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NORTH SLOPE FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE  
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

Barrow Alaska  
February 16, 2010  
9:10 o'clock a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Harry Brower, Chairman
- Lee Kayotuk
- Lloyd Leavitt
- James Nageak
- Regional Council Coordinator, Barbara Armstrong

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Barrow, Alaska - 2/16/2010)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN BROWER: Good morning everyone, and welcome everyone to Barrow. I'd like to call the meeting of the North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting to order at this time. It's 9:10 according to the clock on the wall. So, in regards to the moment of silence, I'd like to ask James to provide an invocation this morning.

MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay.

(Invocation)

CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, James. I'm not sure if all of you are all familiar with some of our practices up here on the North Slope, it's part of our way of life here in providing an invocation for meetings, asking for guidance and being mindful of our relatives at home as well.

In Barrow we've had several losses of our elders in the community this past week, this week and it's taken its toll within the community in grieving, so we need to be mindful of all the events that are occurring outside our control. And I just want to share that with you this morning before we continue the -- we had another loss of one of our elders in the middle of the night last night, Edna, Edna Rice. And, I'm sorry if I -- if the family's not spoken to any of you members but there was a passing last night and we were told while we were in the midst of our -- closing of our work at the Cultural Center. So one of our elders has passed on again in the middle of the night.

Despite that, I mean, we have to continue, I'm just trying to be mindful of our community and as our community goes through our hardships.

Maybe at this time I'd like to ask Lee for a roll call.

MR. KAYOTUK: Establish roll call.

1 Harry K. Brower, Jr.  
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Here.  
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5 MR. KAYOTUK: Lee Kayotuk, here. Ray  
6 Koonuk.  
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8 MS. ATORUK: Absent.  
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10 MR. KAYOTUK: Lloyd Leavitt.  
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12 MR. LEAVITT: Here.  
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14 MR. KAYOTUK: Seat 5, it's vacant.  
15 Paul Bodfish, Sr.  
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17 MS. ATORUK: Excused.  
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19 MR. KAYOTUK: James Nageak.  
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21 MR. J. NAGEAK: Here.  
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23 MR. KAYOTUK: Rosemary Ahtuanguaruak.  
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25 MS. ATORUK: Excused.  
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27 MR. KAYOTUK: And, Barb Armstrong.  
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29 MS. ATORUK: I'm here, thank you.  
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31 MR. KAYOTUK: We do have a quorum.  
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Lee, for  
34 roll call. At this time we are down to our welcome and  
35 introductions.  
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37 Again, I welcome you all to Barrow, for  
38 those of you who are traveling and coming to Barrow and  
39 some of our other participants or membership is not  
40 here, I wish they were here because there are issues  
41 that we need to deal with and, accordingly, within our  
42 given regions. They need to be mindful of their  
43 responsibilities as well.  
44  
45 Again, just welcoming you all and have  
46 a safe stay in Barrow. Glad we have some nice weather  
47 up here that we woke up to this morning, besides being  
48 minus 30 or minus 50 at times, it feels like it's above  
49 zero outside.  
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1                                 Maybe we'll go around and just go  
2 through an introduction. Lloyd.  
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4                                 MR. LEAVITT: Lloyd Leavitt. Lifelong  
5 resident of Barrow.  
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7                                 CHAIRMAN BROWER: James.  
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9                                 MR. J. NAGEAK: James Nageak. I live  
10 in Barrow, too.  
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12                                CHAIRMAN BROWER: Harry Brower. I'm  
13 just the same as Lloyd, I live here in Barrow, born and  
14 raised here so I travel quite a bit around town, so,  
15 welcome you all.  
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17                                MR. KAYOTUK: Lee Kayotuk, Kaktovik.  
18 First time I've been to one of these meetings. I tried  
19 to make it here before but could not make it due to  
20 weather so I'm very happy to be on this Council.  
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22                                MS. ATORUK: (In Inupiat)  
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24                                I am Barb Atoruk, coordinator for North  
25 Slope, forever.  
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27                                (Laughter)  
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29                                MS. ATORUK: Good morning.  
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31                                CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Dr.  
32 Yokel.  
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34                                DR. YOKEL: Dave Yokel with the BLM.  
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36                                MR. KRON: Tom Kron with OSM, it's good  
37 to be back.  
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39                                MS. PETRIVELLI: Pat Petrivelli, BIA,  
40 subsistence.  
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42                                MR. MATHEWS: Vince Mathews, Arctic  
43 National Wildlife Refuge.  
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45                                CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.  
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47                                MR. B. NAGEAK: Ben Nageak, BLM, Arctic  
48 Field Office, Barrow Field Station.  
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50                                CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.

1 MS. BUCKNELL: Susan Bucknell from  
2 Kotzebue for the State Fish and Game Advisory  
3 Committees.

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5 MR. RABINOWITCH: Good morning,  
6 everyone. I'm Sandy Rabinowitch with the National Park  
7 Service and I'm on the Staff Committee to the Federal  
8 Subsistence Board.

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10 MR. SHARP: I'm Dan Sharp with BLM,  
11 Staff Committee to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. And, our  
14 court reporter.

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16 REPORTER: I'm Tina, I'm the court  
17 reporter.

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm trying to figure  
20 out why I'm trying to call you Tanya, it's Tina.

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22 (Laughter)

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24 REPORTER: Tina.

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.

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28 REPORTER: All right.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you everyone.  
31 And, again, welcome to Barrow.

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33 Now, we have the review and adoption of  
34 the agenda; what is the wish of the Council.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: These two items are  
39 action items so I'll need a motion to move them.

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41 MR. J. NAGEAK: I move to adopt the  
42 agenda.

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44 MS. ATORUK: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Review and adoption  
47 of the agenda, we have a motion on the floor.

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49 MR. LEAVITT: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by Lloyd.  
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3 Barb, did you have a comment?  
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5 MS. ATORUK: Yes, I do. If we would --  
6 if you get to Proposal -- the proposals, I would ask if  
7 you would move up the Fish and Game proposals, I think  
8 it's the two -- is it wolves, is it Proposal 106/107  
9 and 67, to come out first, that way -- because we're  
10 going to have to call the State. There's no one here  
11 from State besides Susan, and we need to talk to Steve  
12 Machida in Fairbanks, so we would call George -- Steve  
13 and George and then get those two proposals off the way  
14 [sic] then those are the only two that we need to call  
15 in on.  
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17 If you would, please, thank you.  
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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm not sure who  
20 these folks are, Steve and George.  
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22 MS. ATORUK: Steve Machida is a game  
23 biologist. He's the boss of the -- head of the  
24 wildlife conservation for Fish and Game, and George  
25 Pappas is their coordinator. And those two we need to  
26 talk to regarding those two proposals that I just  
27 mentioned.  
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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Moving them up in  
30 regards to the agenda under 8.....  
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32 MS. ATORUK: Yes.  
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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....8A Proposals 107  
35 and 67.  
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37 MS. ATORUK: Yes, sir.  
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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And then the  
40 remaining we'll follow as presented.  
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42 MS. ATORUK: Yes.  
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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further comments  
45 on the agenda.  
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47 (No comments)  
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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Discussion.  
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1 MR. LEAVITT: I do.  
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.  
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5 MR. LEAVITT: I have a question on  
6 election of officers on account of no quorum, can we  
7 put this on hold until we get a whole quorum, I mean a  
8 whole board.  
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You want us to wait  
11 for a full quorum?  
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13 MR. LEAVITT: Yes. Until selection on  
14 these vacant seats, or unless Barbara has some other  
15 plans that we know nothing of. In my opinion if you're  
16 electing officers you need all board members in the  
17 meeting to elect.  
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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barb, do you want to  
20 respond to the comment.  
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22 MS. ATORUK: I don't have any  
23 objections to that request, that's your decision to  
24 make, if it's your call then we go that way, we can  
25 move elections to the fall meeting.  
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's what Lloyd is  
28 asking, we only have four members remaining -- having a  
29 presence here and we have one, two, three of our other  
30 membership which are not present here. I think in all  
31 fairness that we could follow through with your  
32 recommendation, Lloyd, to hopefully -- hopefully we'll  
33 have a larger turnout at our next meeting.  
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35 MR. LEAVITT: Thank you.  
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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, thank you,  
38 Lloyd.  
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40 MR. LEAVITT: Question called for.  
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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion has been  
43 called on the motion to adopt the agenda with a couple  
44 of modifications: Not to cover No. 7, election of  
45 officers, that'll take place at our next quarterly  
46 meeting, or next cycle of meetings; and then under 8A,  
47 to bring the two proposals up, No. 107, Proposal No. 67  
48 as the first two items to cover as the modifications.  
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50 All in favor of the motion signify by

1 saying aye.  
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3 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.  
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7 (No opposing votes)  
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. So we  
10 have an agenda before us.  
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12 Review and adoption of minutes under  
13 Page 4 of your booklet, the minutes from our August 25,  
14 2009 meeting.  
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16 MR. J. NAGEAK: I move the adoption of  
17 the minutes.  
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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor  
20 to adopt the August 25, 2009 meeting minutes.  
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22 MR. LEAVITT: Second.  
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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by Lloyd.  
25 Further discussion.  
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27 (No comments)  
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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Questions.  
30 Questions. Deletions.  
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32 MR. J. NAGEAK: Barbara's last name was  
33 still Armstrong at the meeting.  
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35 (Laughter)  
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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barbara stepped out.  
38 We need to call her back in and ask her.  
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40 (Pause)  
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42 REPORTER: Harry, actually the office  
43 in Anchorage called her for the phone on an emergency  
44 call so if you just want to step down a second or.....  
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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.  
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48 REPORTER: .....I mean if you need to  
49 wait for her.  
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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Should we -- well,  
2 the question wasn't probably.....

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4 MR. J. NAGEAK: No, it's okay.

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....just between, I  
7 think we can continue with our motion to discuss the  
8 minutes.

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10 REPORTER: All right, she'll be back.

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We're under  
13 discussion of the August 25, 2009 meeting minutes and  
14 we're reviewing them at this time and there was just a  
15 question to Barb but she had a phone call to respond to  
16 so she's out of the meeting room at the moment.

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18 (Pause)

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20 MR. LEAVITT: Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Lloyd.

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24 MR. LEAVITT: The migratory bird  
25 update, I have a concern on that. We were -- attended  
26 the Migratory Birds because that's -- other than  
27 they're telling you to -- consultation -- consultation  
28 agreement be done with the tribal government and the  
29 consultation with the Federal migratory committee and  
30 the tribal government and the tribal government should  
31 be able to co-manage with the Federal government -- has  
32 anything been done from the Federal government side to  
33 co-manage the migratory birds?

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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Just my immediate  
36 response, Lloyd, we have a Co-Management Council within  
37 the Migratory Birds -- The Migratory Bird Treaty -- the  
38 Migratory Bird Co-Management Council and then there's  
39 the other entities representing the State and the  
40 different organizations that are also represented too,  
41 this -- the user groups, like the North Slope,  
42 Migratory Bird Co-Management Council is within the  
43 North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee.  
44 And they meet with our -- but in regard to your -- our  
45 tribal organizations, that would be ICAS and Native  
46 Village of Barrow and they do have representatives that  
47 are communicated with by representatives such as Doug  
48 and Fred have come up to Barrow, the ones I know of,  
49 have come to Barrow and communicated with them.

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1                   But discussion points or a copy of  
2 their meeting minutes, I'm not -- I don't have before  
3 me and it's not been shared with me as to what level of  
4 communications was going on at that point. But knowing  
5 them, being part of the North Slope Borough, Department  
6 of Wildlife Management we've had some interactions I  
7 just stated with our lawyers for the North Slope  
8 Borough, Red Barrett -- Bristof (ph), she used to be  
9 our legal advisor to the -- on that front of meeting  
10 with these folks from -- in regards to Migratory Birds.

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12                   MR. LEAVITT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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14                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Lloyd. I think  
15 if there are any other representatives from -- I think  
16 it's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where Doug Alcorn  
17 and Fred Armstrong are working, right, with the U.S.  
18 Fish.....

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20                   MS. ATORUK: Yes. Yes, they do.

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22                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....and Wildlife  
23 Service?

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25                   MS. ATORUK: And then they sent in this  
26 information. Fred did try to come here to attend your  
27 meeting but then they said they are low in funds or  
28 whatever and then so he was asked to do a -- write up a  
29 briefing and then if you have any questions I think Mr.  
30 Kron would be able to answer all your questions that  
31 you might have. And then that's the information that I  
32 was given at the time this was in discussion.

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34                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: So, maybe, if you  
35 could provide a -- wish to provide a response to the  
36 question. I'm, as Chair, just commenting on what my  
37 knowledge of the Migratory Bird update.

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39                   MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
40 Council. Again, as Barb pointed out, we have a summary  
41 here from Mr. Fred Armstrong who works for Doug Alcorn,  
42 and probably the best thing to do would be to -- if we  
43 can get copies of this just to pass it out. I'm not  
44 really prepared, real familiar with this issue, but we  
45 could provide this to you, I think, and that would be  
46 the most helpful.

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48                   Thank you.

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50                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: If you could just

1 state your name, again, for the record, and for Tina.

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3 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, Tom Kron  
4 with the Office of Subsistence Management.

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom Kron, thank you.

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8 MR. KRON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom.  
11 Lloyd, was that helpful in regards to your comment.

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13 MS. ATORUK: There's a copy -- there's  
14 copies, they each have a copy, I'm surprised they  
15 didn't get you one.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So, Barb, now that  
18 you're back James had a question earlier in regards to  
19 the reading of the minutes and he was asking was your  
20 name changed before your -- before these minutes were  
21 adopted.....

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23 (Laughter)

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25 MS. ATORUK: There is -- yes, there was  
26 a name change before the minutes were adopted and the  
27 stuff -- and then I thought that went out, I made a  
28 mistake of trying to change my name and then the whole  
29 government, so there was.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any  
32 further discussion on the content of the meeting  
33 minutes of August 25, 2009.

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35 MR. LEAVITT: Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.

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39 MR. LEAVITT: I know this for a fact I  
40 know a lot of our people have a shortfall with cash and  
41 my thoughts are that our people are being required to  
42 get Federal duck stamp and is there anything in there  
43 the -- the hunter doesn't have duck stamps and their  
44 low income, are there any provisions to assist the  
45 hunter who's unable to purchase a duck stamp? We've  
46 come across those people. You and I know that our  
47 people, the hardship, they can't even afford a duck  
48 stamp so has there been any provisions made to assist  
49 in that matter if we're being forced to purchase the  
50 duck stamp if we're going to be out at shooting station

1 hunting for ducks and trying to feed our family  
2 members.

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4 MS. ATORUK: Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Barb.

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8 MS. ATORUK: That was one of the  
9 reasons, I think, Fred came and attended the Whaling  
10 Captain's meeting up here. He was offering that they  
11 would hand out and give out some duck stamps to the  
12 captains and then the captains would give those out to  
13 their whaling crew, and that was offered, that was made  
14 with the whaling captains, and I don't know what went  
15 on after that but we could find out more, I guess, when  
16 we get back -- when I get back and get that information  
17 out to you, or ask Fred to do another write up on that  
18 regarding what happened at that meeting.

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20 MR. LEAVITT: Okay, thank you very  
21 much.

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23 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.

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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I guess I'd like to  
26 follow up comment on your -- you know, that's something  
27 that we've had concerns about but I think we also need  
28 to hear from the agency, Federal -- Migratory.....

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30 MS. ATORUK: The Migratory Bird  
31 Section.

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. In regards to  
34 their addressing the concern of Lloyd, you know, we  
35 need some kind of write up that we could reference in  
36 terms of the communications that we have.

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38 Because sometimes we're -- we don't get  
39 this information ahead of time and we aren't able to  
40 take the right steps to take action on.....

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42 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....either to  
45 support or not to support some of these types of issues  
46 and not knowing what -- where we are within the  
47 management realm of the agency responsible for  
48 migratory birds.

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50 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You know, I think  
2 that's the kind of communications we need to.....

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4 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....continue so we  
7 could learn to -- what's being proposed by the Federal  
8 agency and what we -- how we need to be responsive or  
9 reacting to what's being proposed or what's been  
10 generated in terms of the.....

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12 MS. ATORUK: Mig birds.

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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....migratory birds,  
15 yes.

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17 MS. ATORUK: (In Inupiat)

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19 That was why -- that was the reason why  
20 I had -- at the later time that I had added on  
21 migratory birds and asked -- and talked to Fred because  
22 I know and understand this is our very life and getting  
23 birds in the springtime and the falltime and then we  
24 need to be on top of that and I wanted to have the  
25 Council to understand what was going on in the  
26 migratory bird side and then ask Fred to come and  
27 attend and then he did ask and he was just asked to do  
28 -- to write a brief up and then I was -- and then I  
29 answered back and said the Council are going to be  
30 asking more questions than this, and then they told me  
31 that Mr. Kron would be able to answer questions that  
32 the Council would be asking and then I guess they did  
33 not brief him on that one, that he would be here  
34 representing the Mig Birds and stuff and then they just  
35 asked Fred to do a write up on what was happening at  
36 the moment and then I said that's not going to be good  
37 enough, but that's all I have right now.

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39 And then I'm sure and certain that I'm  
40 going to ask again that they be here at the fall  
41 meeting because their feeling was that they're not  
42 involved in this stuff, and I said, yeah, but the mig  
43 birds and everything is our very life that we survive  
44 on and we subsist in our areas.

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So thank you, Barb.  
47 I hope that helps with your comments, Lloyd.

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49 I'm sure that the review of the  
50 minutes.....

1 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sorry, Tom, I'm  
4 looking down too hard here.

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6 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. The handout  
7 that Barb mentioned earlier, it's a February 5th memo  
8 from Fred Armstrong and it sounds like all of you  
9 should have it.

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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.

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13 MR. KRON: On the second page of that  
14 handout, you'll see it in red underlined, all hunters  
15 age 16 and over must have in possession a Federal duck  
16 stamp when hunting waterfowl. The Service is in its  
17 third year of a phase in of a Federal duck stamp  
18 requirement. The first year was providing hunters with  
19 an oral warning. Last year in 2009, the enforcement  
20 officers provided hunters with a written warning. This  
21 is the year that the duck stamp requirement will be  
22 actively enforced in all parts of the state of Alaska.

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24 And, again, there's more on the issue  
25 in the briefing overall but that's the situation we're  
26 in.

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28 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom, don't leave too  
31 quickly.

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33 MR. KRON: Okay.

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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Now, that you've  
36 stated that, you know, in regards to the response, this  
37 is a response that was generated from U.S. Fish and  
38 Wildlife Service, Migratory Bird Co-Management Council  
39 in regards to this last sentence that you just read,  
40 this is the year that the duck stamp requirement will  
41 be actively enforced in all parts of the state of  
42 Alaska; does that mean they're going to be going out  
43 into the field of where we're conducting our migratory  
44 bird hunts to -- how do you say it, to follow up on  
45 this compliance requirement under actively -- and --  
46 and how do they propose to get out into the field while  
47 we're out in our sites?

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49 Now, those are the types of questions  
50 or communications that need to be brought out to us, as

1 Council members, or to other community members to be  
2 able to have some kind of knowledge or interaction, and  
3 beforehand, before it actually starts. I know it's  
4 been mentioned but people, again, are going through  
5 different phases of preparation and sometimes not  
6 keeping in mind of something that's being -- they're  
7 going to be subjected to.

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9 So I just make my comments and I'll end  
10 it at that.

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12 Tom.

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14 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Again, as it  
15 says they are looking at actively enforcing it this  
16 summer so, you know, people that are hunting without a  
17 duck stamp, you know, they could end up with a citation  
18 if an enforcement officer happens to be there.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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22 MR. KRON: And, again, I don't know the  
23 details connected with this, but it is possible for  
24 somebody to get a citation. And, you know, I guess as  
25 Barb talked about, you know, this is your opportunity  
26 to provide comments on this issue.

27

28 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom. Ben  
31 Nageak.

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33 MR. B. NAGEAK: For the record my name  
34 is Ben Nageak and I'm from Barrow.

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36 During the last North Slope Borough  
37 Fish and Game Management Committee this was a heated  
38 topic of discussion. Bing was here -- what's his name,  
39 Fred?

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Fred.

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43 MR. B. NAGEAK: Fred.

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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.

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47 MR. B. NAGEAK: Fred Armstrong was here  
48 along with another person and they were talking about  
49 this and there was some heated discussion on the duck  
50 stamp and I don't know, I think there was some

1 discussion by the Fish and Game Management Committee,  
2 that they were looking into maybe the Borough was  
3 looking to see how -- whether they could get this duck  
4 stamps or something, but I think you need to talk to  
5 someone on the North Slope Borough Fish -- Department  
6 of Wildlife Management on that, because I think there  
7 was some discussion about the Borough maybe stepping  
8 in, but I don't know that, I think they were going to  
9 ask them how they would do it.

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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Ben. In  
12 regard to the discussion of this item, regarding  
13 migratory birds, we're just two months away from the  
14 start of our activities, spring activities and the  
15 return of migratory birds and not knowing.....

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17 MS. ATORUK: We have a lot of questions  
18 about (talking on cell phone).....

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....where and what  
21 process the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the other  
22 organizations that have communicated to.....

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24 MS. ATORUK: This is Barb (talking on  
25 cell phone).....

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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....the concerns,  
28 you know, just a couple of months away and I'm not sure  
29 what decision's been made and these are very important  
30 issues.....

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32 MS. ATORUK: We can have him on line --  
33 Tina can get.....

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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....which are people  
36 are going to be subjected to for this coming spring.

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38 MS. ATORUK: .....hurry up, here is his  
39 number 786-3887 -- Tina's going to call you -- she's  
40 going to call you right now (talking on cell phone).

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You know, even though  
43 we have these communications, we're just a few people  
44 in number to the comparison to the community and yet we  
45 need to get out and we have our other responsibilities  
46 as well and I -- I would like to see the agencies step  
47 up and have a more -- more communications to the fact  
48 that, you know, even though it's been ongoing for a  
49 couple, three years, and this -- and these are their --  
50 sticking to the regulations but how much effort has

1 been really made to the community membership and the  
2 interaction. You know I can -- in Barrow's been  
3 knowledgeable but what about the remaining, the  
4 remaining villages; it's -- I think it's been unfair,  
5 it's been a bit one-sided into the issues that we've  
6 been dealing with but this is going to be a statewide  
7 issue, not just so focused locally. It's going to be a  
8 much bigger situation now.

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10 I guess we have Fred Armstrong on line  
11 -- Fred, are you able to hear us?

