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17 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
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19 Harry Brower, Chair
20 Rosemary Ahtuanguaruak
21 Theodore Frankson
22 Lee Kayotuk
23 James Nageak
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28 Regional Council Coordinator, Eva Patton
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3 (Anchorage, Alaska - 4/16/2013)
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5 (On record)
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: At this time I'll
8 call the meeting to order, if we have everybody on
9 line. Right now I'll give it to Lee to give us a roll
10 call.
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12 MR. KAYOTUK: Good morning. I'd like
13 to do a roll call for the meeting taking place this
14 morning, April 16th.
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16 Gordon Brower.
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18 (No comments)
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20 MR. KAYOTUK: Robert Shears.
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22 (No comments)
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24 MR. KAYOTUK: Roy Nageak.
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26 (No comments)
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28 MR. KAYOTUK: Seat 4 is vacant. Harry
29 K. Brower, Jr.
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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Here.
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33 MR. KAYOTUK: Seat 6 is vacant.
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35 James Nageak.
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37 MR. J. NAGEAK: Here.
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39 MR. KAYOTUK: Theodore Frankson, Jr.
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41 MR. FRANKSON: Here.
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43 MR. KAYOTUK: Lee Kayotuk is here.
44 Rosemary Ahtuanguak.
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46 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Here.
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48 MR. KAYOTUK: All right, good morning.
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50 MS. PATTON: Okay, and we have quorum.

1 And before we do the call to order,
2 Tina, has requested, since we're all on teleconference
3 here, if prior to speaking if you could just identify
4 yourself so we know who is speaking on line.
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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: This is Harry. Do we
7 have anybody else on line that we need to identify
8 before we get started.
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10 MR. J. NAGEAK: No, just me.
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12 (Laughter)
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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Who is who?
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16 MR. FRANKSON: Teddy Frankson, Point
17 Hope.
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19 (Laughter)
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21 MS. PATTON: If we don't have anybody
22 joining us on line, we do have some Staff in the room
23 here, they could introduce themselves.
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25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Helen Armstrong. My
26 last teleconference. I'm retiring May 31st, so my next
27 trip to Barrow will have to be to come visit you guys
28 and not as a government employee anymore. So this is
29 kind of a big deal.
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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.
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33 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And I want to
34 introduce to you, we have a new Staff person, Jeff
35 Brooks, he's a social scientist. And you, hopefully,
36 if we ever get any money in our budget, you'll be
37 seeing him someday at our Council meeting up in North
38 Slope. And, Jeff, is -- I'll let him tell you a little
39 bit about himself, but he's going to be doing all of
40 the Inupiaq regions, North Slope, Northwest Arctic and
41 Seward Penn. So, Jeff, do you want to do a little
42 introduction.
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44 MR. BROOKS: Good morning, can you hear
45 me.
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47 (No comments)
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49 MR. BROOKS: Okay. My name is Jeff
50 Brooks. Thank you for calling in today. I'm a new

1 employee as of last week in the Office of Subsistence
2 Management. And I spent the last five years working
3 with the Refuges. I'm from Michigan, where my parents
4 live, and I've been in Anchorage for five years with my
5 wife and children and I've been working for the
6 wildlife refuges, specifically the Arctic Refuge and
7 the Selawik Refuge. And I'm now with the Office of
8 Subsistence Management, and I'm happy to be on board
9 working with you and hope to meet you in person.

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11 Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Anybody else.

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15 MR. LORRIGAN: This is Jack Lorrigan.
16 I'm the Native Liaison for Office of Subsistence
17 Management. Good morning Council.

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19 MS. PATTON: Good morning, Council,
20 this is Eva Patton. And I believe Carl Johnson was
21 joining us on line as well.

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24 (No comments)

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26 MS. PATTON: He might be joining in
27 later.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Now that we've
30 gone through the introductions, if there's nobody else
31 I'd like to move on, I got other business I'd like to
32 take care of throughout the day. But I'll call the
33 meeting to order, it's 9:22, I think. Roll call.
34 Introductions. Maybe just a review of the agenda at
35 this time. If somebody could identify what we have on
36 the agenda please.

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38 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. Under new
39 business, our first item is to review and comment on
40 the draft tribal consultation implementation
41 guidelines. And OSM Native Liaison, Jack Lorrigan,
42 will be providing that briefing for the Council.
43 Again, this is the one action item at this time. If
44 the Council has recommendations for the Board, or
45 questions or considerations for the Board, on these
46 tribal consultation guidelines.

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48 Item B is presentation of the proposed
49 rule and rural determination process. Helen will be
50 providing a briefing on that. And this is an update

1 for the Council at this time to bring awareness of this
2 process that's beginning. The fall meeting will be the
3 opportunity for the Council to provide full feedback at
4 that time.

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6 The other primary agenda item is a
7 briefing on the customary and traditional use
8 determination and a review letter request from the
9 Southeast Regional Advisory Council, and discussion on
10 that. Again, this is primarily an update for the
11 Council and there'll be time to consider it and provide
12 full or further comment on that at the fall meeting.

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14 Item No. 7 is agency reports, and these
15 are also brief updates from OSM on budget, Staffing,
16 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring proposals, the
17 regulatory cycle review and the MOU update that the
18 Councils had provided comment on. And Jack also will
19 give an update on the consultation that has been done
20 to date with the tribes and ANCSA Corporations.

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22 MR. LORRIGAN: I'll just combine those?

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24 MS. PATTON: Sure. And if it's
25 possible Jack could combine those two since they're
26 related. And that's all that's on the agenda today.
27 If the Council wanted to review the Anaktuvuk Pass
28 proposal or discuss that, that's an option, too.

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30 Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. I'd like to
33 entertain a motion to approve the agenda for the
34 Council.

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36 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: So moved. This is
37 Rose.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: There's a motion on
40 the floor for the agenda as presented.

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42 MR. KAYOTUK: Second. Lee.

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by Lee.
45 Discussion on the agenda.

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47 MR. J. NAGEAK: This is James. Mr.
48 Chair. When are we going to work on that -- hear about
49 that Anaktuvuk Pass controlled use area?

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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You could add it on,
2 James, as an agenda item this morning. We're under
3 discussion of the agenda so you're welcome to add on
4 that item.
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6 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay. We need to put
7 it someplace.
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We'll put that under
10 -- is that under new business or is that under old
11 business. We have new business and agency reports.
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13 MS. PATTON: Sure. And so this was --
14 this was the -- Mr. Chair, this is Eva Patton. This
15 was the proposal that was drafted initially at the
16 winter meeting, and this would be an opportunity just
17 to confirm that language before it gets submitted to
18 the Board of Game.
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20 We can certainly fit it in after the
21 briefings under new business, we can do old business.
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23 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay.
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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So under old business
26 and put the.....
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28 MS. PATTON: Before agency reports.
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30 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay.
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32 MS. PATTON: Did we have someone
33 joining us here?
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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We have multiple
36 speakers, if we could just clarify -- just add on old
37 business before agency reports to discuss Anaktuvuk
38 Pass controlled use area on the agenda.
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40 MS. PATTON: Thank you.
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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further
43 discussion on the agenda.
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46 (No comments)
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48 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Call for question on
49 the main amendment.
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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question's been
2 called approving the agenda with the modification
3 regarding old business from the controlled use area
4 near Anaktuvuk. All in favor of the motion signify by
5 saying aye.
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7 IN UNISON: Aye.
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, say nay.
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11 (No opposing votes)
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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Thank
14 you. I think Eva was asking a question in regards to
15 who just joined the call.
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17 MR. JOHNSON: yes, Mr. Chair. Carl
18 Johnson, OSM, just joined. Thank you.
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20 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Call for question on
21 the agenda.
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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Call for question on
24 the agenda. All in favor of approving the agenda as
25 modified signify by saying aye.
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27 IN UNISON: Aye.
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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Oppose, say nay.
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31 (No opposing votes)
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. We have
34 an agenda before us so we have we'll get started back
35 up on the top starting with the new business on the
36 draft tribal consultation implementation guidelines.
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38 So, that's Jack.
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40 MR. LORRIGAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, can
41 you hear me?
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.
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45 MR. LORRIGAN: Good morning. I will be
46 giving the briefing on the tribal implementation
47 guidelines. I'm glad Rosemary is on line, she was a
48 part of this and I'll get into the briefing. I'm
49 working off of -- right now I'm working off of Page 4
50 of your packet. And after I read through that I'll be

1 moving to Page 16, which is the actual draft
2 guidelines. And then with your indulgence, Mr.
3 Chairman, I'd be including Page 79 of your packet as
4 those are the briefings that occurred in 2012 into this
5 briefing because they're all related.

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7 Is everybody ready.

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9 (No comments)

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11 MR. LORRIGAN: I will begin.

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13 In January 2011 the Secretary of
14 Interior directed the Federal Subsistence Board to
15 consult with Federally-recognized tribes in Alaska on
16 actions that have a significant direct impact on tribal
17 interests. As a result the Board commenced the
18 development of a tribal consultation policy. The
19 policy was developed during the year 2011. A work
20 group was formed. It had seven Federal government
21 employee members and seven tribal members. There was a
22 co-Chair, Crystal Leonetti was from the Federal side,
23 and Della Trumble was the co-Chair from the tribal
24 side, she's had to step down and Rosemary graciously
25 stepped in and filled that position, and, thank you,
26 Rosemary.

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28 As time went on, eight more members
29 were added to incorporate the concern of the ANCSA
30 Corporations, there's public law that directed Federal
31 Staff to consult with ANCSA Corporations along with
32 tribal governments on issues dealing with their lands.

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34 So over a period of 18 months the Board
35 and work group conducted 16 consultation meetings with
36 over 200 tribes and more than 15 ANCSA Corporations.
37 The work group met in person twice for two to three
38 days each time and once by teleconference. And met
39 twice with the InterAgency Staff Committee, which is
40 made up of the Staff for the five Federal employees
41 that are also advisors to the Board members. And five
42 letters were sent to all tribes and ANCSA Corporations
43 from the Federal Subsistence Board Chairman Tim Towarak
44 inviting comments on the policy. 19 written comments
45 were received from tribes and ANCSA Corporations during
46 the policy development. The policy was crafted and
47 developed and accepted by the Board on -- I'm looking
48 for it -- oh, at the January Federal Subsistence Board
49 meeting.

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1 So after the policy was developed then
2 the implementation guidelines were the next item to be
3 crafted by the work group.

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5 Of note is the -- in August we had a
6 teleconference with the Federal field level managers on
7 how they implement their guidelines when -- well, the
8 guidelines weren't written but how they incorporated
9 consultation when they're having to do management
10 actions on their Federal lands that would affect
11 tribes, so we incorporated some of what the Federal
12 managers did as a matter of their own internal policies
13 and we're trying to create a policy that's in black and
14 white for anybody that comes after us, this is how
15 tribal consultation would and should occur in the
16 future. So that's where we are at this point.

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18 The guidelines were sent out to the
19 tribes. The draft guidelines were accepted by the
20 Board in the January meeting with minor edits and then
21 they were sent out to the tribes and the RACs, I think,
22 on February 11th, for feedback and comment, and that
23 was all due by March 29th, and we are going to have
24 another meeting here in the near future to incorporate
25 those comments and edits from the tribes and RACs that
26 did provide feedback. We're going to try to get that
27 before the Federal Subsistence Board either in their
28 April meeting or possibly in their May meeting. It
29 looks more like the May meeting.

