 or '82, the Klawock AMB,
41 we took such a proposal as this to the State and the
42 State embraced it; it became law and then all the other
43 resource users on the island start getting on the
44 Natives' case. And one guy even called me up and he
45 said, "To me, shooting a doe is like shooting your
46 mother." So, I asked him, "Well, is it okay to shoot
47 your father then?" And he didn't have an answer. But
48 that's the kind of stuff we've been faced with. Within
49 one season the State took it off their books and so now
50 we're back at the same issue again. But Mr. Chairman,
51 I think Mr. George should know that this is on the

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1 books of other areas within the region. Hoonah has
2 such a vehicle and so does Sitka and so does Angoon, so
3 it's...

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5 MR. GEORGE: Well, they don't have the road system
6 we have on this island so that's why I say this island
7 can't handle it.

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9 MR. SKAN: And Mr. Chairman, that's one of my
10 notes here. Probably we should make it illegal state
11 and federal to go hunting in your truck or your car
12 because if you see a buck on any part of this island
13 and you don't see like Tom or Sam and those guys, you
14 know, the traditional pack. It's not done where you
15 cut the forearms and stuff and make a pack out of it.
16 It's just laying there.

17
18 On opening day, August 1st this year, I came to
19 Craig for something and there's one truck coming into
20 Craig that has six bucks on there. You know, none of
21 them had that traditional pack on 'em.

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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Not everybody can count.

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25 MR. SKAN: Yeah. Well, it was seven but I could
26 only count to six.

27
28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I support all that you
29 recommended so long as we don't remove the artificial
30 light (ph). Patty?

31
32 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair, I would like -- I
33 appreciated hearing Thomas' comments and are you going
34 to be able to comment some more to our council or...

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36 MR. GEORGE: I -- I don't know.

37
38 MS. PHILLIPS: Because I asked that public
39 comment be flexible to allow for the public to present
40 their testimony to this council. It's important for
41 our decisions that we make and if you feel you have
42 more to say on this issue, Mr. Chair, I ask your
43 permission to allow him to finish his comment.

44
45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The chair's going to deny that
46 request because to set a precedent by doing that would
47 set us up to not be able to handle our agenda. It's
48 not a proposal. Normally comments are confined to
49 proposals that are going to be considered and that's
50 part of the process. One of our jobs is to introduce
51 you to the process, to help you understand the process

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1 and we can't do that without demonstrating how the
2 process works. And I know it sounds like a white man
3 is chairman. Everybody gets mad at the white man for
4 process, but don't blame me for the process. I'm just
5 a chairman. Anyway, I don't mean any offense by
6 denying that request but we do have a lengthy agenda
7 and as we get into proposals, you'll see what I mean by
8 speaking to proposals and it will give you a little
9 better idea on how to craft a proposal and there's
10 people here that can help you with that if you wish to
11 do that. So, we're not here to discourage anybody from
12 any of these. These are very important issues and the
13 reason we're here is for input like you offered and we
14 appreciate that.

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16 MS. GARZA: Mr. Thomas?

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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20 MS. GARZA: If I could make one final comment. I
21 think basically you're just one step ahead of us right
22 now. This is the time that we'll look at the process
23 we'll be using for this year and then people can submit
24 proposals with an October 29th deadline. The Southeast
25 region will again meet sometime in January or February
26 to review all the proposals and yours may be included
27 in that and then we'll make recommendations on those
28 proposals then whether or not to forward it to the
29 subsistence board, whether or not there needs to be a
30 few alterations to it or whether or not we can support
31 it and so we're not speaking against you at all. We're
32 just saying you're just one step ahead of us right now.

33
34 MR. GEORGE: I didn't mean to (indiscernible -
35 unclear) each one of you guys individually. It sounds
36 like it but thanks for letting me make my comments
37 anyway.

38
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, no. Like he said, we're a
40 regional council and everybody here supports each part
41 of the region, no matter where they're from or who's
42 from or what is involved. Who's pointing at who?
43 Lonnie.

44
45 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to say
46 that Tom, there's proposals back here that you can look
47 at it and get -- how to develop proposals if you wish
48 and bring it back. That -- maybe study it and...

49
50 MR. GEORGE: Sure.

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1 MR. ANDERSON: ...things of that sort and get
2 some help to word it.
3
4 MR. GEORGE: Sure.
5
6 MS. ROBINSON: Don't we -- under New Business,
7 does the council have the ability to come up with new
8 proposals?
9
10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.
11
12 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. So I mean we could take
13 what he said here and make it into a proposal ourselves
14 as a council. Is that correct?
15
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.
17
18 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. So you can talk to us
19 during the breaks and stuff, whatever.
20
21 MR. GEORGE: All right.
22
23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
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25 MS. ROBINSON: Coffee break? Coffee's ready.
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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The social committee declares a
28 three-minute coffee break.
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30 (Off record - 11:04 a.m.)
31 (On record - 11:11 a.m.)
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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Does anybody need a copy of
34 the agenda?
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36 UNIDENTIFIED: I do.
37
38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You do? Dave. Okay. You
39 know, when I assumed the responsibility of the
40 chairman, one of the things I thought I'd better do is
41 to provide helpful hints to help me get through these
42 agendas. In order to do that, you'll notice on the
43 bottom of the agenda that there are some processes that
44 we'd like for you to consider. We'll only discuss one
45 proposal at a time. "Before the meeting is called to
46 order, a place to sign your name will be provided."
47 That's back there at the table. "If you wish to speak
48 at this meeting, please provide your name and who you
49 represent, the proposal number and" -- that you wish to
50 address. "The chairman will recognize you only after
51 you've signed in. Nobody will be denied the oppor

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1 tunity to speak at the meeting. Whatever time needed
2 will be provided in order to hear from everyone who
3 wishes to speak." So the opportunities are there. I
4 just have a request for some order about it.

5
6 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman? I put together a
7 little sheet that, kind of, goes into a little more
8 detail on that for people who are interested. It's
9 back on the sign-in table. Kind of going over the
10 ground rules that Bill just covered there in the kind
11 of process. Kind of a definition of different parts of
12 the agenda.

13
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you, Fred. Okay,
15 now, I don't have -- what happened to my agenda, Fred?
16 The copy I sent to be processed listed more
17 information on it. So I'm going to have to ask, other
18 than the TLMP presentation, if you're from an agency
19 and have a report or some comments you brought with
20 you, please take this time to offer those. I had the
21 agenda designed to show that but it's not here. And I
22 apologize for that. Yeah. Yeah, this is it. But
23 anyway, given that, Ken?

24
25 MR. THOMPSON: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
26 I don't have a great deal to report from the Forest
27 Service, Department of Agriculture, this morning.
28 There's a couple of items that I, if I may remind you,
29 of and that is our original forester, Phil Janek, is
30 the....

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32 MS. GARZA: Your name, again, please?

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34 MR. THOMPSON: Ken Thompson. I'm sorry. Is the
35 delegated representative to the Department of
36 Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture appointed
37 him to this step. He has a very strong interest in the
38 subsistence program and has reiterated that several
39 times to a number of organizations in the state who are
40 interested in subsistence. You may be personally aware
41 of some of his presentations. He has, however, chosen
42 to -- for the day-to-day participation in the board has
43 delegated that role to the deputy regional forester,
44 Bob Williams and Bob is now moving on to a new job down
45 in Portland. So, in the interim, he has designated
46 Jack Calf (ph) who is our original director for Fish
47 and Wildlife who has had -- who has maintained
48 responsibility for our involvement in subsistence at
49 the staff level. He is familiar with the program, will
50 continue to provide that continuity until a new deputy
51 regional forester is appointed. But it's Phil's

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1 intention when the new deputy is on board, even though
2 he's been reappointed, Phil intends to maintain close
3 rapport with the subsistence program. We advise him on
4 a regular basis on what's happening and he gives us
5 direction. So he's involved, even though you don't see
6 his face a great deal.

7
8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

9
10 MR. THOMPSON: I might also report that as a
11 consequence of some of the litigation happening in the
12 area of fisheries, of the Katie John decision, some of
13 you who may be familiar with that litigation, the
14 courts did instruct the agencies to come back to the
15 court and this is the Ninth Circuit Court when they
16 reviewed the Holland decision in the Federal District
17 Court, instructed the agencies to come back with
18 information to the court, instructing them on the
19 effect of their potential decision. That Ninth Circuit
20 Court decision has not formally been remanded back to
21 District Court yet but the federal government is in the
22 process of developing potential regulations and
23 depending on the course of that litigation in the Ninth
24 Circuit Court, possibly the Supreme Court, you folks
25 may become involved in the not-too-distant future in
26 reviewing those proposed regulations. Very much
27 welcome your oversight but we don't have the -- that
28 hasn't all been worked out yet and we're not prepared
29 to bring those before the public at this time.

30
31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Appreciate the heads-up.

32
33 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. That was an
36 important bit of information. There has been a lot of
37 movement in the upper management in the Forest Service
38 and so there's a lot happening. One person represents
39 a lot of movement in those capacities. We appreciate
40 the update.

41
42 MR. THOMPSON: Then, of course, you'll hear from
43 Bob Vaught and the TLMP people.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Okay. Anybody else
46 from U.S.F.W.S? I'm just going by your acronyms.
47 Bill. By all means.

48
49 MR. KNAUER: Thank you. Just a few noteworthy
50 things have occurred that the council may be interested
51 in. First off, the Fish and Wildlife Service in Region

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1 7 has a new deputy director -- deputy regional
2 director, a lady by the name of Robin Thorsen (ph).
3 She had been up here as a special assistant to the
4 regional director for a period of time and is now back.
5 She is also assuming the duties of the regional Native
6 liaison specialist, Native liaison coordinator. There
7 has also been an individual appointed in Washington
8 D.C. to the Native liaison desk, a national coordinator
9 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, a gentleman by the
10 name of Duncan Brown. Duncan was up here in Alaska
11 about a week ago and made a presentation to refuge
12 managers. His background, he is -- as he described it
13 to us, part Irish, part English, half Seminole, and
14 Jewish by upbringing and he's also a lawyer. And he
15 was quite a sharp individual, good to talk to, and I
16 think everyone is going to be very pleased with his
17 assumption of those duties.

18
19 Also on the 1st of October, the Fish and Wildlife
20 Service here in Alaska will be reorganizing slightly
21 their responsibilities under an ecosystem approach.
22 The region will be divided into three ecosystem
23 managers. They'll have responsibility -- one of the
24 assistant regional directors will have responsibility
25 for Southcentral and Southeast, one for Western Alaska
26 and one for the Northern ecosystems. Mr. Richard
27 Pospahala -- Dick Pospahala who is the assistant
28 regional director for subsistence management will be
29 assuming the responsibilities for the Northern
30 ecosystems. He will also be assuming responsibilities
31 for the fisheries management program. This is in
32 addition to his responsibilities for subsistence
33 management program. Also the deputy assistant regional
34 director, Dick Marshall, who many of you have met, will
35 be returned on February 3rd. He is looking forward to
36 that and living down on the Kenai Peninsula. Dick
37 Pospahala does have a list of candidates to replace
38 him. Hopefully, sometime within the next month or so,
39 that decision will be made.

40
41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Any questions?
42 Dolly?

43
44 MS. GARZA: So, was that the person who would
45 have been the ecosystem person for Southcentral and
46 Southeast or is -- because you had mentioned that
47 Pospahala was Northern?
48

49 MR. KNAUER: Dick Pospahala is responsible for
50 northern Alaska in the various ecosystems. There are
51 actually ten ecosystems in the state that have been

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1 identified. Mr. Glenn Ellison will be responsible for
2 Western Alaska. He's also in charge of the refuge
3 program and Ms. Janet Holme (ph) will have Southeast
4 and Southcentral. She also has responsibility for the
5 Ecological Services Programs, including marine mammals
6 and endangered species. So...

7
8 MS. ROBINSON: These are all people located in
9 Anchorage?

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11 MR. KNAUER: Yes. They are individuals that are
12 in Anchorage, have been in Anchorage, and there's just
13 some reorganization of responsibility.

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15 MS. ROBINSON: Are we...

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes. Mim.

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19 MS. ROBINSON: Can we get an updated flow chart
20 of all these different organizations? I have some
21 from that I think I got last year but it would be nice
22 to get a -- sounds like there's been quite a few
23 changes and I can't keep up. It all -- I get all mixed
24 up with who is working for who and what and what they
25 do. A flow chart would help...

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27 MR. KNAUER: We'll be glad...

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29 MS. ROBINSON: ...of the different, you know.

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31 MR. KNAUER: ... glad to provide one. I do have
32 one of the organizational chart of the Office of
33 Subsistence Management -- people in there that I've got
34 with me and I can provide it to all of the council
35 members. But for the overall organization, we'll get
36 you one.

37
38 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anybody else council-wise?
41 Thank you. BIA represented here? No? National Park
42 Service. Sandy.

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44 MR. RABINOWITCH: Again, my name is Sandy
45 Rabinowitch with the National Park Service, a staff
46 committee member for the park service. And I'll be
47 very brief so you can get on with other things. I
48 would just reiterate that what Ken Thompson said a few
49 minutes ago about potential events following the Katie
50 John decision which I would stress is not yet final, as
51 Ken said. I, too, and the park service think are very,

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1 very important and have the potential to have a
2 tremendous impact on what we all do. With that, I'll
3 stop on that.

4
5 With the park service here, Jim Capra -- would
6 you raise your hand so I could see who you are, yeah --
7 is also here and Randy King who some of you may know
8 will be here either later tonight or tomorrow morning.

9 Beyond that -- and we're basically here to answer
10 questions and do whatever we can to be helpful.

11
12 Beyond that, the only news that I can think of is
13 that about last December, January, we had a change in
14 our superintendent in Glacier Bay. You may already
15 know that, but Mark Jensen, who had been there for
16 several years, has moved to the Mojave Desert, a new
17 National Park area which as I understand it now from
18 the newspapers have (indiscernible - cough) of \$1.00
19 but I'm not sure if they actually let him keep the
20 \$1.00. They may have zeroed him all the way down to
21 nothing. So that -- he's had some new challenges. And
22 Jim Brady is the new superintendent. Again, you may
23 all know that but in case...

24
25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Questions of Sandy? Thank you.
26 State Fish and Game.

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28 MR. TUREK: My name is Michael Turek and I'm in
29 the Division of Subsistence in Southeast region and due
30 to budget cuts, right now, I'm the only person in the
31 office. Bob Shroeder is the acting director and he'll
32 be doing that until they choose a new director in the
33 division. Marty Betz left in June and her position
34 will be filled. Matt Kukish (ph) is still with the
35 division. He'll be starting work -- he works nine
36 months. He'll be starting work at the beginning of
37 October.

38
39 I won't say too much since we want to move along
40 with this but I've been with the division about a year
41 and I plan on being in Southeast for quite a while. I
42 know some of you already. I've met you and worked with
43 some of you on this seal surveys which we're continuing
44 and we're going to also be doing some seal sampling
45 this winter probably. So I'll be talking to some of
46 you about that. The biological sampling of seals.
47 Like I say, I won't say much more. If you have any
48 questions, please come up and talk to me. I hope to
49 speak with everybody here and I'll be here all three
50 days, so I'm looking forward to getting to know
51 everybody better.

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1
2 MS. ROBINSON: What's your title again?
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4 MR. TUREK: I'm a resource specialist with
5 Division of Subsistence.
6
7 MS. ROBINSON: Resource specialist, okay.
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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: They might not have the
10 information for this question but is there any sense
11 within the office as to what kind of budget support you
12 can anticipate in the near future?
13
14 MR. TUREK: No, there isn't. We have a lot of
15 support from the governor, but we still don't know what
16 the Legislature's got in store for us this year.
17
18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, that's a tragedy by
19 itself. Patty?
20
21 MS. PHILLIPS: Do you have access to Fish and
22 Game data besides the subsistence division?
23
24 MR. TUREK: Yes. Most of our deer data -- a lot
25 of deer data comes from Wildlife Conservation.
26
27 MS. PHILLIPS: There was talk about the potential
28 take-over of Fish and Game or the fish from the State
29 to the feds and could you access the data on fish
30 numbers?
31
32 MR. TUREK: Yeah, I don't see why not.
33
34 MS. PHILLIPS: So then, I know you don't have the
35 power to say this, but could that information be given
36 to the federal scientists?
37
38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It normally is, anyway. Yeah.
39 In fact...
40
41 MS. PHILLIPS: We're going to be needing this
42 networking capabilities if that happens.
43
44 MR. TUREK: Yeah, we share a lot of our data with
45 the Forest Service. We don't -- we share our deer data
46 with them.
47
48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, all that's in place.
49 Good question though. Thank you.
50
51 ~~MS. PHILLIPS: For the record.~~

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn?
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4 MS. WILSON: Yes. Are you going to do another
5 seal survey in Southeast?
6
7 MR. TUREK: Yes. We have another round of seals
8 coming up in January -- another round of seal surveys
9 but earlier this fall -- I mean in the winter -- we'll
10 be doing another part of that seal survey, biological
11 sampling, so that will be also this winter.
12
13 MS. WILSON: I have another question. How many
14 more years is this going to be done and I know it's for
15 the federal government that the State is doing this for
16 and before we even started it, all of our villages --
17 well, our place was worried that they would use it
18 against us, you know, and pretty soon here, we might
19 not be able to get seal, you know, which is what we use
20 up in Haines and, of course, we all use it all over. I
21 was just wondering how much longer is this State of
22 Alaska going to be doing this seal survey for the feds?
23
24 MR. TUREK: Well, I understand one more year at
25 least. We'll be doing it one more year. And also, at
26 this point, the research has shown that in Southeast,
27 the seal population is very healthy and the Native
28 hunting of seals does not negatively impact the seals.
29 So, so far, the research has really shown the Natives
30 to be managing the seals quite well.
31
32 MS. WILSON: Yeah, I wanted to mention that my
33 husband took Marty Betz out seal hunting and if you are
34 looking for samples, maybe he could take you out.
35
36 MR. TUREK: Yeah, I'll have to talk to your
37 husband. Yeah, sure.
38
39 MR. SKAN: How many days were they gone, Mr.
40 Chairman?
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42 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, strike that
43 (indiscernible - simultaneous speech).
44
45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.
46
47 MR. SKAN: I had one question for you. Thomas or
48 his brother Marvin's been doing the survey in Klawock
49 for a couple or three years now and during my travels,
50 there's an underlying sense, comments from different
51 individuals as I come into contact with some of the

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1 different regions, that this resource of the harbor
2 seal is going to be commercialized. Do you know
3 anything about that?
4

5 MR. TUREK: No, I haven't heard anything about
6 that, no.
7

8 MR. SKAN: So, you know, that's why the survey
9 being done was kind of, you know, it's a red flag to
10 some of us and every time there's something near and
11 dear to the Natives' heart, then all of a sudden, it's
12 commercialized and then they wipe out the specie and
13 then what's left that we're trying to utilize, then
14 they try to manage us to manage that.
15