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I guess he's not --  
16 James.

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18 MR. J. NAGEAK: James Nageak here. A  
19 scenario, so I got -- I get cited for taking a duck  
20 without a duck stamp, so what's the process after that,  
21 so, you know, what's going to happen to me? You know,  
22 I want to be able to tell my people in Anaktuvuk that  
23 we may go out and there's a Fish and Game person that  
24 comes out and cite him for hunting ducks without duck  
25 stamp.....

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27 MS. ATORUK: It's 3887 -- they're going  
28 to call you (on cell phone).....

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sorry, James, we're  
31 having some -- sorry, James, we're trying to get Bing  
32 on there and.....

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34 MS. ATORUK: Hurry up and call him.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm not sure if you  
37 know how you want to respond to the comment, Tom.

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39 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Mr.  
40 Nageak. Probably the best thing would be to ask Mr.  
41 Armstrong that specific question.

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43 Again, as the handout says, they're  
44 going to start making citations this coming year, and  
45 we'll have to hear from Fred as to what, in fact, that  
46 citation means.

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48 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Thank you

1 for your comments, James.  
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3 MR. KAYOTUK: Mr. Chair.  
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Lee.  
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7 MR. KAYOTUK: For the bird migratory --  
8 are you going to fall under -- you're going to be  
9 citation -- hundreds and hundreds of people you're  
10 looking forward to, I think that's going to be a big  
11 problem, I think, for giving a bunch of citations that  
12 people are going to be out there on the land hunting  
13 and I think it should be taken more seriously in effect  
14 for the area -- the different areas should be very well  
15 looked at and how much people you're thinking of giving  
16 citations to that's out on the land.  
17  
18 Thank you.  
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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Lee. Yes,  
21 Tom.  
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23 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. I think it might  
24 be helpful if it would be possible to take a short  
25 break until we can get Mr. Armstrong on line.  
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.  
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29 MR. KRON: You know, he'll be able to  
30 answer these questions and I cannot.  
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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All right.  
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34 MR. KRON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think that we can  
37 accommodate that to get Mr. Armstrong on line and have  
38 a dialogue between him, our identified person,  
39 Executive Director for Alaska Migratory Bird Co-  
40 Management.  
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42 REPORTER: Okay, Fred. Fred. Harry, I  
43 have him on line.  
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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Fred, can you hear  
46 us?  
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48 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Yes, I can.  
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50 (There are indiscernibles because of

1 quality of phone connection)

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3 MR. KRON: All right.

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All right. All  
6 right, thank you Tina. Thank you.

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8 We were going through a little bit of a  
9 technical difficulty but now that you're on line we  
10 could restart our conversations in regards to this.  
11 Where we are is in the review of our minutes from our  
12 North Slope Regional Advisory Council meeting, which  
13 was held in August and we're reviewing the minutes of  
14 that time, August 25, 2009, and several questions and  
15 concerns have been voiced in regards to migratory bird  
16 update.

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18 So maybe I'll give you an opportunity  
19 to make comment before we start, Fred.

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21 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Sure. Right now, at  
22 least until February 18th there is a proposed rule  
23 that's out for 2010 migratory bird subsistence season.

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25 As far as the North Slope is concerned  
26 our regulations that were published in 2009 have been  
27 recommended for 2010 with no changes so what you had  
28 last year is going to be the same this year, at least  
29 that's what's being proposed.

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31 There's going to be additional  
32 oversight, I'm not sure how far, but statewide  
33 migratory bird duck stamp is going to be enforced this  
34 year. It's part of a three year phase in program that  
35 our law enforcement is going through. The first year  
36 they had approached hunters and asked if they had duck  
37 stamps, if they didn't, they gave them an oral warning.  
38 Last year they did the same thing, but this time I  
39 think they did written warnings. Now this coming year  
40 is the year that if you don't have a duck stamp they  
41 could cite you, to take steps from law enforcement  
42 program.

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44 For Barrow this year, I think we're  
45 still going to work on what -- what the Task Force is  
46 going to recommend and what we're going to be doing on  
47 the ground as far as getting the message out about the  
48 conservation of eiders as well as the duck stamp  
49 requirement.

50

1 I did travel up there last month and  
2 gave a presentation to the Barrow Whaling Captain's  
3 Association about possibly having our North Slope  
4 Borough Wildlife Department purchase duck stamps and  
5 then we could issue them to the whaling captains who  
6 could distribute them to their crew members. But I  
7 guess there was some opposition to that that I heard  
8 and I decided to hold back and wait until the air was  
9 cleared before pursuing it further because I don't want  
10 to do nothing to inflate anything harder than it  
11 already is so that's kind of where I'm at.

12  
13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question from Lloyd,  
14 Lloyd, go ahead.

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16 MR. LEAVITT: A year ago last summer  
17 out at (indiscernible) where we go hunt ducks, at the  
18 start of the season we had a few hunters but during the  
19 summer months, through July and through August we  
20 didn't have any hunters because of the Feds patrolling  
21 out there or people without duck stamps out there and  
22 that was one of the biggest downfalls we had a year ago  
23 and this is -- exactly it's going to be worse if  
24 nothing is done about issuing duck stamps to the  
25 people, they will go hungry, because you got the Feds  
26 out there. And if the North Slope Borough is unwilling  
27 to issue duck stamps to the whaling captains and if  
28 they can't do it through it being a State run  
29 government, couldn't the Feds work with the tribal  
30 government on issuing the duck stamps, working with  
31 Native Village of Barrow Wildlife Department, that's  
32 another avenue to look at. They know who are needy,  
33 they know the people that go regular hunting.

34  
35 But that would be my question, is the  
36 Feds working with the Federal government on issuing  
37 duck stamps? We're going to see a lot less people out  
38 there if this continues. A year ago you didn't see any  
39 hunters out there.

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41 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: You know we were  
42 made aware that -- we approached the hunters last year  
43 -- I mean last month, you know, just for Barrow,  
44 because that's where all the enforcement agents were  
45 focusing their effort on. But, I mean, if people want  
46 to work with the tribal governments, they just need to  
47 -- you know, the North Slope Wildlife Department is a  
48 partner on the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management  
49 Council, for me to work outside of that, but I would  
50 have to get permission from them to try and do

1 something because I don't want to get any of the  
2 partners upset with any effort that we try to do. But,  
3 you know, that's certainly an avenue that could be  
4 pursued.

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6 The other thing that was brought to my  
7 attention and I think I put it in the briefing, is the  
8 closed period, the 30 day closure, at least I know that  
9 there will be an effort to enforce that also. So we  
10 all need to be aware of the 30 day closure, at least,  
11 the three units that the North Slope has, or the -- the  
12 northern units, which is Nuiqsut and Barrow, the  
13 closure is June 7th through July 6th for king and  
14 common eiders, and June 16th to July 15th for all other  
15 birds so if they catch people hunting during that  
16 timeframe, you know, they also could be cited. I'm not  
17 saying they will be but the potential is there. For  
18 Eastern Inlet (ph), which is Kaktovik (ph), it's closed  
19 June 20 through July 19 and the southern unit, which is  
20 Wainwright, Point Lay, Point Hope, June 30 through July  
21 29th for seabirds and June 20 through July 19 for all  
22 other birds. I wanted to try to, you know, travel to  
23 some of these places and try to make them aware that,  
24 you know, this potentially could happen, they could be  
25 cited. And I realize that it's a real strain on  
26 anybody, I mean, nobody wants enforcement around,  
27 within the city, or in the village or out in the field  
28 for that matter. And, you know, we've talked to -- I  
29 think they're trying to be, you know, I think at least  
30 they've -- the attitude has changed and I think they  
31 are a little more respectful to our people, which is a  
32 big step forward. I think that, you know, respect has  
33 to work both ways, we have to respect everybody, be it  
34 with Barrow, or -- but as far as the duck stamp is  
35 concerned, you know, I -- you know I'm not giving up on  
36 it but I just wanted to let the air clear before I try  
37 to move forward because there was so many rumors flying  
38 around that I'm not there to counter those actions or  
39 what people say so I just decided to back off until the  
40 air was cleared somewhat.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.

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44 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: But if you want me  
45 to pursue that I certainly will try that.

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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Fred, this is  
48 Harry. My concern was, you know, I voiced a little bit  
49 earlier, you know, as we continue to communicate on  
50 this and time is slowly creeping by and we have a

1 couple months before our season starts coming into play  
2 here on the North Slope and, yet, we don't see any of  
3 this -- there's been the communications but the really  
4 -- the facts that need to occur to start, how do we  
5 disseminate these duck stamps, or how do we get over to  
6 communicating a bit more in terms of the remaining of  
7 our North Slope, you know, in our villages. A lot of  
8 the focus has been here in Barrow for the other  
9 situation in regard to the anakatoots and the steller's  
10 but in regard -- but we seem to lose sight of the other  
11 segment of what's being indicated in the discussions,  
12 you know, in regards to our other constituents, not  
13 outside of Barrow.

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15 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Right. You know I  
16 -- I certainly would have wanted to be up there for  
17 this meeting to answer a lot of questions in person and  
18 I was just told that I couldn't travel because of  
19 budget constraints.

20

21 I'm scheduled to be up in Barrow on  
22 February 24 and I at least get to meet with the local  
23 Migratory Bird Task Force, I think if any concerns that  
24 you guys have, you know, should be brought to Taqulik  
25 or Mike Peterson or Arnold Brower at UIC, or let me see  
26 Jim -- yeah, I forgot Jim's last name, at.....

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Martin.

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30 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: .....ICAS.

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Jim Martin.

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34 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, Jim Martin.  
35 And let them voice those concerns to the Director, I  
36 think it would have a huge impact on what he tells his  
37 staff to do. I think if there was a request for more  
38 outreach, he certainly would try to accommodate that,  
39 but right now I've been told that he (indiscernible)  
40 travel.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I mean I'm flagging  
43 that as you were speaking, Fred, in terms of what's  
44 being anticipated by law enforcement coming from the  
45 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and you're within the  
46 Migratory Birds, trying to do some of this outreach and  
47 communicating some of these very concerns but you're  
48 dealing with a dilemma of budget constraints and to  
49 provide for public awareness and outreach on a way  
50 forward on this and I don't think -- I think that I

1 agree with you, that needs to be communicated in a  
2 short time period to address these community concerns;  
3 I think that's a way forward, I think to having a more  
4 presence of law enforcement is not the right answer in  
5 trying to.....

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7 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I totally agree with  
8 that.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. I mean that's  
11 just my.....

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13 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I totally agree with  
14 that, public meetings should be held and I think  
15 enforcement would agree with you, too.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.

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19 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: You know, they don't  
20 want to go to every hunter around the villages and talk  
21 to them, I think they have more important things to do  
22 but I think it's people in the higher up positions that  
23 are dictating what has to be done and they're kind of  
24 -- we're all being told what to do and we have to  
25 follow those out.

26  
27 I'm going into a meeting at 11:00  
28 o'clock, and I will voice these concerns to the  
29 Regional Director and make him aware that I think what  
30 should happen at the local level is that convey these  
31 to the Task Force so that they could voice them also so  
32 that you have a unified effort and try to let them know  
33 that, you know, we need to do outreach and let people  
34 know about these upcoming requirements that they're  
35 trying to impose on us.

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. Any more  
38 questions or comments to Fred from the Council members?

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40 (No comments)

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42 MS. ATORUK: (In Inupiat)

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44 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I'm also trying to  
45 set up a meeting with Claire Itta and the Regional  
46 Director on the 24th, too, so if you guys got concerns,  
47 there's another avenue is going through the Mayor's  
48 office.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: What timeframe did

1 you mention?

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3 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: The Regional  
4 Director plans to be up in Barrow on February 24th and  
5 he's going to spend the whole day and part of the next  
6 day up there.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: February 24.

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10 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Bing.

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14 James.

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16 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah. You know we --  
17 like Harry mentioned a while ago, it's just three or  
18 four weeks away for us to start thinking about getting  
19 some ducks and I was wondering what would happen to me  
20 if I was cited out there. I know I got cited one time  
21 for not punching the timecard for salmon fishing on  
22 Chitina and I had -- you know the citation was  
23 something like \$75 and I had to appear in court in  
24 Glennallen, I was living in Fairbanks so I drove down  
25 to Glennallen and went to the court to -- because they  
26 told me to appear in court for that one citation and I  
27 did and the person that cited me didn't make it to the  
28 meeting or they did it to harass me or something, I  
29 don't know, but I was just thinking, you know, in  
30 Fairbanks I could drive to Glennallen, what happens if  
31 I am cited in Anaktuvuk Pass and the court system is  
32 here in Barrow and I -- and I'm wondering, you know,  
33 what's the result going to be. You know that's a  
34 scenario I'm seeing, that if I'm cited for something  
35 like that, that I would have to appear in court to  
36 either contest the citation or plead guilty or I don't  
37 know what the situation would be.

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39 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Well, I think -- I  
40 fully understand that -- you know, personally I don't  
41 want nobody to get cited, but if anybody gets cited I  
42 think there is an avenue where people could call in  
43 telephonically. I think they could try to accommodate  
44 you that way. But it still needs to be heard by the  
45 higher ups that, you know, people who'll get cited have  
46 a problem with appearing in court then I think they  
47 need to put in place a procedure that people could --  
48 will know what to do if they get cited.

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50 But all of this takes somebody to

1 travel and then let people know that we're having these  
2 problems that need to be addressed and, sure,  
3 telephonic today is good, but I think people would ask  
4 more questions and give people sort of focus and try to  
5 address them.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You know I was  
8 wanting to voice a comment on that as well, Fred. You  
9 know I've been involved.....

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11 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....through the  
14 Department of Wildlife Management -- North Slope  
15 Borough Department of Wildlife Management in regards to  
16 people that were trying to subsist were cited and  
17 didn't know the processes of how to approach or  
18 participate in the citation, when they're getting to  
19 the court hearings and stuff like that, and they're  
20 being asked to appear in Fairbanks where they're not  
21 even able to purchase a ticket and -- and when they're  
22 not compliant there's law enforcement officers knocking  
23 at their doors for the failure to appear, they're being  
24 -- with the -- with even a steeper penalty to the  
25 hunter now, you know, I mean that was the experience,  
26 even a steeper penalty, being threatened to go into  
27 jail for trying to provide food for the family.

28

29 So these are the things that I think  
30 could be revoiced through you when you're meeting with  
31 your constituents down there in terms of this migratory  
32 bird situation that we're dealing with. I think that's  
33 another one that needs to be reconsidered. You know,  
34 one, purchasing the duck stamps is one thing, the  
35 failure to be compliant of a regulation is -- it even  
36 has a steeper penalty when they have to travel to go to  
37 court once the citation is issued, it's to the person  
38 that's been cited, to make arrangements one way or  
39 another, either telephonically now days, but before all  
40 this was known there was problems of how do I get to my  
41 court hearing and they're asking me to have an  
42 appearance in Fairbanks. You know, those are the  
43 things that are not clearly communicated effectively to  
44 what the following repercussions are as it rolls on,  
45 you know, in terms -- so I hope -- I hope.....

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47 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Okay, I'll.....

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead.

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1 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I'll raise that  
2 issue also again, the representation, or at least an  
3 avenue for people to use when they get cited needs to  
4 be explained and I'll bring that -- I certainly will  
5 bring that up.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Fred. I'm  
8 not sure if there's more comments and, again, we've --  
9 it's been flagged -- red-flagged, you know, by our  
10 Council members. It's part of, I think, a separate  
11 program in regards to the wildlife, U.S. Fish and  
12 Wildlife Service, North Slope Regional Advisory Council  
13 on Federal subsistence but it's Federal subsistence,  
14 it's divided in different segments, I think -- and this  
15 is our only opportunity in regards to where we are on  
16 our minutes and how you -- you have a presence in our  
17 discussions and how important it is to our constituents  
18 here on the North Slope, and trying to mediate that in  
19 the meantime is a difficult, or a challenging time for  
20 us as well. And it's a bit difficult when we don't  
21 have the financial resources to try and follow through  
22 with all this situation.....

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24 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....that was  
27 generated outside of our areas and trying to be  
28 adherent to the law, which is really not known very  
29 well by many of our constituents as well.

30  
31 You know, as an employee and having  
32 some knowledge of the interactions that's been going on  
33 within my community, I voiced these concerns. It's not  
34 all the concerns that I've heard from the community but  
35 these are the ones that are basically up in the very  
36 top of the situation that's before us.

37  
38 And, Fred, I'd like to thank you for  
39 being there and voicing our concerns, I hope, that it  
40 gets reflected in these discussions with your co-  
41 workers as well.

42  
43 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, thanks, Harry.  
44 I'm certainly sorry that I wasn't able to travel up  
45 there. Maybe, you know, if it's voiced that we need to  
46 have a representative there, you know, it'll have much  
47 more weight. But I'll bring these concerns forward and  
48 try to convey them to let them know that there are a  
49 lot of issues that people have and we need to try to  
50 work together to address them.

1 Thanks, a lot.  
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Bing.  
4 Lloyd.  
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6 MR. LEAVITT: Fred, you didn't mention  
7 the Native Village of Barrow tribal government earlier  
8 on, other than ICAS, Jim Martin, and the North Slope  
9 Borough.  
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11 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, it's an  
12 oversight. Native Village of Barrow is actively  
13 involved in the Task Force.  
14  
15 MR. LEAVITT: Okay. First I'm going  
16 to ask from your office is that the Feds work with the  
17 tribal government for the residents of Barrow to issue  
18 the duck stamps.  
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20 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Okay, I'll bring  
21 that forward.  
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23 MR. LEAVITT: Thank you.  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Again, thank you,  
26 Bing.  
27  
28 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Okay, thanks a lot  
29 guys, sorry I'm not able to make it.  
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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.  
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33 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Have a good meeting.  
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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. It's a start.  
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37 (Laughter)  
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39 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: All right, bye-bye.  
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. We're  
42 back down to the discussion of our -- adoption of the  
43 meeting minutes of August 25, 2009. Any further  
44 comments or discussion regarding the contents of the  
45 minutes.  
46  
47 (No comments)  
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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think we should  
50 have another lengthy discussion for each of the other

1 agencies as well.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I mean these are -- I  
6 mean you know I say this because these are serious  
7 issues that are before us but yet we need to have a  
8 little bit of humor along the way so that things  
9 progress in a much lighter fashion because when we get  
10 too serious sometimes things -- we can't make any  
11 progress because of the seriousness of the situation at  
12 hand.

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14 What is the wish of the Council  
15 members.

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17 MR. J. NAGEAK: I move to accept.

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We have a motion,  
20 we're under discussion James.

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22 MR. J. NAGEAK: Oh, okay.

23

24 MR. LEAVITT: Question.

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question has been  
27 called on the motion to adopt the meeting minutes of  
28 August 25, 2009. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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30 IN UNISON: Aye.

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.

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34 (No opposing votes)

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Thank  
37 you, Council members.

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39 Now, we have No. 7 was tabled as  
40 recommended by Lloyd, because we don't have -- there's  
41 only four of us and there's three other members and  
42 there may be others by our fall meeting that.....

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44 MS. ATORUK: By your fall meeting.

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....may be appointed  
47 by that time, in fairness of our other members.....

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49 MS. ATORUK: Actually the new members  
50 won't show up -- won't come to your meeting until the

1 winter meeting. You should have a full board by your  
2 winter meeting of 2011.  
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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So that item's been  
5 tabled, but we may have additional members from.....  
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7 MS. ATORUK: Yeah, your other members.  
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....which are  
10 already listed.  
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12 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.  
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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Like Ray.....  
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16 MS. ATORUK: Your Nuiqsut and Point  
17 Hope should be here at.....  
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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....Paul,  
20 Rosemary.....  
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22 MS. ATORUK: .....your fall meeting --  
23 yeah.  
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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....may have a  
26 presence at that meeting so that was the  
27 recommendation. So No. 7 has been tabled.  
28  
29 So then the follow up question is, we  
30 remain status quo until then?  
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32 MS. ATORUK: Yes, you remain status quo  
33 until then.  
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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: (In Inupiat)  
36  
37 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.  
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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.  
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41 MR. LEAVITT: Thank you, Harry.  
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. Now, we're down  
44 to our agenda item 8.....  
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46 MS. ATORUK: A.  
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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Maybe we could  
49 take a five minute break at this time.  
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1 MS. ATORUK: Okay, we'll get them on  
2 line while you're taking your break.  
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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, thank you.  
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6 (Off record)  
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8 (On record)  
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'd like to call the  
11 meeting back to order but we're still missing our Staff  
12 folks and they need to come in so we can move on to our  
13 next agenda item. We're at agenda Item 8, wildlife  
14 proposal review and Regional Council recommendations.  
15 Barb had modified the agenda to accommodate the  
16 discussion of -- presentation of Proposal 107 and 67.  
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18 I'm not sure which you would like to  
19 start with.  
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21 MS. ATORUK: I think we'll leave that  
22 to the Fish and Game, are they on line?  
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24 REPORTER: Yes.  
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26 MS. ATORUK: George.  
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28 MS. PAPPAS: Yes, Barbara. We have  
29 Mitch Campbell so who's the new liaison Chair for the  
30 Department of Fish and Game. We have Glenn Stout, area  
31 manager and involved with Proposal No. 67. And myself,  
32 George Pappas.  
33  
34 MS. ATORUK: Okay. Who's going to --  
35 which proposal are you going to do first, 67 or 107?  
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37 MR. PAPPAS: Why don't we start off  
38 with 67 if you don't mind since we have Glenn Stout on  
39 line.  
40  
41 MS. ATORUK: Okay, let's go.  
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Proposal 67.  
44 Introduction of the proposal and how do we -- do I  
45 follow through with this?  
46  
47 MS. ATORUK: Yeah, you follow through  
48 with that.  
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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Alaska Department of

1 Fish and Game.  
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3 MS. ATORUK: Yes.  
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So they'll deal with  
6 No. 1 and 2 right off the bat?  
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8 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.  
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. George, I'll  
11 give you the floor at this time.  
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13 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair.  
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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom.  
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17 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, based on  
18 the standard approach, we would present the analysis  
19 that's in your book.....  
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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.  
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23 MR. KRON: .....and then immediately  
24 following that you would ask for Fish and Game  
25 comments.  
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27 MS. ATORUK: Oh, I thought they were  
28 doing the presentation.  
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30 MR. KRON: No.  
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32 MS. ATORUK: So they're just giving  
33 comments.  
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35 MR. KRON: They're giving comments.  
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37 MS. ATORUK: Okay. Okay.  
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39 MR. KRON: So, Mr. Chair.....  
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you for the  
42 correction, Tom.  
43  
44 MS. ATORUK: Okay.  
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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we'll start all  
47 over again. We have No. 1 is the introduction of the  
48 proposal and analysis so that'll be Tom and I'll give  
49 the floor to you, Tom.  
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1 MR. KRON: Okay, Mr. Chairman, this is  
2 Tom Kron with OSM, and I'll be presenting the draft  
3 Staff analysis that's included in your book for  
4 Proposal 67. That proposal begins on Page 51 in your  
5 book. The analysis starts on Page 52.