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31 Moving on to Page 16.

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33 The implementation guidelines are
34 basically -- they follow the regulatory process that
35 OSM has for proposals as they come in. And we wanted
36 to -- of particular note we wanted to point out that on
37 the top of Page 18, OSM draft analysis will be made
38 available to tribes one month prior to the RAC
39 meetings, also one or more teleconferences, as
40 necessary, will be scheduled to provide consultation
41 open to all tribes to discuss all proposals, which
42 creates a time certain point for the tribes to call in
43 and give input on proposals that affect them. And then
44 they also have the opportunity to consult with the
45 Federal Subsistence Board at the meeting. So those are
46 the two major points of the consultation guidelines
47 that we wanted to point out.

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49 Rosemary, do you have anything to add?
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1 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: This was a really
2 informative process for me. It was very interesting to
3 participate in this process. It was a really good
4 process to try to outreach and interact with the
5 various regions and get their input and working through
6 all of the process really gave insight into
7 considerations on wording and how we put this document
8 together. So I really appreciated it. I think we did
9 a great job in the process and hope that we have the
10 support to move this document forward.

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12 MR. LORRIGAN: Thank you, Rosemary.

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14 Also on Page 19 there's a point of
15 training and of particular, Board members and upper
16 Federal management Staff should take every opportunity
17 to directly participate in or observe subsistence
18 activities in the field. I think in an idea world we
19 would be able to have Federal Subsistence Board members
20 go out and participate in fish camps or hunting camps
21 or some kind of subsistence activity that would give
22 them an idea of how things are done on the ground to
23 give them a cross-cultural insight that they need so
24 that when they're making regulations they know how it
25 affects people on the ground. So sequestration is a
26 current reality but hopefully when things get
27 straightened out again we can have the Board members
28 set aside some time in the summers or the gathering
29 times and go out and actually participate in some of
30 the activities that occur around Alaska that involve
31 subsistence.

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33 Those are kind of the high points of
34 the implementation guidelines.

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36 And then on Page 79 of your packet,
37 actually it's Page 80, this is a briefing paper for the
38 Regional Advisory Councils and the meat of this
39 particular document is on Page 80, the second
40 paragraph, which I'll read into the record for you.

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42 Consultations have been ongoing with
43 Alaska Native Tribes and corporations during the fiscal
44 year of 2012. Several consultations occurred beginning
45 December of 2011 at the Provider's Conference in
46 Anchorage on the guidelines for consultations on issues
47 of subsistence and regulatory proposals, and during the
48 joint Board and Southeast Regional Advisory Council
49 combined spring meeting in Juneau on the Angoon
50 Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Petition in March.

1 Again, in May 2012 to consider the draft guidelines and
2 comments and also a two day consultation conference
3 call with the tribes and ANCSA Corporations affected by
4 the 2013/2015 proposed fishery regulations of September
5 2012. The Regional Advisory Councils were briefed on
6 the consultation policy progress at their fall 2012
7 meetings. These consultations have been entered into
8 the Department of Interior's data sharepoint website to
9 satisfy accountability requirements from the
10 Secretaries.

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12 Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All right, thank you,
15 Jack. In regards to any questions to Jack from the
16 Council.

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18 (No comments)

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any questions.

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22 MR. KAYOTUK: For Lee. Council and
23 Chair. On these activities during the summer, how
24 could we get involved, is there somebody we could talk
25 to?

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27 MR. LORRIGAN: Well.....

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29 MR. KAYOTUK: For the summer projects.

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31 MR. LORRIGAN:that's something
32 we're working on.

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34 This is a new policy. It's a new thing
35 for the Board to take up in consideration of their
36 schedules. And a lot of these -- the Board members are
37 high enough up that they don't make their own
38 schedules, their secretary's do, so they might be
39 actually the people we need to talk to. The idea
40 behind it was to block off a week or so either in the
41 fall, summer or spring to get them out. The Board
42 really hasn't given feedback on how they want to
43 participate in this so that's something we're going to
44 bring up at the work session next week, is how they
45 would like to do this.

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47 Again, sequestration is the reality of
48 the day. All of our travel's been cut. So it may not
49 happen this year or the next until they get things
50 straightened away with the budget. But the intent is

1 there. It's in black and white. The Board's approved
2 it with -- they're just waiting on comments from the
3 tribes and the Regional Advisory Councils, so I don't
4 have a definitive answer for you on that one yet, but
5 we were working on it.

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7 MR. KAYOTUK: Okay, thank you.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. Members
10 of the Council. This is Helen Armstrong.

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12 I would also just say if you have -- if
13 you'd like to have a Board member, or Board members
14 come to visit you at fish camp or whatever, you know,
15 offer an invitation, and then they can figure out
16 whether they can afford it or not, whether they can pay
17 for it. It may be that they can't do it this year, but
18 I'd say put it out there, make an invitation to have
19 some of them come and, you know, we can see what
20 happens. Hopefully, as Jack said, we'll eventually
21 have some relief on some of the budget and the travel
22 restrictions. And each agency's different, too, in
23 what their restrictions are but I say invite them and
24 see if they'll come.

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26 MR. KAYOTUK: Okay, thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen and
29 Jack. Any other questions from the Council members.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'd like to ask one.
34 In regard to the policy and involvement of the tribal
35 policy information here, development of tribal
36 consultation policy, how is that going to -- how is the
37 tribal consultation and the Regional Advisory Councils
38 going to interact at the time we discuss proposals for
39 change to the Federal subsistence regulations or is it
40 on all other matters as well?

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42 MR. LORRIGAN: I didn't catch that
43 question.

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45 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. Harry. Jack
46 wasn't quite able to hear the end of your question,
47 could you repeat it a little louder for Jack.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. I'm trying to
50 understand how this consultation policy is going to

1 work once all the discussions occur in regard to the
2 title, it reads; development of tribal consultation
3 policy with Federal Subsistence Board. And in regards
4 to our charge given with renewable resources and
5 regulations, how is that interaction going to -- or
6 this policy going to be interacting with our
7 development of proposals to change regulations?

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9 MR. LORRIGAN: Yeah, go ahead.

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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. This is
12 Helen Armstrong. Members of the Council. I'll just go
13 ahead and answer that. Rosemary and Jack can pipe in.

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15 But it won't change that process. We
16 will still do the process we have. Right now, any
17 entity, any group, any individual, any agency can
18 submit proposals. So it doesn't change that process
19 and it's already in effect that, you know, tribes can
20 submit proposals. What it will have some affect on
21 will be just how we take comments on proposals. There
22 will be a time set aside in the Regional Council
23 meeting, which we've already started putting in, where
24 we say are there comments from the tribe, and what it
25 will also mean is that we, at OSM, will be reaching out
26 to those tribes that are affected by a proposal so if a
27 proposal is affecting, you know, Anaktuvuk Pass, we'd
28 be reaching out to make sure people in Anaktuvuk Pass
29 knew the proposal was out there and to make sure we got
30 input from them as to how it would affect them and that
31 the tribes had the opportunity to comment on the
32 proposals. And then what we haven't quite worked out
33 is how those -- the government to government part of
34 consultation will occur at the Board meeting. The last
35 Board meeting it was during the meeting. We had a time
36 set aside when we took comments and I think the
37 committee that's been looking at this is still
38 discussing, correct me if I'm wrong Jack, how they want
39 to do that. But it won't take away from the fact that
40 ANILCA says that it is the Regional Advisory Councils
41 that provide recommendations to the Board, and the
42 Regional Advisory Council's position won't be altered
43 at all. The Board will still take those
44 recommendations and they still will not be able to go
45 against the recommendations unless one of the three
46 elements of .805(c) is fulfilled.

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48 So at the end of the day it's not going
49 to change.

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1 I don't know if you were concerned as
2 well about Regional Councils, but it won't have an
3 effect on the Regional Councils and that system and
4 their strength and being able to make recommendations
5 to the Board will not be changed.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All right, thank you.
8 That helps clarify my comment in regard to the
9 interaction between the consultation between the
10 Federal Subsistence Board and Regional Advisory
11 Council, that just sits in the realm of the
12 organizational chart so that clarifies where we are in
13 my opinion.

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15 Any other questions or comments from
16 the Council.

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18 (No comments)

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Eva, I think you
21 indicated that this is an action item that we're
22 supposed to take action on or did I get confused here
23 along the way?

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25 (Laughter)

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27 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. Yes, it's an
28 action item, in that, if there are recommendations or
29 comments that the Council has, that you would like the
30 Federal Subsistence Board to be aware of in regards to
31 this consultation implementation guidelines, this is
32 the opportunity to state that on the record. The Board
33 will hold their work session to go back over these
34 guidelines next week. So, for example, if the Council
35 is very interested or feels that it's important for
36 Board members to visit the communities, as Lee had
37 asked about, an invite, this is the time to make those
38 sorts of recommendations of how the Board should -- or
39 you would like to see the Board act in regards to
40 tribal consultation and coordination with the Councils.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further
43 discussion from the Council members.

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45 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah, this is James.
46 I'm wondering how the corporation consultation -- my
47 understanding is that the corporations are going to be
48 included in the conversation.

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50 MR. LORRIGAN: Through the Chair. Yes,

1 that's correct. We have not developed that policy yet,
2 that's the next one in line.

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4 As you know there's a -- I think
5 Congress passed a bill with a rider in it that
6 corporations will be consulted with on a -- I don't
7 know know -- it's not a government to government basis
8 but as tribes are consulted so will corporations,
9 especially in regards to rules or proposals that affect
10 their ANCSA lands.

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12 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.

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14 MR. J. NAGEAK: And this is just.....

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16 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: The working group
17 will be -- James the working group is going to be
18 working on this process and there has been requests
19 from corporations to participate in the development of
20 this next document to deal with the ANCSA Corporations.

21

22 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay.

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24 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. If I may, to
25 help clarify for James.

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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Eva.

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29 MS. PATTON: There is -- there is
30 requirement, as Jack had mentioned, due to the rider,
31 to consult with corporations but to be very clear it is
32 different from tribal consultation, in that, it is not
33 government to government consultation as it is with the
34 tribes. And as Rosemary stated, how that process is
35 going to proceed is still being developed. But just to
36 make clear that government to government consultations
37 with the tribes is still as it is and consulting with
38 the corporations is not on the same level.

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40 Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Does that help James.

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44 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay. This is James
45 again. If the corporations don't feel that they have
46 been heard by the government to government
47 conversations, can they go to the Federal Subsistence
48 Board on their own and give their concerns without
49 going through the RAC?

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1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: This is Helen,
2 absolutely. Anybody can go to the Federal Subsistence
3 Board with comments on proposals or any other concerns.
4 Any public. Anyone.

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Did that help James.

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8 MR. J. NAGEAK: And does the Federal
9 Board listen to their recommendations of the RAC more
10 than they do some individual agency?

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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: What was the last --
13 you said does the Federal Board take up the
14 considerations of the Federal Board more than what,
15 what was the end?

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17 (No comments)

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19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: James.

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21 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah.

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23 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: What was the last,
24 the very last thing -- repeat your question, please.

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26 MR. J. NAGEAK: I'm wondering if the
27 corporation doesn't like the advice or wasn't heard by
28 the RAC and/or the tribal consultation, what.....