16 MR. TUREK: No, I haven't heard anything about
17 that.
18

19 MR. SKAN: Okay. Thank you. No further
20 questions, Your Honor.
21

22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Let's be nice now. If you
23 can't say nothing nice, don't say nothing at all.
24 Thank you.
25

26 MR. TUREK: Thank you.
27

28 MR. SKAN: Thanks.
29

30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes, please.
31

32 MR. HOFFMAN: Again, my name is Steve Hoffman
33 with the Sport Fish Division, Alaska Department of Fish
34 and Game, in Ketchikan and I just wanted to provide a
35 little bit of information in regards to two of the
36 proposals that you're going to be considering. The
37 first one is in relation to steelhead in the Yakutat
38 area. And I'm just going to give you a little
39 information on the sport harvest for that area and so
40 it's important probably, you know, when you do
41 deliberations.
42

43 Between 1990 and 1993, the average number of
44 anglers, sport anglers, fishing on the Situk River has
45 averaged a little over 2300. And they've harvested, on
46 the average, of 282 steelhead, although the last couple
47 years, has been either on catch and release emergency
48 order regulations or under our current management for
49 steelhead trout, the limit is two fish per year. They
50 have to be 36 inches or larger. The reason I want to
51 bring up this information is as you consider customary

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1 and traditional use of steelhead, if you decide to
2 recommend that, we would encourage you to do it in a
3 very conservative manner because region-wide steelhead
4 resources basically have been overharvested in a lot of
5 areas and we've been through a long process with the
6 Board of Fisheries in trying to manage this species
7 very conservatively.
8

9 The other one is coho salmon for Haines area.
10 Again, some more statewide harvest data. Between 1990
11 and 1993, there's been roughly on an average 3,000
12 anglers have fished that area for coho. The average
13 harvest for that time period has been just under 1,000
14 fish. It's a very important sport fishery in that
15 area, both for residents and non-residents. Again, if
16 you do recommend customary and traditional uses for
17 that species in that area, we would recommend that you
18 do it in a conservative manner and keep a sustained
19 yield principles in mind when you're doing your final
20 decision. So, with that thank you. Any questions?
21

22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.
23

24 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman, does Yakutat have a
25 steelhead hatchery? 'Cause when I was -- when I go
26 -- enter forums like this, it always seems like use of
27 steelhead is under fire all the time.
28

29 MR. HOFFMAN: No, there's no hatchery. No. On
30 the Situk, it's all wild stock fishery.
31

32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.
33

34 MS. WILSON: I'd like to know what steelhead eat.
35 I mean when they're first out of the lake when they're
36 fingerlings.
37

38 MR. HOFFMAN: Well, basically they rear in fresh
39 water for up to five years and they feed on aquatic
40 organisms, insects and you know, smaller insects and
41 stuff. They typically do not feed a lot on other
42 species of juvenile fish although occasionally they do.
43

44 MS. WILSON: I was wondering if they ate eggs,
45 other fish eggs, or anything.
46

47 MR. HOFFMAN: It's not a real high, you know,
48 part of their diet and stuff. In situations where, you
49 know, occasionally in our weirs, we've had steelhead,
50 we're finding smolt migration, you might occasionally
51 find one that's got an egg in it, but they're not

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1 famous for, you know, feeding on juvenile species like
2 some of the other, like Dolly Varden, for instance.
3
4 MS. WILSON: Yeah, that's what I wanted to know.
5
6 MR. HOFFMAN: Okay.
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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Cross examination. John.
9
10 MR. FELLER: Question directed to you, Mr.
11 Chairman. I heard Steve say something about that we
12 might be dealing with regulations on the coho for
13 subsistence. Is that left over from last year's Sitka
14 proposal or -- I understood we are working with
15 wildlife on subpart D. Is that still in effect?
16
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: (Inaudible affirmative
18 response.)
19
20 MR. FELLER: All right. That's all I wanted to
21 know, Mr. Chairman.
22
23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's why we're here.
24
25 MR. FELLER: Because I'm always looking forward
26 to working on fish. We've been put off and put off all
27 this time, so.
28
29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're waiting for the stock to
30 build up before we get there. Dolly.
31
32 MS. GARZA: I guess I'd like to also follow up on
33 that question. I guess then this question is not
34 specifically to you but to whichever agency needs to
35 respond to it. Under these proposed federal subsis-
36 tence regulations enclosed, there definitely is some
37 information on the taking of fishery resources within
38 navigable waters and so does that fall within our
39 jurisdiction now and should we be looking at these
40 proposed regulations as something we need to comment on
41 and, perhaps, suggest changes to if we think it's
42 appropriate?
43
44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'll have to get guidance on
45 that from somebody. I haven't had any instructions.
46 Bill, could you help us with that?
47
48 MR. KNAUER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. You will find
49 that the regulations that are under proposed rules are
50 strictly limited to wildlife but in your salmon-colored
51 book, there are fish regulations in there. They are in

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1 effect. They are limited in scope to those areas that
2 were specifically identified under pre-Statehood
3 withdrawals and certain non-navigable waters within the
4 federal areas. Currently, the Federal Subsistence
5 Board is not entertaining any proposals because of the
6 current situation with the Katie John case that is
7 under appeal and also because of the Northwest Arctic
8 Regional Advisory Council petition that is before the
9 Secretaries. Essentially, what is happening is they're
10 waiting the outcome of those two situations before they
11 undertake activities dealing with fisheries.

12
13 MS. GARZA: Okay. Then, I guess I don't
14 understand the intent of this particular -- the tan
15 book. I haven't seen the salmon-colored book, but it
16 is proposed regulations enclosed. There were areas
17 identified, I think, in all of the units in Southeast
18 and so that was what led me to believe that we were
19 considering -- I mean in Sitka area, it talks about
20 sockeye. In Hydaburg area, it refers to char and to
21 salmon. And so I don't know how we can limit ourselves
22 only to the fish and wildlife when, in fact, the
23 general public can make suggestions to these proposed
24 regulations for all fisheries.

25
26 MR. KNAUER: That book doesn't show fish. It --
27 the entire...

28
29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: (To Mr. Hoffman:) You're
30 probably excused. Thank you.

31
32 MR. KNAUER: The part I believe you may be
33 referring to is the initial part under customary and
34 traditional use determinations and what we did is so
35 the people would have it in front of them, published
36 the entire part of Section 24 that relates to the C&T
37 determinations. So the emphasis should be on the
38 wildlife determinations. That's primarily because of
39 the pending court case and the pending petition.

40
41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.

42
43 MS. GARZA: But the general public can comment on
44 these customary and traditional use determinations for
45 all of these fish species.

46
47 MR. KNAUER: They certainly can.

48
49 MS. GARZA: And so I think it would still be
50 advisable for this body to review them and also make
51 comment. And so I don't see how we can limit

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1 ourselves to only game resources in this context.
2
3 MR. KNAUER: You're absolutely correct. I think
4 you're aware that there is a significant backlog of
5 proposals for comments that have been made on customary
6 and traditional use determinations that have been put
7 before the board since the inception of the program and
8 because there has not been a process in place to deal
9 with those, the number has been growing and it's going
10 to be up to each regional council to, sort of,
11 prioritize where it wishes to both spend its time and
12 have the board spend its time dealing with C&T
13 proposals. It's going to be impossible to deal with
14 all of the C&T proposals, both that are proposed and
15 that are backlogged this year. And one of the
16 recommendations, I believe, that came out of the
17 coordinator's meeting is that you may wish to accept
18 proposals on -- relating to C&T use of fish and
19 shellfish but to place those at a lower priority
20 because of the importance of some of the other things
21 that are occurring in the program right now.
22
23 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman?
24
25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.
26
27 MS. GARZA: I guess I am somewhat familiar with
28 the Katie John case, although it's so complicated that
29 I have not been able to keep up with it, but I have not
30 heard anything about the Northwest proposal that you
31 had spoke to briefly, earlier. How would that
32 proposal impact us and what is it?
33
34 MR. KNAUER: The Northwest Arctic Regional
35 Council petition was a petition to the Secretaries of
36 Interior and Agriculture, requesting that the
37 Secretaries administratively extend jurisdiction in
38 this program to all navigable waters and fish and
39 shellfish therein and also, to extend jurisdiction off
40 of federal lands in cases where there are either
41 resources or impacts to those resources that affect the
42 subsistence user. In the fisheries part of that
43 petition, it's very similar to Katie John but it went
44 further in asking for an extension of jurisdiction.
45 And each of the regional councils was asked to comment
46 on that petition, indicate their feelings as to whether
47 or not federal jurisdiction should be extended off of
48 federal lands and if so, to what extent. The request
49 was to extend it both to selected lands but not
50 conveyed, and also to other lands beyond, but primarily
51 the selected lands. Selected but not conveyed.

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MS. LE CORNU: Does that include Native land?

MR. KNAUER: That was the request of the petitioner.

MS. GARZA: Then do one of these maps here indicate which areas would be covered as non-navigable or areas for which there would be fisheries management by the federal government as a result of the initial decision by Katie John or the preliminary decision? I guess I didn't realize that it wasn't all of Southeast when I was going through the proposed regulations and so now, I'm not sure what areas are covered. And not being a commercial fisherman, I can't look at these points and point and say, "Oh, I know where that is."

MR. KNAUER: Under Katie John, the initial decision was very wide ranging and related to navigable waters and even marine waters. The appeal in the appellate court, if you'll excuse my paraphrasing, more or less said, "Wait a minute. I think you might have gone just a little too far." And it said that maybe it should just be waters within the system boundaries -- conservation system boundaries. And the federal agencies are working now to try and define exactly what those waters are. Preliminary indications would indicate that it would not be marine waters except those pre-Statehood withdrawals that are already identified which are primarily Fish and Wildlife Service areas around Afognak, in the Aleutians, around Nunivak Island and some of the waters there. There is also discussion that it would be again not -- there is still not agency agreement, but it would probably be waters within -- all the waters within the boundaries of a refuge or a park, at least, that are bounded on one side by federal land. There's some discussion as to whether it would be waters even within those boundaries that maybe are bounded on both sides by non-federal land, So -- but that has not been fully decided yet nor presented to the courts.

MS. LE CORNU: I'm not clear on what the appeal court said. Did they say that the Natives extended their claims too far for unnavigable waters?

MR. KNAUER: This does not relate to Native claims. It relates to where this program should have jurisdiction.

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1 MS. LE CORNU: Right.
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3 MR. KNAUER: And the -- as you know, the initial
4 decision by the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary
5 of Agriculture was that it would be terrestrial
6 wildlife and fishery and shellfish in non-navigable
7 waters on federal lands and only those navigable waters
8 that were withdrawn by the federal government prior to
9 statehood. And there's a description of those in the
10 regulations. They are very specific. I don't believe
11 there's any in the Southeast, are there?
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13 MR. CAPRA: Yes. Glacier Bay.
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15 MR. KNAUER: Glacier Bay, okay. Thank you. And
16 what the Katie John case was saying is the federal
17 government should really include all navigable waters
18 and the resources therein because fish is a very
19 important part of the subsistence resource that is used
20 by rural Alaskans.
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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mim.
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24 MS. ROBINSON: So, Glacier Bay is the only
25 navigable waters that have been withdrawn that there is
26 federal control over?
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28 MR. CAPRA: The old boundaries of Glacier Bay
29 National Park which doesn't extend as far as it does
30 now -- there's been three more additions -- are the
31 only pre-Statehood withdrawal in Southeast that I...
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33 MS. ROBINSON: Of navigable waters?
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35 MR. CAPRA: As far as I know with the Park
36 Service.
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38 MS. ROBINSON: Because on page 42094 of the
39 Federal Register in this book and actually the page
40 before it also, I mean it deals with salmon and Dolly
41 Varden and they list all these areas of Southeast where
42 -- yeah, this is what Dolly was referring to and I'm
43 assuming that these are non-navigable waters that they
44 are referring to in here. Is that correct?
45
46 MR. KNAUER: What those were are customary and
47 traditional use determinations that the State had in
48 effect when this program was taken over and so there
49 may be a customary and traditional use determination in
50 effect but we may not have a regulation there because
51 we don't have any...

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2 MS. ROBINSON: You don't have jurisdiction.
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4 MR. KNAUER: ...jurisdiction. The only areas of
5 jurisdiction right now and they're in the regulations
6 booklet. It's easier to find them on page 7 in the
7 salmon-colored book. It talks about navigable waters,
8 and it's very specific. You'll see them. It talks
9 about Glacier Bay National Preserve, Kenai National
10 Wildlife waters -- or Kenai National Wildlife Refuge,
11 all waters of the Pacific Ocean within 1500 feet,
12 seaward of the shoreline of Afognak Island and so on.
13 Currently those are the only waters that this program
14 has jurisdiction over. Now, the courts in the Katie
15 John decision and the Secretaries, as a result of the
16 Northwest Arctic Regional Council position, may modify
17 that.
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19 MS. ROBINSON: So, why -- okay, I'm looking again
20 in this book here about the customary and traditional
21 use determinations. That's the beginning part of all
22 this section, all these long lists, right?
23
24 MR. KNAUER: Uh-huh (affirmative.)
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26 MS. ROBINSON: First, it goes through the
27 wildlife and then it lists the C&T use of fish and
28 shellfish. You're saying this is carried over from
29 the State?
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31 MR. KNAUER: That is carried over from the State
32 and as this program gets into fishery management in
33 whatever degree, the councils may find that those are
34 accurate; they may find that they are inappropriate,
35 need to be changed, modified, whatever, but those are
36 what was in place and therefore, have been adopted.
37 The federal program did not adopt the process that the
38 State used but merely the end determination. And we
39 found that there has been some changes necessary on the
40 wildlife.
41
42 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. So if the federal government
43 does not have -- they cannot do any proposals -- deal
44 with proposals on fish and shellfish, why bother
45 leaving this in there? It's confusing to have it in
46 there because they can't deal with it. Do you
47 understand?
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49 MR. KNAUER: I do understand what you're saying
50 and the reason it was in there was because they were --
51 it was part of the entire section.

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2 MS. ROBINSON: They took the whole thing and put
3 it under -- I remember that. The federal government
4 took over the whole works, and has been deleting things
5 as they go along or adding things. I'm just wondering
6 why this part wasn't deleted.
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8 MR. KNAUER: I think it was not deleted because
9 of its unsurety of what the jurisdiction would be on
10 fisheries if and when it finally came about.
11

12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.
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14 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that
15 this council review the C&T determinations for
16 fisheries because if Katie John or if the Northwest
17 proposal goes forward and is accepted, then by the fact
18 that these are in the Federal Register and we have not
19 made comment on it may suggest or imply that we accept
20 these C&T determinations for these fisheries. I'm not
21 saying that we should go ahead and make proposals for
22 management of it, but one example is it doesn't list
23 steelhead for Hydaburg and to me, that's definitely a
24 flaw because that is an important customary and
25 traditional use in Hydaburg. And if the court case is
26 -- you know, turns around the day after tomorrow when
27 they start with this, then we need to make sure that
28 this is somewhat complete now.
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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bill.
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32 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman, when the final court
33 decision is handed down and the results of the
34 Secretaries' decision on the Northwest Arctic Regional
35 Council petition is complete, there will be a specific
36 rule-making relating to fisheries, both fisheries
37 management and customary and traditional use
38 determinations. So there will be plenty of opportunity
39 at that time to review both the C&T determinations and
40 the annual seasons and bag limits, harvest means, and
41 so on relating to fish and shellfish.
42

43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're going to be covering that
44 area in here very shortly regarding C&T topics.
45 Perhaps, it would be more appropriate to insert this
46 part of the discussion in that area if you folks would
47 indulge me on that.
48

49 MS. ROBINSON: That would be fine.
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51 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. It's

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1 getting close to lunch hour and I've been reminded that
2 we haven't dealt with our minutes. I have one
3 objection to lodge to members of the council is that
4 you don't obviously exploit your parliamentary prowess
5 while I'm screwing up on the agenda. So, do you have
6 minutes ready for...
7

8 MS. LE CORNU: No, I don't. I'm going to get
9 them to Fred today.
10

11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. We'll defer the minutes
12 until later on our agenda and we will then take our
13 noon break. Remember my admonishments to you, the
14 jury, not to discuss this with anybody outside, other
15 than yourself. Don't pay no attention to any of the
16 newscasts. We're going to take an hour and a half
17 lunch. You wonder why such a long lunch break.
18 There's some people that are here that had to create
19 time to be here. There's some people that need to get
20 back in touch with some of their offices. Some people
21 have some personal things that they need to do and
22 that's the reason for not having a working lunch here
23 and you can thank me -- our coordinator wanted to have
24 a working lunch and I had to outrank him on that one,
25 so. But you guys made a very pleasant morning. Thank
26 you and I look forward to seeing you after lunch. So,
27 be back at 1:30.
28

29 (Off record - 11:55 a.m.)

30 (On record - 1:42 p.m.)
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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'll call the meeting back to
33 order. We have a couple of more people in the public
34 we'd like to welcome from Hydaburg, Mr. Burgess and
35 Buddy Douglas. Glad to see you. This morning, you
36 heard updates in agency transitions, some program
37 issues from different agencies and our next -- our next
38 area is a very crucial one. It's going to be one
39 that's going to have some degree of difficulty in
40 absorbing but I'm sure we'll deal with it in good shape
41 and we'll take what time we need to on it. And that's
42 dealing with the TLMP. And to bring us into that, I
43 would ask my friend, Hank Newhouse, if he would
44 introduce our presenter.
45

46 MR. NEWHOUSE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name
47 is Hank Newhouse. It gives me great pleasure to
48 introduce our new acting deputy regional forester,
49 specifically assigned to TLMP. This is a task that
50 he's been working at for -- golly, for almost two years
51 now and he's done it's such an important task that

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1 they've raised the team leader status of that up to a
2 deputy regional forester position and that's just to
3 signify the importance of what's going on in this
4 particular area as we move forward in revising the
5 Tongass Land Management Plan. As you all know by
6 watching your televisions at night or reading your
7 newspapers or listening over the radio, the Tongass
8 National Forest is very much a national issue with the
9 public and with all of us. There's a lot going on.
10 With that, please welcome Bob. He's done a marvelous
11 job.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Hank. Welcome, Bob.

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15 MR. VAUGHT: Thank you. Thank you, Hank. I
16 didn't expect such kind words. I think he's...

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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'll show you the receipt...

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20 MR. VAUGHT: ...too kind.

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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'll show you the receipt for
23 what that cost.

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25 MR. VAUGHT: As Hank stated, my name is Bob
26 Vaught. I have been working on the TLMP effort for
27 some time. There have been some very significant
28 changes and issues that we are currently dealing with
29 and they are, I think, some things that you're going to
30 be interested in. I am a little concerned about how
31 much detail you'd like to have versus how broad
32 information you'd like to have, so keep me on track as
33 we go along. We could probably talk about this for a
34 week and keep going, so I'd like to talk about the
35 things that you want to talk about.

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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What -- if I could just let
38 the council know. I spoke to you about it earlier, and
39 I don't know how many of you have seen the material it
40 takes to hold information on TLMP but you got to bring
41 it in on a hand cart if you want to review it and I
42 didn't want to subject us to that. So I asked Bob if
43 he could somehow summarize the area that he's going to
44 present then; then, if that develops into questions,
45 then those questions will probably generate some more
46 articulation so if we could do that.