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7 Proposal WP10-67 was submitted by the  
8 Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory  
9 Council and requests changes in harvest, seasons and  
10 limits for moose in Unit 24B on the Koyukuk.

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12 The proposal is requesting:

- 13  
14 1. A change in the dates of the  
15 winter season; and  
16  
17 2. A longer to be announced season  
18 of 10 days instead of five days  
19 in those dates;  
20  
21 3. A change in the description of  
22 the areas of 24B in addition to  
23 the Johns River drainage would  
24 be all Federal lands within the  
25 Kanuti Controlled Use area and  
26 the remainder; and  
27  
28 4. Changes in the harvest limit  
29 from one moose to one antlered  
30 moose and with a six year  
31 moratorium on cow moose harvest  
32 in the Kanuti Controlled Use  
33 area with the exception of  
34 mortuary proposals.

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36 No change is proposed for the Johns  
37 River drainage in the portion of Unit 24B.

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39 The proponent also submitted some  
40 similar proposals -- a similar proposal to the Alaska  
41 Board of Game. The Alaska Board of Game is scheduled  
42 to take up the proposal during the February 2010  
43 meeting in Fairbanks.

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45 Under customary and traditional use  
46 determination, residents of Unit 24, Anaktuvuk Pass,  
47 Koyukuk and Galena have a positive and customary and  
48 traditional use determination for moose in Unit 24 so,  
49 again, this is a crossover proposal before you because  
50 of the C&T determination that involves Anaktuvuk Pass.

1 I'm going to flip right over to the  
2 effects of the proposal and the preliminary conclusion.

3  
4 No change is proposed for the Johns  
5 River drainage. Federally-qualified users who hunt in  
6 Gates of the Arctic National Park lands to the west and  
7 the east of the Johns River drainage, Map 3 in the  
8 analysis, would, if this proposal were adopted, find  
9 that the season and harvest limits would change taking  
10 on regulations applicable to the current remainder  
11 area.

12  
13 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to  
14 support the proposal with modifications and the  
15 modifications are listed there on Page 62.

16  
17 And having said that I wanted to give  
18 Sandy Rabinowitch from the Park Service an opportunity  
19 to talk a little bit more about the effects, and part  
20 of this relates to where Anaktuvuk hunters hunt in Unit  
21 24.

22  
23 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom.  
26 Sandy.

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28 MR. RABINOWITCH: Good morning. This  
29 is Sandy Rabinowitch with the Park Service. So my only  
30 point here is to try to put a little more detail on the  
31 effects of the proposal, the language that Tom read on  
32 Page 59.

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34 And what I want to point out, because  
35 this is a large area and there are a lot of regulations  
36 in these areas, is that, it appears to the Park Service  
37 that the following changes would result. And, again,  
38 my point is just to highlight them with the goal of  
39 there being clarity.

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41 So as was said for the John River  
42 drainage, no changes, it stays exactly as it is now.  
43 And my understanding from some years past where we've  
44 discussed these is that the relatively small number of  
45 families in Anaktuvuk that hunt moose tend to go to the  
46 south, out of the community and hunt in the John River  
47 drainage. I don't know if that's still correct but  
48 that was my understanding some years ago.

49  
50 So -- I'm sorry.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: (In Inupiat)  
2  
3 MR. J. NAGEAK: Well, it's actually not  
4 on the John River, it's off to the side on the -- what  
5 we call the fishing hole area.  
6  
7 MR. RABINOWITCH: Okay.  
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9 MR. J. NAGEAK: Right on.....  
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11 MR. RABINOWITCH: Not right -- okay.  
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13 MR. J. NAGEAK: .....it's -- where the  
14 creek goes through that way and there's a place down  
15 there where the -- I think we get maybe one moose in  
16 the summertime.  
17  
18 MR. RABINOWITCH: Okay.  
19  
20 MR. J. NAGEAK: The proposal is for --  
21 it's to start early in that area?  
22  
23 MR. RABINOWITCH: Well, for the John  
24 River drainage the proposal doesn't change anything, it  
25 stays the same.  
26  
27 Okay, what I wanted to point out is  
28 that there does appear to be a change for the Alatna  
29 River drainage and the north fork of the Koyukuk  
30 drainage. And these may be areas where people from  
31 Anaktuvuk don't hunt for moose, I don't know that, but  
32 we just want to make sure that the change is clear. So  
33 the proposal for the Alatna and the North Fork would  
34 change the limit from one moose to one antlered bull.  
35 And the effect -- the one moose season has an  
36 antlerless requirement from late September to the 1st  
37 of October, so the effect of the proposal is that there  
38 would be one less month of an any moose season. It  
39 would change over to antlerless the whole of the  
40 season. The other thing that would change is that  
41 currently there is the August 25th to October 1 season  
42 and the March 1 to March 5th to be announced season.  
43 And what happens there is the August 25th through  
44 October 1 remains just the same but the spring  
45 opportunity, the March 1 to March 5 goes away; so the  
46 spring opportunity disappears and is not replaced by  
47 anything.  
48  
49 So the net effect is that there's one  
50 antlered bull as opposed to one moose and the spring

1 opportunity disappears out of the regulations. Again,  
2 only for the Alatna and the North Fork.

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4                   So I'm not advocating one way or the  
5 other whether it's a good idea or a bad idea, we just  
6 wanted to make sure that there was clarity and if those  
7 areas were of importance to people in Anaktuvuk, that  
8 you could then comment whether you think it's a good  
9 idea of a bad idea or, you know, whatever you may  
10 think.

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12                   So that's all I have. I'll be happy to  
13 answer questions if there are any.

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15                   Thank you.

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17                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Sandy.

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19                   Questions, comments from Council

20 members.

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22                   (No comments)

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24                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Maybe at this time  
25 I'd move on down our -- and thank you for the  
26 introduction of the proposal and analysis -- we'll move  
27 on down to Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.

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29                   MR. PAPPAS: Thank you. Glenn Stout  
30 will be presenting. Glenn, go ahead.

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32                   MR. STOUT: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair.  
33 My name is Glenn Stout. I'm the Galena area biologist  
34 and Unit 24 is part of my area of responsibility.

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36                   The Department's position on this  
37 proposal is do not adopt. And rather than go into the  
38 details of the proposal here I just want to let the  
39 Council understand that we have in place of this  
40 proposal an amended proposal that we're submitting on  
41 the State Board of Game side that I think will be a  
42 much better option and it is supported by the  
43 Department at this time.

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45                   Basically it wouldn't take away any of  
46 those hunting opportunities but it would add for the  
47 area of the Alatna River drainage and everything on the  
48 south side of the Koyukuk, primarily that portion of  
49 24B and the Kanuti River drainage and then all of the  
50 24C, which is pretty much just the Hog River drainage

1 and the Indian River drainage right around Hughes. Our  
2 proposal that we're going to be supporting at the Board  
3 of Game will be to have a December 15 to April 15  
4 antlered bull season. And the reason we're proposing  
5 basically a four month season is to resolve a problem  
6 that we've had for quite awhile down there in Unit 24  
7 and that has to do with these winter hunts where we've  
8 been concerned about the harvest of cows, and so with  
9 this antlered bull season alternative it would give the  
10 hunters in the local area a much longer period of time  
11 to go out and hunt for bulls and not be under pressure  
12 to shoot a bull with very small antlers and risk the  
13 harvest of a cow.

14

15 Right now in Unit 24 we've been seeing  
16 a decline in the moose population and 24B on the order  
17 of 40 to 45 percent, and so we're very concerned about  
18 losing any more moose and we're being very conservative  
19 with our cow harvest.

20

21 With that said we have about a 60 to 70  
22 bulls per 100 cow ratio, would suggest that we have  
23 additional bull harvest that can take place in the area  
24 so we're trying to create an opportunity here for the  
25 hunters in that area to have additional bull harvest  
26 opportunity and not risk the harvest of those cows.

27

28 There's a couple other things that  
29 we're recommending on this proposal. First of all,  
30 there'll be no fly in allowed for that hunt and we  
31 don't think that'll be a problem, of course, for the  
32 local hunters. It'd be a registration hunt, which  
33 would require a five day reporting and the antler would  
34 have to be at least five inches long. We don't believe  
35 that'll be a problem because for the first couple  
36 months of the season, if it starts on December 15th, of  
37 course, there's still going to be quite a few bulls  
38 carrying their hard antlers through that first part of  
39 the winter hunt and that'll primarily be where the  
40 harvest opportunity will be, would be in those bulls.  
41 And just from kind of the logical standpoint we feel  
42 like the bulls that are going to be retaining antlers,  
43 the longer into the season, are going to be the younger  
44 bulls that didn't rut very hard, they're going to be in  
45 good shape, their body condition will be in good shape  
46 so from a palpability standpoint to the hunter, I think  
47 it will present a good opportunity for those hunters to  
48 provide for their need.

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50 And then the last thing would be that

1 this would have four year sunset on it just to give us  
2 time to allow for a review, make sure it's working.  
3 One of the things that we've seen in the past was with  
4 these late March hunts or even an April hunt, these 10  
5 day winter hunt opportunities there on the Kanuti, they  
6 only shot one bull in three years and we just didn't  
7 feel like that was really providing a very practical  
8 opportunity and we wanted to see if we could do  
9 something that was a little bit more meaningful.

10  
11 The other aspect of it was it's a  
12 commitment to work on a drainagewide solution for the  
13 Koyukuk River drainage. And there is another proposal  
14 that's being submitted at the same time that deals with  
15 the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area down in 24B and 21B,  
16 and we feel like it's such a different scenario that we  
17 wanted to get a drainagewide commitment on that. So  
18 when we presented this proposal to the Koyukuk River  
19 Advisory Committee they were supportive of that  
20 strategy to adopt the amended Proposal No. 90 for 24B  
21 and C but they voted against support of the proposal  
22 for the 24B and 21B (ph) area down river.

23  
24 So that's pretty much all I have.  
25 There's a lot of other details but I'll just see if  
26 there's any questions on what we have there.

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any comments or  
29 questions.

30  
31 (No comments)

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33 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, did  
34 you get that.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, we did. We're  
37 trying to take notes in terms of the comments provided  
38 by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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40 I was trying to figure out if there was  
41 any -- in regards to the discussion or the comments  
42 from the presenter, does that help address the concerns  
43 of the events that occur in the winter, like the  
44 potlatch and like if there's a death in the community,  
45 is that opportunity still given to the community to  
46 conduct their hunt of that sort?

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48 MR. STOUT: Yes, sir. The proposal  
49 that we are submitting would not affect potlatch or any  
50 ceremonial harvest opportunities. Those would still

1 exist and this wouldn't affect them at all. It would  
2 be a pretty substantial increase in opportunity. It  
3 would be a four month season December 15 to April 15.

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any  
6 questions or comments.

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8 Vince, do you have a comment -- Vince  
9 Mathews.

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11 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman. When you  
12 get a little bit further along there needs to be a  
13 clarification on this proposal. I was the coordinator  
14 that wrote this proposal for Western Interior.

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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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18 MR. MATHEWS: And the reason they put  
19 in there that six year moratorium was not to protect  
20 the cows, it was to protect in regulation that they  
21 could harvest cows. Their concern in the Interior is  
22 that once that is removed, it would be a huge campaign  
23 to get it put back in. And so in the analysis it says  
24 that's not needed, that six year moratorium, because it  
25 protects the cow harvest, that wasn't the reason. The  
26 reason was to keep it in there so they didn't have to  
27 fight to get it back.

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29 So that's the only clarification I have  
30 for that, and that's all.

31  
32 Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Vince, before you go.

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36 MR. MATHEWS: Yes.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: When you're saying  
39 they're, could you clarify who you're communicating  
40 about, you said the Interior?

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42 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, it would have been  
43 the Western Interior Regional Advisory Council that  
44 submitted this proposal and with work from different  
45 Staff and Glenn laid it out very well, it's to provide  
46 opportunity in winter, the proposal that's before you  
47 67, then there's this amended proposal from the State.

48  
49 So I hope that helps you understand  
50 that reason for the six year moratorium.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Vince.  
2 Questions or comments.

3  
4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Following our process  
7 that we have before us we're just hearing Alaska  
8 Department of Fish and Game comments.

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10 If we have no further comments from  
11 Council members, we have the North Slope Borough and  
12 other agencies. So Vince has an opportunity again.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm just trying to  
17 follow through with what's identified in our process.

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19 MR. MATHEWS: No, no, that's fine.  
20 Glenn already covered the Koyukuk River Advisory  
21 Committee. The Yukon Flats Advisory Committee, which I  
22 attended by teleconference due to the fact that they  
23 couldn't get people all in one place, they declined to  
24 take any action on 67. They felt it was not part of  
25 their area even though it is within their jurisdiction,  
26 and they left it up to the people in that area -- well,  
27 actually -- yes, that's correct.

28  
29 Well, let me put it another way. On  
30 issues for that area they left it up to the home  
31 region. In actuality they didn't take up 67. There's  
32 a State proposal that is somewhat similar to this. So  
33 they did not take up -- excuse me, I'm new on the job  
34 for three Refuges so I got to sort these out, but,  
35 anyways, they did not take it up. So the only one  
36 that's taken it up is Koyukuk River. Western Interior  
37 meets next week. To give you the sequence, the Board  
38 of Game meets February 26th through March 1, I think.  
39 So if they take the action that the State laid out,  
40 that will have that effect. And then the Federal Board  
41 meeting is April, right?

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43 MR. RABINOWITCH: May.

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45 MR. KRON: May.

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47 MR. RABINOWITCH: May 17th.

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49 MR. MATHEWS: May 17th. So you have a  
50 sequence here. It's kind of like playing gambling, you

1 got to decide which, you want to keep your cards on the  
2 table there, so those are things that are going on for  
3 that area so those are things just to be aware of, the  
4 sequence.

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Before you.....

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8 REPORTER: Vince.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....leave,  
11 Vince.....

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13 REPORTER: Vince, you're not done.

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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Vince before you go.  
16 I'm just trying to, you know, this is a lot of  
17 information to absorb and try to make a decision. I  
18 just want to make sure the Council members know of  
19 their options. And we're still going through the  
20 comments from the different agencies and following  
21 through with that. But then the other option also is,  
22 as Vince mentioned from other Regional Advisory  
23 Councils not taking action, so that was one, I just  
24 wanted to make sure it was noted. So thank you.

25  
26 MR. MATHEWS: The only thing I'd like  
27 to share with you, Mr. Brower, is when you look at the  
28 map, Proposal 67, covers the Federal lands, okay.

29  
30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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32 MR. MATHEWS: Which are colored, right,  
33 at least mine are.

34  
35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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37 MR. MATHEWS: And we can get you  
38 colored maps out of your reg book. The one that the  
39 Fish and Game, Glen Stout, presented, would cover all  
40 those lands -- no, it wouldn't cover Park Service,  
41 okay, all right. Well, anyways it would cover further  
42 down river so you would have to look at -- Mr. Nageak  
43 would tell you where they mainly hunt and then look at  
44 the impacts or benefits from those proposals.

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Vince. I  
47 was just looking at the map myself and trying to  
48 understand where all this area is identified.

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50 MR. J. NAGEAK: It's right on the line.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Anaktuvuk is right at  
2 the boundary line but the area that's being discussed  
3 is this Kanuti Controlled Use Area.

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5 MS. ATORUK: Way down there.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: To the south. And  
8 the Federal lands are in the purple.

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10 MS. ATORUK: (In Inupiat)

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12 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah, it doesn't affect  
13 Anaktuvuk Pass very much because they usually don't  
14 hunt in the wintertime anyways for moose there. We  
15 wait until they get fat and maybe late, the regular  
16 moose season time like September before they start  
17 rutting. And the area in which we hunt is -- I think  
18 they get maybe one moose a year in that area. We're  
19 not a very big moose eaters in Anaktuvuk Pass, we'd  
20 rather have the caribou, which are open for us.

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Did you have anything  
23 else -- James, I'm sorry -- did you have anything else  
24 to add Vince.

25  
26 (No comments)

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If not, if there are  
29 no further questions or comments from the Council  
30 members I'd like to move on down our agenda.

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32 Barbara were there any or.....

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34 MS. ATORUK: Yeah, you got it.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You know what I don't  
37 see the written comments or stuff like that anymore,  
38 North Slope Borough or other agency comments, did we  
39 have any other comments that were provided from.....

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41 MS. ATORUK: The local people?

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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....for comments --  
44 agency comments?

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46 MS. ATORUK: Yeah, there's other ag --  
47 you can include them at that or right here.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.

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1 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.  
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. If there  
4 are no -- Sandy.  
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6 MR. RABINOWITCH: Thank you, Mr.  
7 Chairman. This is Sandy Rabinowitch with the Park  
8 Service. At risk of further confusing what's a  
9 complicated situation here.  
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.  
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13 MR. RABINOWITCH: I simply need to say  
14 that all of the things that Glen Stout from the State  
15 was just talking about, any changes that would result  
16 from those State regulations do not affect Gates of the  
17 Arctic Park land. On your maps there, it's the purple.  
18  
19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.  
20  
21 MR. RABINOWITCH: So there are State  
22 regulated lands around Anaktuvuk that are in a white  
23 color and what Glen Stout spoke to would affect those  
24 lands but it would not affect the purple color lands,  
25 the Park lands. The only thing that affects those are  
26 the Federal regulations in your book that you've got  
27 right there in this proposal.  
28  
29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.  
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31 MR. J. NAGEAK: The white area.  
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33 MR. RABINOWITCH: The white area are  
34 affected by the State regulations, okay?  
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36 MR. J. NAGEAK: Uh-huh.  
37  
38 MR. RABINOWITCH: And the purple by the  
39 Federal only.  
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: (In Inupiat) James.  
42  
43 (No comments)  
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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there are no other  
46 comments I'd like to move on to InterAgency Staff  
47 Committee comments.  
48  
49 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chairman.  
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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted at this  
2 time.  
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4 Then we come back to No. 5, Fish and  
5 Game Advisory comment.  
6  
7 (No comments)  
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think it's Alaska  
10 Department of Fish and Game Advisory comments. Where  
11 is -- I'm not sure how that.....  
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13 MS. ATORUK: There is none.  
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15 MS. BUCKNELL: I'm not aware of any and  
16 that would probably be like -- for this area, it'd be  
17 through like Mike Peterson, is that right, that  
18 committee?  
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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm not sure if.....  
21  
22 MS. ATORUK: Advisory Committees for  
23 the State.  
24  
25 MR. MATHEWS: Well, you already heard  
26 that Koyukuk River took it up through Glen Stout and  
27 supported the 90A, they did not take up 67.  
28  
29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Summary of  
30 written public comments.  
31  
32 (No comments)  
33  
34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Now it appears.  
35  
36 (Laughter)  
37  
38 MS. ATORUK: All right. I don't think  
39 there's any, right, any, none.  
40  
41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Any public  
42 testimony.  
43  
44 (No comments)  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other comments  
47 under public testimony.  
48  
49 (No comments)  
50

1 MS. ATORUK: (In Inupiat)  
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Hearing none, we'll  
4 move on down to No. 8, Regional Council deliberation,  
5 recommendation and justification.  
6  
7 What is the wish of the Council.  
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9 MR. J. NAGEAK: Mr. Chair.  
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, James.  
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13 MR. J. NAGEAK: We're not as affected  
14 in our area as much as the Western Interior is, and so  
15 I think we could just, what, defer to the  
16 recommendations to the Western Interior?  
17  
18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Is that in the form  
19 of a motion?  
20  
21 MR. J. NAGEAK: I so move.  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor  
24 to defer to take any action on this proposal.  
25  
26 MR. LEAVITT: Second for discussion.  
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Second by Lloyd.  
29 We're under discussion. Lloyd.  
30  
31 MR. LEAVITT: Wasn't the person in  
32 charge of 24B opposing the proposal and leave it status  
33 quo, I would want to go with the status quo until they  
34 resolve the issue with the Federal government.  
35  
36 (In Inupiat)  
37  
38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.  
39  
40 MR. LEAVITT: Leave it the way it is  
41 until they work on it with the Feds.  
42  
43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So is that something  
44 that will continue because the Council for this region  
45 has not really met yet, is that what I heard earlier,  
46 someone will follow up -- they'll follow.....  
47  
48 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....they'll follow

1 up with that impacted -- the region that's being  
2 impacted by through -- the State and Federal agencies,  
3 they'll follow through with that.

4

5 MR. J. NAGEAK: They need to.

6

7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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9 Any other comments under discussion of  
10 the motion.

11

12 (No comments)

13

14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: The motion was to  
15 defer to take any action to the.....

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17 MS. ATORUK: To the affected Council.

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And leave it to  
20 Western Interior Council.

21

22 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.

23

24 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yes.

25

26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further  
27 discussion.

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29 MR. J. NAGEAK: Question called for.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question's been  
32 called on the motion to defer to take any action on  
33 this proposal. All in favor of the motion signify by  
34 saying aye.

35

36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.

39

40 (No opposing votes)

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. I'm  
43 speaking through the phone now.

44

45 (Laughter)

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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we have the next  
48 proposal, it's Proposal 107. Tom again for this  
49 proposal.

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1 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Members of  
2 the Council. Proposals WP10-106 and 107 analysis are  
3 included on -- starting on Page 43 in your book.

4  
5 These two proposals were submitted by  
6 the Alaska Wildlife Alliance and seek to shorten the  
7 Unit 26 wolf hunting season and lower the harvest  
8 limit. Under these proposals the wolf harvest limit  
9 would be reduced from 15 down to five and the season  
10 would be shortened in both the fall and the spring. In  
11 particular, after talking to Mr. Gordon Brower, the  
12 April season would be eliminated under this proposal.

13  
14 The Federal Subsistence Management  
15 Program Unit 26 wolf hunting season has been from  
16 August 10th through April 30th since the start of the  
17 program. In regulatory year 1995/96, the harvest limit  
18 was raised to 15 wolves based on the local proposal,  
19 Proposal 68. It has remained at 15 wolves for the  
20 hunting season since that time.