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30 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, I understand.
31 What happens is the -- ANILCA says that the Federal
32 Subsistence Board has to go along with the Regional
33 Advisory Council recommendation unless it -- there are
34 three things that are not fulfilled, and that's if what
35 the Council's recommending is against principles of
36 conservation, so if there can be established that
37 there's a conservation issue and it's some -- it's a
38 proven sort of thing, then they can go against what the
39 Council recommends or if there are issues of safety and
40 against the subsistence needs of the people.

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42 So if, for example, the Council is
43 recommending something that is consistent with
44 principles of conservation and then a corporation comes
45 in and says, no, we disagree, the Board is bound to
46 what the Council recommends.

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48 And I don't know that people are that
49 aware but at one point we went through and kind of
50 looked at all the Board decisions and about 95 percent

1 of the time they are in agreement with the Councils.
2 It's very rare that they go against the Councils. And
3 those situations are probably more to do with customary
4 and traditional use determinations than anything. And
5 that's because it's not clear whether Section .805(c)
6 of ANILCA applies to customary and traditional use
7 determinations. And that's one of the issues that came
8 up in the Secretarial Review as well, is whether that's
9 considered an iss -- under taking regulations. So that
10 hasn't been resolved. But most of the time the Board
11 supports the Councils.

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13 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay, thank you.

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You guys have a lot
16 of power.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other
19 comments.....

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21 MR. J. NAGEAK: I guess we're.....

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER:in regards
24 to.....

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26 MR. J. NAGEAK:I was -- this is
27 James. I was just worried that we would be
28 circumvented and those guys could go directly to the
29 Board. So, okay, thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I have a question in
32 regards to follow up James Nageak's comments. This is
33 Harry Brower commenting from Barrow.

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35 Anyway in regards to the structure in
36 terms of identifying unity within a specific region, we
37 have the tribal, we have the ANCSA Corporations, and we
38 have the Regional Advisory Council all coming from --
39 I'm going to use the North Slope for an example, we
40 have all three of those identified organizations, is
41 there any thought by the Federal agencies for these --
42 for the group to consider or to generate proposals
43 before to have a unified voice to -- before it gets to
44 the Board level?

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46 MR. LORRIGAN: I don't know that
47 there's a policy for that but it's a certainly a good
48 question for the development of the ANCSA policy. Do
49 you have any thoughts Rosemary?

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1 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: It definitely needs
2 to be discussed further. It hadn't been brought up in
3 that specificity. There are definitely concerns in the
4 layering of the process and how the Board process fits
5 in within many of the decisionmaking process, but
6 bringing in the specificity of this question it really
7 hasn't been discussed.

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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I raise that question
10 in regards to an individual and organization, it seems
11 like we could be divided in a sense that if it could
12 happen within the Federal Program, that there's some
13 kinds of means of getting the organizations together
14 and discussing proposals for consideration to be
15 submitted to the Board, would be a thought to share
16 with each of the organizations too, to have that
17 unified voice in the sense that we're all working
18 together on a matter that's of importance to our area
19 or specific to our region before it gets to the Federal
20 Board and it may carry a significant amount of more
21 weight for the Federal Subsistence Board to consider
22 its actions.

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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Harry, this is
25 Helen. I think you raise a good point. And I think
26 some of that could be accomplished in making sure in
27 our outreach process that we reached out to -- which
28 we're trying to do, it's not always as easy as one
29 thinks, but to reach out to all of those different
30 groups to make sure that people come to the Council
31 meeting -- I mean the Council meeting is the forum
32 where they should all be coming to discuss issues and,
33 you know, we just have to try to get people there, I
34 think, from all of those different groups in order to
35 have discussion of proposals and have some unity and
36 then getting those entities to submit comments. They
37 could do it at the Council meeting and they can call
38 into the Board meeting and provide comments as well.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I was just thinking
42 of that as James was providing his comments, you know,
43 it just came to my mind in terms of how, you know, our
44 Federal dollars are dwindling, we have the fiscal cliff
45 affecting us, minimizing the number of meetings and
46 we're asked to do more for less and that's something --
47 a thought that could tie in right with that scope of
48 things that are being generated through the program and
49 without any real means of getting people together, it's
50 something I'm trying to focus on; if maybe a different

1 approach maybe to be considered instead of being a
2 member to the Regional Advisory Council, but getting
3 the tribal organizations, the ANCSA Corporations, and
4 the Regional Advisory Council maybe to sit down -- I
5 don't know if it would take the whole -- each of the
6 whole organizations to be present, but maybe to have
7 representatives during -- to discuss issues of mutual
8 concern.

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10 MR. LORRIGAN: This is Jack. Through
11 the Chair. This is exactly the kind of inspired
12 commenting we were looking for and it has to come from
13 your level because you're going to be dealing with it
14 and that's the kind of stuff we want to incorporate
15 into the policy in the future. I've been taking notes
16 as you've been talking so we'll address it. We have
17 not pursued the ANCSA policy yet, but that's a good
18 question we can bring up to the group and have a round-
19 robin on it and see how it will fit in the new policy.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's great, thank
22 you. I mean I'm just.....

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24 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I really.....

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER:giving you my
27 thoughts as I go through these. You know I can't say
28 I've read through the whole document, I've just read
29 through portions of it and it seems to be going forward
30 in a positive note and there's additi -- and just
31 hearing my thoughts, these things -- I'm not sure
32 what's going to be needed to meet the end need in terms
33 of financial support or funding to be generated to be
34 able to have these levels of meetings; that remains to
35 be seen. And then, you know, without having any
36 indication on this it seems to be all volunteers, I
37 mean in my opinion, but that's, again, remains to be
38 seen at the -- at the end note in a sense that we're
39 all working together in a unified sense that affects
40 our constituents.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MR. LORRIGAN: Thank you.

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46 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I really appreciate
47 this discussion, too, because I put forth some of this
48 discussion on the fragmentation of our process and
49 where do we effectively participate to make sure that
50 what we're trying to do gets brought through the levels

1 in the way that our priorities are brought through. So
2 I know this information is being documented and it will
3 be included in further discussion and I encourage you
4 all to follow this process and add additional insight
5 as it becomes apparent to you as you're looking through
6 these documents that are prepared.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.

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10 Any other comments from the Council
11 members.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Somebody's got a VHF
16 or another phone.....

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18 MR. FRANKSON: Yeah, this is Teddy, I
19 just turned it off.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER:that's
22 interrupting the -- all right, good morning, Teddy.

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24 MR. FRANKSON: Good morning.

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. This is
27 Helen again. I also just wanted to comment that when
28 that ANCSA consultation protocol or whatever they call
29 it, gets developed, it will come back to you for review
30 as well. So this is good to have those comments now
31 and they can be putting those in, but you'll get
32 another chance to look at that. I'm not sure what
33 their timeline is, do you know?

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35 MR. LORRIGAN: We haven't set one up
36 yet.

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38 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, they don't
39 have one yet.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Yeah, I hadn't
42 really seen that as well, but I think if that could be
43 shared when it gets generated would be helpful for all
44 our RAC members to be able to follow the progress on
45 this.

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47 MR. LORRIGAN: Well, that's all I had,
48 Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Jack. I'm

1 just asking the Council members if there are any
2 further comments they'd like to provide to the
3 discussion on this topic.

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5 (No comments)

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there are no other
8 further discussions, thank you, Jack. We'll move on to
9 our next agenda item, is presentation on the proposed
10 rule on rural -- there's two rules here, I'm getting
11 tongue twisted, on the.....

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13 MS. PATTON: Rule and rural.

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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER:rural
16 determination process.

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18 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr.
19 Chair. This is Helen Armstrong. I'm going to be doing
20 the rural review briefing. I don't remember what page
21 that was on in your book but I think you have had it
22 sent to you as well.

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24 This is not something that you have to
25 vote on, this is just an information item. You will be
26 hearing this again in the fall and you will have an
27 opportunity to provide comments at that time. We're
28 just letting people know it's coming and maybe let
29 people think about what they might want to comment on.

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31 So as you know, ANILCA mandates that
32 rural Alaskans be given a priority for subsistence use
33 of fish and wildlife on Federal public lands, and that
34 only residents of communities or areas that are found
35 to be rural are eligible for the subsistence priority
36 under ANILCA. So the Secretarys of the Interior and
37 Agriculture asked the Federal Subsistence Board to
38 review the rural determination process and recommend
39 changes if we need them. So we're not actually asking
40 for changes at this point to the determinations but to
41 the process in how we make those determinations.

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43 So the Board decided that they wanted
44 to start the review with public input and the comment
45 period is open but it will end November 1st after the
46 fall Council meetings. And at the fall meeting you'll
47 be providing your comments, as I said. The Board has
48 asked that the public for information about how to
49 specify rural areas in order to provide the subsistence
50 priority. They specifically want input on population

1 thresholds, rural characteristics, aggregation, the
2 grouping of communities, the timelines, that's how
3 often that they do rural determinations, and what
4 sources of information should be used for making those
5 determinations. Those comments then will be used by
6 the Board to help them in making decisions regarding
7 the scope and the nature of possible changes to improve
8 the rural determination process. It's sort of like --
9 you know, like we've been doing this for 20-something
10 years and this is a stepping back and looking to see,
11 is this working, how is it working, is there some
12 better way we can do rural determinations.

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14 So there are nine general questions
15 that I want you to consider. And I want to emphasize
16 that you have the opportunity to write the criteria for
17 the rural determinations starting with these nine
18 questions.

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20 So the first one is on population
21 thresholds.

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23 Right now a community or area with a
24 population below 2,500 will be considered rural. A
25 community or area with a population between 2,500 and
26 7,000 will be considered rural or nonrural based on the
27 community characteristics and criteria used to group
28 communities together. Communities with populations
29 more than 7,000 will be considered nonrural unless such
30 communities possess significant characteristics of a
31 rural nature.

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33 So the question is are these threshold
34 guidelines useful for determining whether a community
35 is rural or not. And if they are not then we would
36 like to know what population sizes distinguish between
37 rural and nonrural areas and the reasons for the
38 population size you believe more accurately reflects
39 rural and nonrural areas in Alaska.

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41 What we're going to do in the fall is
42 we will actually be providing for each Regional
43 Council, we're going to have some discussion about how
44 these questions might affect you in your region. And
45 in your region it is particularly -- I think one thing
46 you should be addressing is you have Prudhoe Bay, and
47 in the last rural review you recommended and it was
48 supported by the Board to exclude any residents who are
49 living permanently year-round in Prudhoe Bay from being
50 considered rural and the other consideration would be

1 population size, I think, particularly as Barrow
2 continues to grow. So it might not be that big right
3 now but, you know, in 10 or 20 years who knows how big
4 it will be. So those are things you want to think
5 about and provide comments on in the fall.
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7 Rural charac.....
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Helen, I have a
10 question in.....
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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Sure.
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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER:regards to.....
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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: When you're thinking
19 about Prudhoe Bay.....
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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER:I mean in the
24 beginning this was an industry oilfield complex.
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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And that's what it's
29 been all this time.
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31 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And now you're -- in
34 regards to the information that you have residents
35 living there year-round, now does that get changed, the
36 situation for providing a service to the oilfield, and
37 becoming a resident of that oilfield that rural
38 determinations be considered for that area and what's
39 the significance of that change.
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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Good change. There
42 haven't been very many people who have lived up there
43 year-round. I don't know whether right now what the
44 status is. I know at one point when I had to look at
45 -- there was a request from somebody for a customary
46 and traditional use determination and because your
47 determinations are written by community and he claimed
48 residency in Deadhorse, and I don't think he actually
49 did, and he actually died in a plane crash before it
50 went very far so it got withdrawn, but -- not that I'm

1 The next one is aggregation of
2 communities, the grouping of communities.

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4 The Board recognizes that communities
5 and areas of Alaska are connected in diverse ways.
6 Communities that are economically, socially and
7 communally integrated are considered to be in the
8 aggregate in determining rural and nonrural status. So
9 these aggregation or grouping criteria, right now, the
10 criteria are do 30 percent or more of the working
11 people commute from one community to another. Do they
12 share a common high school attendance area. And are
13 the communities in proximity, are they close to and
14 road accessible to one another.