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48 MR. VAUGHT: And that's what I'm prepared to do.

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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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1 MR. VAUGHT: The first thing I thought I'd cover
2 is a little bit about the legislation that is currently
3 in front of us. That specifically affects the Tongass
4 National Forest and that will take a few minutes. The
5 President has signed what is called the Recision Bill
6 and it was a budget bill, an appropriations bill, but
7 the delegation had some words put in there that affects
8 the Tongass National Forest. And I think most of you
9 know that the regional forester, Phil Janek, had
10 proposed that we make some habitat reserve areas across
11 the Tongass. These were commonly known as HCAs which
12 stands for Habitat Conservation Area. And their
13 purpose was to help protect against possible over-
14 harvesting across the Tongass by setting aside some
15 areas, at least until TLMP was completed, until the
16 forest plan was completed, to preserve our options for
17 the future. And the Recision Bill had language in it
18 that says that no funds will be used to implement
19 habitat conservation areas unless there is threatened
20 or endangered species on those lands, and you also know
21 there are no threatened or endangered species on the
22 Tongass National Forest. And then there was some
23 additional wording that says that goshawk protection
24 measures will be limited to no more than 300 feet
25 around each active nest. And so, this is interesting
26 because it's unusual that very specific standards and
27 guidelines like this would be applied to a specific
28 forest plan. But that is law and the Forest Service
29 is currently following that direction.

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31 There is also legislation ahead of us that is
32 in the current 1996 Appropriations Bill and it has just
33 -- it has passed the House; it has passed the Senate
34 and now it has come out of conference and very soon
35 now, the President and the Congress will have to decide
36 how they're going to either approve or not approve this
37 '96 appropriations language. It is another one of
38 those very interesting things because it has to be
39 approved if the government is going to continue to pay
40 its bills. And the drop dead date is about November
41 the 15th. And the President has threatened -- in fact,
42 there was a press release issued just this week that
43 the President says the White House says that they will
44 veto this legislation for a variety of reasons. But
45 the Tongass is included -- is one of the reasons on why
46 the veto should be -- or the President might veto that
47 legislation. But it has a number of specific
48 statements.

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50 First of all, it says that Alternative P will be
51 implemented as the alternative under which the Forest

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1 Service will manage the national forests. And Alter-
2 native P was the alternative that was ready to be
3 signed by the regional forester in 1992 but was never
4 signed because there were significant questions about
5 the degree of resource protection and whether it was
6 adequate or not. And it has an Allowable Sale
7 Quantity, an ASQ, of 418 million board feet in that.
8 It says that planning can continue so the forest
9 planning process will go forward but any new plan must
10 have the same number of suitable acres as Alternative P
11 has in it. And so we must continue to have the same
12 number of -- the same level of harvest program,
13 essentially, is what that mandates. But it uses the
14 words, "to the maximum extent practical" and of course,
15 we don't know exactly what that might mean, but
16 certainly the intent is that the number of acres
17 designated for logging practices would not decrease, no
18 matter which plan we pass.

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20 It also has sufficiency language in it. And the
21 sufficiency language is specifically designed to
22 protect it against lawsuits. And the sufficiency
23 language specifically applies to Alternative P. It
24 says that the implementation of Alternative P is
25 considered by Congress to fully meet all the laws and
26 regulations that the Forest Service is required to
27 meet. Whether or not it will have that effect is
28 unknown. It's unknown on how the courts will view that
29 sort of language. And there's also sufficiency
30 language in reference to the AWRTA lawsuit and I don't
31 know how many of you are familiar with that but it's a
32 lawsuit that is holding up currently about 250 million
33 board feet out of the Sitka supervisor's office. And
34 the sufficiency language says that that volume should
35 be released and the courts should not continue to hold
36 it up.

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38 It also has a statement in it that the Recision
39 Bill will be deemed permanent. So it would permanently
40 prohibit us from implementing habitat conservation
41 areas in the future. And then the last thing that it
42 has in it is that it restricts amendments to Alter-
43 native P so that we don't even have -- we do not have
44 the opportunity to make amendments to the forest plan
45 except to amend it for tourism issues. So it
46 specifically lists tourism and if we need to make
47 amendments for tourism issues, we can do that but it
48 limits us to tourism issues in terms of an amendment.

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50 We do not know whether or not, as I said, that
51 that legislation will be passed. The Forest Service

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1 does not have an opinion on what I just read to you in
2 terms of what that legislation says. It is our policy
3 that is longstanding that there is separation of power
4 and government and the legislative branch has their
5 responsibility and we have our responsibility and we
6 are not to comment or give an opinion about legislation
7 that has not yet been passed. And in most cases, that
8 makes sense. We do not even know whether or not it
9 will be passed at this point. We should know within
10 the next couple of months. If it is passed, we're
11 going to have to make some decisions very quickly about
12 how to go forward with the forest plan because it does
13 significantly affect what we can do and what we can't
14 do and how we would like to try to deal with some of
15 the issues that we all face on the Tongass National
16 Forest.

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18 We just had visits from the chief of the Forest
19 Service -- I think most of you probably know this as
20 well -- and the Secretary of Agriculture which is
21 fairly unusual that the Secretary of Agriculture would
22 visit a specific forest as he did. And he had -- they
23 both had three message points that they stated over and
24 over. And this is the position now of the Forest
25 Service that I'm giving you. It's not a position about
26 the legislation but it is a position about the Tongass
27 plan and the planning effort. And that position is
28 that we would like the opportunity to continue to use
29 what we believe is sound science; we would like the
30 opportunity to continue what we believe needs to be a
31 public process rather than a legislated process and we
32 need to continue to have the opportunity to apply
33 reasonable conservation that provides for the sustain-
34 ability of all resources. And so that is our position
35 and we are continuing to go forward with -- in the
36 forest plan until we are told differently, using those
37 principles. And so that is an update on the legis-
38 lation and where we stand and what the Forest Service
39 position is on that, so maybe with your permission, I'd
40 stop before I talk about the TLMP process some more.

41
42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I have a couple things I
43 wanted to get before I forget. Making reference to the
44 Recision Bill, there was a description suggesting its
45 permanence.

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47 MR. VAUGHT: Yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is that suggesting that there
50 isn't a chance down the road that part of that would
51 become obsolete?

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2 MR. VAUGHT: No. The language specifically
3 states that Section 502 of the Recision Bill will be
4 permanently in place as law. Yeah, so unless there
5 were specific Congressional action to overturn that, it
6 would maintain itself in perpetuity.
7

8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. You made
9 mention of the distance from an active goshawk neck of
10 300 feet. I don't remember what the distance is
11 regarding eagle's nest. Is that the same distance?
12

13 MR. VAUGHT: That's the same distance.
14

15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
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17 MR. VAUGHT: Well, actually, an eagle's nest is
18 330 feet so it's close. It's not the same.
19

20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's all I have. Thank you.
21 Patty.
22

23 MS. PHILLIPS: What was that third item under the
24 U.S. Forest Service's position about the Tongass plan?
25 Reasonable conservation for...
26

27 MR. VAUGHT: Reasonable -- a chance to have
28 conservation of the resources and sustainability for
29 all resources.
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31 MS. WILSON: What was the first one?
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33 MR. VAUGHT: The first one was the ability to use
34 sound science.
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36 MS. PHILLIPS: So, how long is the Recision Bill,
37 the temporary Recision Bill, in place?
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39 MR. VAUGHT: The Recision Bill is only in effect
40 until the end of the fiscal year which is September
41 30th.
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43 MS. PHILLIPS: Could the President line item?
44

45 MR. VAUGHT: No. Not under the current
46 regulations. He has to sign the whole bill into law
47 or none of it.
48

49 MS. LE CORNU: I have a question regarding what
50 laws are applicable, first for instance, a new law will
51 be passed but we're supposedly protected under ANILCA,

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1 so I mean at what level do those comport? I mean is
2 there protection for subsistence above and beyond? I
3 mean what I'm saying is that you -- you can't comment
4 but it's incumbent on somebody to comment that has this
5 trust for us on this board.
6

7 MR. VAUGHT: I can tell you what it appears to me
8 and it appears to me that the language that is used in
9 the Appropriations Bill would be in conflict with other
10 legislation. I do not know that it is or that it isn't
11 but it appears to me that it would be and that would
12 probably have to be resolved in the courts as to what
13 the wording really means.
14

15 MS. WILSON: I have a question. What number in
16 the bill is this? Does this only pertain to the
17 Tongass and what part of the bill is it?
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19 MR. VAUGHT: The Appropriations Bill is a bill
20 that has to be passed every year by Congress and it
21 authorizes all the money that is spent by the federal
22 government. So it's a very thick bill; it's very
23 complex. It includes all the budget that all the
24 agencies of government operate under except for some
25 things like the post office and a few minor things like
26 that. So this wording that I just talked about is a
27 very small piece of the entire Appropriations Bill for
28 the fiscal year 1996 for the United States government.
29

30 MS. WILSON: And this is only pertaining to the
31 Tongass or to all national forests?
32

33 MR. VAUGHT: The words that I read you pertain
34 only to the Tongass.
35

36 MS. WILSON: It seems dangerous to me that they
37 could pass a bill where you cannot amend it or like
38 Bill was saying that something will change down the
39 road. That doesn't seem right to me.
40

41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.
42

43 MS. PHILLIPS: On the -- I thought LUD
44 designations were in perpetuity, but in here we got,
45 you know, a Recision Bill would be in perpetuity. Is
46 that to say that we could get a different Congress in
47 there and they could delete the permanent status of the
48 Recision?
49

50 MR. VAUGHT: Yes. It's in perpetuity unless
51 ~~modified by Congress, so Congress does have the ability~~

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1 at any time to pass further legislation that would
2 modify it. And they do that all the time. So yeah, we
3 have to be a little bit careful about how we use the
4 word, "in perpetuity." It doesn't mean it can't be
5 changed, but it means that if it is changed, Congress
6 is the one that has to change it.

7
8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: "As long as I'm in charge,
9 that's how it's going to be" type of thing.

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11 MR. VAUGHT: Okay. With your permission, I'll go
12 ahead and talk a little bit about TLMP. One of the
13 other messages that the chief of the Forest Service and
14 the Secretary of Agriculture said over and over when he
15 visited us is that we must complete the Tongass Land
16 Management Plan on time. We have actually been in the
17 revision process since 1989 so it has been about eight
18 years. We have had a number of changes in terms of
19 Tongass legislation since that time, including the
20 Tongass Timber Reform Act. There are numerous
21 questions about things that need to be changed dealing
22 with the adequacy of wildlife habitat protection
23 measures which has a direct relationship to
24 subsistence, of course, whether fisheries protection
25 measures are adequate. The social and economic effects
26 of management on the Tongass and the caves and karst
27 which is a more minor issue because it's over a
28 relatively smaller land base. The previous plans did
29 not talk about caves and karst. And the last one is
30 alternatives to clear cutting throughout the United
31 States. We have been -- in the Forest Service, we have
32 been mandated to look at options to clear cutting and
33 we haven't done that previously and we need to do that
34 in this planning effort.

35
36 Over the last several months, we have been doing
37 what we call science assessments -- and Dave, could I
38 get you to hand those out now? And this is the
39 summary of information that Bill Thomas asked me to
40 present to you concerning these science assessments.
41 Now, on this gray sheet, if you'll look on the back
42 side of the gray sheet, this is a public information --
43 we'll be handing these out to everybody in the audience
44 too. It's an information sheet on what's going on in
45 Tongass planning, but on the back side it talks about
46 the assessments and resource analysis papers that we
47 have just completed. There are 16 of them listed there
48 and we have released publicly 16 of these science
49 papers that deal with issues associated with the
50 Tongass. A number of them are wildlife issues. One of
51 them is a fisheries issue and then there are other more

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1 technical issues that are associated there. We have
2 released those. You have summaries of them in the
3 packet that was just handed to you and the complete
4 assessment is available to you. In fact, let me grab
5 that real quick.
6

7 This is the complete package of those 16
8 assessments. It's about 330 pages of material and it
9 describes each of these issues in a lot more detail.
10 So, if you would like to have either some or all of
11 this more complete information, we can make that
12 available to you.
13

14 So the first step in the Tongass planning effort
15 has been to try to get a better handle on what the
16 issues are, to bring together all of the known
17 information, and to bring it all in one place so that
18 we can use that material for then developing the rest
19 of the plan. And so that's what this is. That was
20 step one. We have completed that now.
21

22 Our next step is to develop alternatives and part
23 of the forest planning effort is to have different ways
24 of managing the forest so that the public can look at
25 those and say "I like this option" or "I like this
26 option." "I don't like this one" and give us their
27 reasons. So, it needs to be a very public process
28 where there's a lot of interaction between anyone
29 that's interested and the planning team. These
30 alternatives right now are being developed and also on
31 the front page of this sheet, this information sheet,
32 it says, under important time periods in the TLMP
33 revision, that at in mid-October, 1995, there will be
34 public information meetings held in Southeast Alaska
35 communities to present this -- these preliminary
36 alternatives. And these have now been set up and we
37 are going to be visiting a number of communities
38 including Craig and Klawock so we are going to be out
39 here in Craig or Klawock for those meetings. I think
40 we're going to try to have those meetings in 10 or 11
41 different communities in Southeast Alaska. At that
42 time, we will be able to give you more detailed
43 information on the alternatives that we are looking at.
44 But I want to tell you just a little bit about them.
45

46 Alternative P that I've already talked about,
47 that Congress may mandate that we use, is going to be
48 one of those alternatives. So that's one option.
49 That's one way of doing business. Alternative P calls
50 for 90 percent of the suitable, available timber to be
51 harvested over the rotation. That is a significant

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1 harvest level. Ninety percent of the suitable,
2 available timber is over the areas that are available
3 for harvesting and we have a definition for what
4 suitable and available means but it basically means it
5 can be harvested through regional and economic means
6 and it is biologically suitable as timber, you know,
7 big trees. Ninety percent of the areas will be
8 harvested over the rotation. Now, the rotation is 90
9 to 120 years, so that is the premise behind Alternative
10 P. It has an ASQ of about 418 million board feet.

11
12 MS. GARZA: What is "ASQ"?
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14 MR. VAUGHT: Allowable Sale Quantity and that
15 means the most timber that we can harvest under that
16 plan. It can be less but it can't be more than that.
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18 UNIDENTIFIED: More than what?
19

20 MR. VAUGHT: 418. We have other alternatives
21 that will have significantly less harvesting associated
22 with them. The note says that the TLMP public meeting
23 will be October 17th at the Klawock AMB Hall for this
24 area. If you live in another area, we will be having
25 some information about where those other meetings will
26 be as well. Some of the other alternatives that we
27 are going to look at will do business in a signi-
28 ficantly different way. There will probably be at
29 least one alternative that harvests more timber than
30 Alternative P and so it is designed to be a broad range
31 of alternatives and it's designed to allow the
32 interested public to tell us their opinion about these.
33 We hope to have the forest plan done in draft form by
34 the end of the year. And we're going to try very hard
35 to stick to that schedule. And so there will be a
36 90-day public involvement process, probably January,
37 February and March next year in which we will be doing
38 even more extensive public meetings. We'll be going to
39 30 different communities in Southeast Alaska, doing the
40 same kind of public information session to try to let
41 people know what the alternatives are, what the options
42 are, what the differences are and get as much public
43 opinion about those options as possible.
44

45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I just have one observation
46 regarding the date of October 17th. That happens to be
47 the week of the Alaska Federation of Natives meeting in
48 Anchorage in which case the corporate representatives
49 are there, the tribal representatives are there, and so
50 I'm just wondering if that would be a significant
51 impact on possible attendees in Klawock. I don't know

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1 that it would be but it might have some value in
2 pursuing. Dewey could probably answer. Dewey knows
3 everything about Klawock.

4
5 MR. SKAN: Seven hundred of them go to AFN.

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7 MS. GARZA: You lie.

8
9 MR. SKAN: Okay. 699.

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11 MR. VAUGHT: It never fails.

12
13 MR. SKAN: But, Mr. Chairman, this whole scenario
14 developed last winter when they were having hearings
15 such as this concerning statewide subsistence issues.
16 Instead of having it in a forum in a town like this,
17 they took it to Fairbanks where there's a whole bunch
18 of rednecks and outdoor councils and national rifle
19 associations and the people that, you know, were vastly
20 affected by the subsistence issue were very offended
21 because they took the forum, you know, away from the
22 region where it should be. I think that's something,
23 Mr. Chairman, that I'd put before you that your office
24 should seriously consider readjusting their schedule
25 for that.

26
27 MS. GARZA: Can you change that now?

28
29 MR. VAUGHT: I don't think that we can change it
30 at this point. We may be able to do another one.
31 We'll have to consider what our options are. This is
32 new information to me.

33
34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, I thought it would be a
35 point of interest and I, for one, don't know what it
36 will be, when the people make their exodus to the AFN
37 but when you consider the tribal representatives,
38 corporate representatives, subsistence representatives,
39 attending another meeting, I have a hunch that will
40 have an impact on your audience.

41
42 MS. GARZA: Actually, Bill, it may not affect
43 that many Craig people as much because that's the pole
44 raising is the same weekend as AFN and I think there
45 will be less people going to AFN than in prior years
46 because of that. It's hard to say, but it should be
47 considered that another meeting may have to be
48 schedule.

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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. I apologize. We're right
51 in the middle of ~~major interruption.~~ Dale.

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2 MR. KANEN: Oh, I'd throw out that it might be
3 good to invite Bob or some of the TLMP people back when
4 Grand Camp, this year, is in Hydaburg, in November and
5 maybe they could do an additional and catch a lot of
6 folks at that from all over Southeast.
7

8 MS. GARZA: Was that an invitation from the
9 president?
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11 MS. STEVENS: Sure.
12

13 MS. GARZA: See, now you guys have an invitation.
14

15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Last chance for
16 interruptions. Patty.
17

18 MS. PHILLIPS: These alternatives, are they going
19 to people on the mail-out list or are you just planning
20 on...
21

22 MR. VAUGHT: There is going to be more
23 information about these alternatives in this newsletter
24 and next month's newsletter and this will be going to
25 all the mail-out people. By its very nature, though,
26 alternative development is fairly complex and it does
27 take some time to both explain and understand how we do
28 things and why we do things and so a public meeting is
29 really a better format in terms of trying to explain it
30 than just this. But we're going to do our best in both
31 the newsletter and of course, we felt we needed to have
32 the public meetings as well because that's really the
33 best format.
34

35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I apologize for the interruption
36 but I thought that was important news. Mim.
37

38 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah. Just a simple request. I'm
39 curious about whether Port Alexander could be included
40 on that the March public meetings and maybe you could
41 make a list available sometime during this meeting
42 about what communities you plan to attend in March. I
43 was going to request that you include us in the October
44 one but if our community is there for the March one,
45 that would be fine.
46

47 MR. VAUGHT: During the March -- I don't know if
48 it's going to be March. It might be February.
49

50 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah. You've got March on here,
51 but yeah.