21  
22 Defenders of Wildlife submitted  
23 Proposal 29 to the Alaska Game Board requesting a  
24 November 1 through March 31 wolf hunting season in Unit  
25 26A. At their November 2009 meeting in Nome the Alaska  
26 Board of Game did not support that proposal noting that  
27 there are no wolf conservation concerns in Unit 26A;  
28 the proposal would decrease opportunity for harvest and  
29 that public testimony did not support the proposal.

30  
31 Predation by other wolves and rabies  
32 and are probably the major cause of natural mortality  
33 among adult wolves. The Unit 26 wolf population  
34 appears to be stable or increasing but data on  
35 population trends are limited. If WP10-106 and 107 is  
36 adopted it would shorten the Unit 26 Federal wolf  
37 hunting season by 114 days and reduce the harvest limit  
38 from 15 to five. This would decrease opportunity for  
39 subsistence hunters to harvest wolves in Unit 26.  
40 Between 1999 and 2008 34 percent of the reported Unit  
41 26 wolf harvest occurred in August, September, October  
42 and April.

43  
44 These proposals would make the Federal  
45 subsistence wolf hunting seasons shorter than the State  
46 season and the harvest limit would be lower than the  
47 State regulations.

48  
49 OSM's preliminary conclusion is to  
50 oppose Proposals 106 and 107.

1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Following that we  
4 have the Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.  
5  
6 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. Chair, this is  
7 George Pappas, Department of Fish and Game. The  
8 Department also opposes this proposal.  
9  
10 Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
11  
12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Other agencies.  
13  
14 (No comments)  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.  
17 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.  
18  
19 (No comments)  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Fish and  
22 Game Advisory comments.  
23  
24 (No comments)  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think we need to  
27 tear this one up, is that our.....  
28  
29 MS. ATORUK: There's State Advisory  
30 Committees that they had requested to put them on  
31 there.....  
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. I guess  
34 that's.....  
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36 MS. ATORUK: .....that's why they are  
37 there.  
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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. I guess that's  
40 why they need to -- State Fish and Game Advisory.....  
41  
42 MS. ATORUK: Yep, State Advisory  
43 Committees.  
44  
45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....Committees.  
46  
47 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any.  
50

1 (No comments)  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.  
4  
5 MS. ATORUK: There's none.  
6  
7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Summary of written  
8 public comments.  
9  
10 MS. ATORUK: We have one, Mr. Chair.  
11  
12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Barb.  
13  
14 MS. ATORUK: Alaska Professional  
15 Hunters Association opposes this proposal and the  
16 written -- their written comment is on Page 50 of the  
17 book.  
18  
19 (In Inupiat)  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.  
22  
23 Public testimony.  
24  
25 MS. ATORUK: None.  
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm trying to write  
28 at the same time.  
29  
30 Regional Council deliberation,  
31 recommendation and justification.  
32  
33 What is the wish of the Council.  
34  
35 MR. LEAVITT: Mr. Chair.  
36  
37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.  
38  
39 MR. LEAVITT: Make a motion to leave  
40 status quo on WP10-106 and 107.  
41  
42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Status quo would mean  
43 to.....  
44  
45 MR. J. NAGEAK: Second.  
46  
47 MR. LEAVITT: Which means leave it  
48 alone. Adopt it as is, the way it has always been  
49 instead of going from 15 wolves down to five wolves,  
50 will go within the State's guidelines.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So the motion would  
2 be to oppose?  
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4 MR. LEAVITT: Yes.  
5  
6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor  
7 indicating opposition of the changes, right.....  
8  
9 MR. LEAVITT: Yes.  
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....of the proposal.  
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13 MR. LEAVITT: Absolutely.  
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15 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair.  
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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom.  
18  
19 MR. KRON: Yeah, normally in a  
20 situation like this you would make a motion to support  
21 and if you wish to oppose it then vote against the  
22 motion. So always make motions in a positive  
23 framework.  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's what I was  
26 trying to -- so when we're in opposition, the motion is  
27 to oppose the proposal.  
28  
29 MR. KRON: The motion would be to  
30 support and then you would vote against the motion.  
31 But normally under Roberts Rules you would make the  
32 motion in a positive framework. So the motion would be  
33 to support and with your intent being to vote against  
34 it.  
35  
36 Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
37  
38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I guess we need to  
39 further clarify and make sure that each of the Council  
40 members.....  
41  
42 MR. J. NAGEAK: We want to support it  
43 and then.....  
44  
45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Vote no.  
46  
47 MR. J. NAGEAK: .....vote no on it.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Is that clear -- (In  
50 Inupiat)

1 (Council nods affirmatively)  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So I need to look to  
4 both of the seconder and the motioner to maybe withdraw  
5 and restate the motion.  
6  
7 MR. LEAVITT: Withdraw my motion and  
8 motion to support the proposal, WP10-106 and 107.  
9  
10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor.  
11  
12 MR. J. NAGEAK: Second.  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by James.  
15  
16 Further discussion.  
17  
18 (No comments)  
19  
20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further  
21 clarification.  
22  
23 (No comments)  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And it's been  
26 seconded, yes, Tina.  
27  
28 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Under discussion. If  
31 there's no further discussion, next.  
32  
33 MR. LEAVITT: Question called for.  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question has been  
36 called on the motion to support the proposal 106/107.  
37 All in favor signify by saying aye, yea or nay.  
38  
39 IN UNISON: Nay.  
40  
41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So the proposal  
42 fails.  
43  
44 Is that accurately represented?  
45  
46 MS. ATORUK: Yes.  
47  
48 MR. KRON: Yes.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Stated, okay, thank

1 you. God, I got to learn all these little tricks here.

2

3 (Laughter)

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom, for  
6 your clarification here. I mean just from my  
7 conversation in looking at Lloyd I was trying to  
8 understand what he was indicating as well. And I'd  
9 like to thank the Staff from the State too, for having  
10 participating in these two proposals.

11

12 Any further comments from anyone, or  
13 remaining?

14

15 (No comments)

16

17 MS. ATORUK: I think -- George, that's  
18 it, that you're here, right, for these two proposals?

19

20 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you, very much, yeah  
21 that was for the regional staff and now we have, I  
22 believe, five more statewide proposals I'd like to  
23 listen into if it's okay with you.

24

25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's fine. Might  
26 as well.

27

28 MS. ATORUK: You should have come in  
29 and attend.

30

31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So starting in --  
32 getting back in line with our agenda, we just addressed  
33 Proposal 106 and 107 and 67 now we're back to the top  
34 of our agenda, statewide proposal WP10-01; definition  
35 of a drawing permit.

36

37 Tom.

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39 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Members of  
40 the Council. Proposal WP10-01 was submitted by the  
41 Office of Subsistence Management and requests the  
42 addition of a definition for a drawing permit to the  
43 Federal Management regulations.

44

45 This is a statewide proposal and will  
46 be reviewed by all 10 Regional Advisory Councils. The  
47 analysis for this proposal begins on Page 11 of your  
48 North Slope Council book.

49

50 Existing Federal Management regulations

1 do not include a definition for drawing permit.  
2 However, this term is used in the hunting regulations  
3 and for this reason our office feels that a definition  
4 should be provided so everyone understands.

5  
6 The addition of this definition does  
7 not affect fish and wildlife populations, subsistence  
8 users or other users. The Federal Subsistence  
9 Management Program has used drawing permits as one way  
10 to distribute permits among residents of a community  
11 that are similarly qualified, similarly situated  
12 relative to customary and traditional uses of those  
13 wildlife populations.

14  
15 OSM's preliminary conclusion is to  
16 support Proposal WP10-01 with modifications to simplify  
17 and clarify the definition.

18  
19 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd be happy to  
20 take any questions.

21  
22 (No comments)

23  
24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seeing none we'll  
25 move on to Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.

26  
27 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. No, the  
28 Department does not have comments at this time. We're  
29 just here to collect info.

30  
31 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

32  
33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yeah, we always used  
34 to have Geoff here at these meetings as well but he's  
35 not -- he didn't make it this morning.

36  
37 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. Unfortunately  
38 he's on personal leave, left a few days ago.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I see. Thank you for  
41 that. NSB, other agency comments.

42  
43 (No comments)

44  
45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.  
46 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.

47  
48 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chair.

49  
50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None at this time.

1 State Fish and Game Advisory comments.  
2  
3 MS. ATORUK: There's none.  
4  
5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No comments from  
6 State Fish and Game Advisory.  
7  
8 Summary of written public comments.  
9  
10 MS. ATORUK: There aren't any written  
11 public comments, Mr. Chair.  
12  
13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No written comments.  
14 Any public testimony.  
15  
16 MS. ATORUK: None.  
17  
18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No public testimony.  
19 Regional Council deliberation, recommendation and  
20 justification.  
21  
22 What is the wish of the Council on  
23 Proposal 10-01.  
24  
25 MR. LEAVITT: Mr. Chair.  
26  
27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Lloyd.  
28  
29 MR. LEAVITT: Make a motion to adopt  
30 WP10-01.  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor  
33 to adopt Proposal WP10-01.  
34  
35 MR. KAYOTUK: I second it.  
36  
37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Second by Lee.  
38 Discussion.  
39  
40 Tom.  
41  
42 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. And I guess a  
43 question on the motion. The original proposal included  
44 basically a five line definition that's printed on Page  
45 113. The OSM preliminary conclusion was to try to  
46 simplify that to a line and a half, which is printed on  
47 Page 14. And I guess the question of the maker of the  
48 motion was the intent to support the original five  
49 liner or the proposed line and a half that would make  
50 it more simple and easier to follow.

1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2

3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom. So  
4 if we look at the contents of the executive summary  
5 under OSM, under that third box to support proposal  
6 with modification, that's the question, to simplify and  
7 clarify the definition. So I guess you all heard Tom  
8 the proposal has the five line -- with this  
9 recommendation, it's from OSM, is to include with the  
10 modification.

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12 (In Inupiat)

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14 MR. J. NAGEAK: So there's a change  
15 from the proposed of the motion.

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17 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Tom.

20

21 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Nageak.  
22 The line and a half, the simplified version says the  
23 same thing as we took five lines up above. So, again,  
24 it seemed like it made sense to make this as simple,  
25 and straightforward, easy to understand for everybody  
26 as we could. That was why, you know, we were  
27 suggesting to simplify it.

28

29 MR. LEAVITT: Question called for.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: The motion to support  
32 has been called on Proposal WP10-01. All in favor of  
33 the motion signify by saying aye.

34

35 IN UNISON: Aye.

36

37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.

38

39 MR. LEAVITT: Nay. I wasn't taught to  
40 go and be the first to catch the pitkas and the most  
41 antlered, I was taught how to subsistence hunt and  
42 utilize the land. This is ridiculous up here to have  
43 it go through drawings and be the first to catch a  
44 moose or whatever it is. It is our way of life. I was  
45 never taught to go out and be first, I was taught to  
46 feed the family.

47

48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Lloyd. So  
49 I have three in support of the language as presented  
50 and one opposed and we have three unknown.

1 (Laughter)

2

3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We have to be  
4 reflecting our other three members that are not  
5 present. So the motion passes with three in support.

6

7 Next proposal. Statewide Proposal  
8 WP10-02 bear handicraft, deferred. Maybe that's Tom.

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10 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Members of  
11 the Council. A more detailed briefing on this issue  
12 can be found in your books on Page 15. Proposal WP08-  
13 05 was submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and  
14 Game during the last wildlife cycle. It received a new  
15 number during this regulatory cycle, WP10-02 but is the  
16 same proposal.

17

18 The proposal requests clarification of  
19 the Federal Subsistence Management regulation governing  
20 the use of brown bear claws in handicraft for sale.  
21 The Federal Subsistence Board deferred the proposal at  
22 its May 2008 meeting and voted to form a working group  
23 to address the issue of developing a method of tracking  
24 brown bear claws made into handicrafts for sale. The  
25 Board directed that the working group include  
26 representatives from all interested subsistence  
27 Regional Advisory Councils as well as State and Federal  
28 Staff. An initial coping meeting between Federal and  
29 State Staff was held in January 2009 and a draft charge  
30 was developed. A briefing on the status of the working  
31 group was provided to all 10 Regional Advisory Councils  
32 during the winter 2009 meeting cycle. And at that time  
33 representatives from interested Regional Councils were  
34 selected to participate in the working group. At the  
35 working group's only meeting in June 2009 participants  
36 from the Council posed a number of questions directed  
37 at whether or not bear claw tracking is a problem for  
38 subsistence and if regulations needed to be changed.  
39 These questions prompted Federal and State Staff to  
40 conduct further research and to meet as agency Staff to  
41 compare notes and to follow up on research questions  
42 which occurred twice during the summer of 2009. The  
43 working group attempted to meet again during the summer  
44 of 2009 but this was not possible.

45

46 Another briefing on the status of the  
47 working group was provided during the fall 2009  
48 Regional Advisory Council meeting. The work group will  
49 meet during spring/summer 2010 to address the questions  
50 raised at its first meeting and to begin working toward

1 resolution of the issues. The work group's findings  
2 will be presented to each Council for their  
3 recommendations during the fall 2010 meeting cycle, and  
4 for a full report to be provided to the Federal  
5 Subsistence Board for action at its January 2011  
6 meeting. A report will be provided to the Alaska Board  
7 of Game at an appropriate meeting. The proposal will  
8 be deferred until that time.

9

10 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11

12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.

13 Department of Fish and Game comments.

14

15 MR. PAPPAS: No, Mr. Chair. I'd just  
16 repeat what Mr. Kron said, waiting for the deferral for  
17 the work group to conclude.

18

19 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

20

21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. NSB or

22 other agency comments.

23

24 (No comments)

25

26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.

27 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.

28

29 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chair.

30

31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, Sandy, none  
32 identified. State Fish and Game Advisory comments.

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34 MS. ATORUK: There's none.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No comments from the  
37 State Advisory Committees.

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39 Summary of written public comments.

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41 MS. ATORUK: There's none, Mr. Chair.

42

43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No. 7, public

44 testimony.

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46 MS. ATORUK: None.

47

48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No. 8 Regional  
49 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.

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1 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, Tom.  
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5 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. This is a work  
6 in progress.  
7  
8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.  
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10 MR. KRON: You know, as noted there's a  
11 need for more discussion with all 10 Councils this  
12 coming summer.  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.  
15  
16 MR. KRON: And, you know, for that  
17 reason there's no need for action on this but I think  
18 you could consider it a briefing just for your  
19 information for those that are interested.  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we don't need to  
22 take action at this time?  
23  
24 MR. KRON: Yes, Mr. Chair.  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No action needed at  
27 this time, just the justification, thank you, Tom.  
28  
29 Moving on to 9A3, WP10-03 revise  
30 regulations on cultural educational permits.  
31  
32 Tom.  
33  
34 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Proposal WP10-03  
35 was submitted by the Federal Subsistence Board and  
36 requests the addition of a general provision in Federal  
37 Subsistence Management regulations to allow the harvest  
38 of fish and wildlife by participants in cultural and  
39 educational programs.  
40  
41 This proposal is a housekeeping measure  
42 to clarify how these permits are currently issued.  
43 Adoption of this proposal will not change how OSM  
44 currently issue these permits.  
45  
46 Most requests for these permits come  
47 from cultural camps sponsored by Native non-profit  
48 organizations. The permits are typically requested  
49 both to teach cultural and educational activities  
50 associated with harvest and to provide food for

1 participants in that program. Once a program has been  
2 approved for a permit follow up requests or requests to  
3 -- as repeated requests in the regulations may be made  
4 annually for up to five years by the same program to  
5 harvest the same type of animal and amount. The  
6 proposal puts into regulations the guidelines the  
7 Federal program currently follows when issuing these  
8 permits. The modified regulation has four parts.

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10                   1.        It defines qualifying programs.  
11                                A qualifying program must have  
12                                instructors, enrolled students,  
13                                minimal attendance requirements  
14                                and standards for successful  
15                                completion of the course.

16

17                   2.        It alerts the public that the  
18                                Office of Subsistence  
19                                Management needs time to  
20                                process the application, while  
21                                at the same time it allows OSM  
22                                to accept a request for a  
23                                permit at any time, which is  
24                                the current policy.  
25                                Applications must be submitted  
26                                to the Federal Subsistence  
27                                Board through OSM and should be  
28                                submitted 60 days prior to the  
29                                earliest desire date of  
30                                harvest.

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32                   3.        The modified regulation gives  
33                                direction to local field  
34                                managers in areas where the  
35                                harvest will occur. Harvest  
36                                must be reported and any animal  
37                                harvested will count against  
38                                any established Federal harvest  
39                                quota for the area in which it  
40                                is harvested.

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42                   4.        It gives direction on how to  
43                                issue follow up permits.  
44                                Requests for follow up permits  
45                                must be submitted to the in-  
46                                season or local manager and  
47                                should be submitted 60 days  
48                                prior to the earliest desired  
49                                date of harvest.

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1 OSM's preliminary conclusion is to  
2 support Proposal WP10-03 with modification to simplify  
3 the proposed regulation. The modified regulation  
4 should read; and I'm not -- I think I'm just going to  
5 doublecheck here, but I think we've got exact wording  
6 that's in your book. So the wording for the modified  
7 regulation that we would recommend to you is included  
8 on Page 21 in your book and it's also in the summary.

9  
10 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom. Any  
13 questions.

14  
15 (No comments)

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there's no  
18 questions we'll move on to number 2, Alaska Department  
19 of Fish and Game comments.

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21 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. Chair. George  
22 Pappas, Department of Fish and Game. We don't have any  
23 comments on this proposal at this time.

24  
25 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We just wanted  
26 to hear your deliberations.

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. North  
29 Slope Borough or other agency comments.

30  
31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.

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35 Four, InterAgency Staff Committee  
36 comments.

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38 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.

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42 Five, State Fish and Game Advisory  
43 comments.

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45 MS. ATORUK: There is none.

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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Six,  
48 summary of written public comments.

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50 MS. ATORUK: There is none, Mr. Chair.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No comment.  
2  
3 No. 7 public testimony.  
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5 MS. ATORUK: There's none.  
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Going to No. 8,  
8 Regional Council deliberation, recommendation and  
9 justification.  
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11 What is the wish of the Council on  
12 Proposal WP10-03.  
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14 MR. LEAVITT: Mr. Chair.  
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.  
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18 MR. LEAVITT: I make a motion to adopt  
19 Proposal WP10-03.  
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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor  
22 to adopt Proposal WP10-03.  
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24 MR. J. NAGEAK: Second.  
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by James.  
27 Discussion.  
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29 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair.  
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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom, sorry.  
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33 MR. KRON: No need to apologize.  
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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I keep looking down  
36 at my notes.  
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38 MR. KRON: Again, the OSM -- you know,  
39 this was an OSM proposal, we were trying, you know, to  
40 clarify and simplify both the wildlife and the fishery  
41 regs to unify the approach and make it understandable  
42 to everybody. After submitting the original proposal  
43 we felt that it was better to do this in simple,  
44 understandable terms. The original proposal we  
45 submitted has, what, five paragraphs, and what we were  
46 suggesting was a simplified approach shown there on  
47 Page 21. Providing for the needs here and doing it as  
48 simply as we can to make it understandable.  
49  
50 So, again, I guess the question on the

1 motion, was the intent that it use the simplified  
2 wording on Page 21 or the original wording that's on  
3 Page 18.

4

5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you for your  
8 clarification, Tom.

9

10 I'll look to the Council members on the  
11 motion do we include what's been explained to us or do  
12 we want to take action on just the original proposal.

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14 MR. LEAVITT: Take the original  
15 proposal away and install the new proposal in place on  
16 Page 21.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So that would include  
19 the modification.

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21 MR. LEAVITT: Yes.

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: The motion is to  
24 support the proposal with the modification. Still  
25 under discussion. James.

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27 MR. J. NAGEAK: We had some good  
28 reports about this particular -- this going on. I know  
29 there was a group from someplace at Anaktuvuk Pass in  
30 the summertime, it's a cultural education thing outside  
31 of the village. I heard some good reports on that.

32

33 So those are the types of.....

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35 MR. KRON: Yes.

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37 MR. J. NAGEAK: .....things that this  
38 proposal is addressing.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom.

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42 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. These type of  
43 programs occur, you know, across the state, and as  
44 noted is primarily the Alaska Native non-profits that  
45 sponsor them. They bring in people to talk about  
46 subsistence and biology and wildlife, fisheries issues.  
47 The program allows those that are implementing these  
48 cultural camps, educational camps to harvest one large  
49 animal or up to, I believe it's 25 fish, you know, some  
50 camps harvest fish, some camps harvest a moose or a

1 caribou or a deer, for example. But, again, it just  
2 lays out a process so that they can get the approval to  
3 move ahead with this harvest and implement their camp  
4 as planned, to use it as an instructional opportunity  
5 and also to help provide food for that camp.

6

7 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom.  
10 Further discussion. Proposal WP10-03.

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12 MR. J. NAGEAK: Call for the question.

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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question's been  
15 called on the motion to adopt Proposal WP10-03 with the  
16 modification. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.

21

22 (No opposing votes)

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted, thank  
25 you.

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27 Moving on down 9A4, WP10-04, provide  
28 delegation of authority for lynx. Is that a company?

29

30 (Laughter)

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom.

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34 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Members of  
35 the Council. The analysis for WP10-04 can be found  
36 starting on Page 22 of your Council book. The analysis  
37 begins on Page 24 and there are a couple of attachments  
38 that lays out the lynx harvest strategy. Again, it  
39 doesn't affect Unit 26, it doesn't affect your unit but  
40 it is a statewide proposal because it affects a number  
41 of the units across the state.

42

43 This proposal was submitted by OSM and  
44 would remove a number of Game Management Units from the  
45 area where the Assistant Regional Director of OSM has  
46 the delegated authority to open, close and adjust  
47 Federal subsistence lynx seasons and to set harvest and  
48 possession limits. Lynx trapping seasons are adjusted  
49 annually based on recommendations determined using  
50 ADF&G's tracking harvest strategy for managing lynx.

1 The Alaska Board of Game removed Units 6, 12, a number  
2 of the subunits in 20 from a list of units that are  
3 managed under the Lynx Harvest Strategy. Based on this  
4 action these units would be eliminated from the Federal  
5 regulations as well as they have been on the State  
6 side.

7

8 Over time the State has removed a  
9 number of units from its lynx tracking strategy. If  
10 this proposal is adopted it would align State and  
11 Federal regulations regarding lynx management, season  
12 and harvest limits can still be changed through the  
13 normal regulatory cycle or through special action if  
14 needed. There will be no adverse effect on subsistence  
15 user, only the authority delegated to the Assistant  
16 Regional Director for OSM would be affected.