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16 One reason we need to look at these is
17 because we can't get from the census anymore, they
18 stopped asking the questions about commuting, so the
19 commuting data's not available unless we actually do
20 some research on that. And this would, as it stands
21 right now in the North Slope, these issues would not be
22 that pertinent to you because you're pretty far apart
23 from one another. This is a big issue on the Kenai
24 Peninsula, which communities are kind of grouped with,
25 for example, Soldotna and Kenai, or Seward and it's,
26 you know, a bigger issue outside of Fairbanks, but they
27 are -- there is potential that it could be an issue
28 sometime, you know, many years down the road for the
29 North Slope.

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31 And then timelines.

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33 Right now we're reviewing rural
34 determinations on a 10 year cycle, and out of cycle and
35 special circumstances. And the Board's asking if we
36 should do that every 10 years and if so, why or why
37 not, you know, maybe we don't need to do it every 10
38 years unless there's been some significant change in
39 population. If everything's kind of the same then why
40 would we have to review that every 10 years.

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42 So that's a question.

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44 And then information sources.

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46 Right now we use data from the US
47 Census Bureau, the Alaska Department of Labor, and the
48 information we collect and the reports generated from
49 those census, is they vary between each census and, as
50 such, the data used during the Board's rural

1 determinations can vary. So these information sources,
2 as stated in regulations will be continued to be the
3 foundation of data use for rural determinations. So
4 the Board wants to know, are there other sources of
5 information they should be using.

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7 And then at the -- the last question
8 is, is if there are additional comments on the rural
9 determination process to make it more effective.

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11 So we don't need your comments today
12 but, please, do think about some of these things and we
13 hope in the fall that we'll have some good discussion
14 on rural and good comments on how you feel about these
15 issues to develop a better process than what we have
16 today.

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18 Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.
21 Any questions or comments from the Council members.

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23 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah, this is James.

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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, James.

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27 MR. J. NAGEAK: If you see a McDonalds
28 sign in a community then would that make it nonrural?

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30 (Laughter)

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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: James, I know you're
33 -- you're making a good joke because actually somebody
34 along the way, back in the early '90s said, well, I
35 know what we'll do, is, if there's a McDonalds in the
36 community it's nonrural. But, yeah, because McDonalds
37 is only going to go into certain communities, but,
38 hopefully we won't get to that point where we're
39 letting it be dependent on whether McDonalds is there
40 or not.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Does that help,
43 James.

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45 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: For me this is
46 really important. I'm really concerned about the
47 changes that are coming and what could really happen
48 rapidly in the next, like 10 years. And if we're not
49 careful on really defining this in a careful way, areas
50 where we have subsistence Native allotments

1 incorporated in these changes are things that could
2 really impact our village and I worry about that with
3 what's going on already with Prudhoe Bay and the
4 industrial complex. But if we see changes rapidly with
5 these things that are efforting to increase activities
6 there are other villages that could be at-threat with
7 this discussion.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I agree, Rosemary,
10 good comment.

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12 MR. J. NAGEAK: Again, this is James.
13 There's going to be some -- I'm thinking about Ambler
14 -- Road to Ambler, you know, the people that are going
15 to be working up there in that mine and the -- they
16 have apartments or houses at Ambler, you know, is that
17 residency, isn't it a waiver because, you know, if
18 anybody stays at Anaktuvuk Pass for 30 days then they
19 become residents, to be able to vote or to do things
20 like that.

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22 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. I'll just
23 repeat the question so folks here could hear it, it was
24 a little fuzzy.

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26 Just to repeat what you said, James,
27 you're worried about the road to Ambler and about
28 people that are living in that area, service people I'm
29 assuming that are living in apartments in that area, if
30 they would qualify as subsistence users. And you had
31 asked about the 30 days requirement to become a
32 resident, if that was the case in these road
33 development areas.

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35 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Good question,
36 James. I think I wanted to just make a comment that I
37 think the concern about roads is a good one and you
38 should definitely comment on that in the fall. I did
39 hear at the Northwest Arctic meeting, they said, well,
40 anybody who has a road system, anybody along the road
41 system should be nonrural because -- I don't think they
42 were really thinking about the fact that roads are
43 being developed in the North Slope and that would exclu
44 -- you know that might not be something you would want.
45 So that should be something you should consider as a
46 comment in the fall.

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48 But your question about people who come
49 into a community, the way ANILCA reads and has been
50 interpreted, is that, it's based on the subsistence

1 uses in the community in the region, the Federally-
2 qualified rural community, so anyone moving into the
3 community, once they've lived there a year, that's the
4 year -- the residency requirement is a year, can then
5 follow the -- they can be -- the regulations apply to
6 that person. So -- and that goes for school teachers
7 who move into a community or, you know, anybody -- you
8 know, anyone who moves in and maybe marries into the
9 community, whatever reason they've moved in, Native or
10 non-Native, they get to hunt and fish under the Federal
11 subsistence regulations if they've lived there for a
12 year and have established residency.

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14 But it's not 30 days, it's a year.

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16 MR. J. NAGEAK: Oh, okay.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other questions
19 or comments to Helen from the Council members.

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21 (No comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: In this area, again,
24 I was thinking of some of the criteria that you were
25 identifying Helen. I'm having difficulty trying to get
26 my computer to identify these materials, but anyway --
27 now I've lost my thought on that -- so anyhow -- well,
28 just to the Council members, do you have any other
29 comments or questions you'd like to ask Helen in
30 regards to the rural determination.

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there are no other
35 questions or comments, thank you, Helen, for your time.
36 I'm going to feel lonely once you retire.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I hope I'll still
41 have some contact with you guys. I'm going to send you
42 my email, you can write to me anytime and ask me
43 questions, too. I'm going to be happy to help you.

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45 Okay. The next thing on the
46 agenda.....

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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You're going to send
49 me your email address.

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1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I will.
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.
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5 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I will.
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That will be helpful.
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9 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Okay.
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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. So next
12 on.....
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14 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. If I may, just
15 a quick question before we move on.
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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Eva.
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19 MS. PATTON: Again, there's opportunity
20 for the Council to think about this and do outreach
21 within your communities for what people there feel are
22 critical aspects to consider. The development of roads
23 was brought up at the Western Arctic Caribou Herd
24 working group by communities along proposed road
25 systems, such as the Road to Umiat and the Road to
26 Ambler.
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28 OSM is also developing an outreach plan
29 to do directed community briefings and receive
30 feedback. If you have recommendations on how we can
31 best do that outreach to communities, I'd really
32 appreciate your feedback as well and one of the ideas
33 was maybe to do it in conjunction with the Council
34 meetings in the fall. So as you have time over the
35 next, you know, few months, if you have some ideas on
36 that please do let me know and we can incorporate that
37 into our outreach here.
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39 Mr. Chair.
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I could share with
42 you a couple of them right off the bat.
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44 MS. PATTON: Sure, you bet.
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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We have radio
47 stations, KBRW on the North Slope, maybe having a radio
48 talk show on that specific item would be coming from
49 the -- either from the agency or the Federal
50 Subsistence Board members to discuss it to help further

1 educate or communicate our constituents would be
2 something that could be approached.

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4 The other one was in terms of our North
5 Slope Borough, we have our North Slope Borough Fish and
6 Game Management Committee and through the Department of
7 Wildlife Management we have an outreach coordinator
8 here and probably working with her to disseminate some
9 of the information and materials, again, to our
10 constituents would be another way of doing the
11 outreach.

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13 And then just sitting here thinking,
14 again, with the, you know, the only newspaper that we
15 deal with basically now is the Arctic Sounder. We
16 don't have much of a newspapers coming out of Barrow or
17 the North Slope, so that might be another thought to
18 share with you is to use the Arctic Sounder to provide
19 some, these things that get generated from -- the
20 executive summary type information that's specific to
21 this rural determination process would be another step.

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23 I'm just opening, sharing with you my
24 thoughts while we're on this point of discussion.

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26 Thank you.

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28 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair, Harry.
29 Excellent.

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31 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I'd also like to
32 encourage the Staff to look back at information that
33 was generated with the previous meetings that were
34 associated with this topic. We have some real key
35 comments from elders that led the process to what we
36 have now and they're no longer with us to participate
37 but those key comments might be instrumental in
38 maintaining terminologies that are important in this
39 process.

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41 And I agree with all that Harry has
42 said in the process because you really need some
43 involvement from within our region to get the support
44 to the process of what's going to happen with these
45 next actions.

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47 MS. PATTON: Great. Thank you,
48 Rosemary.

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50 MR. J. NAGEAK: And this is James.

1 When we started talking about when the State came to us
2 about the Road to Umiat, we started having what we call
3 a leadership group to meet to respond to some of the
4 concerns they have and to review what responses we
5 would have to those people that are trying to develop
6 the road system and the city of Anaktuvuk, the tribal
7 Council and the corporation boards are getting together
8 to discuss some of these conflicts of the things that
9 are happening in our area. So that's another avenue of
10 determination, I guess I could -- we could address the
11 -- the city of Anaktuvuk is pretty much the one that
12 put these together whenever there's a situation coming
13 that concerns the community of Anaktuvuk Pass.

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15 So that's another avenue.

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17 MS. PATTON: Okay, good, thank you,
18 James.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: James, thank you for
21 bringing that up. I'd just like to chime in, or add on
22 a little bit to the folks at the Office of Subsistence
23 Management, you hear about these tri-groups, that's
24 what I interpret them as, the ANCSA Corporation.....

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26 MR. J. NAGEAK: Uh-huh.

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER:the city of
29 Anaktuvuk, the tribal organization as being the tri --
30 three groups and discuss this specific issue, rural
31 determination, in regards to our previous agenda item
32 tribal consultation policy, would be something of -- a
33 starter point or discussions subject for specific
34 regions. I think I should just look at our region, 26,
35 that there's these -- these tri-groups need to sit down
36 and discuss this specific issue on the North Slope, as
37 James said, in order -- and discussing it as a whole
38 community regardless of the different organizations.
39 You know, there could be others that could be added on
40 to the tri-group, the North Slope Borough, the city
41 government could be two other organizations that could
42 be added onto the list to have a specific community
43 discussion on this rural determination process to unify
44 the voice of our communities to indicate what processes
45 that we would like to associate with in regards to the
46 process that's being discussed for rural determination.

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48 There could be some great benefits for
49 setting up a community meeting as such to identify
50 with. Sometimes many individual organizations have

1 struggled or tried to communicate but then there's
2 always a whiplash with the other organizations that
3 there was no communications between them and they are
4 all serving the same constituency.

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6 So I just share that with you and that
7 could be something that could be a process to recognize
8 into the future, into these discussions of rural
9 determination.

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11 Thank you.

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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Harry, this is
14 Helen. I have a question for you and the Council.
15 Your comments just sort of jogged this in my mind.