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2 MR. VAUGHT: But it might be March.
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4 MS. ROBINSON: Okay.
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6 MR. VAUGHT: Our intent is to visit all
7 communities in Southeast Alaska but I will check to
8 make sure that Port Alexander is on that list. Total
9 list is, I think it's 31 different communities.
10
11 MS. ROBINSON: Sounds like you've got all of
12 them.
13
14 MR. VAUGHT: And I think that includes all
15 identifiable communities.
16
17 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. Good.
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19 MR. CLARK: Point of information. It would be
20 good to be able to coordinate on that date because this
21 council is scheduled to meet in February too. We
22 haven't set the dates yet but as soon as we can know
23 the dates for those meetings, it would be best if they
24 did not conflict.
25
26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. One more word. We're not
27 going to discuss dates right now. I was only pointing
28 out the fact that on this date in October might present
29 a conflict. Dewey.
30
31 MR. SKAN: We're good at conflict, being
32 offended. Mr. Chairman, you're talking about these 31
33 meetings and visiting 31 communities. Now, when you
34 visit these things, are you going to adjust the EIS and
35 different scenarios in each area of the region? Like
36 we have a problem with the Forest Service -- and this
37 is the problem I have in their language. You say, "We
38 may come in there and log it." That's all they say.
39 "We may" but all of a sudden, it's happening. Are you
40 going to talk about different areas that we want to
41 save? When you're talking about endangered species,
42 and I'm an endangered specie as a citizen of Prince of
43 Wales Island because I have a problem with all the
44 logging that's being done in here when major cities of
45 the region like Ketchikan, Sitka and Juneau, for
46 example, save their pristine wilderness for the tourism
47 business which you mention and then they're just, you
48 know, raping Prince of Wales, you know, non-stop. And
49 I have a problem with that scenario but I don't have a
50 problem with a small logging operator, you know,
51 getting a little tract of land who cannot survive

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1 because they're part of our loop in the financial loop
2 where we buy from the gas stations and the grocery
3 stores and stuff. Are we going to talk about that?
4

5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Will this be mentioned in your
6 presentation as you continue?
7

8 MR. VAUGHT: No. I'm basically done with my
9 presentation so it would be perfectly appropriate to
10 talk about this now if you'd like to.
11

12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
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14 MR. VAUGHT: It's very complex as you might -- as
15 everybody knows. You have all these options, all
16 these alternatives. Some of them cut a lot of timber;
17 some of them don't cut very much. It goes out for
18 public comment. We expect probably 10,000 different
19 public comments on the draft. All of the public
20 comments are different. Half of them want more timber;
21 and half of them want less timber. We are going to
22 have to do the best we can to combine all of those
23 wants and needs which are all different. We're going
24 to have to meet the law, whatever the law says.
25 Whatever is passed, we're going to have to meet those
26 legal requirements and the regional forester is going
27 to have make a decision. And that's really all I can
28 tell you.
29

30 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman, now that Bob here has
31 stepped up in the delegation of authority, I would hope
32 -- I've been writing letters for 2 1/2 years and so has
33 the City of Craig and different entities in the area
34 and we haven't really received a response, obviously.
35 "We may log that" you know, "in the Eleven Mile
36 stretch" which is many of our ancestral homes and our
37 hunting and fishing and gathering. And now that
38 charter business are depending on a pristine area, you
39 know, for their business. You know, 187 million board
40 feet from almost (indiscernible - unclear) you know,
41 that's a big chunk taken out of the ecosystem, you
42 know, which is very dear and near to our hearts. And
43 I'm hoping somebody somewhere along the line answers
44 us.
45

46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's true. Compared to
47 what's already happened in the area, to add that -- to
48 add that for consideration of harvest is pretty darned
49 significant. Dolly.
50

51 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman. I guess before we get

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1 into that discussion which I think could go on a ways,
2 I wanted to ask a question about your -- the beginning
3 of your report in terms of the bill that may be going
4 to the President for signature or veto at this time.
5 It's my feeling from this body here that we are not in
6 support of forest cutting operations that continue as
7 is and that we would likely not be in support of
8 Alternative P. And I know that because you're with the
9 Forest Service that you may be limited in what you can
10 say or can't say in terms of personal opinion but what
11 I'm trying to get to is whether or not it would be
12 beneficial for this body to make some kind of
13 resolution or statement that would go to delegates,
14 wherever they may be, whether or not they're an Alaskan
15 delegate or whoever, that reiterates that we are not in
16 support of that particular process, that we are in
17 support of the public process and not mandated rules
18 and like Marilyn was saying, you know, fixing it so
19 that you can't make any changes in the future when
20 that's exactly what government is about.

21
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If -- I don't know what your
23 schedule is. Do you have to leave before Saturday?
24

25 MR. VAUGHT: I have to leave tomorrow afternoon.
26 I plan to be here until tomorrow -- mid-afternoon
27 tomorrow.
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29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What I was hoping we can get
30 through our proposal part of our agenda. I don't think
31 we'll be that far into it. I'm hoping you guys are all
32 paying attention how much time we're taking to do this
33 and be much wiser when we get to proposals. So that we
34 can spend some time on deliberating this so that we can
35 feel more comfortable in establishing a position like
36 Dolly suggested. I think the suggestion is a wise one
37 and I think as long as we have people here that we can
38 use for a sounding board that's very qualified that we
39 should take advantage of that. So, if the council is
40 in agreement, if we could get through our proposals,
41 you know, and take what time we need to do it and do a
42 good job, but still knowing that when they got to
43 leave, to try and take advantage of the time in order
44 for us to do that. Mim.
45

46 MS. ROBINSON: I'd like to make a suggestion that
47 there be a committee that works on a letter to the
48 Congress concerning this proposed legislation and
49 that...
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51 ~~CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What shall we call it?~~

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1
2 MS. ROBINSON: Call what?
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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The committee.
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6 MS. ROBINSON: The committee. I don't know. The
7 committee. The TLMP Committee. I don't know. It
8 doesn't need a name.
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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Madam Chairperson, if you would
11 pick the people you'd like to serve with you.
12
13 MS. ROBINSON: That's not your usual method,
14 Bill. (Laughter) You should be consistent. I'll be
15 honest...
16
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's a good idea and I was
18 thinking those same lines as we were moving along.
19
20 MS. ROBINSON: I thought you probably were.
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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But those of you that would
23 like to work with Mim on that, if you would let her
24 know and give that information to Fred so that we have
25 an idea where we're at, I'd appreciate that as well as
26 the council. Thank you.
27
28 MR. SKAN: She has a gavel too.
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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So, we'll do that. And so that
31 essentially wraps up your presentation?
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33 MR. VAUGHT: Mr. Chairman, if I could...
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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: By all means.
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37 MR. VAUGHT: ...respond to the Eleven Mile issue.
38 I would like to say that it appears obvious to me that
39 a lot of things are coming together in Southeast Alaska
40 right now. The population is increasing; the tourism
41 industry is increasing; logging has occurred in high
42 intensity for about 40 years now and so certain areas
43 and North Prince of Wales is one of those areas
44 particularly that has sustained the highest levels of
45 logging on the Tongass. The concerns from that are
46 being generated now at a higher level than they ever
47 have been. The amount of logging -- it really didn't
48 make any difference what the Allowable Sale Quantity or
49 the ASQ was before because we hadn't logged enough
50 across the Tongass so that it started to show itself
51 and now that is occurring. If we continue at the

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1 present rate, we are going to have to log Eleven Mile
2 and we're going to have to log places like -- close to
3 the communities that people are concerned about. I
4 know that Sitka, as a community, is concerned about
5 many of the areas that are scheduled for logging and
6 harvesting near Sitka. And a lot of people are in
7 favor of logging, but they are not particularly in
8 favor of it occurring in their area.

9
10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, let's let everybody
11 catch up.

12
13 MR. VAUGHT: These issues are very complex, as I
14 said. A lot of this is coming to a head now in terms
15 of people's interest and in terms of the effects of
16 past practices. And I do not know what the future
17 holds. I don't know what alternatives the regional
18 forester will finally approve or what Congress will
19 pass. But I think it is a period of time in which it's
20 important that public interest and public involvement
21 be high so that whatever happens, whatever the results
22 are, they are a result of a true democracy where people
23 have had a chance to have their say. And so, I guess
24 this is intended to be a summary comment of a number of
25 those issues that have been brought up. I don't know
26 what the answers are; I don't know what the future
27 holds. I do know that we hope in the Forest Service to
28 have a process that uses the best science, that
29 involves the people and the people's wishes, parti-
30 cularly the people in Southeast Alaska, and that is
31 sustainable for all resources over time. And
32 regardless of the complexity, we're going to try our
33 best to do that.

34
35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We talked about the Tongass
36 Land Management Plan. It boils down to Prince of Wales
37 management plan, essentially by comparison. Like I
38 said, take a look at the gross area of harvest so far
39 on Prince of Wales and compare that to anyplace else.
40 There's no comparison. So I think -- I think those
41 need to be considered. I think that was -- that was a
42 bombshell you just dropped with regards to the Eleven
43 Mile. I was getting, kind of, complacent that there
44 was enough input and that the compassions of the area
45 were made known to the regional forester, that there
46 was going to be some pretty strong support in pro-
47 tecting that because of the input that they've already
48 received. But that doesn't sound to be the case. I
49 mean it sounds like the jeopardy is very real. And so,
50 I appreciate the fact of knowing that. I don't like it
51 but I'm appreciative of the fact of knowing it so that

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1 we can be more assertive in how we approach it from now
2 on.
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4 MR. VAUGHT: Mr. Chairman, the options on Eleven
5 Mile are that we might be able to put off harvesting on
6 Eleven Mile this time. But next time, we don't know.
7

8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Like ANWR, "We'll take Eleven
9 Mile and tap ANWR." It's kind of the same thing, you
10 know. But what happens after Eleven Mile? What
11 happens after ANWR? People don't consider that. You
12 might not have a department by the time Congress gets
13 through with you anyway. They're wanting to put people
14 in jail back there. Who?
15

16 MS. GARZA: Mary.
17

18 MS. RUDOLPH: Mr. Chairman?
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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mary.
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22 MS. RUDOLPH: I came with a resolution from the
23 Hoonah Indian Association concerning our Eight Fathom
24 Bight. One of the things that -- I'm on the NAGPRA
25 committee. I'm the chairman of NAGPRA. We were to
26 (indiscernible - unclear) start identifying our areas,
27 our burial sites where the Forest Service is going to
28 be working with us but we're about maybe 10 steps
29 behind Forest Service right now. We haven't begun to
30 start identifying our areas and already, they're moving
31 too fast for us so that -- the hardest part is getting
32 our elders to say "Well, this is an area where we were"
33 because those were taken from them so long ago, it's
34 hard for them to realize they have to identify right
35 now. So we've been having problems identifying,
36 getting them to come forward and I went up to talk to
37 them last week and spoke to them in our language and
38 told them what it was we were trying to do. And I
39 happened to be sitting at the restaurant last night and
40 I heard someone talking, saying he was doing some
41 diggings from Mud Bay which is part of our preservation
42 plan. But with everything that's been going on, it
43 seems like as a Native village, we are far behind on
44 how fast the Forest Service is moving.
45

46 We do have an MOU with the Forest Service and on
47 Saturday, we're getting one with the Park Service.
48 Glacier Bay is going to be coming out. Park Service is
49 going to be coming out there sign the MOU with us. But
50 it seems like there would be a little slow down in
51 order for us, as a new committee, sort of like with

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1 ANILCA and ANCSA, it was always thought that now
2 federal is starting to acknowledge the fact that we
3 have to identify our areas by (indiscernible - unclear)
4 this area and but right now, for us to start moving
5 forward, it seems like everything is moving too fast
6 and that we're unable to protect those areas that
7 already are being designated for logging.

8
9 One of the concerns was Chicken Creek because of
10 the fisheries there and that's high on the list for the
11 city, but not on the list for Hoonah Indian
12 Association. So it is something we need to work with.
13 Again, like I said, about a year ago, about a year
14 ago, a member of the Forest Service said they would
15 move with us in letting us identify the places. And
16 now it's almost -- well, we've already gone this far
17 now and we're already in the process of going through
18 with this logging. So I did hand carry a resolution
19 from the Hoonah Indian Association and Eleven -- and
20 from the mayor of Hoonah.

21
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: There's a resolution to go out
23 to where? The Forest Service?

24
25 MS. RUDOLPH: Concerning our -- yes. Eight
26 Fathom Bight.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Did you want our endorsement?
29 Is that...

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31 MS. RUDOLPH: Yes.

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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: ...what you wanted? Okay. So,
34 we'll put that under New Business.

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36 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman?

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38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

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40 MS. GARZA: I had two more comments. One was for
41 Mim's committee, I wanted to make it clear that we're
42 also looking for support, technical support, from
43 someone in the Forest Service...

44
45 MS. ROBINSON: Yes. That's my inclination also.

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47 MS. GARZA: ...that may be able to help us in
48 letter writing. And so it's not just a...

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50 MS. ROBINSON: Not just us meeting. We want to
51 meet with you and whatever staff...

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1
2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Right.
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4 MS. GARZA: Whoever you designate.
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6 MS. ROBINSON: ...can join us to help us with
7 this letter with information, technical information.
8 I'm sure we're going to have questions about what's in
9 the draft legislation and that kind of thing and it
10 sounds like you're pretty knowledgeable.
11
12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You got some volunteers you can
13 point at back there?
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15 MR. VAUGHT: Mr. Chairman, I think we'll find
16 some volunteers. And as long as I'm here, I will help
17 you if I can.
18
19 MS. ROBINSON: Maybe during a break, we can
20 figure out when a good time would be to get together.
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22 MS. GARZA: The other comment...
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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: D comes before G. Two D's.
25 DE, DR.
26
27 MS. GARZA: I wasn't done.
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29 MR. SKAN: Go ahead. I yield to her majesty.
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31 MS. GARZA: Thank you. It's about time. The
32 other comment was on the socioeconomic studies or on
33 the analysis right there. If it would be possible to
34 make, at least, a copy of the socioeconomic section
35 available to this body in the next couple days, since
36 that appears to be the section that deals with
37 subsistence, I think it would be helpful to do a quick
38 review of it.
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40 MR. CELLIER: Mr. Chairman, I can talk to that
41 for a minute if you would like.
42
43 MR. VAUGHT: Mr. Chairman, Guy Cellier is the
44 technical expert and is the person working on that area
45 and he is prepared and can, if you wish, talk
46 specifically to that area.
47
48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. At some point, as we get
49 into our proposals, when we see a window of time that
50 we'll take advantage of that, to do that.
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1 MS. GARZA: So you're available now to make a
2 presentation? Maybe we should do that now.

3 MS. LE CORNU: Under socioeconomic...

4 MR. CELLIER: Certainly.

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6 MS. LE CORNU: As part of staff report, his
7 report.

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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If you would, please.

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12 MR. VAUGHT: Thank you. If anyone would like any
13 more of this information, I can make it available.

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15 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman?

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.

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20 MR. SKAN: I'd like to thank you for your
21 indulgence and your patience but this has been ongoing
22 for a couple years, 2 1/2 years and I'm the president
23 of Klawock Heenya and they've charged me, you know,
24 with this duty making sure that that area is protected
25 and I've had dialogues with the Juneau Chamber of
26 Commerce and the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce, you
27 know, in trying to stifle this but I told 'em, "I don't
28 care what you do to enhance your population's financial
29 welfare, but do it in your own area," you know. "Don't
30 save it for the tourists and rape the hell out of
31 Prince of Wales Island" so I just want that known that
32 we're kind of upset with the system and the word, "May"
33 always get stuck in my throat. We may and all of a
34 sudden, it's happening. You admitted that, you know,
35 it's going to happen, but you know, we want to do the
36 best by our people. What's happened is not fault;
37 we're doing our best. I want to thank you for
38 listening to the comments.

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40 MR. VAUGHT: Mr. Chairman, just one last reply.
41 I didn't say that it would happen but right now, it is
42 green on the map, meaning it's designated as a timber
43 harvest area and under our current planning, should
44 Alternative P be implemented, we would be harvesting 90
45 percent of the Eleven Mile area over the rotation which
46 is 90 to 120 years.

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What's the citizens'
49 alternative I used to hear about? What's that called?

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51 MR. VAUGHT: ~~The citizens' alternative is an~~

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1 option to harvest 40 million board feet from that area
2 or from the Control (ph) Lake EIS area which would not
3 impact Eleven Mile. It was not considered in detail as
4 an alternative because it didn't harvest enough timber
5 to meet the obligations that we have to meet under our
6 contracts. And that is simply the rules under which
7 we operate. We're funded by Congress to produce so
8 much timber. We have to go to the areas that we're
9 allowed to go to under the forest plan and the Eleven
10 Mile area right now is one of those areas.

11
12 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman? I conducted two
13 meetings in Klawock over the last couple of years and
14 we had small logging operators, Caucasians from
15 throughout the island and they were with us and the
16 feeling and the consensus at those two meetings was 100
17 percent objections to logging in the area so I know
18 we've got all that on data with your agency unless it's
19 going through the shredder or something.

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21 MR. VAUGHT: Nope. We have it.

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23 MR. SKAN: I just want the public to know that,
24 whoever the public is.

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26 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to bring
27 out the fact Sitka, I read in the paper, is bringing it
28 to a vote by the people to keep Baranof free of
29 logging.

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31 MS. GARZA: Free of clear cutting.

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33 MS. WILSON: Clear cutting.

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35 MS. GARZA: Yeah. That's proposition number 2 is
36 going before the city and it's -- it, of course, can't
37 be a mandate but it will demonstrate an interest of the
38 citizens.

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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Pay attention to Eleven Mile.
41 You can expect that on Baranof.