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18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Alaska Department of  
21 Fish and Game comments.

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23 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. George Pappas.  
24 No, we don't have any comments on this one. Thank you  
25 very much, Mr. Chair.

26

27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. North  
28 Slope Borough, other agency comments.

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30 MS. ATORUK: There's none.

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.  
33 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.

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35 MS. ATORUK: There's none.

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37 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. State  
40 Fish and Game Advisory comments.

41

42 MS. ATORUK: There's none.

43

44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No comments provided.  
45 Summary of written public comments.

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47 MS. ATORUK: There are no summary of  
48 public comments, Mr. Chair.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seven, public

1 testimony.

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3 MS. ATORUK: None.

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No. 8, Regional  
6 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.

7

8 Just a comment about the one, two,  
9 three, four, five, we keep hearing no comment, I'm  
10 starting to think that we must be the very first ones  
11 to take actions on all these.

12

13 MS. ATORUK: Right.

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15 MR. KRON: That's correct.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I mean that's just my  
18 observations just from hearing there's none, there's  
19 none, there's none.

20

21 (Laughter)

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's why I just say  
24 that. So what is the wish of the Council at this time  
25 for WP10-04, the OSM's preliminary conclusion is to  
26 support the proposal with modification. What is the  
27 wish of the Council.

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29 MR. J. NAGEAK: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: James.

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33 MR. J. NAGEAK: I move to support  
34 Proposal WP10-04 with modification.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor  
37 in support of Proposal WP10-04 with modification.

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39 MR. LEAVITT: Second.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Second by Lloyd.  
42 Further discussion.

43

44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further  
47 discussion.

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49 MR. KAYOTUK: Call for the question.

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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question has been  
2 called on the motion to support WP10-04 with  
3 modification. All in support of the motion signify by  
4 saying aye.

5  
6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.

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10 (No opposing votes)

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Thank  
13 you. Moving on down 9A5, WP10-05 clarify regulations  
14 pertaining to accumulation of harvest limits.

15  
16 Tom.

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18 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
19 Council. Proposal WP10-05 was submitted by OSM and  
20 seeks to update clarify and simplify the regulations  
21 regarding accumulation of harvest limits for both fish  
22 and wildlife. This is a statewide proposal and, again,  
23 will be reviewed by all 10 Regional Advisory Councils.  
24 The analysis for this proposal begins on Page 36 of  
25 your Council book.

26  
27 Wording in the general Federal  
28 subsistence regulations concerning accumulation of  
29 harvest limits dates back to 1990 and 1994. There's a  
30 need to update the wording. While the Federal  
31 Subsistence Board has addressed a number of area  
32 specific proposals concerning the accumulation of  
33 harvest limits over the years this part of the general  
34 regulations has not been updated to reflect changes in  
35 the unit and area specific regulations. Proposal WP10  
36 [sic] addresses those inconsistencies.

37  
38 Proposal WP10-05 does not affect fish  
39 and wildlife populations, subsistence users or other  
40 uses, rather, the proposal seeks to update clarify and  
41 simplify the section of the general regulation which  
42 refers to accumulation of harvest limits. The proposed  
43 wording changes retain the general prohibition of  
44 accumulation of Federal and State harvest limits and  
45 point to unit and area specific regulations for details  
46 and exceptions. This proposal does not change any unit  
47 or area specific Federal subsistence regulation  
48 concerning accumulation of harvest limits or the  
49 timeframe, whether it be daily, seasonal or regulatory  
50 year for the harvest limits.

1 OSM's preliminary conclusion is to  
2 support Proposal WP10-05.

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4 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd be happy to  
5 answer any questions.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm just trying to  
8 understand the wording of what's being presented to us  
9 in terms of clarifying in terms of regulations  
10 regarding accumulation of harvest limits for both fish  
11 and wildlife. Is that to an individual person,  
12 accumulating harvest limits? I mean I'm just trying to  
13 help understand for limited take -- you said something  
14 to follow through with regulations in terms of how a  
15 hunter is -- received -- to take number of animals of  
16 one species and moving on to the next species for -- in  
17 terms of harvest limits.

18  
19 Tom.

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21 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. The proposal,  
22 you know, affects one person and the number of animals  
23 they can take. And basically what it says is that if  
24 the limit on the State side is, let's say 20 ptarmigan,  
25 and the limit on the Federal side is 20 ptarmigan; the  
26 person can't take 40, they can take just the 20. You  
27 can take, you know, under the Federal regs you could  
28 just take 20, you can't add the two together.

29  
30 Part of the problem here is, again,  
31 this was in the general regs, it was brought over from  
32 the State side in 1990 at the start of the program.  
33 And, at that time, again, on Page 38, you can look at  
34 the crossed out wording, it talked about the harvest  
35 limits for grouse, in some units ptarmigan, caribou in  
36 some units are regulated in the number that may be  
37 taken per day. Harvest limits for grouse, ptarmigan  
38 are also regulated, the number that can be held in  
39 possession. Well, the problem is since 1990 and 1994  
40 in all 26 units -- well, in the various units across  
41 the state and there are 26 units for wildlife there  
42 have been some changes. There have been some changes  
43 relative to caribou and beaver and wolf, for example,  
44 snowshoe hare in some units, and those weren't  
45 reflected in this regulation. So there's  
46 inconsistencies now and the thought was, rather than  
47 getting into those kind of details right up in the  
48 front general regulation, it made sense to basically  
49 say that you can't accumulate limits unless it's  
50 allowed, you know, in your case in Unit 26. So you'd

1 look at the Unit 26 regs and those would be the ones  
2 that govern. So throughout the program there's been  
3 the intent of addressing, as various proposals that  
4 have come in and the Councils have made  
5 recommendations, the changes have been made in all the  
6 different units where these proposals have come in but  
7 nobody went back and straightened things out with this  
8 general wording.

9  
10 So the intent was basically to clean up  
11 the general wording, make it simple and say if you want  
12 to find out where accumulation is allowed, look to the  
13 Unit 26 regs, for example. That's what carries the  
14 weight.

15  
16 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom.  
19 Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.

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21 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. George Pappas,  
22 Fish and Game. This was a follow through on the  
23 wildlife side from the proposal that was submitted on  
24 the fisheries side last cycle to address just as Tom  
25 covered. So we really don't have comments. We're here  
26 to listen.

27  
28 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: NSB or other agency  
31 comments.

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33 MS. ATORUK: None.

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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: InterAgency Staff  
36 Committee comments.

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38 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chair.

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40 MS. ATORUK: None.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None at this time.  
43 State Fish and Game Advisory comments.

44  
45 MS. ATORUK: There's none.

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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None, noted.

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49 Summary of written public comments.

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1 MS. ATORUK: There are no written  
2 public comments, Mr. Chair.  
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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Public  
5 testimony.  
6  
7 MS. ATORUK: There's none.  
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: 8, Regional Council  
10 deliberation, recommendation and justification. What  
11 is the wish of the Council regarding Proposal WP10-05.  
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13 MR. LEAVITT: Mr. Chair.  
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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.  
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17 MR. LEAVITT: Motion to adopt WP10-05.  
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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor  
20 to adopt WP10-05.  
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22 MR. J. NAGEAK: I'll second that  
23 motion.  
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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Discussion. Lloyd.  
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27 MR. LEAVITT: Existing Federal  
28 regulations paragraph three, harvest limit applies to a  
29 number of fish, wildlife or shellfish that can be taken  
30 during a regulatory year. However, harvest limits for  
31 grouse, ptarmigan and caribou; are we changing the bag  
32 limits on the caribou -- the only thing that I'm aware  
33 of that is we were five a day on caribou, is this going  
34 to be a change on taking of the caribou, too?  
35  
36 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair.  
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, Mr. Kron.  
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40 MR. KRON: No. No, this does not  
41 change any of the Unit 26 limits for any species at  
42 all.  
43  
44 MR. LEAVITT: Thank you.  
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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Further discussion  
47 regarding WP10-05.  
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49 MR. LEAVITT: (In Inupiat) Question  
50 called for.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question's been  
2 called on the motion to support WP10-05, all in favor  
3 of the motion signify by saying aye.  
4  
5 IN UNISON: Aye.  
6  
7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.  
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9 (No opposing votes)  
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Thank  
12 you.  
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14 Turning the page.  
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16 (Laughter)  
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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So that covers Agenda  
19 Item 9. Regional Council deliberations,  
20 recommendations on statewide proposals. We are now on  
21 9B, North Slope Proposals, WP10-106.  
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23 MS. ATORUK: We did those already.  
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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We covered those  
26 already. Crossover proposals, we've done that.  
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28 MS. ATORUK: We did those already.  
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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: How come we got two  
31 9's here, Regional Council deliberation, recommendation  
32 and justification.....  
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34 MS. ATORUK: Where?  
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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....and then go to  
37 Page 2, Agenda Item 9, review and approve of draft 2009  
38 annual report.  
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40 MS. ATORUK: No, that's -- you're  
41 looking at the wrong one, there's 8 and then 9.  
42  
43 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah, we already went  
44 through 8A1, that's statewide proposals.  
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46 MS. ATORUK: It's this one.  
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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Oh, okay. I keep  
49 looking too low.  
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1 (Laughter)

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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you for the  
4 clarification. So we're on agenda -- we were on Agenda  
5 Item 8, which covered the proposals and now we're  
6 moving on to nine. I kept -- there's so many items on  
7 this process in terms of the discussion I kept looking  
8 at nine here and then moving over and turn the page and  
9 start with nine again -- so we were on eight now we're  
10 moving on to Agenda Item 9; review and approval of  
11 Draft 2009 Annual Report.

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13 I'll give the floor to Barb.

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15 MS. ATORUK: This is your -- this is a  
16 copy of your annual report for 2099. And as I was  
17 picking them out when you had your last meeting was the  
18 Units 24 and 26 moose, Unit 26 muskox, Unit 26 brown  
19 bear, fish studies and sheep. And if I would get your  
20 approval after reviewing I would appreciate it so this  
21 can be submitted for it to be answered and it would be  
22 -- your answers will come back at your fall meeting.

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24 (In Inupiat)

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26 MS. ATORUK: Oh, and Migratory Bird  
27 Program, Arctic Regional Councils. On the Mig Bird  
28 Program, we were asking that the -- you had some  
29 questions and then you still had some even yet today  
30 and then those will be -- Fred will be answering that  
31 part on your annual report.

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I had just a comment,  
34 Barb. Talking about this Migratory Bird Program and  
35 the concerns that were voiced this morning, I think  
36 that we need to be reflective of -- reflect some of  
37 those comments as well because of the timing and the  
38 situation that's before us and the complication of not  
39 enough budget in one segment of the program but there's  
40 enough budget for law enforcement to continue and our  
41 educational and outreach is still pending and it  
42 continues but it's not considerate of the whole area.  
43 You know we have portions of it that pertain to Barrow  
44 specific and then it enlarges into other birds of use  
45 for subsistence and being all inclusive of the  
46 statewide and how it all comes to play and you have  
47 multiple issues which are not currently or in the works  
48 of being addressed.

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50 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.  
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3 MS. ATORUK: I think I know what you're  
4 asking is that someone from Mig Birds attend all your  
5 meetings while this is -- until it all plays out so  
6 that you will be well informed of what is going on in  
7 your region. Is that what you're asking, that someone  
8 be in person.....  
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.  
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12 MS. ATORUK: .....to answer your  
13 questions?  
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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think that would be  
16 because of what.....  
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18 MS. ATORUK: Okay.  
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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....you know,  
21 because of the situation we're dealing with with Fred  
22 not being here and these concerns.....  
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24 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.  
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....are voiced and  
27 yet there's lack of funding in segments and sufficient  
28 funding for others in regards to how Federal  
29 subsistence is being addressed overall.  
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31 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.  
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You know that was  
34 another concern.  
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36 MS. ATORUK: Okay.  
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You know I think that  
39 second one needs to be identified.....  
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41 MS. ATORUK: Okay.  
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....in regards to  
44 the last paragraph, Arctic Regional Council.  
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46 MS. ATORUK: We asked -- or it was  
47 suggested that the last time that Unit 22, 23, and 26  
48 meet together somewhere and that's still in asking and  
49 then so we should get the answer and if I get the  
50 answer before that you will be notified. And once I

1 fix the Migratory Bird Program section I'll send it to  
2 you before I submit the letter for you.

3

4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's something  
5 that's been asked by us for quite some time and yet  
6 we're still, again, you know, we have the shared  
7 resources that we utilize. I think that's what we've  
8 been focusing on and whether it's in regards to caribou  
9 and those transient resources, migratory birds.....

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11 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....might do.....

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15 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....a lot of the  
18 fisheries as well. They're basically the same  
19 resources but harvested in different areas and the  
20 impacts that are within our respective regions are  
21 identified but how do we all -- how can we best  
22 communicate, I think that was what the issue was at the  
23 time, how can we all meet and communicate these  
24 concerns.

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26 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If I've misspoken  
29 maybe you can recall.

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31 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair.

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom.

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35 MR. KRON: Yeah, I just wanted to  
36 follow up a little bit and you've already been focusing  
37 your discussion in trying to broaden some of these  
38 topics.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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42 MR. KRON: But, again, I just wanted to  
43 say that this is a really important part of the  
44 process. It's your opportunity to ask questions of the  
45 National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service,  
46 BLM, the land managers up here in Unit 26; and, you  
47 know, don't hold back. If you've got questions and  
48 concerns, you know, ask them, and you'll get answers.  
49 If you've got concerns or questions about the Federal  
50 Subsistence Program, ask them, and we'll get answers

1 for you. But, again, it's a real important opportunity  
2 for you and you've already focused on trying to build  
3 up some of these sections.

4

5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, thank you, Tom.

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9 MS. ATORUK: Okay, so, Mr. Chair, I'll  
10 change some wordings to that Arctic Regional Councils,  
11 where it might come to -- this would enhance their  
12 understanding and communication of what is actually  
13 happening in each region of the far north with shared  
14 resources of caribou, fish and birds.

15

16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

17

18 MS. ATORUK: Something in that manner,  
19 but I will send it out to you guys first before I  
20 submit the letter.

21

22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I have an additional  
23 comment. I'm kind of.....

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25 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....starting from  
28 the bottom and working upward in regards to the sheep.

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30 MS. ATORUK: Hum.

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: The Council is  
33 concerned about impacts from non-subsistence use to  
34 sheep populations in Unit 26, especially in the areas  
35 around Arctic Village and Anaktuvuk Pass where sheep  
36 are an important subsistence resource. The Council  
37 requests an update on sheep populations in Unit 26. I  
38 mean that's something that we continue because we know  
39 of our interactions with Anaktuvuk, people from  
40 Kaktovik taking sheep as well and some people traveling  
41 from our other villages into the areas where sheep  
42 reside, you know, we have people from Atqasuk  
43 occasionally traveling up into the areas where they're  
44 able to take a sheep. Those have been concerns as  
45 well. I just want to restate some of these concerns  
46 because it continues to be -- the question has been,  
47 you know, in my -- I'll just give you a brief overview  
48 of what's occurred this past fall and winter.

49

50 For, Kaktovik, for instance, there's

1 hardly any caribou near the community. The issue of  
2 muskox populations declining and now there's no hunt  
3 for the community of muskox and we've tried to help  
4 provide another alternate resource for them to be able  
5 to take, which is moose, but again we have restrictive  
6 regulations which mean they have to abide by to be able  
7 to subsist or to take a moose. You know, these  
8 resources are all within the North Slope, but they are  
9 transient and move beyond boundaries which they don't  
10 even recognize and yet we put the burden on the people  
11 placing boundaries and the availability of the  
12 resources, sometimes not in -- recognize that we don't  
13 also have the control of these resources in times of  
14 need. You know I was kind of surprised that there was  
15 no request from one community to another community when  
16 there's a time of need that when there's a community  
17 that has caribou walking down the road, basically, you  
18 know, that they could take a few of those resources and  
19 share them with another community who is -- whose  
20 communities are being shorted of a resource. It's the  
21 nature of the animals being where they are in a given  
22 year, in the time of the year, season, winter season or  
23 wintering grounds change so much so there's impact to  
24 those. I know I've heard it from Nuiqsut as well, you  
25 know, we've had a hard time with caribou and when they  
26 came here for a meeting they were asking for caribou to  
27 take back with them and that was occurring here as  
28 well.

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30                   So I note these comments and concerns  
31 regarding all these resources that we've identified in  
32 this annual report. And it's not just that they're  
33 being voiced -- but it continues -- you know, some  
34 years there's plentiful resources in a year, in an  
35 area, and in another area it's not so available, so we  
36 need to be reflective of that.

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38                   And the situation for Kaktovik and  
39 Nuiqsut as well in regards to muskox, that hunt's  
40 basically been closed because of the situation of the  
41 muskox, the population is declining, predator control  
42 was not in play, you know, predators taking the number  
43 -- taking its toll on the resource as well. So I just  
44 restate these concerns to help generate some  
45 communications on these resources.

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47                   MS. ATORUK: Okay. So, okay, Mr.  
48 Chair, so on the sheep you would also include Atqasuk  
49 and Wainwright with Arctic Village and Anaktuvuk Pass?  
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1                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, I do hear their  
2 communities taking sheep when a hunter travels like  
3 that -- that far into the Brooks Range, and they do,  
4 they do travel back and forth, you know, it's -- I  
5 don't think we should leave them out for -- because  
6 they're not represented here, we need to be reflective  
7 and hear their concerns as well.

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9                   Lee.

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11                   MR. KAYOTUK: My concern is, through  
12 the Chair, is on the sheep population on Unit 26 is  
13 really highly hunted during November to March and for  
14 the sheep, people try to get the permits which are  
15 issued out to the village and they do go by their  
16 permitting laws in order to get these sheep but other  
17 than that they're very successful in getting the sheep  
18 that they do hunt and they're limited of so much sheep  
19 and they go by these laws.

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21                   And for the fish studies, and you got  
22 the same thing -- as the fish studies, the fish which  
23 come down and travel the coast on 26C and along the  
24 Hula-Hula River, too, which is really important for the  
25 -- we don't have very much hunters that hunt up in  
26 these areas anymore. We just hunted for a few people  
27 that, you know, could provide food for families that  
28 can't get out to the Brooks Range in order to hunt  
29 these animals.

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31                   On the Unit 26 for the brown bear there  
32 is a lot of brown bears in our area of the Brooks Range  
33 that do -- that are damaging our cabins that could be  
34 more regulated to hunt brown bears in that area so it's  
35 only a life of defense of property in order to hunt  
36 these brown bears.

37  
38                   On the muskox, we haven't seen any  
39 muskox for the past maybe five or six years in Unit 26C  
40 so unless they came back or not yet, but we haven't  
41 heard about seeing any muskox appearances in the Brooks  
42 Range.

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44                   The moose in Unit 26C is up and the  
45 moose population is growing to where that, you know, we  
46 did a proposal to get five moose instead of three moose  
47 so hopefully that will take effect in our area.

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49                   At this time I would thank you for my  
50 comments.

1                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Lee. And  
2 that's what we need to provide at this time, it's very  
3 helpful for you to be here. You know we've been  
4 waiting for you all to come around but unforeseeable  
5 circumstances it kept preventing things to occur and  
6 that's what I've been expressing to the Council and to  
7 our Staff as well that we need to be inclusive in  
8 trying to get more representation from our individual  
9 villages because we do have similarities but we have  
10 different circumstances and timing as to what resources  
11 are available to us throughout the season.

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13                   MR. KAYOTUK: Uh-huh.

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15                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lee, I thank you for  
16 providing your comments as well.

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18                   MS. ATORUK: Mr. Chair.

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20                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Vince, and then Barb.

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22                   MR. MATHEWS: Just a small wording  
23 change Arctic Village is not in Unit 26 so you may want  
24 to change that on that sheep issue to the Council's  
25 concerned about impacts from non-subsistence users to  
26 the sheep populations in the Brooks Range, especially  
27 around the areas around Arctic Village, I think you  
28 said Wainwright, I'm not sure on that, and Anaktuvuk  
29 Pass. And I know that Arctic Village and Eastern  
30 Interior is pleased to hear that you are concerned  
31 about the sheep population so maybe they could be  
32 copied this annual report because the Eastern  
33 Interior's been working quite a bit on that Arctic  
34 Village sheep area over the years.

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36                   That's all, thank you.

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38                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Vince. I  
39 have to reflect to one of our past members was  
40 concerned about -- because of his knowledge, he was  
41 indicating that -- of the interaction -- and the  
42 harvest of sheep that were occurring along these  
43 communities as well, so that -- Barb, if you recall  
44 Gordon's comments from our last meeting, that he was  
45 wanting to learn more of the populations and the  
46 impacts occurring within these respective areas and  
47 trying to accommodate another resource for a different  
48 -- a little bit further -- communities of Kaktovik and  
49 where they're able to hunt.

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1                               So, Barb.  
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3                               MS. ATORUK: Yeah. Yeah, Arctic  
4 Village was in there because that's where Anaktuvuk  
5 hunts too, and then in -- in that sheep area so that's  
6 why it was on there.  
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8                               And I was talking to Rosemary this  
9 morning and then she said that the fall muskox hunt  
10 needs to be revisited in their area. So I think  
11 there's going to be a proposal that comes out of there  
12 for the Board of Game, and they might do another  
13 proposal to revisit that muskox open -- or is it closed  
14 now, the closed muskox?  
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16                               CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.  
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18                               MR. KAYOTUK: Yes, it's closed.  
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20                               MS. ATORUK: Yeah. So that's going to  
21 be revisited and then probably be here at your fall  
22 meeting, too.  
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24                               CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.  
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26                               MS. ATORUK: Okay, I'll put these --  
27 add these into your annual report before I put it back  
28 out and then submit it for you.  
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30                               Thank you.  
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32                               CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Barb. Any  
33 other comments.  
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35                               MR. J. NAGEAK: Mr. Chairman.  
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37                               CHAIRMAN BROWER: James.  
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39                               MR. J. NAGEAK: On the sheep side here  
40 we heard some numbers, I forgot who in Anaktuvuk Pass  
41 gave us an update of the, you know, in the summertime,  
42 what the population of the sheep is.  
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44                               So when something like that happens in  
45 the village I think it would be prudent to put it into  
46 the thing too.  
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48                               MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.  
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50                               MR. J. NAGEAK: That things are

1 happening to the -- you know, the counting of sheep, in  
2 our area, I don't know whether they have gone into the  
3 other areas like that to count the sheep. I just  
4 wanted to comment about that to go in there.