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17 One thing that the rural -- we have a
18 team of people who are looking at how best to reach out
19 to people in the state of Alaska on the rural process,
20 the determination process, and they had talked about
21 maybe -- well, what they may do is have one day before
22 the Council meeting next fall where they will have sort
23 of a public hearing, but they've also talked about not
24 doing only a public hearing but maybe having part of it
25 be more of an informal discussion, where people just
26 can talk about ideas, rather than it being people
27 standing up in front of a mic and giving their
28 opinions. So I'm just curious what you think in terms
29 of the format for -- and maybe what we need is -- what
30 I'm hearing you say, maybe, is that we need a format so
31 that -- such that people can get together and talk and
32 come to some sort of conclusion about what they think
33 about their comments and then we actually -- I think
34 we're required, I'm not positive, that's what someone
35 was saying, that we actually are required to have some
36 official taking of comments, but I mean what are your
37 thoughts in terms of what would work in the North
38 Slope, in terms of getting the best kind of comments.
39 Should we have some sort of open, you know, kind of
40 like an open house. An open house kind of a thing
41 where people just take and then take comments; would
42 that work?

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think that would --
45 just, you know, following the discussion point, but I
46 think in regards to an open house setting and
47 generating the discussion to that and then as a
48 community, maybe the community leadership from the
49 different organization -- each of the organizations has
50 their leadership members -- could generate their

1 specific comments to be documented for this rural
2 determination process with the unification of the
3 community. I think that's a step that needs to be
4 seriously considered. As you indicated earlier this is
5 a very serious process and our communities are not
6 getting any smaller, they're only growing.

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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And there's outside
11 influences occurring as well.

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13 So maybe identifying a community
14 leadership at some point in time to discuss -- invite
15 all these organizations that we've been dealing with,
16 ANCSA Corporations, tribal organization or Regional
17 Advisory Councils and maybe include city and the
18 borough government reps to take part in the community
19 leadership for these organizations to discuss this
20 rural determination process.

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22 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right. We'll be in
23 touch with you. Well, I won't but Eva and Jeff will to
24 see what we can develop for outreach in the North Slope
25 and I think this is something that Jeff is actually
26 particularly interested in, in how to reach out to
27 people, so we'll make this the best process we've ever
28 done would be really nice.

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30 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Mr. Chair.

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32 MS. PATTON: So, Mr. Chair, th.....

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34 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I also.....

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Rosemary.

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38 MS. PATTON: Oh, go ahead.

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40 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I also really think
41 that if we're going to do that process of where you do
42 a roundtable or you get comments going, it has to be
43 done where you pull information together but you also
44 have to come back and present what's being pulled
45 together. Some of the process where these type of
46 things have been done, it's left with those that are
47 coming to the meeting to go back with what they've
48 gotten and they're making the determination of what
49 they've gotten, and I don't like that. I really want
50 to make sure that we have a process where we're talking

1 about what you're getting and where we're going and
2 making sure that it's a process with give and take and
3 not just a stamp and you go and decide where it goes.
4 And I know you wouldn't do that but we've had that
5 process occur in other ways, and making sure we don't
6 let that go this round is important.

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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's a very good
9 point, Rosemary. I think the ideal thing would be to
10 have it created right there on the spot, that something
11 gets created by the group of people at the meeting so
12 that everybody's in agreement as to what goes forward.

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14 So I tend to think most people will be
15 in agreement on this issue but maybe not. Maybe not.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think if we try to
18 focus on just specific to our region and not so much on
19 other areas, I think that's a starter for us in regards
20 to our North Slope region and we look at it at that
21 sense, and have a starting point. And I guess the
22 concern is the feedback, you know, the documentation of
23 these meetings and how that information gets used needs
24 to be shared with the respective organizations that are
25 represented during these meetings and generating a
26 meaningful dialogue to progress forward on this.

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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's a good point.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other comments or
31 concerns to be voiced about the rural determination
32 process.

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34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think.....

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38 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER:we'll probably
41 have an earful when we come back to our meeting in the
42 fall because we're missing a couple of our vocal
43 representatives, Gordon and Roy.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. And, yes,
48 again, the fall meeting will be an opportunity for the
49 Council to provide specific input at that point. And
50 what I'll do, all of you have provided some really

1 excellent recommendations for how to proceed with
2 developing the community outreach so I'll continue to
3 work with all of you in the next couple months and help
4 inform OSM as to how to organize these meetings so it
5 really is inclusive of the entire community and region.
6 So thanks for this feedback, very, very good.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. If we don't
11 have any other comments or concerns to voice at this
12 time on this matter, I'd like to move on to the next
13 one.

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16 (No comments)

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Customary and
19 traditional use determinations.

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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's correct. And
22 it's Helen again.

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24 When you get your packet in the mail
25 there's quite a bit of material in there about this
26 issue and so you'll -- I would suggest that you read
27 through it. This, again, is not an agenda item that
28 you have to vote on but we will be asking for comments
29 in the fall and this comes from the Southeast Council
30 and they would like people to really think about it and
31 contemplate how they feel about it.

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33 So the Southeast Council has sent a
34 letter, which is in your packet that you'll get in the
35 mail whenever it arrives, hopefully by the fall
36 meeting.

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38 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay, sounds good. All
39 right. All right. Good.

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41 (Laughter)

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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: In 2009 the
44 Secretary of Interior directed the Federal Subsistence
45 Board to do two tasks and those were to review with
46 Council input Federal Subsistence procedure and
47 structural regulations adopted from the State in order
48 to insure Federal authorities are fully reflected and
49 comply with Title VIII. And the second task was to
50 review customary and traditional determination process

1 to provide clear, fair and effective determinations in
2 accord with Title VIII goals and provisions. Any
3 changes would require new regulations.

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5 The Southeast Council does not believe
6 that this directive was met and believes that the
7 current customary and traditional use determination
8 process does not fulfill the goals and directives of
9 ANILCA.

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11 So the Southeast Council formed a work
12 group and they studied the Council meetings transcripts
13 where the issue of revising C&T process was discussed
14 and they found that the issue was not presented
15 consistently at all Council meetings and that Councils
16 were not given a meaningful opportunity to comment on
17 the C&T process. So in January of 2013 the Southeast
18 Council sent a letter to all of the Council Chairs
19 summarizing the history of the customary and
20 traditional use determinations and invited the Councils
21 to review at their fall 2013 meetings whether the
22 current customary and traditional use determination
23 process is serving the needs of residents in their
24 region. So the Southeast Council urges all Councils to
25 engage in a thorough review of the customary and
26 traditional use determination process at their fall
27 2013 meetings and asks OSM to prepare an adequate
28 briefing for that review.

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30 So what the Council -- the Southeast
31 Council is actually recommending is that they either
32 amend the customary and traditional use determinations
33 process or eliminate the need for doing customary and
34 traditional use determinations. They want to go
35 forward with this unless all of the Councils are in
36 agreement. They could have just made a proposal and
37 then had all the Councils vote on it but they wanted
38 more extensive discussion about it and didn't want to
39 go forward unless the Council were in agreement with
40 them.

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42 So there's a lot of material in the
43 packet that you'll get and there will be a really
44 thorough briefing in the fall on this issue.

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46 So it hasn't been as big an issue with
47 the North Slope because you don't have the degree of
48 competition that other regions do from guides and
49 sporthunters and fishers but I think over time that
50 could change on the North Slope significantly and there

1 are areas, certain hunts, that you do have competition.
2 So for areas like the Southeast, customary and
3 traditional use determinations become incredibly
4 controversial and are issues of real importance to
5 them.

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7 That's all I have. If you have any
8 questions I'm happy to answer them. But you don't have
9 to provide any comments today.

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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.
12 Any comments or concerns to be voiced at this time from
13 the Council members.

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16 (No comments)

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: This is Harry. I'd
19 like to provide a comment or two in regards to the
20 customary and traditional use determinations.

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22 Again, not having all the materials
23 here, I'd like to learn a bit more on the letter from
24 the Southeast region. The thing I was trying to think
25 about in regards to something that you mentioned,
26 Helen, was the competitive uses of the different
27 resources. And I was thinking back in terms of the
28 other resource managers, not -- it's the State, and the
29 committees and commissions that get formed under the
30 State's processes, and I use the Western Arctic Caribou
31 Working Group for an example under the State. It has
32 many representatives and other user groups identified
33 within that committee and they identify with a specific
34 resource, caribou, and make recommendations for changes
35 to regulations, it's something I've been concerned
36 about. In regards to our customary and traditional
37 uses that we generated regulations that accommodate our
38 practices. And in view of other concerned citizens
39 within the state on the use of our resources, the
40 regulations get changed from what we had originally
41 intended for because of different concerns, I'm not
42 going to get really specific to them, but they changed
43 the practices as outside influence to lessen the number
44 because of other -- or the other -- the numbers
45 available to be taken are lessened in a sense.

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47 So this customary and traditional use
48 determinations is very important in my opinion for us
49 to seriously monitor and provide meaningful comments
50 for because as you stated, Helen, that there's other

1 areas of the state where there's a lot of competitive
2 use for all these resources that the customary and
3 traditional use determinations under the Federal
4 Program carries some weight, in a sense, for Regional
5 Advisory Councils or specific regions to provide
6 requests for changes to regulations to accommodate
7 their needs sometimes are not taken in in that sense by
8 the other managers.

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10 So I just want to share my concern in
11 regards to this customary and traditional use
12 determination comes in and continue to share that and
13 provide meaningful comments that it doesn't become
14 lessened, less of an importance in a sense that --
15 because of our locality within the state and, yet, like
16 I said the other resources managers are coming in to
17 change the regulations to meet what they say is part of
18 their -- the practice on their part and, you know, I
19 have to refer to the State identifying all residents of
20 the state being subsistence users in that sense.

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22 So I've voiced my concerns on that
23 note. And maybe I'll ask other Council members if they
24 may have any comments or concerns to voice.

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26 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I've also added a
27 lot of discussion in previous meetings related to this
28 customary and traditional use. It's really important
29 for us to continue our intertribal relations with the
30 villages throughout the state. And our livelihood has
31 been supported of other regions when they've had
32 hardships like people had talked about when they went
33 to boarding school, how it was important to share with
34 schoolmates that were living in the area that was
35 damaged from the (indiscernibles) and these kinds of
36 things are a part of who and what we are. It's
37 important to work through this process but we also need
38 to be very protective of continuing who and what we
39 are. And we have real serious changes throughout our
40 state where we are very low numbers for voting in
41 decisions that are affecting our lands and waters and
42 these issues are going to be very protective in the
43 years to come.

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45 With the Delta Man Camp that's proposed
46 near Wainwright, there's going to be a large influx of
47 people that's going to change the way traditional and
48 cultural activities occur within the area, and it's
49 only going to increase pressure.

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1 We already know in Nuiqsut, the
2 increased issues with hunters and Anaktuvuk Pass also
3 knows about these kinds of concerns and times are
4 changing throughout our state. People want to get up
5 into various areas to do their hunts and it's competing
6 with our uses and we just need to protect it.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.
11 Any other Council members.

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13 MR. J. NAGEAK: This is James.

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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, James.