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43 MR. VAUGHT: I know that on the Ketchikan area,
44 we're going to do everything we can to comply with the
45 wishes of the citizens of Prince of Wales Island,
46 particularly Klawock, in terms of what we do at Eleven
47 Mile. We're going to try to do that. But I don't --
48 and I can't say that in all cases both now and in the
49 future, we will be able to do that under our current
50 forest planning regulations. I'm trying not to be too
51 pessimistic but it's important that I not be too

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1 optimistic.
2
3 MS. GARZA: So, your point earlier was that if
4 Alternative P was enforced or forced, that the
5 obligation to take that much timber would force you
6 into Eleven Mile at some time?
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8 MR. VAUGHT: Along with many other areas, yes.
9
10 MS. PHILLIPS: Is Eleven Mile -- I mean does
11 Alternative P allow for the changing of Land Use
12 Designations?
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14 MR. VAUGHT: The wording states that Alternative P
15 -- it is -- restricts amendments to Alternative P which
16 means -- which could mean that we would be unable to
17 change the Land Use Designations.
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19 MS. PHILLIPS: So, if it's been designated LUD
20 Two, it would remain a LUD Two?
21
22 MR. VAUGHT: Yes.
23
24 MR. ANDERSON: If it's green, that means you're
25 logged.
26
27 MS. ROBINSON: Isn't that also the part that's
28 saying that one of the few ways it can be amended is
29 for tourism?
30
31 MR. VAUGHT: Yes.
32
33 MS. ROBINSON: So, if you tied the LUD
34 designation into tourism, maybe you could change it
35 that way.
36
37 MS. PHILLIPS: LUD Two is non-logging.
38
39 MS. GARZA: The point is you wouldn't want to
40 change it.
41
42 MS. PHILLIPS: Right.
43
44 MS. ROBINSON: But I mean if there's some that
45 are green now, maybe we could -- we could -- I don't
46 know.
47
48 MR. VAUGHT: But then it allows us to develop a
49 new forest plan as long as it has the same number of
50 acres of suitable, available timber as the old forest
51 plan. So we could develop a new forest plan to change

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1 the LUDs. But we couldn't amend the old forest plan
2 without changing the whole forest plan, if that makes
3 any sense.
4
5 MS. ROBINSON: Not a whole lot.
6
7 MR. VAUGHT: As amended by the courts which we
8 don't -- which could be long process.
9
10 MR. SKAN: I'd better call Diehl (ph) and ask him
11 to make it a national monument.
12
13 MR. VAUGHT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you very much. With
16 that, the chairman is so emotionally distraught, we're
17 going to take a coffee break for two minutes and then
18 we'll be coming back to order.
19
20 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like ten minutes to
21 go out to Eleven Mile and cry.
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23 (6373)
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25 (Off record - 2:39 p.m.)
26 (On record - 2:51 p.m.)
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28 (Tape: 2)
29 (0050)
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31 MS. ROBINSON: I was going to ask Bob to -- or
32 you can ask him -- to make some comments about
33 Murkowski's legislation that they had hearings on.
34 Apparently, he's doing some major rewriting on it and I
35 -- it would be interesting to hear what's happened with
36 that since the public hearings. Sounds like Bob knows
37 something about it.
38
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You want to do that before
40 this guy?
41
42 MS. ROBINSON: If that would be okay, yeah.
43 Because we've just been dealing with Bob.
44
45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
46
47 MS. ROBINSON: Is that all right?
48
49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.
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51 ~~MS. ROBINSON: I don't think it would take that~~

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1 long.
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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
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5 MS. ROBINSON: There's going to be a meeting...
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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I've been to the hearings too.
8
9 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. Good.
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11 MR. VAUGHT: Mr. Chairman, Dale Kanen is going to
12 get me a copy of...
13
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Of 1054?
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16 MR. VAUGHT: ...Senator Murkowski's bill, 1054,
17 and I would be able to do a much better job if I have
18 that in front of me. Could we delay slightly?
19
20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yep, let's do that. Let's have
21 the other guy.
22
23 MR. VAUGHT: Okay. I'll be back in a few
24 minutes.
25
26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.
27
28 MR. VAUGHT: Thank you, sir.
29
30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're on. Don't look at us
31 like that. We're organized. We know what we're doing
32 here.
33
34 MR. CELLIER: He left.
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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: When I'm on watch, you're safe.
37 So you're okay.
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39 MR. CELLIER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name
40 is Guy Cellier. I'm the research social scientist on
41 the Tongass plan. There were some additions made. I
42 think Bob didn't mention at this time, but most of you
43 know that at the beginning of the year, they added a
44 group of scientists as part of the effort to bring some
45 new science to the planning process. They identified a
46 pool of scientists to come in and work on the team as
47 well. And I was the person brought in to do the social
48 and economic analysis.
49
50 If I could just go into what this means, what the
51 new analysis will mean for TLMP. There are a few

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1 components that you will see. You'll see them if you
2 look through here. I have one part of that is the
3 socioeconomic draft so far which is a little sketchy
4 but it is there if anybody wants to see it and go
5 through it and I can discuss it with them. But what
6 you'll see, the main part of that is that there are
7 community summaries for each of the 30 plus commu-
8 nities. A lot of that, particularly the subsistence
9 side of that, is based on ADF&G where Marty Betz'
10 communities' summaries that she did for the TAFS (ph)
11 reports which are very good. They're very thorough and
12 they cover the subsistence very well by communities, so
13 that information will be there. I've added to that
14 which is not in here but it will be when you see the
15 draft of some socioeconomic information by community
16 from the State, Department of Community and Regional
17 Affairs, and they compile information by community. So
18 we did two things essentially in the plan, at least,
19 from my perspective. We make sure we get good
20 information in there and then when the alternatives
21 that are described are developed, we look at the
22 effects of those alternatives. So what I'm describing
23 now is just the information. So we have community
24 summaries and then the second part of that are some of
25 these maps you see on the back. We've had in the past
26 very long tedious tables of information and you just
27 can't make a lot of sense out of it. It gives number
28 of deer and -- they're just numbers; they don't really
29 mean a lot and they're based also on the State's ADF&G
30 information.

31
32 If you look, I brought just two Craig and Klawock
33 communities. There's two sources of information. If
34 you look from -- if I can describe from the left,
35 Klawock is the first one and Craig is the next. Those
36 are the average deer harvest numbers for 1987 through
37 1992. And it's just a way of presenting better
38 information and putting them into the plan. Those are
39 the two on the left. The two on the right are from a
40 TRUCS survey and those are -- during the survey, the
41 question was asked, "Where have people within the
42 community ever hunted for deer." So, it provides some
43 of the information, just a different picture and it's
44 just a way to see some of that. And I think we're
45 providing information to ourselves, to the decision
46 makers, who pick the alternative that we're eventually
47 going to go for. But it's also providing information
48 to you in the communities that this is what we're --
49 these are the assumptions we're working under. And if
50 it's wrong, you should really look at these maps, and
51 say, "This is not where we used to spend a lot of time

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1 hunting" and I think it also helps to show that if
2 there's an area that comes up in an alternative as
3 potentially slated to be cut and it shows up in one of
4 those maps as very prime or high subsistence use, that
5 kind of conflict can be seen. So we're aware of it,
6 you can see it immediately and you're aware of it.
7 It's just a way of presenting some of the information a
8 little easier and a little more accessible to
9 everybody, I think.

10
11 The map in the middle is also just a way of
12 taking information we've had in the past and making it
13 a little more friendly. Excuse me, the one behind the
14 bald head I see turning around.

15
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Which? The gray or the black?
17 (Laughter)

18
19 MR. ANDERSON: (Indiscernible - simultaneous
20 speech)

21
22 MR. CLARK: That's why we're close together.

23
24 MS. ROBINSON: Strength in numbers, isn't there?

25
26 MR. CLARK: Watch out. I'll move my head and
27 blind you.

28
29 MR. CELLIER: The big map shows hunting by
30 community and it -- what's interesting about it is it
31 shows some of the potential conflict between
32 communities. It shows Ketchikan coming into some of
33 the areas where smaller communities hunt, Juneau, where
34 Juneau hunters go out. You can see each community has
35 its own color. So the pies are made up slices by
36 community. So around Hoonah, you'll see Hoonah, I
37 think is green so they make up maybe a third of that
38 pie but Juneau comes across and takes another third of
39 their pie and again, it's just a way of using -- it's
40 also using ADF&G's hunting survey data and all of these
41 maps are for deer. We don't have as good information
42 on other resources. But that is for deer.

43
44 And the one in the middle, the big color -- and
45 if I can just -- on these four maps, I have some spare
46 copies which I can leave and what you will probably see
47 and we can make photocopies now are short -- small
48 black and white maps. Those probably won't go in on
49 that scale but we will put them in in a smaller scale
50 and these I can photocopy again, both the Craig and the
51 Klawock. If anybody's interested, they can take those

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1 and I'll leave those other copies here in the ranger,
2 the Craig Ranger District. The other one is just --
3 again, it's just a way of taking information that's
4 Department of Community and Regional Affairs
5 information that mostly comes from the census and it
6 just is talking about a community and that map has the
7 deer harvest information and I think that's Angoon?
8 Yeah, Angoon and then it takes some of the socio-
9 economic information. The critical part is taking all
10 of this and taking the alternatives and saying what are
11 the effects going to be on the alternatives. And in
12 terms -- for subsistence, we're looking at having a
13 panel of deer biologists initially to take -- to look
14 particularly at the areas that are important for
15 hunting deer and saying whether -- giving that some
16 rank of risk to that area. So they take a wildlife
17 area. They look at this alternative and they can say,
18 "Well, considered opinion this offers some risk. It
19 may be between 60 and 70 percent to that deer
20 population" or 20 to 30 percent or no risk and it would
21 be a way of ranking the alternatives for particularly
22 deer. That's really -- to the Forest Service, that
23 seems to be the key.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What constitutes risk?

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27 MR. CELLIER: We're still debating that. That's
28 -- it's risk to under the alternative to the habitat
29 that the deer need and I -- I won't be -- personally, I
30 won't be involved in. I think it's outside of my
31 expertise. It's really a question that biologists
32 must face and say, for the next decade or the next -- I
33 think our planning horizon is ten years and then over
34 the next 50 years, if we're going to be cutting out a
35 lot of timber and that's going to affect the habitat,
36 that presents risks to deer.

37
38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

39
40 MR. CELLIER: So, it's directly related to
41 habitat.

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43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I see. Okay.

44
45 MS. LE CORNU: Mr. Chairman, can I ask a question
46 right now?

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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50 MS. LE CORNU: I guess we've always had a problem
51 with the data, especially from TRUCS and that and we

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1 were always upset (ph) because we figured that they're
2 taking down this information so that they can cordon
3 you off to -- this is the place where you go. Well,
4 we're not supposed to do that. We're only supposed to
5 make those opportunities. So we have a problem. I
6 can see some benefit of having that information right
7 now. We can see, for instance, that the Ketchikan
8 hunters are causing us probably 40 percent lost
9 opportunity for 40 percent of the hunters. I'm just
10 guessing. So it's important for that, that I think we
11 have to be careful and not to use it in the negative
12 way that we anticipated and that is to say where you do
13 hunt and not where you might hunt or what your need is.
14 That has never been met.

15
16 MR. CELLIER: I know.

17
18 MS. LE CORNU: That's the only problem I have
19 with those figures.

20
21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Are those factors built into
22 this process?

23
24 MR. CELLIER: No. Not directly. They really
25 aren't. TRUCS has -- certainly has problems with it
26 but I think we use it as a source of what is the best
27 available.

28
29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See, the reason these questions
30 are being posed is because the factors that are used
31 are factors other than the ones that we're charged to
32 represent and those findings, all of a sudden, become a
33 burden for us. That's what we're trying to avoid now
34 from that happening. You know, if there's going to be
35 accountability, the accountability should be on more of
36 the users rather than for us to find some way of
37 surviving some damage that somebody else has done. So,
38 that's an ongoing concern. I think we're making
39 progress around that but you'll probably, in your
40 involvement, be reminded of that from time to time.

41
42 MR. CELLIER: Yes, well, thank you.

43
44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Dolly.

45
46 MS. GARZA: I guess in looking at this summary
47 that we received, the shorter version and then you open
48 up to the socioeconomic effect analysis, the concern I
49 have is over the first, second, third, fourth -- fifth
50 paragraph where it says, "The regional analysis will
51 focus on the various resource dependent industries that

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1 rely to a greater or lesser extent on Tongass National
2 Forest." The concern I have there is that somehow or
3 another the whole subsistence issue gets set within the
4 context of economic value. That has happened over the
5 subsistence debates over the last decade and the
6 problem we have there is although you can easily
7 demonstrate the loss of income to a charter fisherman,
8 you can't easily demonstrate the loss of an opportunity
9 to a subsistence user. And I'm afraid that if that
10 analysis is done the same way here that subsistence
11 will not be adequately represented.
12

13 MR. CELLIER: That regional analysis is -- the
14 way I see it, subsistence will be -- the focus for
15 subsistence will be at the community level. Through
16 that kind of information through the community
17 summaries and the maps, we can talk about the
18 importance of subsistence to a particular community.
19 The industry analysis looks across the region.
20 Subsistence is specific to a local area as I see it.
21 The industries -- the timber industry, for instance,
22 can take timber out of one community and put it into a
23 mill in another community so it moves across commu-
24 nities and for that -- really, that's the main reason
25 for not having sub- -- that's one of the reasons, I
26 should say, for not having subsistence as a regional
27 economic analysis.
28

29 I have the same problems as you do. I don't
30 think you can adequately cover -- I've seen nothing
31 that can give subsistence enough economic weight. Is a
32 pound of salmon worth \$5.00 or is it worth the four
33 hours that it took to get those fish and there's no
34 good measure of that. So, I -- to my own mind, it's
35 almost better to try not to put an economic value onto
36 subsistence, but to rather describe it as a social,
37 cultural resource -- traditional resource.
38

39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We like to use a more simple
40 equation than that. If the habitat and ecosystem is
41 managed and protected like it should be, subsistence is
42 doing well.
43

44 MR. CELLIER: Yes. And the other part of the
45 plan, I think, where we try to address that is through
46 those standards and guides and they apply across the
47 whole forest so they're not just for a color -- a Land
48 Use Designation but across the forest, we do have
49 standards and guides. And we recently worked through
50 those and they are designed to protect subsistence
51 across the forest and that's the intent of that term.

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1 I do certainly take your point on the economic sense.
2 It is just a difficult issue to be honest.
3

4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's why we have a difficult
5 council.
6

7 MR. CELLIER: Yes.
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9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.
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11 MS. PHILLIPS: I have a really sensitive subject
12 here, but can you, in terms of a socioeconomic, 40
13 percent of the Native -- men incarcerated in the state
14 of Alaska are Native. And this is partly due to their
15 loss of subsistence rights. It has caused the men of
16 the Native culture to lose a part of their identity.
17 These men cannot do what has been done customary and
18 traditional. By having -- these men incarcerated, that
19 impacts the economic structure of the community --
20 balance of the community. Can you factor that in?
21

22 MR. CELLIER: Not directly. I don't think -- I
23 don't think we can. I think again, we can try to bring
24 it up and raise it as an issue, but it's very hard, I
25 think, to -- I think we would all understand it's a
26 difficult analysis. It's difficult to draw the
27 conclusion to bring that into a color on the map which
28 is what TLMP comes down to in a lot of ways.
29

30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Pretty tough questions, huh?
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32 MR. CELLIER: Pretty tough question.
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34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See, another way to consider
35 it. These are questions that not everybody is standing
36 in line to challenge. People are happiest at arms
37 length away from the topic of subsistence management.
38 We don't do that. What we're saying is try to find
39 some way to use our concerns as some credence in this
40 whole scheme. That's all we're asking you.
41

42 MS. PHILLIPS: You can take the number of men
43 incarcerated, times that by 40 percent and that 40
44 percent is a percentage of the community and that's a
45 part of the community that subsidizes venison and fish
46 as, you know, part of their meal ticket. And so, I
47 think you can do it.
48

49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We have faith in you.
50

51 ~~MR. CELLIER: Yeah, we can talk about that but I~~

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1 think it's the step from there to the plan that's tough
2 to make. The logic of the cause and effect, I guess,
3 is the problem with that.

4
5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Dave.

6
7 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, this is the map that
8 Bob Vaught referenced several times in his presenta-
9 tion. We were able to track it down, Alternative P.
10 We'll post that on one of the walls here sometime so
11 people -- there's a lot of information on this so if
12 people want to study it.

13
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. We have a martyr on the
15 pole right now, so we're going to finish with him and
16 then we'll have a (indiscernible - laughter). So, do
17 you have more notes or comments?

18
19 MR. CELLIER: No, I don't. The reason...

20
21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Did we discourage you?

22
23 MR. CELLIER: Oh, no, not at all. My only
24 discouragement, as Bob will testify, is that we have to
25 -- we're trying to -- we have a requirement to get this
26 out by the end of the year and to my mind, for a good
27 social analysis, particularly in communities which is
28 where it all happens, that's a long process.

29
30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You know, one of the only
31 questions I hear now from different agencies is how can
32 our agency reflect the community better than what we
33 have done historically or better than what we're doing
34 now. And I think this exercise is a step in allowing
35 that to happen and I think everybody here is grateful
36 for that. I know I am and I think that you folks are
37 seeing some window of encouragement to keep on keeping
38 on.

39
40 MR. CELLIER: Yes.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We thank you for that.

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44 MR. CELLIER: Thank you.

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46 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman?

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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.

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50 MR. SKAN: I like how all these guys are giving
51 us alternatives on...

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: They're alterNatives.
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4 MR. SKAN: AlterNatives, yeah. Usually, they
5 just kick us; now they want to kiss us. We've got two
6 alternatives. Appreciate that.
7
8 MR. ANDERSON: At least you get a choice.
9
10 MR. SKAN: Yeah. We never had that choice
11 before.
12
13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Bob. Before he gets
14 cold. Dave, were you going to post that during this...
15
16 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I'll be glad
17 to. Where would you like me to put it? (Laughter)
18
19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All those in favor say aye.
20 Mim.
21
22 MS. ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, while he's deciding
23 where to hang that, the committee, the TLMP committee
24 is going to be meeting tonight at 7 o'clock at the
25 Haida Way in the back lobby there, by the back doors.
26 It is open to the public and whoever wants to come.
27 We're going to be working on drafting a letter to our
28 Congressman and it will be dealing mostly with the
29 Appropriations Bill and maybe making a comment or doing
30 another letter on this bill that Bob's going to be
31 giving a little information on, update on in a few
32 minutes. There will be some staff members available to
33 help us.
34
35 MR. SKAN: Name the committee, Mim.
36 MS. ROBINSON: The committee, so far, is myself,
37 Dolly and Patty. Those are the only ones that have
38 expressed an interest. John, do you want to be on it?
39
40 MR. FELLER: Yeah. Definitely. Increase the
41 odds. Well, our coordinator is on there too, I think.
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43 MS. ROBINSON: I would assume -- yeah, Fred will
44 be there.
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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, you guys, we're away
47 from socioeconomic now.
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49 MS. ROBINSON: And Mary Rudolph, it looks like,
50 wants to be there also.
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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Good. I think your
2 committee's growing. I think it's good. Bob.
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4 MR. VAUGHT: It has been brought to my attention
5 that we did not discuss the Senate Bill which was
6 introduced by Senator Murkowski and that we should make
7 it clear that Murkowski's bill is completely different
8 legislation than the one which I discussed earlier.
9 The one I discussed earlier was a part of the Appropriations
10 Bill, fiscal year, 1996 Appropriations. Senator
11 Murkowski's bill is entitled "The Southeast Alaska Jobs
12 and Communities Protection Act of 1995" and it is
13 totally separate from anything I have discussed
14 previously. And I wanted to, very briefly, explain
15 some of the things that are in the Southeast Alaska
16 Jobs and Communities Protection Act of 1995 and I'm
17 just going to go down through some of these
18 requirements of Senator Murkowski's bill. And before I
19 do that, I should preface it with a statement that --
20 and I don't think that this is biased reporting. I'm
21 going to try to be as unbiased about this as I can.
22 Senator Murkowski's bill was not treated favorably when
23 he introduced this legislation. There was much concern
24 about this bill from a very broad front and because of
25 that concern, one of his hearings in Washington D.C.
26 was canceled and it was made into a workshop and the
27 bill's currently being rewritten. And my understanding
28 is that it's being rewritten to accommodate some of the
29 concerns that people have. So what I'm going to give
30 you is the previous bill that there were a great many
31 concerns expressed about that is now being rewritten
32 and I do not know what the new bill is going to say.
33 So, all I'm doing is giving you information about the
34 bill that is the only one that I have had provided to
35 me so far and it has been submitted to Congress.
36

37 It says, "The objective of the bill is to make
38 changes necessary in the Tongass Land Management
39 Planning process" so to change TLMP "so that sufficient
40 volume can be made available from the Tongass National
41 Forest to provide approximately 2400 direct jobs" which
42 was the number of jobs that were available and existed
43 in 1990 when the Tongass Timber Reform Act was passed.