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6 MS. ATORUK: (In Inupiat)

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: (In Inupiat)

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10 MS. ATORUK: (In Inupiat)

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I was just asking  
13 Barb if she was finished with her presentation in  
14 regards to this Item 9.

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16 MS. ATORUK: Yes, I am. Yes, I am.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And she is indicating  
19 yes. I think I would like to call for a lunch recess  
20 at this time before we move on to our next agenda item.  
21 It's 12:05.

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23 MR. J. NAGEAK: So we're back at one  
24 right?

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: 1:00 o'clock, yes.

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28 (Off record)

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30 (On record)

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Good afternoon  
33 everyone. Thank you for having a brief recess for  
34 lunch.

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36 (Pause)

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: It's 1:07, at this  
39 time I'd like to call the meeting of the North Slope  
40 Regional Advisory Council back to order after a lunch  
41 recess. We are now under Agenda Item.....

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43 MR. J. NAGEAK: 10.

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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....10. Thank you,  
46 James. Western Arctic Caribou Herd representation.

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48 MR. J. NAGEAK: (In Inupiat)

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Where's Barb. Barb's

1 probably -- not here right at the moment but should be  
2 here briefly.

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4 (Pause)

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Well, just to recap  
7 some of the actions we've taken. We've taken actions  
8 on proposals this morning, on WP10-01. On WP10-03. On  
9 WP10-04. On WP10-05. And the last one -- oh, no, not  
10 the last one, on WP10-67. And the final one was WP10-  
11 106 and WP10-107. So these are some of the actions  
12 that we've taken on those proposals this morning.

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14 Then we need to review and approve of  
15 -- oh, no, I'm looking too far up.

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17 Western Arctic Caribou Herd  
18 representative. Barbara. I'm not sure what we're --  
19 I'm not sure if you're asking for a representative to  
20 have a presence during these meetings or what you're  
21 asking.

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23 (Pause)

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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We'll come back to  
26 that Agenda Item 10 -- again, Barb's not here and No.  
27 11, next meeting, confirm date and place of fall 2010  
28 meeting, 11B is establish date and time for winter  
29 meeting, 2011 meeting.

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31 (Pause)

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So those things you  
34 need to be thinking about.

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36 No. 12 is call for proposals to change  
37 2011/13 Federal Subsistence fisheries regulations.

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39 MR. J. NAGEAK: 2010-2012.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: How come I got -- it  
42 says Agenda Item 12, call for proposals to change  
43 2011/13?

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45 Tom.

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47 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, and, again,  
48 it's on your agenda, but if any of the Council members  
49 would like to propose changes to the Federal  
50 subsistence fishing regulations now is the time to do

1 that or if you know somebody in your village would like  
2 to change the regulations for a specific area, the  
3 opportunity is open right now so you could do it at  
4 this meeting or let Barb know after the meeting if  
5 you'd like to do that.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom.

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9 MR. KRON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I was trying to  
12 recall what Gordon and I were talking about in terms of  
13 some of the fisheries that we were discussing, that  
14 occur -- used to occur at Nuiqsut regarding that  
15 commercial fishery for the Helmricks, that used to go  
16 on, but I'm not sure if it continues today due to the  
17 family doing other things now. I know they have an  
18 oilfield contracts and stuff like that and I'm not sure  
19 what the other person -- the brother of Marge -- or if  
20 they continue to do their fisheries out of Nuiqsut.

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22 (Pause)

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barb, are you kind  
25 of.....

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27 MS. ATORUK: Oh, I'm sorry.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We've got two agenda  
30 items that you were -- your name is identified. We  
31 have Agenda Item 10 Western Arctic Caribou Herd  
32 representative and your name is listed. Are you our  
33 representative?

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MS. ATORUK: No, I'm not but I'm going  
38 to ask for one.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I guess that's what  
41 we need to discuss or to learn or more about, is that  
42 what they're asking for.....

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44 MS. ATORUK: Yes, I am.

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....is to have a --  
47 to have a representative identified from this Council  
48 to be represented at this Western Arctic Caribou Herd  
49 representative?

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1 MS. ATORUK: Yep. It's a working group  
2 that's been going on for some time and then I went -- I  
3 was invited -- I was allowed to attend their meeting  
4 last December, and when I went there every Advisory  
5 Committee was represented there except for North Slope  
6 and Northwest Arctic and I was asking to say that right  
7 now the Federal is in lead in running the programs for  
8 like wildlife or fish and then this Western Arctic  
9 Caribou Herd Working Group or Task Force or whatever  
10 they call it is run by the State and still we're the  
11 ones that live in the caribou country, we were raised  
12 with the caribou and yet North Slope and Northwest  
13 Arctic were not -- did not have representatives there  
14 and then they had 20 in the group and they had a policy  
15 in there for having 20 voting groups and then the one  
16 other policy that they had was that none or no agency  
17 people, personnel would be -- who worked under any  
18 agencies would not be allowed in there and yet when  
19 Willie Goodwin came from Kotzebue he was inducted in as  
20 a voting member and yet he worked under Park Service  
21 and so with that I asked the Chair, who was Roy  
22 Ashenfelter, to see if North Slope or Northwest could  
23 be represented here with one representative each in  
24 this group because I felt at the time that it was  
25 important that North Slope and Northwest Arctic have a  
26 representative in there and then he said, well, we  
27 needed to write a letter to them. And if the North  
28 Slope Council and Northwest Arctic Council were  
29 interested, that they would vote a person in or to say  
30 so and so is going to represent us at the Western  
31 Arctic Caribou Herd group and so I said -- I told Roy,  
32 I said okay this would be on their next agenda and it  
33 would be discussed with the Council and for them to do  
34 what they want to do on this case.

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36 So that's where I'm coming from with  
37 that Western Arctic Caribou Herd representative.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any questions or  
40 comments to Barb from Council members.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Just a question on my  
45 part, Barb, in terms of this Western Arctic Caribou  
46 Herd Working Group, they must have something in a  
47 written format or paper materials that -- in regards to  
48 the organization and function of the organization as it  
49 is part of the State, they must have some kind of  
50 material that could be shared to learn more of how it

1 was formed, who it's representing and that stuff in  
2 basically a written format and maybe if we were  
3 provided that information it would be helpful.....

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5 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....to learn more of  
8 the organization. I have to say I am not -- I am not  
9 going to say I don't know them.....

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11 MS. ATORUK: Yeah, I hear you.

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....as a North Slope  
14 Borough employee, and working for the Department of  
15 Wildlife Management.....

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17 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....I know of the  
20 organization and we have, as the North Slope Borough,  
21 have observe and remain as an observer to the  
22 organization.....

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24 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....because of our  
27 differing opinions and I can't -- I'm not going to try  
28 to speak for the Department, I have to indicate that we  
29 have knowledge of the organization existing but it  
30 would be nice for the Council members to be provided  
31 that type of information to learn more of the Western  
32 Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group.

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34 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh, yeah, okay.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And.....

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38 MS. ATORUK: The only person that I saw  
39 from North Slope on the group was Inoch Atalaq (ph)  
40 from Wainwright and Isaac (Indiscernible) used to be  
41 there from Nuiqsut but then he didn't show up this fall  
42 and they give -- they give village concern reports at  
43 the start of the meeting and then they give reports on  
44 how -- and the health of the caribou and if there are  
45 caribou coming through their villages and it's that  
46 type of informational type of thing, it's kind of like  
47 an informal meeting but they're kept up to -- with --  
48 they put out their newsletter, it's the Caribou Trails,  
49 I think it is, it's supposedly sent out to every person  
50 from every region and I don't know if you guys ever

1 seen it up this way or not, probably just Inoch from  
2 North Slope and maybe just (Indiscernible) so I'll get  
3 the information, I'll get it out to you and if it's  
4 okay with you after that kind of information gets out  
5 if you would put it back up on your agenda in the fall  
6 -- at your fall meeting and you'll be better informed.  
7 I should have thought of that and did it this time.

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9 (Council nods affirmatively)

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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, I think that  
12 would be -- I was looking at it, the Council.....

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14 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.

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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....for the Council  
17 members and they're basically.....

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19 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....indicating  
22 nodding yes.

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24 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So I want to make  
27 sure we reflect that as this meeting is being recorded,  
28 okay, Tina.

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30 REPORTER: Yes.

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32 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So I think that would  
35 be our next step to learn, for the committee.....

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37 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....to learn.....

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41 MS. ATORUK: Okay.

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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....to be able to  
44 learn more of this organization and its functions. I  
45 think that's more -- more of this organization and its  
46 functions. I think that's only proper for them to do  
47 so. You know, I know we've had, again, from the  
48 Borough, the North Slope Borough, and different  
49 communities have taken part and attended meetings  
50 regarding this caribou herd.

1 MS. ATORUK: Okay.  
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So there's no.....  
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5 MS. ATORUK: Okay, for the.....  
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So there's no action  
8 needed at this time for Agenda Item 10.  
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10 MS. ATORUK: No.  
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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No. 11, Agenda Item  
13 No. 11, meeting, next meeting, Barb.  
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15 MS. ATORUK: Okay. For your next  
16 meeting, Fall 2010 we have August 24 and 25 here at  
17 Barrow, and we need confirmation on that date, and then  
18 we need to establish date and place for your winter  
19 2011 meeting and the calendars are back on Page 68 and  
20 69.  
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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: 2010 fall meeting,  
23 right, that's what we're looking at?  
24  
25 MS. ATORUK: Yep. That's your fall  
26 meeting, August 24 and 25 here at Barrow. We need  
27 confirmation on that if you still want to keep the same  
28 dates, if you want to cut it down to one day.  
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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We have currently  
31 identified August 24 and 25, Tuesday and Wednesday 2010  
32 for our meeting for our fall and then winter 2011, I  
33 don't see a -- we don't have the dates.  
34  
35 MS. ATORUK: Yeah, you need to set up  
36 the dates for your winter 2011, those need to be set  
37 today.  
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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So the window opens  
40 from February 15th to March 24.  
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42 MR. J. NAGEAK: In March, my son's  
43 birthday is the 17th and then we have Quest -- the  
44 Yukon meeting the last Friday and Saturday of February,  
45 so 22, 23, it will be warm.  
46  
47 MS. ATORUK: That's when they're busy  
48 getting ready for whaling though.  
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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yeah, I mean that's

1 what we had been concerned about in the earlier -- with  
2 other Council members, we're in the midst of  
3 preparation, you know, any time this window opens up  
4 and we thought about trying to have the meeting  
5 concluded, you know, by the 1st of March, you know, but  
6 that's up to the Council to make its recommendation.  
7 Council members if you -- what dates you prefer, I  
8 think we could accommodate those dates as being what's  
9 asked by the Council members.

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11 MR. KAYOTUK: How about February 24 and  
12 25, is that too.....

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14 MR. J. NAGEAK: I just told you that I  
15 have some meetings on the last two.....

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17 MR. KAYOTUK: Oh, okay.

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19 MR. J. NAGEAK: .....last Friday and  
20 Saturday of February.

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22 MR. KAYOTUK: Okay. Other than those,  
23 you know, in March, anywhere in March. Yeah, how about  
24 February 28, March 1st, you and I have to consider our  
25 first -- that's going to be our.....

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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yeah, I know it's --  
28 that's always the thing about.....

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30 MR. J. NAGEAK: And next year I believe  
31 it's -- I don't know.

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We could accommodate,  
34 you know, as what's been identified -- proposed for now  
35 two days but it could end up being one day. I just  
36 wanted to throw that out but it's up to you to help  
37 decide on what dates you all want.

38

39 MR. KAYOTUK: How about February 14 and  
40 February 15th.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: The window opens  
43 February 15, if that's when you guys want to discuss it  
44 -- it's still open for discussion, that's in the middle  
45 of the month.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: February 15th. So  
50 let me get back to the fall meeting, February -- Fall

1 2010, we have August 24 and 25, is that still good.

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3 (Council nods affirmatively)

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Start of fall

6 whaling.

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8 MR. J. NAGEAK: Good.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, it's still good

11 for me.

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13 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.

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15 MR. J. NAGEAK: Maybe just -- probably

16 just have a one day meeting here.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Depending on what we

19 got in terms of our agenda I think we need to be

20 looking at reports and stuff that we are provided. I

21 was indicating that several meetings we've been at it's

22 been that we're kind of rushed during the last day of

23 the meeting and we don't hear all these reports from

24 the agencies in regards to some of the concerns that

25 we've been dealing with and learning more of what the

26 agencies are doing regarding their respective areas in

27 the Federal Subsistence Management Program and wanting

28 to learn more of what research has been conducted and

29 what kind of result has been generated from the

30 research. That's pretty much -- you know, that's what

31 we've been lacking and have been rushed in regards to

32 the last couple of meetings but it's up to you all.

33

34 Those were the concerns Gordon and I

35 had voiced in regards to what was happening because

36 during the midst in the fall, late summer and early

37 fall we have a lot of interaction with people coming in

38 from outside the North Slope hunting and having

39 interactions with those flying in and causing

40 disturbances sometimes at subsistence camps and that's

41 what we've been hearing and, yet, we don't have a real

42 means of following up how to really minimize the impact

43 to those folks that, you know, expend all these

44 resources to get to their camp and a disturbance occurs

45 and they sometimes have to stay longer than what they

46 were anticipating to catch the resources and so that

47 has been a concern that's been voiced several times.

48

49 So I just share these comments and

50 thoughts that I have with me right at the moment. And

1 there's the different uses in the different areas,  
2 which also causes a little bit of a disturbance. I  
3 know from Kaktovik during the fall, again, the  
4 interaction to users, different users coming in and  
5 subsistence hunters being out, it was a part of a --  
6 you also hear it over in Nuiqsut, and a little bit here  
7 in Barrow, and it's been growing nearer, the concern's  
8 been voiced regarding Point Hope when Ray has been  
9 present at these meetings as well, that the numbers  
10 just continue to increase. These observations are  
11 being made by the subsistence hunters and it's just a  
12 growing concern all around and we need to be mindful of  
13 those concerns as well.

14

15 But getting back to the dates, the  
16 calendar is open, the fall meeting for August 24/25  
17 still stands.

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19 (In Inupiat)

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21 (Council nods affirmatively)

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, those ones are  
24 okay, we'll try for those dates. And then moving on to  
25 the next one, winter 2011 meeting, that's still open  
26 for discussion, recommendation.

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28 MR. LEAVITT: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Lloyd.

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32 MR. LEAVITT: I propose to have the  
33 meeting on March 7 and 8 2011 here in Barrow.

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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: March 7 and 8, how's  
36 that Lee.

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38 MR. KAYOTUK: Good.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: James.

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42 MR. J. NAGEAK: Good for me.

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Okay, Barb,  
45 we're in agreement with that 7 and 8 March 2011. Did  
46 we need to take it by motion or is that just.....

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48 MS. ATORUK: No.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....identifying that

1 is okay.

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3 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. We don't need  
6 action, we'll just identify March 7 and 8, 2011 winter  
7 meeting.

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9 MS. ATORUK: Yes, thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Let me put it on my  
12 note here. Okay, thank you, Council members.

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14 Agenda Item 12, call for proposals to  
15 change 2011/13 Federal subsistence fisheries  
16 regulations. Are we on those dates, are we looking  
17 that far ahead.....

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19 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....2011/13.

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23 MS. ATORUK: Yep.

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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we do we have any  
26 proposals for changes to the fisheries regulations?

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28 MS. ATORUK: No you don't, that's just  
29 calling for proposals. They're just letting -- you're  
30 just letting them know that it's now open to do fish  
31 proposals.

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Oh, we're just being  
34 notified.

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36 MS. ATORUK: Yeah, you're being  
37 notified.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We're being notified  
40 that the.....

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42 MS. ATORUK: The closing date will  
43 be.....

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45 MR. KRON: I think it's the end of  
46 March.

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48 MS. ATORUK: The end of March.

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50 MR. KRON: So this month or next submit

1 any proposals that you have for fisheries.

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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Call for proposals.  
4 I think we have been fairly fortunate that we don't  
5 have a real big commercial fisheries here for -- we've  
6 been fortunate that we've pretty much stuck with our  
7 subsistence fisheries and then we have to share -- like  
8 I was mentioning earlier share resources in the  
9 Colville that I'm not sure how it continues today, not  
10 having been around Nuiqsut for the last year and a  
11 half, I think, how that usage is being -- and not  
12 knowing how the family's doing there as well, the  
13 Helmricks family, you know, it seems to be they've  
14 gotten -- the name's kind of dissipating away because  
15 of all the different things happening, the father and  
16 mother must be getting to be elders, not -- and then  
17 the sons are moving on.

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19 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd, did you have a  
22 comment?

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24 MR. LEAVITT: No.

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So I just wanted to  
27 share that, yeah, so that's -- the community seems to  
28 be continuing to catch their fish when there's not that  
29 -- a big of competition over the resource, the  
30 communities seem to be happy from my observations  
31 anyway for the kaktak fishing in the fall.

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33 So if we're done with that, this is  
34 just the start of the -- opening for the call for  
35 proposals.

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37 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ben.

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41 MR. B. NAGEAK: For the record, when  
42 you look at the proposals for the fishing regulations,  
43 I think it kind of alluded to the fact that, you know,  
44 the conditions have changed over the years and, you  
45 know, it's -- we usually leave earlier, just go out  
46 there hunt fish, start fishing in September, you know,  
47 get caribou at the same time and in recent years it's  
48 -- you know, the ice doesn't usually freeze too much  
49 until later so I don't know whether those are taken  
50 into consideration when you ask for proposals for the

1 fisheries regulations on that, the time for fishing in  
2 the fall or whether that's been -- whether the changes  
3 in weather have impacted those seasons.

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you for your  
6 comment, Ben.

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8 Tom.

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10 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. The subsistence  
11 fishing regulations for the North Slope are very  
12 liberal and I don't think we've got regulations that  
13 impose certain dates on you, you know, people can  
14 basically just get what they need so I don't think --  
15 you know, even though people are seeing changes and I  
16 know Gordon has talked about those changes before,  
17 doesn't freeze over nearly as early as it did and it  
18 opens up earlier in the spring so -- but, again, I  
19 guess, having looked at the regs, and you should look  
20 at them yourself and see if you think there is an issue  
21 there but they're very liberal, some of the most  
22 liberal subsistence fishing regs in the state. You can  
23 take what you need when you need.

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25 MR. B. NAGEAK: And in the summertime  
26 also?

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28 MR. KRON: Yep.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom, before you go  
31 any other questions or comments to Tom.

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33 (No comments)

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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ben, you know, I keep  
36 stating some of these things but I have so many  
37 thoughts trying to go through on the different  
38 resources and availability and call for proposals,  
39 specially specifically to the regulations but is there  
40 in regards to research of migratory species and some of  
41 the new fish that are -- like for instance a fish that  
42 was found out here just off the coast of Barrow, you  
43 know, that's something that we really don't hear of in  
44 terms of the new findings of migratory species and  
45 invasion of moose species coming on, they may already  
46 existed but we're just learning of them as well. You  
47 know there was a fish that was found by one of my  
48 cousins here in Barrow, it was a Greenland wolffish  
49 (ph) and it's something that we don't normally see  
50 here. I mean it had washed up on the beach and the fox

1 is already eating on a segment of the tail but the head  
2 and the remaining body were -- and it was a big fish  
3 and it ended up on the beach somehow after a storm last  
4 fall.

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6 But these are the kind of concerns that  
7 we need -- I'm not sure how you cover them in terms of  
8 regulations and not knowing what to -- you know we've  
9 heard about this North Pacific Fisheries Management  
10 Council, I don't know how we interact with them in  
11 terms of what's been -- what they've been subjecting to  
12 -- it's the moratorium for 10 years, not to get into  
13 the Arctic, but then what happens after that  
14 moratorium, is this something that we need to start  
15 looking into to learn more of and how it impacts our  
16 subsistence fisheries.

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18 Tom.

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20 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Again, for this  
21 program, the Federal Subsistence Management Program, it  
22 basically applies to the freshwater systems and inside  
23 of the headlands so essentially it's the waters that  
24 flow out of the Federal land management units in the  
25 North Slope. And for that whole area, for subsistence,  
26 under the Federal regulations, you can catch all fish  
27 with no limit year-round. So, you know, again there  
28 are no dates in there that should be an issue for you  
29 at this time.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.

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33 MR. B. NAGEAK: Tom.

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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ben.

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37 MR. B NAGEAK: Sorry I keep coming

38 here.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: It's all right.

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42 MR. B. NAGEAK: But Harry brought out  
43 about something I've been thinking about over the last  
44 several years in terms of, you know, the change in  
45 climate up here with the oceans and the river systems  
46 and the lakes and all that stuff and he brought out  
47 something I've been thinking about, last summer when I  
48 was out late -- late August I went out during the  
49 storm, it was a beautiful night, but it was windy, lots  
50 of waves so I went out towards the point and I saw a

1 couple of trawlers over at (indiscernible), they were  
2 parked away from the ocean side and they were -- to the  
3 other side, (indiscernible) what we call, you can't  
4 mistake the trawlers, you know, and so -- and I agree  
5 with Harry that we need to start thinking about, you  
6 know, those types of things because it might have an  
7 impact, it might, it might not. But with fisheries,  
8 you know, there are countries in the Arctic that are  
9 starting to get territorial, although it's 200 -- I  
10 don't know how many miles it is up here, 200 miles,  
11 for, you know, those types of things. But if you see  
12 -- you start seeing fishing boats like that starting to  
13 come here, you know, it may or may not have an impact  
14 on our subsistence fisheries. So I would like to have  
15 at least, you know, start thinking along those lines.  
16 Because I see the problems over in Yukon River, I heard  
17 Senator -- or not Senator, but Representative -- I  
18 could see his face, Don Young, this morning, during a  
19 talk show, they were talking about the fisheries and  
20 thinking about establishing a hatchery in the Porcupine  
21 River and among other things, you know, to try to come  
22 up with a solution for all that fishing and some of the  
23 stuff that's going up the Yukon River, down in the YK  
24 and all the way up to Fort Yukon. So there's a whole  
25 lot of things out there that are happening that, you  
26 know, may or may not have an impact on our fisheries  
27 here but, you know, when we start hearing those kind of  
28 things, you know, it's time to start taking stock as to  
29 what's happening in your area so you can be prepared  
30 for those things.

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32 Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Ben.

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36 If there are no further questions or  
37 comments we'll go on to our next agenda item.