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17 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah, this is James.
18 You know there are different Federal agencies and State
19 agencies that have cultural and traditional use
20 determinations papers and I'm -- like the National Park
21 Service that I'm a part of as a cultural and
22 traditional use verbiage. And BLM probably has -- you
23 know, we don't know what other agencies within the
24 state and the Federal government, what their cultural
25 and traditional determinations regulations are. So
26 maybe we could somehow compile to see whether -- if
27 agencies have a different perspective on traditional
28 and -- cultural and traditional use determinations.

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30 Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, James.
33 Any other Council members.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If not, I'd just want
39 to indicate again, Helen and Eva, in regard to
40 customary and traditional use determinations, our
41 Federal subsistence is somewhat segmented, I have to
42 say, because it leaves out the resources that we depend
43 on for subsistence. What I mean by segmented is that
44 we have marine mammals, we have migratory birds, we
45 have terrestrial animals. So those are -- the program
46 is segmented to truly identifying these customary and
47 traditional use determinations of all the resources
48 that we depend on, it's not truly addressed within this
49 specific program. That's why I was voicing my concern
50 earlier. And James just eluded to our Federal Program

1 being managed by different agencies and again to the
2 State, it has different organizations, Board of Fish,
3 and Board of Game. So it's segmented in a sense that
4 it doesn't truly address our way of life on the North
5 Slope when we're talking customary and traditional uses
6 for the resources that we depend on for our way of
7 life. I'm trying to keep from identifying subsistence
8 because subsistence is somewhat not the proper
9 definition, it's what we use to provide for our customs
10 that we have to look at in making these use
11 determinations. And when the Program is fragmented or
12 segmented, it doesn't truly identify our uses of all
13 the resources that we use for food.

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15 So that's why I'm saying that it's
16 important that we provide the comments and under the
17 Federal Subsistence Management Program we have to
18 invite, or be mindful of the other resources that are
19 managed by the other agencies, National Marine
20 Fisheries Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service. Like
21 James was indicating, National Park Service, Gates of
22 the Arctic Subsistence Resource Commission. So those
23 types of fragmentation or segmentation of management
24 and responsibility needs to be encompassing the
25 practice that is currently being reflected on -- I'm
26 trying to keep from drifting away but I hope this is
27 meaningful in the sense that, you know, customary and
28 traditional use determinations, it's not all inclusive
29 of all the resources that we depend on for our way of
30 life.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Good comments, all
35 of you.

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37 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Harry.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other comments or
40 concerns regarding the customary and traditional use
41 determinations.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Looking at the agenda
47 that we generated earlier, I.....

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49 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. Harry, if I
50 may, I did talk with Gordon Brower yesterday and there

1 was a point he wanted to bring forward to the Council.
2 He was on travel to Nuiqsut today -- Atqasuk rather,
3 and he did want to comment on the C&T.

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5 In particular, he expressed concern
6 about customary trade aspects.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.

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10 MS. PATTON: And that decisions made in
11 other regions, he had said, do impact people who
12 traditionally trade for, chinook salmon, for example,
13 was a concern that was brought up at the last meeting.
14 So Gordon wanted to bring that forward today. And,
15 again, there'll be an opportunity at the fall meeting
16 to discuss this more fully, and we will bring forward
17 the comments today as well.

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19 The fragmentation, I know, has been a
20 real concern and a real challenge for people. It has
21 been brought up at the several past Council meetings as
22 well.

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24 So, thank you, Harry.

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Eva, for
27 sharing that. And hopefully we have somebody from BIA
28 at our next meeting because under this discussion I'd
29 like to include them or invite them to our meeting, if
30 we could have somebody in terms of what Gordon's
31 concerns are in customary trade. If you just take the
32 time and sit for a couple of minutes and think about
33 what we're dealing with now, our communities are
34 struggling with this cash based economy. That's
35 something that's putting a hinderance on our way of
36 life because of all the regulations that are generated
37 from the outside influencing our practices on customary
38 trade to be regulated so intensely that it's an illegal
39 practice at times for sometimes just trying to survive
40 in the community, because of outside influences.

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42 I mean I share that with you in terms
43 of why we need to have BIA, and that's why I made that
44 comment, is that, they used to provide, through BIA,
45 with the NorthStar was a ship that provided for the
46 coastal communities, materials that was brought in
47 through the tribal organizations, Native Village of
48 Barrow, Native Village of Point Hope, and it was a
49 means for stores being generated for items, commodity
50 of items that were requested for by each community and

1 in a sense that there was this trade practice provided
2 along that same -- that people were able to go to the
3 Native store to trade for items that were either, you
4 know, barter or trading from that store specifically,
5 but called the Native store, and it used to have
6 different resources, furbearing items material, furs,
7 and ruffs or mukluks and traded for items that were
8 needed at the home. And if that could get revived
9 would be something meaningful and give opportunity for
10 some of our constituents to get back into a system that
11 was a practice before but now it seems to have been
12 lost because everything is cash based now, even our
13 stores are -- current stores, there's no real set up
14 for trading with any other items to treat as -- trade
15 and barter, in them.

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17 So I'll stop there in terms of that.

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19 Any other comments from the Council
20 members.

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22 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. This is
23 Helen Armstrong.

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25 I just wanted to make a comment on
26 customary trade, that it is allowed in our regulations,
27 unless it's prohibited.

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29 So if a region chooses to make a
30 regulation to make it more restrictive as the YK,
31 Eastern, and Western Interior Councils did on trading
32 chinook salmon, otherwise it is allowed to exchange
33 cash for fish and wildlife resources as long as it's
34 just to support personal and family needs and it's not
35 considered a significant commercial enterprise. So you
36 can trade for cash under Federal regulations. I think
37 people have -- it's kind of a common misunderstanding
38 because it's not allowed under the State regulations
39 but we do allow it because it is customary and
40 traditional.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you for sharing
43 that Helen. I think that's why I was wanting to invite
44 BIA for it's interpretation in terms of what's
45 allowable as a Federal agency who had a longstanding of
46 providing folks in a sense that were able to conduct
47 that customary trade relationship.

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49 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Harry. Thank
50 you, Helen for.....

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other comments
2 or concern from the Council members.

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4 MS. PATTON: Thank you for that
5 clarification Helen. Gordon's comment was in regards
6 to the Tri-RAC's Council request and proposal that they
7 had put forth to the Board of -- to the Federal
8 Subsistence Board.

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10 Thank you.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there are no
16 further comments I'd like to move on to our next agenda
17 item.

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19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, this is me
20 again. My last one.

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22 This is the OSM briefing. There's just
23 some brief points. Nothing you have to make any
24 recommendations on.

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26 The first one is just to let you know
27 that our budget has been hammered. We're currently
28 under severe budget restrictions right now. We're not
29 allowed to hire anybody without approval from the
30 Secretary -- actually they changed it now, it's the
31 Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, not the
32 Secretary, for a little while it was the Secretary of
33 Interior's Office, and those are only -- a few requests
34 have gone in to allow waivers to hire people. And I
35 believe we've got -- Fish and Wildlife Service as a
36 whole has cut nine positions, I think. I'm not sure
37 but OSM has not had any positions cut because we
38 already had vacancies and we're, in fact, taking on
39 some people as we did with Jeff, whose positions were
40 cut in other places. We're making every effort to
41 continue to support the Regional Advisory Councils and
42 holding firm that these meetings are the foundation of
43 our program and we have to hold them and have to
44 provide travel. You may have observed at the meetings,
45 we had very few Federal Staff there from our office, we
46 could only send two people per meeting and usually we
47 would have three or four. So we're doing the best we
48 can to continue doing our job but it's actually a tough
49 situation right now.

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1 In terms of Staffing, Pete Probasco has
2 left. He's taken a new position as the assistant
3 regional director for Migratory Birds and State
4 programs, so you may hear about him through his work
5 with that group because that is quite important up on
6 the North Slope.

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8 Kathy O'Reilly-Doyle, who has been our
9 Deputy, she started last summer, she's taken over as
10 acting Assistant Regional Director for Subsistence and
11 they've got a waiver into the Director's office to hire
12 somebody but as far as I know they have not approved
13 that waiver yet. So we don't know how long that will
14 last and knowing the way things can move at a snail's
15 pace in the government, it could take awhile.

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17 David Jenkins is acting right now as
18 the Deputy Assistant Regional Director for OSM.

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20 And as you know, I'm retiring, that was
21 in there.

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23 Michelle Chivers, if any of you ever
24 had contact with her, she used to be a Council
25 coordinator, she is also -- she has just retired.

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27 And we just heard that Steve Fried,
28 who's the head of our Fisheries Division, he will be
29 retiring in the next few months as well. He was
30 waiting to see when his house sold and it sold within
31 two days of putting it on the market.

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33 So as far as I know those are the only
34 retirements that we have at OSM. There are others.

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36 LaVerne Smith, who I think Harry has
37 met at the Board meetings, she is retiring in June.
38 She's the Assistant Regional Director for the Fish and
39 Wildlife Service.

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41 So lots of change going on.

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43 The Council appointments.

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45 I just wanted to make note that there
46 was a significant delay this year in finalizing Council
47 appointments. We are working on finding a solution to
48 improving that situation and making sure it doesn't
49 happen again. It was a hold up in Washington. It was
50 quite disturbing to us how long it took to get approval

1 of all of the Council members. I don't know if North
2 Slope had any issues, did it, of being late?

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4 MS. PATTON: No. No.

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, yours weren't
7 late. But some of the regions were very late and I
8 think there's still one person who has not been
9 approved by Washington.

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11 The regulatory cycle.

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13 The Board heard recommendations from
14 the Regional Councils regarding when we should be
15 having those Federal Board meetings dates. There had
16 been a request from the Chair of the Western Interior
17 Council not to hold meetings in January when it's so
18 cold for the Interior, and so they've reviewed that
19 situation, and looked at the fisheries regulatory cycle
20 and the fall meeting window. The Board has now --
21 we've collected all those comments and the Board is
22 going to address those at the meeting next week on
23 April 24th and decide when they will be having future
24 Board meetings for fish and for wildlife. Whether they
25 should be in January or April or May.

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27 Unfortunately the problem we run into
28 is that there are issues with every region. The North
29 Slope you've got whaling in April, and we've got in
30 other areas, commercial fishing, some of the -- the
31 Chair of the Southcentral Council is a commercial
32 fisherman and he can't make May meetings, so it's a
33 problem everywhere. You know the Interior doesn't like
34 January meetings. So we're trying to accommodate a lot
35 of different people so that'll be decided next week at
36 that Board meeting.

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38 Then the Memorandum of Understanding,
39 the MOU between OSM -- the Federal Subsistence
40 Management Program and the State, the Board heard the
41 feedback from the Councils and they wanted to hear from
42 the State Advisory Committees, they've now heard those
43 comments, and they will be addressing the MOU next week
44 on the 24th of April as well.

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46 The only -- last item they just wanted
47 to inform you of, and this was written before and now
48 it's passed, but I'll just let you know, that the
49 Office of Subsistence Management had put out a call for
50 proposals for Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program

1 research for 2014, and that now has ended; April 4th
2 was the due date of all of those proposals. We had
3 gone to the Councils letting them know that that was
4 out there. And we received, I think, 57 investigation
5 plans, and I actually am not sure how many of those --
6 the ones that are strictly biological, how many of
7 those were for the North Slope or not, but you'll be
8 told about that in the fall. We have \$3.7 million
9 available for new research and monitoring projects
10 right now. I don't know if that will be cut with our
11 budget cuts. Most of the awards for that research, it
12 ranges from one to four years. So we'll be looking at
13 those proposals in the next month and then the
14 Technical Review Committee will be looking at them and
15 making their recommendations. They will come to you in
16 the fall with recommendations and you will have the
17 opportunity to look at them and say whether or not you
18 think something should be funded or not and what your
19 priorities for funding those projects would be.