44 So rather than mandating a specific amount of timber
45 to be produced, it demands that a certain amount of
46 jobs be maintained. It says that all lands are to be
47 considered in the TLMP process, except wilderness.
48 That includes LUD Twos. It says that in order for the
49 Secretary to reduce volume for harvesting that is
50 needed to protect this number of jobs that the
51 Secretary must show must give an impact statement

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1 showing that the jobs reduction is more important than
2 the environmental gains to be achieved. And so the
3 Forest Service would have to essentially prove that the
4 environmental factors are more important than the job
5 factors which is something that we certainly don't do
6 now.

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8 And it says that timber cannot be withdrawn to
9 maintain plant or animal diversity unless there is a
10 threatened or endangered species. It says that there
11 is both NEPA and sufficiency language and I described
12 that previously. It says that all of the things in
13 this bill are considered legal in terms of other
14 legislation and it says that the Forest Service does
15 not have to do NEPA on certain actions which we
16 currently now have to do NEPA which is the EISEs that
17 we have to write.

18
19 And Section Two states that the objective of this
20 section is to require the Forest Service to meet market
21 demand and that means that the mill capacity that is
22 present, we must produce enough timber to meet that
23 mill capacity. Current mill capacity is about 410
24 million board feet and it does not include the Sitka
25 Mill or Wrangell Mill.

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27 Section Six requires the Secretary to provide
28 enough money in order to meet all these other
29 objectives, requires that to fund us so that we can
30 produce that much timber.

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32 And Section Seven allows the purchaser to lay out
33 the timber sales. Right now, the Forest Service lays
34 out the timber sales and this section would allow the
35 timber operator to lay out the sales and not the Forest
36 Service.

37
38 So, that is a quick summary of what that bill
39 does. Again, I would like to emphasize it is being
40 rewritten. I do not know what the new bill says and
41 I'd like to emphasize that it is completely different
42 from what we discussed the first time. That's a
43 different bill and different legislation.

44
45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mim.

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47 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you. That was helpful. I
48 was wondering if you are familiar with the time frame
49 that Murkowski is working under in his rewriting. In
50 other words, when we meet again in January, February,
51 sometime, is it something we'd be able to comment on

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1 again then or would it be something that they'd already
2 be voting on by then?
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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What I can remember when he was
5 leaving Ketchikan -- he had a meeting in Ketchikan --
6 and he mentioned something like two years. Something
7 two years down the line.
8

9 MS. ROBINSON: Oh. So this is something we could
10 comment on?
11

12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.
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14 MS. ROBINSON: There'll be a rewritten copy
15 maybe...
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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's going to be rewritten.
18 There's going to be more workshops before it ever goes
19 to a hearing.
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21 MS. RUDOLPH: Mr. Chairman?
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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.
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25 MS. RUDOLPH: Could I get a copy of this?
26

27 MR. VAUGHT: This is public information and we
28 can make copies of this available. I would also like
29 to mention that the Secretary of Agriculture has
30 commented on the official administration's position
31 concerning this bill and the administration is against
32 this bill and I have a number of pages of comments
33 about why they are against the bill and we can make
34 that available to you, if you'd like to have that as
35 well.
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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It also speaks to amending
38 ANILCA.
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40 MR. VAUGHT: Yes, it does. Yeah. It's a fairly
41 substantial bill and it's a lot more complicated than I
42 just briefly described. But it both amends ANILCA. I
43 believe it amends National Forest Management Act and it
44 amends some sections of the Tongass Timber Reform Act.
45

46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dale.
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48 MR. KANEN: I was thinking. For Mim's working
49 group tonight, how many people and how many copies of
50 those would you like?
51

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1 MS. ROBINSON: There's going to be one, two,
2 three, four, five council members, I believe and Fred,
3 six. Six of those, it looks like. I think I
4 remembered everybody.

5
6 MR. CLARK: Make an extra.

7
8 MS. ROBINSON: So, six of us and then maybe some
9 for whatever public show up.

10
11 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman?

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.

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15 MR. SKAN: Bob Mosher (ph) from Sealaska had
16 taken this document that you just referenced and
17 dissected it and analyzed it so if your group or
18 somebody that knows Bob can call him up and have it
19 faxed to Klawock Heenya or to Shaan Seet, you know, the
20 findings that they had found are wrong with this
21 document, I think would help your working group tonight
22 in your session.

23
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Let's -- yeah. Go ahead.

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26 MR. KELLEY: Mr. Chairman...

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28 COURT REPORTER: Name, please.

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30 MR. KELLEY: Paul Kelley. For point of
31 clarification, Murkowski is not the sole sponsor of
32 1054. Is this correct?

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34 MR. VAUGHT: Can I ask for help from the group?
35 Does anybody else know?

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37 MR. BRISTOL: I think Ted Stevens is the co-
38 sponsor.

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40 MR. KELLY: I think that needs to be understood
41 by the committee that these guys are acting in concert.

42
43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, Stevens. I think the
44 three people from Alaska, isn't it, are co-sponsoring?
45 Yeah, the Alaska delegation.

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47 MR. BRISTOL: I don't think Don Young is part of
48 that. I think it was just Ted Stevens.

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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Your friends and mine. With
51 that, we'll take a...

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2 MR. VAUGHT: Mr. Chairman, one final comment.
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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes, sir.
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6 MR. VAUGHT: Please. Concerning the previous
7 discussion that Guy presented. I was just here for the
8 last part of that because I was trying to find this but
9 I had one comment. We are under a very restricted time
10 frame in order to try to meet the objectives that I
11 mentioned we're going to try to meet under the planning
12 process. In order to get a plan done by the end of the
13 year, you have printing time; you have review time in
14 the Washington office to get the draft out and we have
15 the whole plan to write in about a month and a half to
16 two months and so we're going to try to do the very
17 best we can on subsistence section between now and the
18 time that we have. What will be important is that we
19 get good comments on the draft so that we can change
20 the draft during the comment period to incorporate more
21 of that information that you would like to have that
22 you were discussing. So I would encourage you not to
23 be too disappointed in the draft, but to help us when
24 you see that draft at the end of the year, to comment
25 on that so that we can make the final a lot better.
26
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So, we'll have it for the month
28 of January?
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30 MR. VAUGHT: Yes. January, February and March.
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32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.
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34 MR. VAUGHT: Thank you.
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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think Dewey's suggestions are
37 good. I'm just trying to figure out the best way to
38 accommodate that. We should do it before their office
39 closes, and do you know what Shaan Seet's fax number
40 is, Dolly?
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42 MS. GARZA: 3980.
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44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you know what the Sealaska's
45 number is?
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47 MS. GARZA: 1512?
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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you know Bob Mosher?
50
51 MS. GARZA: Yeah, I'll go call him.

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Does he like you?
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4 MS. GARZA: Sometimes.
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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We'll stand in recess for five
7 minutes.
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9 MS. ROBINSON: Before we do that, I just -- we
10 talked about this committee or work group in relation
11 to the Appropriations Bill and that was the main focal
12 point at this time. Now, it looks like we're getting a
13 little bit more into this other bill, this Jobs Bill
14 and I'm wondering since it's in the process of being
15 rewritten now, I'm really wondering how in depth we
16 want to go on that at this time. I would almost prefer
17 to just make a short statement referring to that in
18 this letter about the Appropriations Bill and wait
19 until our next meeting and see if there's a new copy
20 out, a rewritten copy of the Jobs Bill and then have --
21 maybe have another committee meeting and comment on
22 that bill at that time. Does that sound okay to the
23 committee members?
24
25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. Yeah.
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27 MS. ROBINSON: I don't want to take on too much
28 here.
29
30 MR. SKAN: I think the Sealaska document will be
31 very helpful to you.
32
33 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, we can -- it would be good
34 to have but, you know, as far -- I really -- I feel
35 like we just need to concentrate on the Appropriations
36 Bill right now.
37
38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, yeah, that's true, but I
39 think the information you'll garner from this informa-
40 tion will give you something that you can write a short
41 caption, making reference to it then.
42
43 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, that would be good.
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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So, let's take a little break
46 and give Dolly a chance to contact him and then when
47 she comes back, we'll reconvene. Thank you very much,
48 Dolly.
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50 (Off record - 3:26 p.m.)
51 (On record 4:05 p.m.)

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We were hoping that Dewey would
3 be able to get this document he mentioned. He had to
4 go to Klawock to get it so while we're waiting for that
5 to happen, I think we will move to our coordinator, and
6 he can introduce us to Customary and Traditional Use
7 Eligibility Update.

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9 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I was hoping that
10 Rachel would be able to do that. Rachel Mason...

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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How about the Designated Hunter
13 Update? Same thing?

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15 MR. CLARK: That's a question to the council if
16 they want additional information on how the Designated
17 Hunter regulation is panning out to date. If it's the
18 wish of the council, we can ask members of the audience
19 to give us updates from, for instance, the Craig Ranger
20 District or perhaps, Ken could give us a brief summary.

21
22 MS. GARZA: Please.

23
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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26 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.
27 Ken Thompson, Forest Service. Let me give you what I
28 know is happening and then the local people could
29 correct me if the status has changed. The parti-
30 cipation in the Designated Hunter Permit Program to
31 date has been very light as one might expect because
32 it's early in the season. I believe we've had -- we've
33 issued something like 15 permits on the fall in the
34 Tongass to date. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 15
35 to 20. That was as of about, oh, a week or ten days
36 ago. However -- and it's early in the season. We
37 would anticipate the subsistence participation in any
38 respect would be later in the season as it normally is
39 and the interest in participating in the Designated
40 Hunter Program would be similarly more important later
41 in the season, so the information we have at the moment
42 is really of more value in estimating what the impact
43 will be over the whole season.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Now, not every
46 application is going to result in a bag.

47
48 MR. THOMPSON: That's right.

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50 MR. CLARK: Anybody care to supplement?
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1 MR. KANEN: Well, I think -- we've issued 15 to
2 date just on our district alone and I think Ted said
3 he's...

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5 MR. SCHENK: Fifteen total in the Chatham areas.

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7 MR. THOMPSON: Okay, so 30 then altogether?

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9 MR. NEWHOUSE: And there's been 16 in the
10 (indiscernible - opening window)...

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12 MR. THOMPSON: So, the number's going up.

13
14 MR. CAPRA: At least six in Yakutat.

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16 MR. KANEN: And one antlered doe. (Laughter)

17
18 UNIDENTIFIED: Strike that from the record.

19
20 MS. GARZA: Where was the six from?

21
22 MR. CAPRA: There's at least six from Yakutat.

23
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Lonnie.

25
26 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, out of the City Hall
27 we've been issuing, we have three designated permits,
28 if I may.

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30 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. So there are some...

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32 MR. ANDERSON: Slowly, I would -- I would...

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34 MR. THOMPSON: ...additional ones. I guess I
35 would -- I think that that's still relatively light
36 compared to the total hunting that is occurring.

37
38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Hank.

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40 MR. NEWHOUSE: Mr. Chairman, to facilitate in the
41 Ketchikan area to do that, we've tried a number of
42 different ways. If Cheri was here, I believe they've
43 got some of the permits out at the postmaster's offices
44 so that places like Point Baker, Port Protection, Edna
45 Bay, you know, the real small places. In the immediate
46 Ketchikan area, the city clerk in Saxman is handling
47 the permits and she's issuing them because she knows
48 who resides in Saxman and who are the qualified people
49 there. The city clerk in Metlakatla is also handling
50 the permits and the last time that I checked with them
51 which was about a week and a half ago, they had not

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1 issued any permits yet. People were still primarily
2 interested in fishing. We're trying to get the permits
3 out to the postmaster in Meyers Chuck and the people in
4 Hydaburg are also aware -- or not Hydaburg, Hyder are
5 aware that they can get them if they so desire.
6

7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Dolly.
8

9 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know if
10 anyone has an idea of which communities have gone with
11 community harvest. I know that Angoon had talked about
12 that in much detail last fall or -- yeah, last fall
13 when they talked about it.
14

15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I don't think anything's
16 happened on the community.
17

18 MR. SCHENK: The only place where there's
19 anything close to that is Yakutat and moose. Jim, your
20 deer is all just the standard method.
21

22 MS. GARZA: Okay. And how did Yakutat go about
23 getting that, just out of curiosity?
24

25 MR. SCHENK: Ted Schenk, Chatham Area wildlife
26 biologist. John Vale got through the board the
27 regulations for the permitting process and then we sat
28 down with the Park Service and came up with a -- and a
29 number of other people in the Forest Service and Walter
30 Ford -- Dale, help me out here.
31

32 MR. KANEN: Walter Ford, the Park Service, Forest
33 Service and John Vale.
34

35 MR. SCHENK: And John Vale all met at Yakutat to
36 figure out a process how we would issue these permits
37 and wrote it all down and that's how we did it. So
38 Walter is helping us monitor how that's working and so
39 far, we haven't had any problems that I'm aware of.
40

41 MR. THOMPSON: The short answer is just the
42 standard proposal process.
43

44 MR. SCHENK: It's just the standard proposal
45 process.
46

47 MS. GARZA: Okay. I did miss a meeting and so
48 maybe I'm wrong. I had thought that it was being done
49 both for the Yakutat moose as well as for communities
50 with deer populations that wanted to go in that
51 direction. Is that not true?

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2 MR. THOMPSON: I don't know. There's not been --
3 no proposals.
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5 MR. SCHENK: It's not beyond the realm of
6 possibilities to occur that way because it's in our
7 regulation but there have been no proposals to
8 implement that. Maybe I'm incorrect.
9

10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No. As usual, you're right on.

11 MR. SCHENK: We just haven't had a proposal for a
12 community...
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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No. The proposals that we had
15 last year, I included in my report this morning and
16 that wasn't part of it.
17

18 MR. FELLER: There was something -- Mr. Chairman?
19

20 MR. SCHENK: And Yakutat technically is the
21 ceremonial moose permit. No more than ten moose can be
22 taken for ceremonial purposes.
23

24 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman?
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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bill.
27

28 MR. KNAUER: Just to clarify. There is no
29 community in Southeast that has a community harvest
30 system. The community in Yakutat does have a ceremonial
31 hunt for that, that is above and beyond their indivi-
32 dual harvest amount in that area. We've not yet
33 received any proposals from a community in Southeast,
34 asking for a community harvest reporting system. There
35 are a few elsewhere in the state. The community of
36 Lime Village has a community harvest system. There are
37 a couple of other places. It's not particularly common
38 right now but it is -- it can be accomplished by any
39 community that wishes to make a proposal and provide,
40 you know, the appropriate mech- -- structure.
41

42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Yeah, thank you.
43

44 MR. CAPRA: Jim Capra, Park Service. Let me just
45 correct that. Those six permits in Yakutat were the
46 ceremonial moose.
47

48 MR. KANEN: My recollection on the community
49 harvest for Southeast Alaska when it was discussed at
50 the Juneau Regional Council meeting last winter -- your
51 group discussed at length and I think the what I

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1 thought I heard was that the communities in Southeast
2 were not homogeneous enough for a community harvest to
3 work as well as the proxy system.

4
5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I see. That's probably true.
6 Sandy.

7
8 MR. RABINOWITCH: Sandy Rabinowitch with the Park
9 Service. One other example, it's not from Southeast.
10 Late this summer, the village of Anaktuvuk Pass
11 submitted a special request to the Federal Subsistence
12 Board because of the lack of caribou in the village.
13 And their original proposal was to essentially open the
14 season early. What was worked out with the community
15 there at Anaktuvuk Pass is that they instituted a
16 community harvest limit for sheep and moose and it was
17 all negotiated, if you will, and then the board passed
18 that community harvest limit so there was so many sheep
19 within a defined time period and then the program,
20 through the Parks and Fisheries, issued a single permit
21 to the mayor of Anaktuvuk Pass who basically then took
22 care of it from then on. Now, this was only a two-
23 week period but from all accounts, it seemed to work,
24 you know, fairly smoothly. So just an example of
25 somewhere else.

26
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. I'm sure -- I think if
28 they felt that that two-week window wasn't enough that
29 they would have adjusted it to make it enough.

30
31 MR. RABINOWITCH: Well, the two- -- just to
32 explain. The two-week window carried them up enough
33 until when the season would then normally open so
34 that's why it was that time period.

35
36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. Thank you. So there's a
37 lot of flexibility, a lot of support, you know. It's
38 taken us a little while to get to this point. Some of
39 us were already here; some are a little reluctant in
40 getting here. Fred.

41
42 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to inform the
43 council that there were two permits given for cere-
44 monial deer over this past year. One was for the Kake
45 Culture Camp and another one was for the potlatch of
46 Paul Henry in Yakutat.

47
48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.

49
50 MR. CLARK: And it turned out to be a fairly
51 simple and quick process.

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1
2 MR. SCHENK: Were you aware of any federal
3 permits that were made available to the Dog Point Camp
4 at Sitka? Dog Point Culture Camp for deer.
5

6 MR. CLARK: Maybe -- Bill, are you aware of any?
7 I came in kind of late so I may have....
8

9 MR. KNAUER: There was one last year but I don't
10 remember one this year but I wasn't directly involved
11 in that this year.
12

13 MS. GARZA: Well, if they didn't get a permit,
14 they probably didn't take one.
15

16 MR. SCHENK: I was under the assumption...
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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: In case...
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20 MR. SCHENK: ...they got one. Actually one for
21 August and one for doe (ph) hunting...
22

23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: In case anybody here still has
24 questions regarding this whole process, I'm going to
25 give you an example that it isn't something that was
26 introduced in the last two years. There's one
27 gentleman over here, a handsome guy in the blue jacket
28 sitting over there that can remember years ago during
29 the salmon -- the herring spawn on Fish Egg Island when
30 the towns would close down schools and everybody go out
31 on the west coast of Fish Egg Island, they'd be
32 harvesting herring eggs. The crew would go out and get
33 a couple of seal. Somebody else would go in the woods
34 and get a couple of deer. And this went on, see.
35 But they didn't go and cut the hindquarter out and
36 leave the rest up there. It was all used and people
37 still -- people tanned the hides them days for making
38 their moccasins or regalia or whatever. But that went
39 on. So it's not a new practice. That's just a simple
40 exhibit of what C&T is all about and I kind of wish
41 those days were back here, Vic.
42

43 MR. BURGESS: That's what you're sitting there
44 for, Bill.
45

46 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman, an update on
47 (indiscernible - unclear). You are now my uncle.
48 Customary tradition.
49

50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: AlterNatives. Did you get your
51 documents?