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39 (No comments)

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Before we go on I'd  
42 like to acknowledge that we have representatives from  
43 our Native Village of Barrow here, our executive  
44 director Thomas Olemaun and his staff, maybe I'll have  
45 him introduce the staff.

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47 MR. OLEMAUN: Good afternoon,  
48 everybody. Thomas Olemaun, Native Village of Barrow,  
49 executive director, president of the Council. I have  
50 wildlife director Joe Sage and Ernest with wildlife

1 grant through Native Village of Barrow to work with  
2 Ernest on -- I was just looking over this thing and --  
3 pertaining to the information about subsistence and  
4 what not, through education wise about regulations and  
5 laws on the State and Federal guidelines.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tommy.

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9 We're down to Agenda Item 13, agency  
10 reports. Beginning with 13A is Office of Subsistence  
11 Management.

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13 Tom.

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15 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
16 Council. The only thing we have and, again, it's just  
17 here for your information, I don't have any kind of a  
18 summary at all, but the letter from Special Assistant  
19 Pat Pourchot concerning the Federal Subsistence Program  
20 Review. And, again, it's a couple pages, but it's  
21 there for you to read. It's a briefing on the comments  
22 that they've received through the review process thus  
23 far. So take a look at that when you have time.

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25 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tom. I'd  
28 like to share a couple of comments in regards to this.  
29 I did attend the first meetings of Regional Council  
30 Chairs and it also coincided with the meeting of Alaska  
31 Federation of Natives. That also occurred in line with  
32 the meeting for the Chair persons to attend a meeting  
33 in Anchorage last fall. Like I said, I attended that  
34 first meeting, but I was not able to commit to meeting  
35 -- participate or attend the second call of meetings  
36 due to conflicting commitments, work-related. And what  
37 Gordon and I got, real quick, was, you know, the first  
38 time we ever get to be absent in a meeting and it gets  
39 reflected that we weren't present.

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41 I mean the thing that caught us both  
42 was that it came back on that newsletter that comes  
43 out, that Arctic Sounder.....

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45 MS. ATORUK: Arctic Sounder.

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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....I was just  
48 thinking the same thing, you know, the first time we  
49 ever are not present at a meeting we got noted as being  
50 absent and then I must have had the -- Gordon must have

1 had the thought in reading this same newspaper just the  
2 day prior and he said I was going to call you Harry,  
3 why did this happen, with all the -- without even being  
4 consulted we got reported absent.....

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6 (Laughter)

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: .....that we didn't  
9 have a presence at the meeting. But I have to say  
10 these were important meetings in trying to reflect the  
11 opportunity to provide comments on what's working and  
12 what's not working for our Regional Advisory Councils  
13 and so I had indicated at that first meeting that we  
14 didn't have problems with our Regional Advisory  
15 Council's representation and then other concerns that  
16 we've repeatedly had to deal with was the compensation  
17 for participants, which, it just seems like the  
18 interest is low because of what they learn after -- how  
19 compensation for the membership or attendees to these  
20 meetings are compensated, and that -- and that ended up  
21 being a reason for low numbers of applicants being  
22 identified. But I think if that was somehow addressed  
23 it would be -- at some point in time that needs to be  
24 thought about. I think it was something that was  
25 shared. And there's other concerns in regards to the  
26 shortage of resources, I used Kaktovik as an example in  
27 terms of what the situation is within the Kaktovik area  
28 and first -- with the introduction of a species, the  
29 population went up -- there's a little bit of surplus  
30 for the community hunt and grew large enough to where  
31 there was a permitted hunt with the remaining outside  
32 the Brooks Range and that got to be a competitive use  
33 for awhile and then the population dwindled and it went  
34 right back into the -- basically -- call those Tier  
35 hunts -- permitted hunts that get advertised, that  
36 worked for a few years but also it has its problems.

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38 So that was one I identified.

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40 And then trying to identify another  
41 resource that could be made available in a time of  
42 need, of new game, they're not able to take the muskox  
43 now, now there's something else that we -- that's  
44 continually available is the sheep that's easily  
45 harvested but it may be reached limitations, I'm not  
46 sure, not having heard all the reports in terms of how  
47 the population is going and fluctuating in time and the  
48 uses.

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50 Another thing was in regards to the

1 moose. We had discussed and generated a proposal for  
2 them to be able to take a moose and the distance they  
3 had to go to get to that moose was a little bit  
4 disheartening because of the zoning that occurred and  
5 where the resource could be taken, although it was a  
6 transient animal. They had provided kind of a zoned  
7 area where they could go take the moose and take it all  
8 the way back to the community. That was kind of a hard  
9 one to try to swallow in terms of allowing a moose for  
10 hunt.

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12                   So these are some of the comments that  
13 I had made at the time of the meeting with Pat in  
14 Anchorage -- you have to help me with his last name.

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16                   MR. KRON: Pourchot.

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18                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Pourchot, thank you.  
19 And I had mentioned these issues and just reflecting  
20 back to some of the comments that were generated. I  
21 also commented on this 70/30 council membership, you  
22 know, we have rarely anything to -- besides our  
23 subsistence communities on the North Slope, we don't  
24 have that interaction with the commercial and sport  
25 because they're all outside and we don't have a service  
26 provided for these other uses, although there are  
27 individual people that have their own aircraft and are  
28 able to fly across the Brooks Range and conduct hunts  
29 elsewhere along the North Slope, you know, and there is  
30 some restrictions as to where they can do that. But in  
31 terms of our representation that's been an issue for  
32 us. It's taking away a couple of seats that could be  
33 filled if it was just the subsistence communities, you  
34 know, but that -- with that we're not -- we don't have  
35 a fulfillment of our representation from the number of  
36 seats that are open for the communities.

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38                   So I just reflect on some of these  
39 things and I wanted to share with you that we were --  
40 these are very serious issues within the North Slope  
41 and we wish to continue voicing them and try to get a  
42 remedy -- or meet us at least halfway to get to how to  
43 best meet the needs of the communities on the North  
44 Slope.

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46                   Maybe I'll stop here and ask Council  
47 members to see if they may have any comments on this  
48 segment of the agenda. Office of Subsistence  
49 Management's letter coming from Pat Pourchot, Special  
50 Assistant to the Secretary of Alaska Affairs.

1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If not.....

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5 MR. LEAVITT: I do.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Oh, Lloyd, okay, yes.

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9 MR. LEAVITT: I was thinking of  
10 thoughts of how I should approach this -- my thoughts  
11 are that the Federal Subsistence Board should be  
12 working with the tribal government on the consultation  
13 agreement, and that way the tribal government would be  
14 able to better mind to -- and assist our tribal members  
15 -- for Federal government employees and see there is in  
16 the back that the Migratory Bird Treaty, which we  
17 brought out earlier on the Federal duck stamps can be  
18 exempt from requirement to purchase the Federal duck  
19 stamp and/or as I stated earlier work with the tribal  
20 government on issuing the Federal duck stamp otherwise  
21 we'll have a lot of citations issued to our tribal  
22 members and it shouldn't be the way it should be.

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24 In my opinion all the Federal  
25 government wants from us is to be self-determined and  
26 self-sufficient. We are at that especially with our  
27 subsistence way of life. And the Federal government  
28 needs to recognize that the tribal government has  
29 enforcement officers in place, too, and that they can  
30 co-manage along with the Federal government, that is  
31 the only input I put against the Migratory Bird Treaty  
32 Act. The only way we're going to assist and help each  
33 other is doing this consult -- is doing a consultation  
34 agreement with the tribal government. The tribal  
35 government is here for our tribal members.

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh. Is that it  
38 Lloyd.

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40 MR. LEAVITT: Yeah.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Lloyd.  
43 Those are very good comments and keeping apprised of  
44 that level of communication is important. You know  
45 what we addressed with Fred this morning, you know, is  
46 something that's fastly approaching and yet we still  
47 don't have a remedy to be mindful of our constituents  
48 through the Federal government and in our relationship  
49 with our Native Village of Barrow or ICAS -- continuing  
50 the communications would be of importance. I think it

1 is being addressed but it somehow needs to put a little  
2 more weight to the impacts that are going to be  
3 generated from this.

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5                   Some of the outcome was in the -- in  
6 terms of the law that's been passed under the Migratory  
7 -- the revisited Migratory Bird Treaty Act was -- the  
8 Governor had put in some of the -- the previous  
9 Governor, not the new Governor, the previous Governor  
10 had taken away some of the conditions that were being  
11 asked for by the subsistence representatives and were  
12 not reflected as well in terms of how the Migratory  
13 Bird Treaty Act was amended so we're having to deal  
14 with a lot of these issues internally now and the  
15 outcomes of these decisions that were made.

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17                   Lloyd, did you have another comment.

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19                   MR. LEAVITT: Yes.

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21                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead.

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23                   MR. LEAVITT: I guess my question would  
24 be was the North Slope Borough approach the tribal  
25 government on consultation to co-manage the polar bear  
26 and the walrus and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, that  
27 was a request about a month or so ago before the last  
28 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, did speak with  
29 (indiscernible) and gave her ideas of if the tribal  
30 government is unwilling or is not willing to step up,  
31 asked her to do a consultation agreement and have the  
32 tribal governments sign it so that the North Slope  
33 Borough Department of Wildlife can better manage our  
34 subsistence uses here.

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36                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thomas.

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38                   MR. OLEMAUN: Thomas Olemaun for the  
39 record, Native Village of Barrow, executive director.  
40 Yes, we did work on the Migratory Bird issue. We had  
41 an agreement signed with the US Fish and Wildlife  
42 Service, UIC Native Village of Barrow, ICAS on the  
43 Migratory Bird but on the marine mammal, polar bear and  
44 walrus issue we -- since the North Slope Borough have  
45 30-plus year knowledge about all our marine mammals,  
46 land mammals, terrestrial mammals up here on the North  
47 Slope, need to work together to -- ask the Federal  
48 government to cooperate -- I mean we do work greatly  
49 but it's to betterment our tribal members out there  
50 because the North Slope residents, the Borough

1 residents are the same members as tribal members and  
2 the regulations, you know, we've been looking over.

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4                   The prime example was the Migratory  
5 Bird issue on spectacled and steller eiders but that's  
6 been resolved due to our MOA agreement with Fish and  
7 Wildlife Service and in 2009 we never had an incident  
8 with steller and spectacled eider issue. But on the  
9 marine mammals, we'll work greatly with North Slope  
10 Borough and get things rolling because it's a hot topic  
11 now days especially with the walrus and the polar bear  
12 because of the sea ice going further out, we have  
13 walrus haulouts out on the North Slope area, have even  
14 polar bear out in the tundra or at fishing camp now  
15 days, past three, five years, so it's been a big issue  
16 right now with our other entities but Lloyd is correct,  
17 that we need to work as a Federal, you know, government  
18 to government consultations because we have a different  
19 -- a lot of agencies up here in Barrow with different  
20 areas, but, us, as a Federal recognized tribe, need to  
21 say hello to a tribal government, for ICAS or Native  
22 Village of Barrow because we do have a wildlife  
23 department under the Native Village of Barrow to hear  
24 any concerns or comments in our area.

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26                   Thank you.

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28                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tommy.  
29 Did that help, Lloyd.

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31                   MR. LEAVITT: Yeah, is the tribal  
32 government willing to assist in distributing the  
33 Federal duck stamp through the Federal Fish and  
34 Wildlife or the bird divisions they have here?

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36                   MR. OLEMAUN: Yes, we are working on  
37 that. We have a meeting the 25th, February, with  
38 Geoff, the big director, Geoff Haskett; is that right,  
39 Joe, so he'll be coming up here and meeting with us  
40 with the tribal agencies and North Slope Borough UIC.

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42                   MR. LEAVITT: So that is open to the  
43 public.

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45                   MR. OLEMAUN: It should be, I'll  
46 doublecheck.

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48                   MR. LEAVITT: The advertisement should  
49 already be going out. These are hot topics here, they  
50 need to be advertised as much as possible.

1 MR. OLEMAUN: All right, I'll make a  
2 note of that.  
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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Happy Lloyd.  
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6 MR. LEAVITT: Yeah.  
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tommy.  
9 Any other questions or comments regarding the Office of  
10 Subsistence Management report to Regional Advisory  
11 Council.  
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13 (No comments)  
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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None. Thank you,  
16 Tom, Tommy, Lloyd.  
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18 Moving on down to Agenda Item 13B,  
19 agency reports National Park Service.  
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21 MR. RABINOWITCH: Good afternoon, Mr.  
22 Chairman.  
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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sandy.  
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26 MR. RABINOWITCH: I'm Sandy Rabinowitch  
27 with the National Park Service. And this morning I put  
28 on the table in front of you all a two page stapled  
29 piece of paper and on the very top it said -- the first  
30 three words, it says, National Park Service, and I'll  
31 give you a moment to find that. I know you have a lot  
32 of papers there, and if somebody doesn't have one I've  
33 got extras here. And I'm passing copies around to  
34 those sitting around the table also.  
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36 Does anyone need another copy or has  
37 everyone been able to find it.  
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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: National Wildlife  
40 Refuge.  
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42 MR. RABINOWITCH: National Park  
43 Service.  
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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Park Service.  
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47 (Laughter)  
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49 MR. RABINOWITCH: Here I'll just bring  
50 you one.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Just checking.  
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3 MR. RABINOWITCH: They're nice guys  
4 too.  
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6 (Laughter)  
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, thank you.  
9 Okay.  
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11 MR. RABINOWITCH: So I thought what I  
12 would do is just highlight a few things here, I won't  
13 read all this to you, there's a lot of words on the  
14 pages.  
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16 And I would start by saying this has  
17 been put together by Dave Krupa, who works for the  
18 National Park Service in Fairbanks. He works with  
19 Gates of Arctic National Park. So I'll make a joke and  
20 say if you have any really hard questions I probably  
21 don't know the answers.  
22  
23 (Laughter)  
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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If you have easy ones  
26 I'll try.  
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.  
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30 (Laughter)  
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32 MR. RABINOWITCH: So, just, again, to  
33 highlight a few things here that I think you might be  
34 interested in, some things you've touched on already  
35 today.  
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37 The first is you remember here James  
38 Nageak was appointed to the Gates of the Arctic SRC, I  
39 believe, last year, if I have that correctly and we're  
40 glad that he's on board with the SRC. And that  
41 Subsistence Resource Commission will actually have its  
42 next meeting in April here in Barrow, in fact. Earlier  
43 in the day one of the proposals -- so I'm just kind of  
44 jumping -- just kind of jumping randomly down these.  
45 Earlier in the day you heard one of the wildlife  
46 proposals to do some kind of housecleaning and one of  
47 the experiences that we had last year here on the North  
48 Slope with the local college having an interest to take  
49 sheep in Anaktuvuk Pass in the summertime, actually  
50 kind of resulted in that wildlife proposal, but I think

1 everybody had a good experience. The permitting did  
2 work itself out okay. The college and the Park Service  
3 working with the Office of Subsistence Management were  
4 able to make that permit happen and then I believe the  
5 hunt was successful, which was good. And then elders,  
6 teachers and community members from Anaktuvuk Pass  
7 participated in the camp and the course that was held  
8 in Anaktuvuk in the summer. So that, I think, turned  
9 out a good experience and we look forward to more of  
10 that in the future if a community is interested.

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12                   Jumping a ways further down there was  
13 some discussion of moose, so one of the items here is  
14 that there's a cooperative project in GMU 24A and B so  
15 that's to the south of Anaktuvuk involving the Park  
16 Service, State Fish and Game, BLM and Fish and Wildlife  
17 Service and it's continuing on through the end of  
18 October. They're putting additional collars on moose,  
19 tracking them about every eight hours. So more  
20 emphasis on moose management in the months to come.

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22                   Also you were talking about dall sheep  
23 earlier, the last bullet on this first page has quite a  
24 bit of information about sheep survey work that the  
25 Park Service has been doing, both in 2008 and 2009, and  
26 then as I turn the page, I believe that in this lengthy  
27 paragraph it indicates that there'll be additional work  
28 repeated in the summer of 2010 to try to continually  
29 improve these survey methods. And I would mention,  
30 because there was some question about this, that what  
31 it says here on the page is that survey results from  
32 both of the areas that have been surveyed, I believe  
33 more the Central Brooks Range, around Anaktuvuk, and  
34 the Western Brooks Range toward Kotzebue indicate that  
35 the populations have been recovering, you know, the  
36 numbers have been increasing. There were steep  
37 declines in the '80s and '90s so the numbers are coming  
38 back but they're not back up as far as they were in the  
39 '80s. Okay, so they're coming that way but they're not  
40 that high yet again. And I'm pretty sure -- well,  
41 actually in your annual report that Barb was going over  
42 with you, you know, you have some questions about sheep  
43 and I'm reasonably sure that we could bring some more  
44 information to the table in the fall for you and give  
45 you more detailed information about what's being found  
46 from those surveys.

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48                   Then the next bullet down is an item  
49 that I believe you have heard about once. I'm actually  
50 not completely certain about that. But the Park

1 Service was asked probably about two years ago now, to  
2 allow the collection of shed horns and antlers, either  
3 naturally shed by the animals, either on an annual  
4 basis or with horns if the animal dies, or horns or  
5 antlers that are discarded by hunters. So you might  
6 take a caribou, you choose not to take the antlers, you  
7 leave them, that there are some people who want to be  
8 able to collect those horns and antlers and put them to  
9 other uses, like handicrafts, as a for example. So a  
10 lot of people don't know that on Park Service lands  
11 currently that's not a legal activity. Our regulations  
12 say that you can't do that and the regulation -- or the  
13 request is to change it so that you could do that. So  
14 we've been working our way through an environmental  
15 assessment to evaluate that. Our progress through this  
16 winter has been very slow mostly because we're  
17 overwhelmed by all the Federal Subsistence Board  
18 hunting proposals, the 108 proposals the Federal Board  
19 has coming, and our efforts will pick back up again at  
20 the end of May when the Federal Board cycle comes to an  
21 end. And so, again, in your region that really affects  
22 you way to the south in Gates of the Arctic Park and  
23 we'll be back in front of you at future meetings and  
24 tell you about our progress and then ultimately what  
25 recommendations are made.

26  
27 Let me see, bumping quite a bit further  
28 down I see that there's a bullet that says ACRN, that  
29 stands for the Arctic Central Network. It's an  
30 inventory and monitoring group of people that work for  
31 the Park Service and that they're going to be doing an  
32 aerial survey in Gates of the Arctic about brown bears,  
33 trying to get a better handle on abundance density and  
34 general occupancy about brown bears. And there will be  
35 a focus in the Itkillik Preserve, which is north of  
36 Anaktuvuk -- I think north and just a little east of  
37 Anaktuvuk Pass so that'll be an area where there'll be  
38 doing that brown bear work.

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40 And then on the last page, I would also  
41 note that the Park Service is in the process of  
42 updating a 1986 General Management Plan so it's --  
43 think of it as the big plan for the whole Park. It was  
44 written -- or last written and completed in 1986, it's  
45 been 23, 24 years now, so beginning a process of  
46 updating that. And things of note, things that have  
47 really changed some are discussions about climate  
48 change, land status, including changes that came about  
49 in 1996 with a land exchange with Anaktuvuk Pass. I  
50 believe that took about 10 years, from the mid-80s to

1 the mid-90s to occur and that exchange occurred and so  
2 that's changed some things. Opening of the Dalton  
3 Highway to the public, a lot of technology has changed  
4 and I don't need to tell anybody about that. And so  
5 there'll be public meetings in various communities, I  
6 don't have a schedule so I don't know when or where but  
7 there will be public meetings, both later this month  
8 and through April to discuss that, that big plan for  
9 Gates of the Arctic Park.

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11 So I'll leave it at that. There's a  
12 lot of other things on these pages. If you have any  
13 questions I'm happy to try to answer them and you can  
14 always reach Dave Krupa and if he's got his -- actually  
15 he doesn't have his phone number on here but if anybody  
16 wants it I can give it to you and you could reach him  
17 and ask any further questions.

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19 So that's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sandy, I heard you  
22 say Arctic -- inventory and monitoring program but it  
23 doesn't reflect the acronym, AR -- is that something  
24 different?

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26 MR. RABINOWITCH: I don't know. It's  
27 possible I didn't give you the completely correct name  
28 here. The Park Service, a number of years ago, got  
29 quite an infusion of money, this was around the whole  
30 United States, got quite an infusion of money to do  
31 inventorying and monitoring of wildlife, fish, plants,  
32 all manner of things; and so it's kind of a separate  
33 program within the Park Service, but it's completely  
34 within the Park Service and that's what this acronym  
35 stands for. I apologize if I'm not getting the letters  
36 and the name completely right. I believe it stands for  
37 Arctic Central Network -- the AR Arctic, the C Central,  
38 the N Network, but, again, I may not have that  
39 completely correct and I apologize that I don't have  
40 that down. I don't work very regularly with people in  
41 that program. As I say it's kind of a stand-alone,  
42 long-term monitoring program that has sort of three,  
43 four years under its belt now and so it's starting to  
44 -- I think you'll see more of it in the future, you'll  
45 hear more information coming out of it and I think that  
46 would be useful and, you know, beneficial to things  
47 you're interested in.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, just a follow  
50 up comment. I have a problem with acronyms because I'm

1 making a new title for it already.  
2  
3 (Laughter)  
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Arctic Research  
6 Central Network.  
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8 (Laughter)  
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10 MR. RABINOWITCH: All right.  
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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Maybe.....  
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14 MR. J. NAGEAK: That's why you could go  
15 GAAR, GAAR.....  
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17 (Laughter)  
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19 MR. RABINOWITCH: That one I know, that  
20 GAAR stands for Gates of the Arctic National Park.  
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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.  
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24 MR. RABINOWITCH: The Park Service has  
25 a four letter acronym for every National Park in the  
26 whole United States, and Gates of the Arctic is GAAR,  
27 Denali National Park is DENA, DENA, that's just -- when  
28 I first started to work for the Park Service I looked  
29 at this stuff and said, what is this but over the years  
30 I've learned it all so, you know, now I don't think  
31 about it, but that's what that is.  
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Just a comment, I  
34 mean if we could probably include a list of the  
35 acronyms to see what they mean.  
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37 MR. RABINOWITCH: That's a very good  
38 recommendation.  
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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Because I'm trying to  
41 -- like I said I was trying to remember but then it's  
42 missing something here, Arctic Research Central  
43 Network, and I keep looking at the ARC, what the heck  
44 am I missing here.  
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46 MR. RABINOWITCH: Yeah. But I think  
47 what I just wrote down for the future is don't use  
48 acronyms we can just spell out the words it'll be a lot  
49 easier.  
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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, it'll be helpful  
2 for us.  
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4 MR RABINOWITCH: Then we'll both know  
5 them.  
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We're pretty much a  
8 lot of people just reading a lot of stuff and so not  
9 knowing what all the acronyms mean, that would be very  
10 helpful.  
11  
12 Tommy.  
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14 MR. OLEMAUN: Tom Olemaun. On antlers,  
15 shed horns and antlers on the caribou.  
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17 MR. RABINOWITCH: Yes.  
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19 MR. OLEMAUN: I know we use other parts  
20 of the animal for arts and craft, the hide, jaw bone,  
21 all those other stuff, but is that the number to call  
22 Dave, that 455-0631?  
23  
24 MR. RABINOWITCH: Yes, it is on the  
25 back and my friend here to the right here pointed out  
26 that we do have his phone number on here. I didn't see  
27 that. I also -- I'm working on that project and so if  
28 you have questions I'm happy to talk with you on that  
29 also.  
30  
31 MR. OLEMAUN: Because we do a lot of --  
32 well, each village has their own arts and crafters in  
33 town and we do use -- I mean those arts and craft  
34 people, you know, they do utilize not just the antlers  
35 for arts and crafts, they have other parts of the  
36 animal to put on and display out for sale.  
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38 MR. RABINOWITCH: Right.  
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40 MR. OLEMAUN: That's my only comment  
41 was they just use more than the antlers on the caribou.  
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43 MR. RABINOWITCH: And, Mr.  
44 Chairman.....  
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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Sandy.  
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48 MR. RABINOWITCH: .....if I may, again,  
49 this particular project only in your region affects  
50 Gates of the Arctic Park, you know, quite a ways to the

1 south. And it's simply a -- it's kind of an artifact  
2 of the fact that the Park Service is a national  
3 organization as you all know and in the Lower 48 states  
4 there's a lot less consumptive use, here in Alaska it's  
5 different, and so the way all the regulations work now  
6 basically if you hunt the animal then you can take it  
7 all and use it, but if you don't hunt it and you're in  
8 the country and you see them it's illegal to pick them  
9 up if you're in one of those Park Service areas. So  
10 this is a discussion to make that legal so they can be  
11 used if you haven't hunted the animal.