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21 So that's something coming up in the
22 fall too. It's going to be a busy meeting in the fall
23 I think.

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25 That concludes my presentations and
26 everything I have to say for this meeting, so thank you
27 very much all of you.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Questions.

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: On the MOU update. I
35 think there was a coordination between the Federal
36 agency and the State reps and I'd been in communication
37 with Jennifer and she was making plans to come up to
38 Barrow for our North Slope Borough Fish and Game
39 Management Committee meeting who are identified by the
40 State as the local advisory council representatives,
41 that meeting didn't occur in regards to the MOU,
42 progressing forward with the communications in regards
43 of where the two agencies stand at this point. I don't
44 think our fish and game management committee got
45 updated on any of that information so I was kind of
46 upset at Jennifer and so I have been communicating with
47 the manager for the fish and game management committee
48 to provide some time for the person to provide an
49 update on that -- on the progression of that MOU and it
50 didn't occur here on North Slope.

1 So I'm not sure where we go from there
2 in regards to the MOU between the State and the Feds.
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4 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. Harry, just to
5 clarify, you're saying that the AC through the North
6 Slope Borough did meet but they didn't review or
7 discuss the MOU?
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: There was no mention
10 of it during the meeting.
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12 MS. PATTON: Okay.
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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Good to know Harry.
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. If there's no
17 other comments or questions to Helen at this time then
18 I'd like to move on to our next agenda item.
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21 (No comments)
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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Which is the.....
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25 MR. J. NAGEAK: AKP Controlled Use
26 Area.
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, James.
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30 (Laughter)
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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead.
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34 Oh, before you start, I need to invite
35 a person from our North Slope Borough Wildlife
36 Department who's been involved in regards to generating
37 that proposal before it got adopted so I'd like to
38 invite him in and his name is Brian Person, Dr. Brian
39 Person, who's wanting to listen into the discussion.
40 With your permission I'd like to invite him into my
41 office.
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43 MR. J. NAGEAK: Tell him to hurry up.
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45 (Laughter)
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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Dr. Person you're up.
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49 MR. J. NAGEAK: Permission granted.
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1 (Laughter)
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All right, thank you.
4 So he's coming in, I'm sorry I had to pull him out of a
5 different meeting, in that sense but he let me know, he
6 said contact him when we're ready for the discussion.
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8 DR. PERSON: Good morning, good
9 morning. Thank you.
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, James, go
12 ahead.
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14 MR. J. NAGEAK: I'll refer to our
15 coordinator right now.
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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Eva.
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19 MR. J. NAGEAK: Eva.
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21 MS. PATTON: Good morning. And, I'm
22 sorry, I didn't catch the wildlife biologist's name,
23 Ryan [sic]?
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25 DR. PERSON: Yeah, my name's Brian.
26 Person. It's spelled like Person, P-E-R-S-O-N.
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And Brian is spelled
29 like Brain.
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31 (Laughter)
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33 MS. PATTON: Good to know, thank you.
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35 DR. PERSON: I don't have one.
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37 (Laughter)
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39 MS. PATTON: Yes, good morning.
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41 MR. J. NAGEAK: Do we have a Brainy
42 person on board.
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44 (Laughter)
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46 MS. PATTON: So just to cover the --
47 this is a wildlife proposal to the State Board of Game
48 that the North Slope Regional Advisory Council made a
49 motion on, drafted the core language for and passed at
50 the meeting on February 27th in Barrow. And what I

1 wanted to do since we were meeting today, as a
2 followup, was to go back over this language. James
3 Nageak was going to consult with the community of
4 Anaktuvuk Pass to check on the dates of the proposal
5 and also the language. So wanted to go back over this,
6 make sure the core language is as the Council and the
7 community would like to see it. And also if there's
8 additional supporting information from the community on
9 what the concern is and why this change in regulation
10 would help support the subsistence in the community.

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12 James, would you like me to read the
13 core regulatory language that the Council is asking to
14 change here?

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16 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yes, I'm glad that we
17 had a chance to talk to the community and also the
18 wording that we had with the Board of Game was
19 different than the Noatak one, and so we want to use
20 that Noatak one because we didn't know that our CUA was
21 -- allowed bear hunters to go over into the controlled
22 use area for the bear and moose and all of those other
23 ones. And so without that language, that Noatak
24 Controlled Use Area has, we -- now we want to include
25 the Noatak Controlled Use Area, and the dates would be
26 the -- would be the same because, you know, August 15th
27 through October 15th -- after October 15th then we
28 don't usually -- that's rutting season for the bulls
29 and we don't go for those. And so the dates should be
30 the same but with the language that the -- not just the
31 ungulates -- yeah, the word is ungulate and bear -- the
32 ungulates include all of the hoofed animals.

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34 Is that right, Eva?

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36 MS. PATTON: Yes, that's correct,
37 James. That's what was on the record from the Council
38 at the winter meeting. And everyone had worked to
39 bring in the language that you would like, is actually
40 language verbatim from the Federal Noatak Controlled
41 Use Area.

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43 And so what it does -- what's currently
44 in place under the State regulation for the Anaktuvuk
45 Pass Controlled Use Area is that it's closed to the
46 hunting of caribou and the transport of caribou
47 hunters. But the concern that James and others had
48 brought up was that under that controlled use language,
49 bear hunters, moose hunters, you know, folks hunting
50 other furbearers could still use aircraft to enter that

1 area at that time and were causing stress or pushing
2 the caribou herds from those flights and landings. So
3 what the Council had requested was to take -- and,
4 again, we're using two sets of regulations, one is
5 coming from the Federal regulation to replace what's
6 currently in place in the State Controlled Use
7 regulation, and so the new regulation would read:

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9 Further restrictions in the State
10 Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area.

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12 The area is closed from the period
13 from.....

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15 And you were saying, James, to keep it
16 August 15th to October 15th?

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18 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yes. Yes.

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20 MS. PATTON: Okay. And under the new
21 wording that the Council is proposing:

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23 This area is closed from the period
24 from August 15th to October 15th to the
25 use of aircraft in any manner, either
26 for hunting of an ungulate, bear, wolf
27 or wolverine or for transportation of
28 hunters or harvested species

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30 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yes.

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32 MS. PATTON: Is that as the Council
33 would like it?

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35 MR. J. NAGEAK: I like it.

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. James and Eva,
38 I have Brian present here who would like to provide
39 some comments on the proposal. He had other prior
40 commitments during our Regional Advisory Council
41 meeting and was not available at the time but I would
42 like to give him an opportunity to provide some
43 comments, if I may.

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45 MS. PATTON: Sure, thank you. That
46 would be helpful.

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48 And let me -- before I forget, there
49 was additional language that the Council didn't bring
50 forward at the February meeting:

1 It says:
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3 After the transportation of, you know,
4 restriction of aircraft for hunting of
5 ungulate, bear, wolf or wolverine or
6 for transportation of hunters or
7 harvested species.....
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9 What was also included in the language
10 of the Noatak proposal was:
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12 This does not apply to the
13 transportation of hunters or parts of
14 ungulates, bear, wolf or wolverine by
15 regularly scheduled flights to
16 communities by carries that normally
17 provide scheduled air service.
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19 So the Council had discussed some about
20 whether to include the regular scheduled air service
21 from the local airport or not but that was not language
22 that was decided on. So I just wanted to bring that to
23 your attention, too, that is part of the language of
24 the Noatak Controlled Use Area and whether you would
25 want to include that or not in this proposal.
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27 Thank you.
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29 DR. PERSON: Good morning, Eva and
30 James and the other members who are on the phone. My
31 name is Brian Person and work closely with James and a
32 lot of other folks in Anaktuvuk back several years ago
33 trying to get this controlled use area in place. And,
34 you know, it took us a good three, four years to get it
35 in place and a lot of effort and everybody was
36 surprised it actually, you know, -- the Board of Game
37 actually established one and that was one of the pretty
38 conservative Board of Game. And I guess, while I
39 appreciate trying to align regulations between the
40 Federal and State, you know, just it makes a lot of
41 sense and adding the language, you know, to preclude
42 bear hunters or moose hunters from flying in there
43 would be valuable, I have a very strong concern that if
44 this proposal is submitted to the Board of Game, they
45 may actually do away with the entire controlled use
46 area. Once it comes up for discussion, the Board --
47 the State Board of Game, the way it works is they have
48 a long history of changing the proposal, and I could
49 easily see how the current controlled use area could be
50 eliminated.

1 I don't know if it's too late but I --
2 boy, I think it's pretty dangerous submitting this
3 proposal, with all due respect.

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5 Any thoughts on that James?

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7 MR. J. NAGEAK: I couldn't repeat it
8 over the phone.

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10 (Laughter)

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12 MR. J. NAGEAK: But anyway so can we
13 use the Federal Noatak Controlled Use Area -- it's not
14 a Federal land, is it?

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16 DR. PERSON: No, it's State land and
17 what you would be trying to do is just, you know, keep
18 the same restrictions, you know, that Noatak has and
19 open up this, you know, a new proposal for this
20 controlled use area, just to submit, you know, language
21 that would preclude the harvest of moose or wolves or
22 -- and bears, when, in fact, I really don't think many
23 people are going in there to harvest them.

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25 For one thing the moose season is -- I
26 believe it's closed at that point because the moose
27 population is doing so poorly. I just have to bring it
28 to your attention that this could jeopardize that whole
29 controlled use area. And the current Board of Game is
30 even more conservative than the one that we worked with
31 back in 2004, 2007.....

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33 MR. J. NAGEAK: In Bethel.

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35 DR. PERSON: Yeah, in Bethel, and then,
36 you know, we were at one in Kotzebue as well prior to
37 the one in Bethel. Then I went out -- they put a
38 sunset clause on the existing controlled use area in
39 2004 and that's when we did the monitoring to try to
40 determine caribou reactions to planes and get an idea
41 of how many planes were flying, oh, in the Chandalar
42 Region as well as north of Anaktuvuk Pass and, you
43 know, we had an average of 3.7 planes a day, so not a
44 whole lot of air traffic is actually going through on
45 the north side.

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47 So, you know, our deliberations in
48 Bethel, if you recall, James, they completely changed
49 what our proposal was and that's what I'm referring to,
50 the danger, is that, once there's a proposal that's

1 open to the Board of Game, just the Board, then they
2 can talk amongst themselves and make whatever changes
3 they want and that could include doing away with it.

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5 So I wouldn't be doing my job if I
6 didn't try to give you this cautionary note.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Dr.
9 Person.

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11 DR. PERSON: Yeah, I'm not sure what
12 can be done but that's -- yeah, if there are no other
13 -- if anybody has any other questions I'd be happy to
14 try to answer them otherwise I don't like interrupting
15 your meeting like this and I'm actually in another
16 meeting that's been scheduled for a month or so.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other comments or
19 questions to Dr. Person at this time.

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21 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Those are the kind
22 of discussions I have, concerns related to
23 fragmentating of the process and I really appreciate
24 you bringing it into this process.

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26 Thank you.

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28 DR. PERSON: Thank you, Rosemary.