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2 MR. SKAN: Yes. Had some in my office in
3 Klawock.

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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. So that's for the
6 benefit of the committee tonight and thank you for
7 doing that. We were trying to take up slack. I was
8 trying to go down the agenda but we're kind of
9 handicapped until our anthropologist gets here
10 tomorrow?

11
12 MR. CLARK: Tomorrow morning.

13
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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16 MR. CLARK: She may be in tonight but I think it
17 will be later than the meeting. There are some other
18 things we could consider in the meantime should the
19 council wish to.

20
21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

22
23 MR. CLARK: One is the 1995 annual report.

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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Would you lead us into that?

26
27 MR. CLARK: The council is directed to provide
28 for the board an annual report that deals with a number
29 of different things. And it's four main things and
30 I'll just read them off to refresh the council's
31 memory. Identification of current and anticipated
32 subsistence uses of fish and wildlife populations
33 within their region, an evaluation of current and
34 anticipated subsistence needs for fish and wildlife
35 populations on public lands within their region, a
36 recommended strategy for the management of fish and
37 wildlife populations within their region to accommodate
38 such subsistence uses and needs related to the public
39 lands, and recommendations concerning policies,
40 standards, guidelines, and regulations to implement the
41 strategy.

42
43 In the past the annual report has often been used
44 just to report on what the council has done over the
45 past year. It's usually been produced pretty much by
46 the council coordinators and as you are well aware, the
47 council coordinators end up responding to their own
48 letter and that's been brought up several times. And I
49 don't think it's been thoroughly dealt with. So one
50 thing for the council to consider is how you would like
51 to handle that, what role you would like me to play in

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1 developing that and what role you would like the annual
2 report to play because it has a great deal of potential
3 for allowing you to set the strategy for the region in
4 developing what you want to address in the upcoming
5 years or in the upcoming meetings.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Who is the final reader of that
8 document?

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10 MR. CLARK: I believe it is the Federal
11 Subsistence Board.

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13 MS. LE CORNU: I think it's the Secretary of the
14 Interior...

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16 MS. ROBINSON: The Secretary of Agriculture --
17 Interior.

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19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Commerce.

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21 MS. LE CORNU: Interior.

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23 MR. CLARK: Okay. It is submitted to the board
24 and then the board, I believe, is directed to pass it
25 upwards. It's just to the board.

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27 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman, the Secretaries have
28 delegated responsibility for this program to the board
29 so they are acting for the secretaries. They are the
30 recipients of your annual report. They are the ones
31 that are responsible for reading and finally responding
32 to you. Of course, certainly draft responses are
33 prepared for the signature of the chair, once he has
34 signed it, it becomes his document.

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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Now, is that elaborated on in
37 print any place?

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39 MR. KNAUER: Yes, sir, it is.

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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: CFR?

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43 MR. KNAUER: It's not in that folder, but in some
44 of your previous materials, you got a set of
45 regulations that are called -- we call them subpart A,
46 B, and C. At the start of subpart B, Section 10, it
47 says, "The Secretary of Interior and Secretary of
48 Agriculture hereby establish and delegate responsibi-
49 lity for administrating the subsistence taking (ph) and
50 uses, fish and wildlife on public lands and related
51 promulgation and signature authority for regulations,

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1 subpart C and D, contained herein to the board."
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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Mim.
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5 MS. ROBINSON: Also, in this, our operations
6 manual, it's on page 31. Advisory Councils Reports, it
7 deals with that also.
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9 MR. CLARK: On the new version, it's on page 36.
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11 MS. ROBINSON: Okay.
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13 MR. CLARK: And on page 38, it says that there's
14 a deadline for November 15th for the annual report.
15 Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that regardless of who
16 actually ends up reading the report, the exercise of
17 producing the report could be very good for the
18 council, itself, to try to think out some of the
19 strategies that you might like to...
20
21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I agree with that. What
22 I was wondering, right now, is whether requesting
23 projections, anticipated. I don't think that's a fair
24 -- I don't think that's a fair request. And I think
25 we need to address that part of it and probably delete
26 it from the report and then send an explanation of why
27 with that because it's typical federal government to
28 project and anticipate, you know, and it's always
29 Greek. So, I think we'll delete that part of it, using
30 our own discretion, and advise them that is our
31 discretion. Mim.
32
33 MS. ROBINSON: In the past, the regional councils
34 have had a -- I can't remember exactly what we did last
35 time, but I know in the past we've had committees that
36 have worked on the letter and what should go in it.
37 Does anybody remember what we did last time? Did Carol
38 write it up? So, I don't know.
39
40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: She wrote it up and we all
41 nodded.
42
43 MS. ROBINSON: Right. I don't know if we want to
44 do it that way this time or not. Fred's fairly new to
45 the region and everything.
46
47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think Fred's presenting that
48 to us is very proper. I think he's asking for the
49 talents, collectively, as a council and I think we
50 should afford him that. And I agree with you. And,
51 you know, it hasn't been done properly in the past and

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1 I don't think we need to follow improper procedures
2 very long. So, Mim.
3
4 MS. ROBINSON: I was thinking that if we, as this
5 meeting proceeds in the next couple days here, by the
6 time -- towards the end of our meeting, we'll probably
7 have more of an idea of what we would want to go in the
8 report...
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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think so.
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12 MS. ROBINSON: ...and it may be on Saturday,
13 there could be a committee in the morning or I don't
14 know that could work on it over breakfast and present
15 something or...
16
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: By that time, we might retire
18 your chairmanship of this one and then be available for
19 it.
20
21 MS. ROBINSON: Somebody else is going to have
22 to do that one.
23
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Patty.
25
26 MS. PHILLIPS: I know I got transcripts of our
27 last meeting. We had lengthy discussions on this issue
28 and if we could get that portion of the transcripts...
29
30 MR. CLARK: I can make that available.
31
32 MS. PHILLIPS: ...that would be....
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34 MS. ROBINSON: A timesaver, probably. Instead of
35 repeating ourselves.
36
37 MR. CLARK: I have those.
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39 MS. PHILLIPS: Great.
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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any other comments
42 regarding the annual report? I would ask you guys a
43 question but I don't want the answer. I was going to
44 ask you if you're all in agreement or bored. Don't
45 answer that.
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47 MR. CLARK: Would you like another topic?
48
49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.
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51 MR. CLARK: The idea has come up in discussions

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1 with the staff committee and other people in the
2 subsistence office, Fish and Wildlife Service, that
3 perhaps the council would like to be more involved in
4 the nomination process of council membership. And so I
5 would suggest that a discussion among the council
6 about, if the council would like to be involved in the
7 nomination process or even the evaluation process.
8 What involvement -- do you feel like you're adequately
9 involved in how the membership is produced on the
10 council?

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12 MS. ROBINSON: We're not involved at all, are we?
13

14 MR. SKAN: Not yet anyway.
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16 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah.
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18 MR. ANDERSON: No, I said I wanted Mim back on.
19

20 MS. ROBINSON: Seems like it would be a good
21 idea.

22 MR. CLARK: And if so, how?
23

24 MS. PHILLIPS: By committee.
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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All those that want to serve on
27 the committee talk to Patty.
28

29 MS. PHILLIPS: We're not in that process yet.
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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No. But before we go, we will.
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33 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman?
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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.
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37 MS. WILSON: I thought we indirectly are in the
38 process by writing letters of support to the people
39 that are presented to -- on the list.
40

41 MS. ROBINSON: But we never know who's been
42 nominated. I've never heard who's been nominated for
43 any of these seats.
44

45 MS. WILSON: Oh, that's true.
46

47 MS. GARZA: You mean until the nominations are
48 closed?
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50 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, until they're closed. I
51 mean you never know who has turned their names in.

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The only ones we know about is
3 people that express while we're at a meeting.
4

5 MS. ROBINSON: Right. Like we knew about Mary in
6 Hoonah there. That was the only -- except for
7 incumbents, you know.
8

9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.
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11 MS. GARZA: I guess the concern I have is that
12 each of us really don't know other people's communities
13 well and who gets nominated from each community is
14 really a community decision. And so what I have to say
15 about who gets nominated from PA, certainly, should not
16 be more important than what PA says. But I think
17 knowing who has been nominated before it closes so
18 that, perhaps, we can suggest other names may be
19 helpful.
20

21 MS. ROBINSON: Or the people could, at least,
22 write letters of support or visa versa.
23

24 MS. GARZA: Well, that's -- they do send a list
25 out so we're able to do that as individuals.
26

27 MS. ROBINSON: I don't ever remember seeing a
28 list.
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30 MS. GARZA: I've gotten one.
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32 MS. LE CORNU: I haven't.
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34 MS. ROBINSON: I haven't.
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36 MS. GARZA: Really?
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38 MS. ROBINSON: Never. How did you get one?
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40 MS. GARZA: They get set out, don't they? I'm
41 not the only one. I'm on the special list!
42

43 MS. ROBINSON: You're on the special list, Dolly.
44

45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're on the list, all right.
46

47 MS. ROBINSON: You're in the loop!
48

49 MS. GARZA: No, I don't get it. Really. Really.
50 (Laughter)
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1 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman.
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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.
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5 MR. SKAN: Where are we?
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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're garnering headaches from
8 the coordinator.
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10 MS. ROBINSON: It's a new thought. I hadn't
11 thought about it before. I'm pondering it. How about
12 you, Dewey? (Indiscernible - unclear)
13
14 MR. SKAN: Well, I'm kind of concerned 'cause in
15 our second meeting now, our chairman -- we can't even
16 afford to buy our chairman a gavel. I'm wondering what
17 I'm doing here.
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19 MS. PHILLIPS: I bought him one.
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21 MR. SKAN: Sounds like Kato Kaelin.
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23 MS. ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman.
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25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mim.
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27 MS. ROBINSON: I'd say at the very least at this
28 point, I would say that we should definitely receive a
29 list of who has been nominated prior to any listing
30 forwarded to the -- whoever they get forwarded to. I
31 don't even know what happens once I send in my name. I
32 don't know where it goes to, who -- you know. So maybe
33 we should be told how that process works and given a
34 list so that we can, at least, make comments if we want
35 to. I mean it is our region that's being recommended.
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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do we want to request then that
38 members of the council be provided a final list?
39
40 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman. This is a democracy and
41 I think if we don't like it, we should, at least, have
42 a chance to vote against them.
43
44 MS. ROBINSON: Apparently, this flow chart is the
45 process that's followed? It's in our book. It's in
46 there.
47
48 MR. CLARK: It's in the back of your notebook.
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50 MS. ROBINSON: I've never seen this one before.
51 ~~Oh, okay. Okay. So, I would say that sometime in~~

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1 March, we should receive a copy of who's been
2 nominated, who's turned in their names.

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4 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bill.

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8 MR. KNAUER: In our process, at the close of the
9 application period, it's our standard procedure to send
10 each regional council a list of all of those indivi-
11 duals that have applied from their region.

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13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Where do you send it? To the
14 coordinators?

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16 MR. KNAUER: Send it to the regional council.
17 Now, what our process is, whether our regional
18 coordinator is doing it or whether it's coming directly
19 from our office, I'm not sure right now but it is the
20 pro- -- it is built into the process that the regional
21 council would get a list of the coordinators. That was
22 the requested last year by a number of councils.
23 Also, it's our hope that each -- that during the
24 application period, each council member will put out
25 the word in their local communities and elsewhere in
26 their region that it is a time when other individuals
27 may apply for a position on the council. We are aware
28 that some individuals may wish to reapply as they did
29 this year and we were very pleased that a number of
30 people were reappointed. There may be times when other
31 individuals may have other priorities come up or things
32 that prevent them from continuing and there may be
33 situations where an incumbent may not wish to reapply
34 and there may be others that may wish to step into a
35 leadership role as many of you have. And so we think
36 it's very important that the council participate in
37 that way.

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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, the Ketchikan paper in
40 their daily publications has that once or twice during
41 that period.

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43 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman?

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.

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47 MR. SKAN: Looking under Duties of the Council,
48 under six, probably Article 4 can be...

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50 MS. ROBINSON: The charter.

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1 MR. SKAN: The council reviewing -- incumbent
2 council review the applications for the coming fiscal
3 year, whatever it is. I don't know what the process is
4 for inserting it into the charter but there must be
5 some means or mechanism that allows us to do that.

6
7 MS. PHILLIPS: Good idea.

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9 MS. ROBINSON: Would be a good place for it.
10 Lonnie has admitted that he has received a copy before.

11 MR. ANDERSON: I know who was being...

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13 MS. ROBINSON; You're not the only one, Dolly.
14 So, a couple of council members. Has any other council
15 member ever received a list? There were 14 names
16 apparently on this one, last one.

17
18 MS. GARZA: See, we're scared to tell you now.

19
20 MS. ROBINSON: I'm just -- well, why -- how did
21 they get it? Nobody knows -- nobody will admit who
22 they sent them out to?

23
24 MR. NEWHOUSE: Mr. Chairman?

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26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Hank.

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28 MR. NEWHOUSE: As being one of the panel or one
29 that has been involved in the evaluation process the
30 last couple of years, I can give the council would so
31 like, I can spend a few moments, kind of filling you in
32 on the process, kind of a follow -- 'cause I heard some
33 words to that effect, asking for that information.

34
35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The martyr post is yours.

36
37 MR. NEWHOUSE: All right. Go easy on me. I'm up
38 against the wall now. Again, I'm Hank Newhouse,
39 subsistence coordinator, Ketchikan area. I've
40 participated in the evaluation process for making
41 recommendations, including forest recommendations for
42 appointees, for the last two years. And Lonnie is
43 probably right. He knew, at least, in his general area
44 this last time around who the people were involved.
45 You would have known also, Mim, if you'd been home but
46 you were away and I wasn't able to talk to you directly
47 because, you know, we weigh pros and cons and I...

48
49 MS. ROBINSON: And so, it was by phone call?

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51 MR. NEWHOUSE: Yeah. I did, you know, a lot of

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1 that. You know, I interviewed in the communities by
2 phone call or if the people were in Ketchikan, I
3 visited personally, you know, in my area. And I tended
4 to focus...

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6 MS. ROBINSON: Well, we did talk on the phone at
7 one point.

8
9 MR. NEWHOUSE: Yeah. Okay. And in some cases,
10 shared back and forth because in some cases,
11 particularly in the area that you and Lonnie represent
12 or are representing, there were some other really good
13 or -- one other really good applicant that had been
14 involved in subsistence for a lot of years and that
15 person -- so we went through locally and we pulled
16 information together and then there was a panel that
17 got together and we worked on this in a regional sense,
18 for the whole Southeast region. John Borbridge (ph)
19 was involved with that; I was involved with that and
20 there was a guy -- let's see. I'm trying to remember
21 the name of the guy from the Park Service.

22
23 MS. PHILLIPS: Randy King.

24
25 MR. KNAUER: Mike Sharp.

26
27 MS. PHILLIPS: Oh, I thought it was Randy.

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29 MR. NEWHOUSE: And so they -- we took all the
30 input that we had gotten from the communities in that
31 and then we tried to kind of rank up and then it went
32 up -- and then we passed onto a higher level and I
33 believe then it went on to the staff in Anchorage and
34 people like Ken and Sandy and others then made a
35 further recommendation and I don't know whether -- then
36 I believe it went on to the federal board and then it
37 went on to the Secretary. In a very simple way, yeah,
38 we sought out information from the individual in the
39 community. We also used some of our own personal
40 experience and some of these individuals we had worked
41 with personally in the past. And then just kind of
42 ranked plus or minuses. And we had a whole set of
43 evaluation criteria that were followed in that. That's
44 pretty well spelled out with the evaluation criteria we
45 have. And the Fish and Wildlife Service actually send
46 out a questionnaire that we follow pretty closely when
47 seeking information for each of the candidates that had
48 applied.

49
50 MR. CLARK: If I may follow up a little bit.
51 After the panel went through this process, that

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1 information was kind of pooled together into a
2 presentation for the staff committee. Then the staff
3 committee considered all of the applicants and the
4 ranking criteria and how these guys went through what
5 they did and they made recommendations to the Federal
6 Subsistence Board. The Federal Subsistence Board then
7 does the same thing. They go through everybody and
8 listen to how the process goes and who's recommended by
9 the panel and who's recommended by the staff committee
10 and then their recommendation is shipped off to the
11 Secretary of Interior where it enters into the Never
12 Never Land and, you know, all these excerpts just about
13 yesterday.

14
15 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman?

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17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bill.

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19 MR. KNAUER: We will ensure next year, next March
20 that everybody on the council does receive a list of
21 the applicants.

22
23 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

24
25 MR. KNAUER: I'm not sure what happened this
26 year. I do know that it was right about the time when
27 Fred was just coming on. We were also in a little bit
28 of a change as the division chief for that division was
29 (indiscernible - unclear) but we will ensure -- I've
30 made a special note -- that everyone on the council
31 does get a copy of that. In other regards, some
32 councils have expressed a desire to be very active in
33 the process and to make recommendations; others have
34 said they feel it's more appropriate that they maintain
35 a more or less neutral status because there may be
36 individuals on their council that they would rather not
37 express an opinion for or against and they feel it
38 would be more fair to everyone if they didn't. That is
39 the -- a council can choose to act however they feel
40 most appropriate so that's up to each council.

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42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I use discretion on what's
43 appropriate for these guys to act on.

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45 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.