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30 MR. J. NAGEAK: Thank you, Brian.
31 James here. And so we're talking about two different
32 types of land, the Federal land over at Noatak and then
33 State lands north of us, so, now I don't know what to
34 say.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair, if I may. So
39 this proposal was made by the Council to submit to the
40 State Board of Game. The intention was to change the
41 language in the wildlife -- the State wildlife
42 regulations on the State controlled use area but using
43 the language that was preferred from the State
44 regulation. And if I understand correctly, what Brian
45 was expressing was that the State process, once these
46 proposals go to the Board of Game, they can open up and
47 alter the regulations or the proposals. So the Council
48 does have an option at this point -- the proposal was
49 submitted -- or was developed at the winter meeting, it
50 has not been submitted to the Board of Game yet, the

1 deadline for that proposal to be submitted is May 1st,
2 and I wanted to make sure we had the language, as the
3 community of Anaktuvuk wanted it, and as the Council
4 wanted it. So the proposal has not been submitted yet.
5 We have a quorum, the Council has an option to discuss
6 this concern and choose to either submit the proposal
7 or to withdraw the proposal.

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9 It's up to the Council.

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11 MR. J. NAGEAK: This is James.

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If you recall Eva had
14 written back to you about the proposal not being
15 discussed at our North Slope Borough Fish and Game
16 Management Committee and it's kind of upsetting because
17 they are -- they have been identified as our local
18 advisory group to the State and without their support
19 I'm not sure -- I mean it just raises the flag for me
20 in regards to what Dr. Person has indicated because
21 it's not even shared it with the State representative
22 through the local advisory council.

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24 I just want to provide those comments
25 in regards to what transpired over time and as
26 mentioned earlier, Dr. Person had prior commitments and
27 was not able to be at our Regional Advisory Council
28 during the fall and then I had some high hopes that the
29 proposal would have been shared with our North Slope
30 Borough Fish and Game Management Committee to hear
31 their responses or concerns regarding the proposal that
32 we generated at the North Slope Regional Advisory
33 Council.

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35 MR. J. NAGEAK: Mr. Chair, James here.

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, James.

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39 MR. J. NAGEAK: With that new
40 perspective from Dr. Person, I would like to go back to
41 the community and let the community know what the
42 situation would be if we proposed this. So I would, I
43 guess, table this thing until I talk to the community.

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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Until further
46 discussion with your community?

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48 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: A motion to table

1 this proposal until further consultation with Anaktuvuk
2 Pass representatives.
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4 Motion to table.
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6 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Second.
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: There's been a second
9 on the motion.
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11 Further discussion.
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14 (No comments)
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think just under
17 discussion, to indicate that the Board of Game will not
18 be meeting until May, I think that's -- I'm not sure
19 what the date -- the deadline for submitting proposals
20 is, maybe if we could get some insight on.....
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22 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.
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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER:that it
25 might.....
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27 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.
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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER:help.
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31 MS. PATTON: The deadline to submit
32 proposals to the State Board of Game is May 1st, so
33 that's less than two weeks away.
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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Two weeks, May 1st?
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37 MS. PATTON: Yes. They're due May 1st.
38 And I would actually have to consult with folks here
39 how this would work. The Council is meeting now, you
40 can table it. If it was tabled, the discussion, as a
41 full Council, wouldn't come up again until the fall
42 meeting, which is after this cycle for the Board of
43 Game. So the next opportunity to consider it and
44 submit a proposal would be in two years with the State
45 Board of Game -- another full year?
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47 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm not sure. I'm
48 not sure what their schedule is.
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50 MS. PATTON: So just for the Council to

1 be aware. If the decision or discussion was tabled at
2 this time, then that would mean taking it up at the
3 fall meeting and bringing it forward to Board of Game
4 at their next regulatory cycle.

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Eva. I'm
7 not sure kind of timeframe, James, you're looking at,
8 but if the community needs to determine whether to
9 withdraw it or what was the other thought, Eva?
10 Continue going forward or I'm not sure, I just don't
11 recall what the other side was.

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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. Although
14 I don't believe that the Council could meet and --
15 you'd have to have a quorum in order to make the
16 recommendation to submit the proposal, if the community
17 of Anaktuvuk Pass so chose, I believe they still could
18 by May 1st. They could take the work that's been done
19 here, if they wanted to, and still submit it once the
20 community has that input from Dr. Person, yeah,
21 deciding how they feel about it. You know, it would be
22 up to the community, I believe, or even an individual
23 could submit a proposal.

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25 I think he raises an excellent point,
26 though, I've heard that from the Board of Game, that
27 you have to be careful of what you ask for.

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29 MR. J. NAGEAK: So with that in mind,
30 Mr. Chair.....

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So, James, just to --
33 under discussion of the motion to table, we have the
34 options that have been identified are to withdraw the
35 proposal, you can work with the community, James, to
36 make determination on the way forward, not sure in
37 which way the community will sway, and the other -- the
38 second -- or third one I heard was that we can resubmit
39 in two years when the cycle to address proposals within
40 the State Board of Game or State of Fish, or Board of
41 Fisheries, in two years, because we're in the
42 regulatory cycle as we speak for the North Slope at
43 this time.

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45 MR. J. NAGEAK: Well, this is James
46 here. We've lived through -- we've lived with this
47 controlled use area thing for a few years now and if
48 Dr. Person is saying that the Board of Game is even
49 more conservative than the one that we came in contact
50 with in Bethel, I need to go back to the community and

1 I think that we could go get some ideas on what the
2 community wants to do, whether to jeopardize the
3 controlled use area like we have now, and we just keep
4 it the way it is so I -- I, personally, wouldn't mind,
5 you know -- I would rather have the controlled use area
6 for another couple more years and see whether the Board
7 of Game is less conservative in two years so -- and
8 then we can.....

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: James. While we have
11 you. I think you have a couple -- like Eva stated,
12 that we have a couple weeks to make your final
13 determination. I think as we table it, your
14 community's wish will follow through with. If they
15 wish to retract the proposal, you make that call,
16 judgment call after consulting with your constituents
17 in Anaktuvuk Pass and voice that to Eva and we'll just
18 -- I don't think we'll work against you, I think we're
19 -- in my opinion we will be working with you, whichever
20 way your.....

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22 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay.

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER:community
25 weighs.....

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27 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER:either to
30 retract it or.....

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32 MR. J. NAGEAK: Let me try to get
33 together then with the community before May 1st and let
34 Eva know which way we're going to go.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. Yes. Any
37 further discussion.....

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39 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER:on the motion to
42 table.

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44 MR. J. NAGEAK: Until I go back to the
45 community, right?

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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. With the --
48 okay, there's a slight modification to the motion, is
49 to, have James consult with the community, his
50 constituents in Anaktuvuk Pass and to make the final

1 determination on going forward on the proposal, whether
2 to retract or to carry it forward before May 1st.

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4 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I support that
5 modification.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.

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9 MR. J. NAGEAK: But then, again, the
10 two week notification for the public, we have to come
11 together again on teleconference for this Eva?

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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: This is Helen. I
14 think if your motion says that the Council supports the
15 decision of the community then you would not have to
16 come back together.

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18 MR. J. NAGEAK: Oh, okay.

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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I don't know why you
21 couldn't do that.

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23 MR. J. NAGEAK: All right.

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25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: So if you make that
26 clear.....

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we're leaving an
29 option for you, James, you and your community consult
30 to go forward with it, to retract the proposal.....

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32 MR. J. NAGEAK: Uh-huh.

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER:or to go forward
35 with the proposal, you and your community make that
36 determination and bring it to Eva or -- I have to say,
37 Eva, she's our coordinator, to let her know which way
38 you want to go forward with it.

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40 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay. Now, I
41 understand.

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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, thank you,
44 James.

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46 Any further discussion on the motion.

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49 (No comments)

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1 MR. J. NAGEAK: Question.
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3 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Call for question.
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question's been
6 called on the motion to table the proposal until
7 further consultation with the community of Anaktuvuk by
8 James, signify by saying aye.
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10 IN UNISON: Aye.
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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, say nay.
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14 (No opposing votes)
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted, thank
17 you. Okay, James, we'll leave it to you and the
18 community to make the final determination on that.
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20 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay, thank you, Mr.
21 Chair. And, Eva.
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23 MS. PATTON: Thank you.
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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other items that
26 are left before us.
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29 (No comments)
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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think we covered
32 the agenda pretty much.
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34 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. This is
35 Helen. It wasn't on the agenda but it just occurred to
36 me as we were meeting that I just wanted to let the
37 Council know, in case they haven't heard, that the
38 Special Action to extend the season for the moose hunt
39 for 26B was approved by the Federal Subsistence Board
40 and they added one additional moose and that was only
41 for 26B. It was not -- in 26C they'd already met their
42 quota and they didn't increase the quota there. So it
43 was a little bit of a compromise but it was -- I wanted
44 to make a point that this was the first time that the
45 vote of the rural members, so -- and Tim Towarak, the
46 Chair, made the difference in how -- and what the vote
47 was of the Board, and that's the first time that has
48 occurred because there was not agreement amongst all of
49 the Board members. So it was kind of an interesting
50 process that they went through.

1 But the season did get extended just
2 for right now and then there's a permanent regulation
3 in place that will be reviewed by your Council in the
4 fall.

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6 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen, for
9 sharing that. I think it's a positive note on our part
10 in regard to Kaktovik's needs and meeting the community
11 needs at this time and so thank the Chair -- the
12 Federal Subsistence Board Chair and the Board members
13 that supported the request.

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: The Board also --
16 Tony Christianson, who's the other rural member, and
17 Tim Towarak did look to Charlie Brower, who's on the
18 Federal Board, for his recommendation too, so it played
19 a strong role, what his recommendation was. So you can
20 be grateful that you have a member of the Board who's
21 from your region.

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thanks be to God.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 MR. J. NAGEAK: Mr. Chair, I move to
28 adjourn.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Anyway if there's no
31 further items I'd like to the Council in regards to
32 final comments.

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35 (No comments)

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there's no further
38 comments.....

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40 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Thank you for all
41 this discussion. This has been very important to have
42 the additional insight that this group has brought to
43 these issues and I really appreciate that. When we're
44 in various roles and having to go -- it's important
45 that we understand and have the support of our Council
46 as we go into these other meetings and I really thank
47 everyone for their discussion.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.
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1 Any others.
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4 (No comments)
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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there's no further
7 comments from the Council members, a motion to adjourn
8 is in order.
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10 MR. J. NAGEAK: So moved.
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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion to adjourn.
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14 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: So moved.
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further
17 discussion.
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20 (No comments)
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22 (Laughter)
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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All in favor signify
25 by saying aye.
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27 IN UNISON: Aye.
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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you
30 everybody.....
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32 MS. PATTON: Thank you everyone
33 for.....
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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER:we're adjourned.
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37 MS. PATTON: Thank you everyone for
38 your comments and support, and, James, just feel free
39 to give me a call or email and we'll be in touch about
40 the community's comments on the Anaktuvuk Pass
41 proposal.
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43 Thank you.
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45 MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay.
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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Goodbye everybody.
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49 MR. J. NAGEAK: Thank you.
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1 MS. PATTON: Happy hunting, yeah.
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3 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Thank you. Thank
4 you, Helen, and appreciate everything.
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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Rosemary.
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We're adjourned,
9 thank you. Goodbye everyone.
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11 (Off record)
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13 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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STATE OF ALASKA)

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April 2013.

Salena A. Hile
Notary Public, State of Alaska
My Commission Expires: 9/16/14