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49 MR. SKAN: And I mean "Mr. Chairman." We seem to
50 be floundering here so if we're floundering I'd like to
51 place before the board the agenda item, Election of

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1 Officers for the coming year, if there's no objection.
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3 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair?
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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
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7 MS. PHILLIPS: I wanted to speak on this subject
8 of the...
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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: On which?
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12 MS. PHILLIPS: The one we just went through.
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14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, the nominations of council
15 members?
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17 MS. PHILLIPS: Right. I think it's really
18 important that this council be part of the process of
19 the selection -- to make recommendations of the
20 selection. And one of the reasons being is that
21 there's the potential of the staff -- I realize the
22 integrity of staff and I value their integrity but
23 there's a potential of staff stacking the council in
24 administration's favor. And so I think it's important
25 that the council be a part of the process of making a
26 recommendation. And if we have three levels, we had a
27 panel, and a staff meeting and if we had the council,
28 there's three levels of recommendations going to the
29 Secretary of Interior. And so I would encourage that
30 we be part of the process. Thank you.
31
32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Any more comments from
33 anyone?
34
35 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, does this have to be
36 in our bylaws or our charter to be in this process? Or
37 does it have to come from higher up?
38
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think, first of all, we have
40 to request it. Ask by some means. I think an action
41 by motion would constitute a request. To be honest
42 with you, I'm real happy in maintaining the ostrich
43 approach. What I mean by that is I've been contacted at
44 least on one occasion during the process and they call
45 up -- they do contact people in the community to try to
46 get a consensus of what the thoughts of affected
47 community is going to be, and they weigh that. I've
48 never considered that administration would attempt to
49 stack the make-up of a council, although there's good
50 reason for that to be considered because, in the past,
51 in some other forums, it's occurred. But I've never

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1 been concerned with that as a threat, but I am, by all
2 means, willing to let the rest of the council express
3 their positions and wishes on this and perhaps we will
4 conclude this discussion with a motion. Mim.
5

6 MS. ROBINSON: At this time, I'd be content to
7 just receive a list and then if I personally would like
8 to comment on any of the names submitted, I can do so.
9 I feel uncomfortable about the council getting
10 involved in deciding whether a person should or should
11 not be appointed. That bothers me for some reason. I
12 just don't feel comfortable with that. But I would
13 personally like to get a list myself, so I would rather
14 just keep it on a personal basis at this time. We can
15 talk about it again at the next meeting. Maybe we can
16 all think about it but so far, that's how I feel about
17 it.
18

19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anybody else? Dolly.
20

21 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I guess I also would be
22 in favor of thinking about it until the next meeting
23 since nominations will still be open at that time
24 because I can see pros and cons on both sides, you
25 know. On one hand, I'm not sure I would like to be
26 flooded by calls from 15 communities on who I should be
27 supporting but I see your point of something being
28 stacked and I'm not speaking against anyone here but
29 using the Board of Fisheries as an example, you know.
30 I mean I would hate to see, you know, one particular
31 agency being able to say, "Okay, this is who we want"
32 because of the Board of Fisheries, we'd end up with all
33 Com Fish or all Sport Fish and no one from subsistence
34 will be here. We don't have that type of situation
35 but there certainly is the opportunity for that to
36 happen. But I also -- I guess I'm not a very assertive
37 person in saying, "No, I don't want that person to be
38 on the council anymore" either and that would put me in
39 a tough position. You know, we have had some changes
40 in this council, me being one of them. And it's harder
41 to say no to somebody who's on your council than it is
42 to simply write a letter of support for someone you
43 would like to see on the council.
44

45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anybody else?
46

47 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would -- I feel
48 that it should probably remain the same criteria as it
49 has been. I would feel reluctant about saying John
50 Feller from Wrangell shouldn't be on the council when
51 the people of that area should have the prerogative to

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1 not turn it into a political aspect.
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3 MR. FELLER: I agree, Mr. Chairman.
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5 MR. ANDERSON: Dewey doesn't have that problem
6 that John and I do. We are very sensitive about...
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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You've got his undivided
9 support on that one. Anybody else? Dolly.
10
11 MS. GARZA: I guess my last comment in terms of
12 thinking about it for the next meeting is perhaps what
13 we should be looking at is the criteria that we would
14 evaluate an applicant or if we had two applicants for
15 one position, how would we go about evaluating who
16 would be the better person. And if we had good clean
17 criteria, then I think it would be easier to do than if
18 it became a personal or political situation.
19
20 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman?
21
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty's next. Patty.
23
24 MS. PHILLIPS: Well, what I was thinking in terms
25 of the committee was that a -- you now, a or several
26 council members could be part of the panel which
27 reviews the applicants. That is just a suggestion.
28
29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.
30
31 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman, I believe we should
32 remain status quo and go -- you know, each community
33 should take care of their own representatives and their
34 own business. Like I'm here and I'm here because of
35 Eleven Mile scenario. I think the word, "criteria,"
36 rings a bell and runs up a red flag. I don't know what
37 the heck kind of criteria or mandate...
38
39 MS. LE CORNU: But I want to know.
40
41 MR. SKAN: I've been to one Federal Subsistence
42 Board meeting last October and I went 100 bucks in the
43 hole and I'm trying to figure out how that happened.
44 Can anyone answer me?
45
46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Bill.
47
48 MR. KNAUER: I can't answer that question, but
49 Mr. Chairman, we would be certainly glad to provide the
50 council with the criteria that has been used in the
51 past for review of the members or I should say the

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1 applications. We could probably maybe find that some
2 would be available before this meeting ends that you
3 could take a look at and see what criteria that are
4 used.

5
6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Are there any more
7 comments from this end? Based on the comment I had
8 here, don't look like we're going to be part of a
9 panel. Sandy.

10
11 MR. RABINOWITCH: Thank you. Just a comment. As
12 a staff committee member who deals with this and if you
13 were asked to vote on it, I very much would welcome
14 your input to the criteria to the point he was talking
15 about. I think that would be very helpful and your
16 having recommendations for changes or concurrence of
17 the criteria as would seem appropriate. I think that
18 would be a very good, sort of, check and balance. In
19 fact, I suggest that it might be something that
20 occurred every so often.

21
22 MR. SKAN: Yeah, right now it's imbalanced to my
23 check.

24
25 MR. RABINOWITCH: The other comment I would make
26 and this is just my own observation. I was personally
27 very much impressed in the process this spring of
28 having the coordinators brought forward information and
29 evaluation of applicants to the staff committee. I
30 think they did an exemplary job. It is very
31 confidential. And I heard several of you were talking
32 about in both the staff committee and the board treated
33 this subject with very great respect. The board, for
34 example, only deals with this issue in executive
35 session so it's not open to the public and, you know,
36 who's good and who's not good, it's not talked about in
37 that way and it's not talked about in public, I think
38 for appropriate reasons. So, I think it is very
39 important and dealt with in a very respectful way.
40 Just my observation.

41
42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you very much. Hank.

43
44 MR. NEWHOUSE: You know, I would really second
45 the first part of what Sandy spoke about and you guys
46 putting forth and helping with the criteria. I think
47 that would be a great asset to the evaluators, you
48 know, whether it's yourselves or whomever that you
49 have, you know look at the criteria and have your
50 input.

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you folks have a list of
2 criteria in place now?
3
4 MR. NEWHOUSE: Yes, we do.
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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Can we get a copy of that?
7
8 MS. LE CORNU: He said he would.
9
10 MR. NEWHOUSE: Yes. Bill said he'd provide
11 copies.
12
13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Who had their hand up?
14 Dale.
15
16 MR. KANEN: Yeah, I guess I would add that from
17 my observations, being involved in the process, I think
18 internally the -- made a real effort to follow Section
19 801 which states that the council will be comprised of
20 members who are knowledgeable about local subsistence
21 uses and I would say the bias has been towards the
22 communities, not towards any one agency.
23
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Who had their hand up over
25 here? Mim.
26
27 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, I would request that in
28 addition to the list being sent to this council and
29 other councils, that it also go out to the chairs of
30 the Fish and Game Advisory Committees in the
31 communities and that would just be another way of
32 getting it out to communities so that it should be -- I
33 think it should be somewhat a public process. I mean I
34 think people need to know who's going to be repre-
35 senting them in a situation like this. I hate to make
36 it too political but then again, that's what it is.
37 So, is that -- would that be possible to do that?
38
39 MR. KNAUER: That's something I'll have to check
40 with the solicitor on.
41
42 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman.
43
44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.
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46 MR. SKAN; I learned of my appointment through
47 the Ketchikan Daily News and I don't think there's
48 newspapers in Port...
49
50 MS. ROBINSON: We don't get any newspapers. We
51 used to get the Sitka Star for a while. It was, kind

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1 of, an advertising supplement of the Sentinel but we
2 haven't received that in over -- in a couple years, I
3 think.
4
5 MR. SKAN: (Indiscernible - unclear) talk about
6 Hank all the time. Are we ready for elections?
7
8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Are we still beating up on
9 criteria? C-r-y...
10
11 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, if the council would
12 wish, I could give a brief overview of the C&T
13 situation as a preview so you could be thinking about
14 it overnight before a fuller presentation by Rachel.
15
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, we had a request by a
17 council member to move the Election of Officers up to
18 this time. Is there any objection from the council to
19 do that? Hearing none, so ordered. Do any council
20 members have any wishes regarding Election of Officers?
21 Does anybody want to take time out? What's your
22 wishes? We don't want to handicap anybody in this
23 process.
24
25 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman.
26
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.
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29 MR. SKAN: Under duress, overrun, overflowing,
30 concerned, happy, sad, constipated, I place the name of
31 one Bill Thomas of Ketchikan in the nomination of
32 chairman of this committee.
33
34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Bill Thomas has been
35 nominated.
36
37 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair.
38
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.
40
41 MS. PHILLIPS: I nominate Dolly Garza to the
42 chair.
43
44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly is nominated. Further
45 nominations?
46
47 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I close nominations.
48
49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved that...
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51 ~~MS. WILSON: I move to close.~~

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2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved to close
3 nominations. Is there a second?
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5 MR. ANDERSON: Second.
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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been seconded. Any
8 discussion?
9
10 MR. SKAN: Question.
11
12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The question has been called.
13 All those in favor say aye.
14
15 ALL IN UNISON: Aye.
16
17 MS. ROBINSON: Can we vote by paper -- a piece of
18 paper, right?
19
20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. Could you put the
21 spelling of the candidates up on the board? Bill and
22 Dolly.
23
24 MR. CLARK: Can I ask who made the motions and who
25 seconded?
26
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn moved.
28
29 MR. SKAN: I nominated Bill Thomas.
30
31 MS. GARZA: Nominations don't require a second.
32
33 MS. ROBINSON: And Patty nominated Dolly.
34
35 MR. CLARK: Patty nominated Dolly.
36
37 MR. ANDERSON: Marilyn moved to close and I
38 seconded.
39
40 MS. ROBINSON: Could someone give me a piece of
41 paper, please?
42
43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Everybody got a ballot?
44 Where's the ballot box? Who's the tally committee?
45 Everybody got a ballot?
46
47 MS. GARZA: His house.
48
49 MR. SKAN: Hank Newhouse.
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51 ~~CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Everybody got a ballot? Right~~

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1 after this, we'll have nominations for vice chair and
2 after that, nominations for secretary.
3
4 (Mr. Clark moves to center table to tally vote)
5
6 MR. ANDERSON: Just write Bill and Dolly and mark
7 whatever shows up.
8
9 MR. SKAN: Dinner's on whoever wins. (Laughter)
10
11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The envelope, please.
12
13 MR. CLARK: Bill Thomas, one. (Pause) It was
14 suggested that I don't announce them one by one.
15
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: My mascara was getting pretty
17 soft there for a while. (Laughter)
18
19 MR. CLARK: Would you like the results or the
20 numbers?
21
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The results.
23
24 MR. CLARK: The results are the chairman shall
25 remain Bill Thomas.
26
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you very much. Appreciate
28 that. (Applause.) Okay. The nominations will now be
29 open for vice chair.
30
31 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair?
32
33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.
34
35 MS. PHILLIPS: I nominate Dolly Garza.
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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly's been nominated.
38
39 MR. SKAN: Mr. Chairman?
40
41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dewey.
42
43 MR. SKAN: I move that nominations cease.
44
45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You hear that nominations move
46 to cease. Is there a second?
47
48 MS. WILSON: Second.
49
50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and seconded.
51 Discussion?

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2 MR. SKAN: The only discussion, Mr. Chairman, now
3 you both buy dinner.
4

5 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that
6 the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dolly Garza
7 as vice chair.
8

9 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: "I, Vicki Le Cornu, cast
10 unanimous ballot for Dolly Garza." Outloud.
11

12 MS. LE CORNU: Oh, I have to do it. All right.
13 Mr. Chairman, I hereby cast the unanimous ballot for
14 Dolly Garza.
15

16 MR. ANDERSON: I'd like to announce that Bill and
17 Dolly are buying lunch.
18

19 MR. SKAN: Dinner's more expensive.
20

21 MR. ANDERSON: Whatever you want.
22

23 MS. ROBINSON: We already had lunch.
24

25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's on the way! There are
26 three officers in this council. The next one being the
27 office of secretary. Nominations will now be open for
28 secretary.
29

30 MR. SKAN: I move and ask unanimous consent that
31 Vicki Le Cornu remain as the secretary of the Southeast
32 Regional Subsistence Board.
33

34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The chair will direct the
35 secretary to cast a unanimous ballot.
36

37 MS. LE CORNU: I hereby cast a unanimous ballot
38 for myself as secretary. (Applause)
39

40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: There's a stipend for the
41 election judge and the tally committee. If you'll see
42 Mr. Knauer there, he'll have your check ready for you.
43

44 MR. SKAN: 50 bucks in the hole.
45

46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.
47

48 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair, I wish to clarify the
49 position of secretary. From what I've gotten from our
50 meeting that Vicki has been expected to present the
51 minutes to our council. She inherited the position

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1 from Ann Lowe who did her own minutes and submitted
2 them to our council. And I find it to be more appro-
3 priate if our regional coordinator would keep the
4 minutes and with the cooperation of the secretary of
5 our council.

6
7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mim.

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9 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you for saying that. It's
10 been bothering me. We have a court recorder doing
11 verbatim minutes, plus we have our coordinator type as
12 we go along and it's ridiculous to take up the time of
13 one of the council members taking notes the way she's
14 been doing and (indiscernible - simultaneous speech)
15 really in favor of that.

16
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're right. Normally, in a
18 case like this, the title of secretary is usually
19 exercised whenever you're submitting a legal document
20 or something and then you sign to attest, that kind of
21 thing.

22
23 MS. ROBINSON: However, I think she should still
24 do the ones for the last meeting. Just joking.

25
26 MS. PHILLIPS: In my opinion, Mr. Chair, the
27 secretary would present a summary report at our next
28 council meeting which possibly the regional coordinator
29 could have for her. A summary of what happened.

30
31 MS. ROBINSON: Of what we did.

32
33 MS. PHILLIPS: Right.

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35 MS. ROBINSON: To refresh our memory maybe.

36
37 MS. PHILLIPS: Right.

38
39 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, that sounds good to me.

40
41 MS. LE CORNU: That sounds fine with me.

42
43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Before we break for dinner and
44 I think we'll go ahead and call it an evening because
45 we're waiting for Rachel to come in and I think we'll
46 be more complete in our presentations once she gets
47 here. Do you have any time anticipated she's going to
48 be here? By 8:00, 9:00 in the morning?

49
50 MR. CLARK: I think she'll be here at the
51 beginning of the meeting.

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1
2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Which is?
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4 MR. CLARK: By 9:00.
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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: 9:00. Okay.
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8 MR. CLARK: Unless you decide a different
9 starting time.
10
11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.
12
13 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, I guess I would like to
14 suggest an earlier time. Perhaps 8:30. I know that
15 several council people have to leave Saturday on that
16 noon flight or the 2 o'clock flight.
17
18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: 8:30?
19
20 MS. GARZA: Yeah.
21
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Start at 8:30?
23
24 MS. GARZA: If that's okay.
25
26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: 8:30, reconvene tomorrow.
27
28 MR. SKAN: No way, Mr. Chairman. I'm just
29 getting home then. (Laughter)
30
31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: 8:30.
32
33 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair?
34
35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.
36
37 MS. PHILLIPS: I requested that time be available
38 for public comment each day and as we're winding down,
39 I would like to make that time available.
40
41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Anybody from the public
42 like to make a comment? Thank you very much.
43
44 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, after the way
45 Dewey's been talking today, I would request that Sally
46 make a rebuttal statement.
47
48 MRS. SKAN: We'll be here all day.
49
50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Closing arguments.
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1 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, can we leave everything
2 here?

3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yep.

4 MR. CLARK: The doors will be locked.
5

6 MS. ROBINSON: Unless we need something for our
7 meeting at 7:00 tonight. Don't forget. You might need
8 something like a pen, paper.

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11 (3300)

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13 (Off record - 5:10 p.m.)

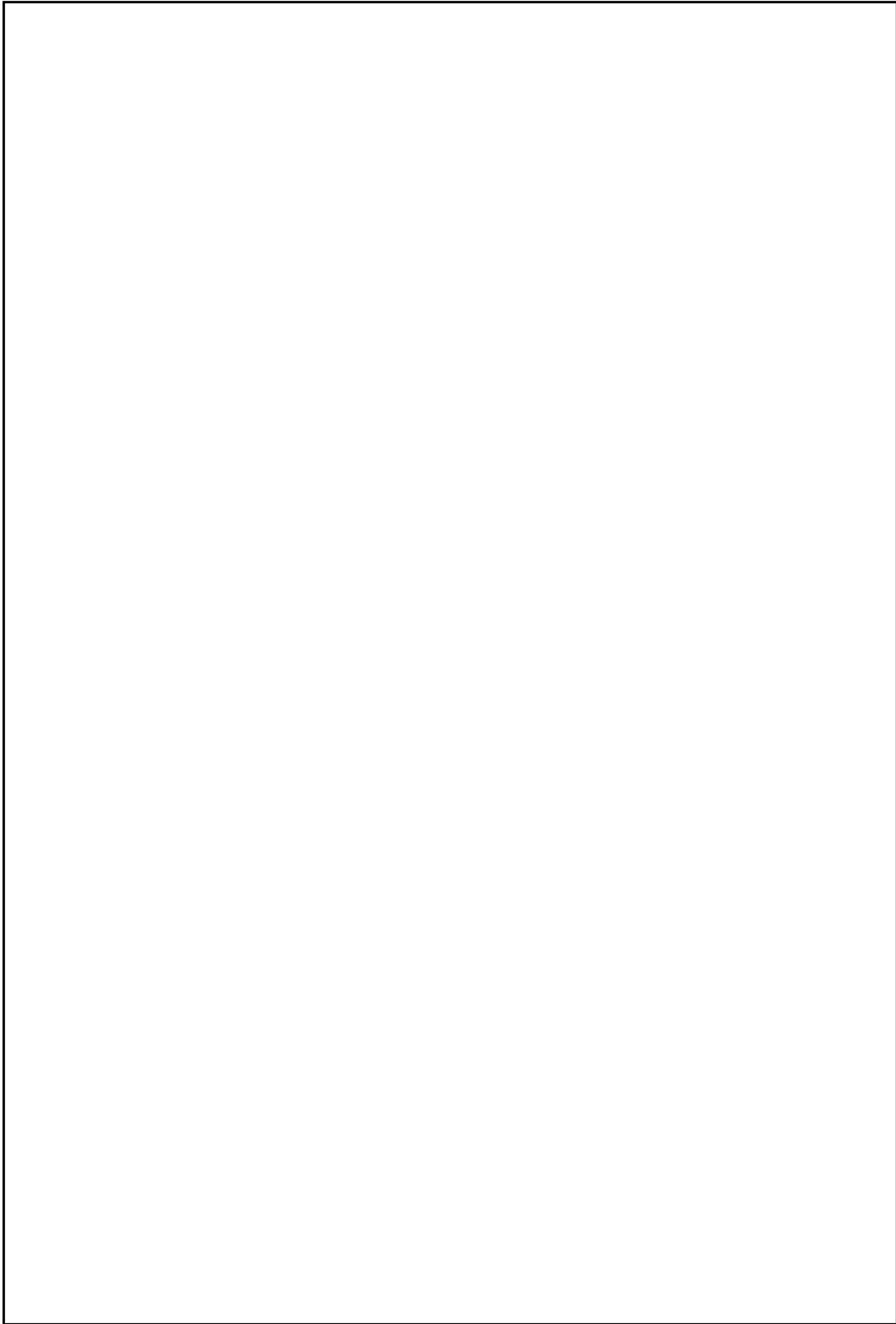
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