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tommy, did that help  
14 with your comment.

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16 MR. OLEMAUN: Another thing, too, is to  
17 probably put a State of Alaska map and put a circle for  
18 Gates of the Arctic or whatever Park it's in because  
19 new members or new people that come in and attend  
20 meetings don't know where Gates of the Arctic is.

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22 MR. RABINOWITCH: Okay.

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24 MR. OLEMAUN: Because, you know,  
25 meaning Arctic we think the whole North Slope is Arctic  
26 but if you say something else in a certain area then  
27 it'd be better to print a map of the North Slope or  
28 circle where the Gates are -- where the boundary lines  
29 are or what not because, you know, when they say  
30 Arctic, to me, you know, I'm thinking the whole North  
31 Slope so that's another thing.

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33 MR. RABINOWITCH: Okay, it's a good  
34 comment.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Does that help you,  
37 Tommy.

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39 MR. OLEMAUN: Yes.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Lee.

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43 MR. KAYOTUK: In this area, is it all  
44 work being done on the south side of Anaktuvuk Pass for  
45 the projects?

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47 MR. RABINOWITCH: The answer would be  
48 both on the north and south side depending on the  
49 individual project But the Gates of the Arctic Park is  
50 both in Unit 26, North Slope and on the south side

1 also.

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3 MR. KAYOTUK: Thank you.

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.

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7 MR. LEAVITT: Experience on the collars  
8 that are being installed on caribous, I asked Geoff  
9 Carroll and hit him with a collar pretty hard several  
10 years ago. Are you installing collars on still growing  
11 caribou?

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13 MR. RABINOWITCH: I don't know the  
14 answer.

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16 MR. LEAVITT: Are you guys installing  
17 collars on young caribou? I've come across two  
18 caribous -- I killed two caribous where there's a green  
19 collar on caribou, where I take the head off and  
20 barely, barely pulled that collar off due to the fact  
21 that the caribou has grown and this caribou was pretty  
22 sick, too, from having been starving. The collar was  
23 buried tight around the neck. It took me awhile to  
24 remove it from the neck. This was after I took the  
25 head off even. And I was questioning Geoff Carroll on  
26 who installs the collar and are they full grown, I was  
27 never given the answer. Today I still wonder if we're  
28 installing collars around young caribous that are still  
29 growing.

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31 The other issue, you're saying you put  
32 GPS on collars, well, low and behold, caribous do  
33 separate. If you think there's a herd of caribou in  
34 one spot that's been wintering, it could be that one  
35 caribou who roam in there and it's a fact that's known,  
36 so there needs to be some way of better monitoring  
37 rather than the collars and the GPS and to insure that  
38 the caribous are full grown when you install these  
39 collars. And you also have to consider their summer  
40 and fall feeding years when they grow nice and fat.  
41 That is probably never considered either.

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43 MR. RABINOWITCH: The one question that  
44 you asked, I do not know the answer to that but I will  
45 try to get the answer and get it back to you so that  
46 you get a reply.

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48 MR. LEAVITT: Thank you.

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50 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. This is George

1 Pappas Fish and Game.  
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, George.  
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5 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, just follow up on the  
6 collar comment, what color were the collars?  
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8 MR. LEAVITT: They were green ones, the  
9 light glow green ones.  
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11 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you. Through the  
12 Chair, I'll pass that along to the managing staff and  
13 leadership to find out if we had that type of collar  
14 installed.  
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16 Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, George.  
19 Was that George?  
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21 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)  
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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, thank you.  
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25 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, George Pappas.  
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any  
28 other questions or comments.  
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30 (No comments)  
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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sandy I was just  
33 trying to follow up on the -- I wrote down a question  
34 on where when you were going through the bullet points  
35 on NPS nationwide scoping effort for traditional and  
36 customary use of shed horns, and this is going to be  
37 within the Arc -- just the Gates of the Arctic, it's  
38 not going to be open to elsewhere?  
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40 MR. RABINOWITCH: I'm sorry, I didn't  
41 hear the beginning of what you.....  
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Is this -- it says  
44 National -- the NPS has begun a nationwide scoping  
45 effort on traditional and customary uses of shed horns  
46 and there's a -- and the collection of the land  
47 material for use in handicraft. Is that just within  
48 the Gates of the Arctic, or is that going to be  
49 applicable elsewhere?  
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1 MR. RABINOWITCH: Thank you for  
2 repeating that so I could understand the question.  
3 Only within Gates of the Arctic Park in your region.  
4 It's actually -- we're doing this for all of the  
5 National Park areas in the whole of the state but in  
6 your region it would just be Gates of the Arctic Park.  
7 It was the same thing that -- I apologize, I don't know  
8 this gentleman's name, but.....

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tommy.

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12 MR. RABINOWITCH: .....the same  
13 question that he was asking, it's the same answer, only  
14 the National Park lands.

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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any  
17 further questions or comments to Sandy.

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19 Lee.

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21 MR. KAYOTUK: For the caribou, how long  
22 does the collar stay on before they could actually go  
23 back to get a location and stuff like that?

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25 MR. RABINOWITCH: Again, I'm sorry to  
26 say I don't know the answer to that but I will add that  
27 into the list and get an answer for you.

28  
29 MR. KAYOTUK: Okay, thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ernest, did you want  
32 to come down. Ernest is on one of the Native Village  
33 of Barrow Staff and we'll allow him to ask questions.

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35 MR. E. NAGEAK: I have worked with  
36 Geoff Carroll for a couple years and every year they  
37 make improvements on the collars and they're much  
38 smaller now and almost all collars have extra strap to  
39 this day and it gives them slack about four inches.  
40 These collars only last about a year and they have to  
41 switch them out on each caribou and they have been  
42 pretty healthy these last couple years, to answer your  
43 comments.

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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Thank  
46 you, Ernest. If there are no further questions, Sandy,  
47 thank you.

48  
49 (No comments)

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1 MR. RABINOWITCH: Thank you, Mr.  
2 Chairman.

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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We'll continue with  
5 our agency reports under 13, Agenda Item 13, we have  
6 13C, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Vince -- Vincent  
7 Mathews.

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9 MR. MATHEWS: Well, I really appreciate  
10 the Park Service going first because they did point out  
11 that I'd like you to turn to Page 122 in your Federal  
12 reg books, we need to make sure we're all talking about  
13 the same area.

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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: 22.

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17 MR. MATHEWS: It's Page 122. And  
18 you're going to see there the pink lands to your right,  
19 and you're going to see the Arctic National Wildlife  
20 Refuge, it's on Page 122 -- on the State one I didn't  
21 know if it was colored right so I didn't go that way --  
22 while you're searching for that, I'll introduce myself.

23  
24 I'm Vince Mathews. I'm the Refuge  
25 subsistence specialist for Arctic, Kanuti and Yukon  
26 Flats. I appreciate coming back to the North Slope. I  
27 started off this whole career in the North Slope.  
28 James and I had a good talk this morning. My Master's  
29 Degree was on Anaktuvuk Pass and the Park Service. And  
30 from there I worked for Fish and Game and Department of  
31 Natural Resources on the Oil Spill and then I finally  
32 ended up at OSM with Barbara for the past 16 years and  
33 then December I took on this new job. So my  
34 relationship with you will be to come to your meetings,  
35 I'll be on your nominations panel and I'll be your  
36 contact for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and any  
37 Fish and Wildlife Service, if there's not other Staff  
38 here.

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40 So with that the reason I directed you  
41 to Page 122 in the book is you should have this little  
42 handout, and we're going to throw you another acronym,  
43 but this is a better one, no, none of them are any  
44 good, to be honest with you.

45  
46 (Laughter)

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48 MR. MATHEWS: But basically Arctic  
49 National Wildlife Refuge is embarking on its planning  
50 process and it is called a Comprehensive Conservation

1 Plan, called CCP, but I will avoid CCP as much as I  
2 can.

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4 But basically similar to the Park  
5 Service's planning effort, it is a plan that outlines  
6 and guides long-term management for the Refuge. And  
7 the future of the Refuge is concerned, not only to  
8 visitors who come to find adventure and solitude but to  
9 local residents, that would be you, dependent on the  
10 subsistence resources and to other Americans who have  
11 satisfaction of just knowing that the Refuge is there.

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13 If you look in the center column there  
14 it will give you the purposes of ANILCA, I mean for the  
15 Refuge in ANILCA, I won't go over that, but the other  
16 Councils I've dealt with they always went back to that  
17 when they came to an issue for a particular  
18 conservation unit. But below that are three bulleted  
19 questions; that's the purpose of going out with this  
20 planning process:

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22 How should the Refuge be managed to  
23 best meet its purposes.

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25 How can the Fish and Wildlife Service  
26 provide the public with the greatest  
27 freedom to use and enjoy the Refuge  
28 while insuring the unique values.

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30 What issues, concerns or opportunities  
31 should be addressed.

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33 The Refuge will be, I don't know if  
34 I'll be involved with it, but I've got a faint feeling  
35 I'm going to be involved with it heavily, is there'll  
36 be public meetings throughout your area. Right now  
37 they're looking at meetings in Kaktovik, Arctic  
38 Village, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Fairbanks, Anchorage and  
39 Washington, D.C. So we'll be coming up this way on  
40 scoping meetings.

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42 And then, finally, for those that are  
43 internet savvy, at one Council meeting we were  
44 corrected that the only webs that most people have in  
45 certain villages are the spider webs in the corner, but  
46 for those that know about internet webs, there's an  
47 internet web you can also contact. And I won't attempt  
48 to read it, but it's over there in the right-hand  
49 column.

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1                   So if you have any questions about the  
2 Comprehensive Conservation Plan, that's forthcoming.

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4                   And then I'll try to field any  
5 questions on the Refuge. The Refuge has been heavily  
6 involved in this planning process. They're also  
7 involved with the 50th anniversary for the Refuge being  
8 established, so they're madly basically running around  
9 working on that, and rumor has it that they're actually  
10 going to see if they can get the President to come, but  
11 I don't know if that's going to actually happen.

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13                   So any questions at all for Arctic  
14 Refuge or anything else in general on Fish and Wildlife  
15 Service that either Tom or I could answer, or other  
16 Staff. There'll be a lot more paperwork coming out on  
17 the CCP, you're lucky to get one page right at this  
18 point.

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20                   (Laughter)

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22                   MR. MATHEWS: There'll be a lot more  
23 coming out.

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25                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.

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27                   MR. LEAVITT: There is nothing at ANWR.  
28 All these years it's just been talk, there is nothing  
29 at ANWR, when is this ANWR going to be taking over the  
30 political sector?

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32                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm not sure.....

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34                   MR. MATHEWS: The Arctic is definitely  
35 a political thing and that's why it's getting the high  
36 attention that it is and the scoping plan, scoping as  
37 well as the CCP, Comprehensive Conservation Plan will  
38 be -- I would guess there'll be thousands of comments  
39 from across the nation as this moves along. Again,  
40 I've not been involved in one of these but I'm sure  
41 that it's on the attention of a lot of different groups  
42 and that's why it's brought up to you, hopefully, the  
43 different wildlife and management bodies you have on  
44 the North Slope will definitely get involved in this as  
45 well as the tribes. It's your future that's on the  
46 docket.

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48                   Yes.

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50                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.

1 MR. LEAVITT: You know that's fine,  
2 there's nothing at ANWR, just leave it.

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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Lloyd.

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6 James.

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8 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah, I know that -- I  
9 grew up in Kaktovik, that there are allotments in the  
10 area and my question would be what's the status on  
11 right-of-way to get to your allotment, like say  
12 Kaktovik?

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14 MR. MATHEWS: Are you asking about  
15 access or getting actual title to an allotment or both?

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17 MR. J. NAGEAK: Both, I guess, I don't  
18 know. My concern is that the allotment could be near  
19 (indiscernible) and you live at Kaktovik, how are you  
20 going to be able to make use of your Native allotment  
21 if there is a restriction on access to your allotment  
22 by land?

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24 MR. MATHEWS: Well, I'll have to check  
25 into that but my general understanding is, is the  
26 Refuge does not restrict your access to allotments.  
27 BLM may have more information on this. But I believe  
28 inholdings is the term we use for allotments, there's  
29 usually easements or there's direct access to them, to  
30 get to them. I don't know if someone else can speak on  
31 that, but I can check on that, but my understanding is  
32 the Refuge would not put restrictions on you getting to  
33 your allotment if that's the question.

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35 MR. KAYOTUK: Not summer or winter,  
36 right, during the summer, too, for the restrictions.

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38 MR. MATHEWS: Is it the technology used  
39 to get there, the transportation, well, that's over my  
40 head but I will check into it. You're talking what can  
41 you use to go there with in like summer?

42  
43 MR. J. NAGEAK: Right.

44  
45 MR. MATHEWS: Okay.

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47 MR. J. NAGEAK: Like in Anaktuvuk Pass,  
48 luckily we had ATVs before Gates of the Arctic came  
49 along and so we're able to use those like the eight-  
50 wheelers.

1 MR. MATHEWS: I'll check into that and  
2 work it through Barb to get back to you but I'm drawing  
3 a blank on that and if other Staff knows, but I don't  
4 know if Fish and Wildlife Service has different levels  
5 of technology that can be used.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tommy and then Ben.

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9 MR. OLEMAUN: On the Native allotment  
10 issue, that's why they need to do a government-to-  
11 government consultation of needs tribal government in  
12 the area because Native Village of Barrow does have a  
13 realty department, as for ICAS too, so they're in  
14 charge of allottee who owns in certain area and yes we  
15 do have allotment owners, you know, in certain areas of  
16 the map and through a resolution from each tribal  
17 entity, you know, they're free to go over that  
18 allottee, get the allottee's name, say if they're going  
19 to go in their area and what not but everybody through  
20 the tribal governments that has office up here in  
21 Barrow, either through the Native Village of Barrow or  
22 Inupiat Community of Arctic Slope that deals with  
23 outlying villages or their tribal government in each  
24 village for Native allotment issues.

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26 Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tommy.  
29 Ben.

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31 MR. B. NAGEAK: Once upon a time long  
32 ago I used to be the Chairman of the Gates of the  
33 Arctic Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource  
34 Commission and we started out with a hunting plan about  
35 that thick, maybe thicker, with people from the various  
36 villages involved in the National -- in the Gates of  
37 the Arctic, and by the time that we got done with the  
38 Park Service, the Park Service was the worst -- I mean  
39 in those days, I don't know how they are today, but it  
40 was like they didn't budge on anything, by the time we  
41 were done it was about -- that thing was about that  
42 thick, the hunting plan. And access was one of the  
43 things that we had problems with when I was the  
44 Chairman of that.

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46 And the SRC came into the picture and  
47 they had some lands within the Gates of the Arctic Park  
48 and Preserve so in order for the people in Anaktuvuk to  
49 have access to their hunting areas and into some of  
50 their allotments, they had to give out -- they had to

1 give up a chunk of their land in order for them to have  
2 access to those areas. So, you know, the Park Service  
3 wouldn't, you know, budget without any land being put  
4 on the table so the SRC -- I've always been thankful  
5 for them because, you know, they gave up some land  
6 within those areas that was really good in my mind and  
7 they came into the picture and helped us out in terms  
8 of access for those hunting areas.

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10                   And one time when my Uncle Perry was  
11 charged going into the ANWR -- that's where I was born,  
12 in Kaktovik, I was raised here until I was six years  
13 old, we moved here to Barrow, but I was -- I remember  
14 my uncle was charged for going into his hunting area,  
15 my Uncle Perry before he died. And that was quite a  
16 big to-do over there because, you know, he'd been going  
17 there to his hunting area -- I went over there one time  
18 in the summertime by boat, was out by in front of (In  
19 Inupiat), I mean if you want a good swimming hole in  
20 Kaktovik, go to (In Inupiat), man that -- the mouth of  
21 that river is just so warm and you can swim and have  
22 such a good time there. But, you know, he wasn't  
23 allowed to go into his usual hunting areas until -- I  
24 don't know what happened but finally it was resolved,  
25 but he was charged for trespassing on areas where he  
26 traveled before. So those are some of the histories  
27 that are told. Because a lot of those people, you  
28 know, gave up a lot in order for those people who are  
29 living there now to have those rights that they had  
30 before Parks and the Refuges were established. So, you  
31 know, when you start talking about some of these  
32 things, you know, there was a whole lot of hurt before  
33 there was some remedies to those hurts.

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35                   Thanks.

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37                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Ben.

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39                   Any other comments.

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41                   (No comments)

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43                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Vince.

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45                   MR. MATHEWS: No, I'll just get back to  
46 you on the question on access to allotments and then  
47 how that will be covered or addressed within the -- I  
48 don't want to use the acronym, Comprehensive  
49 Conservation Plan.

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1                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: In this little shaded  
2 area in regards to ANILCA, you know, to provide an  
3 opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local  
4 residents and that's something that continues to be a  
5 part of the plan as well in terms of the use of the  
6 resources.

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8                   MR. MATHEWS: Yes. That's why I  
9 pointed out the purposes of ANILCA, that's the statute,  
10 what we're talking about is a Comprehensive  
11 Conservation Plan, which is several steps down from  
12 that.

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14                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.

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16                   MR. MATHEWS: So I always encourage  
17 people to go back to the statute, the law that  
18 established the Unit to find out what it was for. And  
19 I'm not saying there's not going to be lawsuits on that  
20 either but that's the reason that that Refuge, the  
21 Parks has its own, you know, but that's the basis of  
22 these Units.

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24                   CHAIRMAN BROWER: I just make that  
25 comment because I'd like to make sure we continue  
26 having representation from our villages which is very  
27 important to disseminate some of this information as  
28 well, although there may be effort by Staff from Arctic  
29 National Wildlife Refuge and having an office there and  
30 disseminating more information or community meetings,  
31 it's always also good to have people represented from  
32 the Regional Advisory Council to help learn and  
33 understand and probably raise questions if there are no  
34 questions to be asked. So I just wanted to make sure I  
35 shared these comments because these are a part of my  
36 concerns as I've been hearing with the Regional  
37 Advisory Council to try and continue to have equal  
38 representation from our outlying villages and these  
39 things are very important. And if we don't take that  
40 -- use that tool, I mean, which is provided for us,  
41 it's kind of unmeaningful -- or not meaningful to being  
42 an active participant to these -- such as this item,  
43 planning for its future. You know we have a lot of  
44 other uses that are within the Arctic National Wildlife  
45 Refuge that we don't hear all about but a majority of  
46 what we hear are on the north side of the Refuge, we  
47 don't really see or understand what's happening on the  
48 south side.

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50                   So that's why I make these comments. I

1 think I'll continue to state that because we need  
2 continued representation from our villages to voice the  
3 issues on subsistence and learning of impacts by  
4 different users and what's available and what's not  
5 available to the subsistence resource hunters.

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7 I'll stop here and share those thoughts  
8 with you, and, thank you, Vince.

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10 MR. MATHEWS: Thank you, Chair, and the  
11 Council.

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Well, maybe I'd like  
14 to take a request for a five minute break at.....

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16 MR. J. NAGEAK: (In Inupiat)

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, I know.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I don't know if I can  
23 stand up right now.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 (Off record)

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29 (On record)

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Maybe at this time  
32 I'd like to call the North Slope Regional Advisory  
33 Council meeting back to order after a brief recess.  
34 We're on Agenda Item 13 agency reports. We just heard  
35 from Vince Mathews with the Arctic National Wildlife  
36 Refuge. We're down to Agenda Item 13D, Alaska  
37 Department of Fish and Game.

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39 MR. ATORUK: We don't have anyone here  
40 for Fish and Game unless George Pappas has  
41 anything.....

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43 MR. PAPPAS: George Pappas, here, no,  
44 we do not have any presentations. Thank you, Mr.  
45 Chair.

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47 MR. ATORUK: All right, thank you.  
48 Then we have Susan Bucknell.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Susan.

1 MS. BUCKNELL: Thank you. Good  
2 afternoon. For the record my name is Susan Bucknell.  
3 I work with the State Fish and Game Advisory Committees  
4 in Norton Sound and Kotzebue, and not only the North  
5 Slope region. And just in response to a few things  
6 I've heard here today I thought I would point out some  
7 proposals that are coming up before the Board of Game  
8 for their Interior meeting, which happens February 26th  
9 to March 7th.

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11 And first I'll mention, maybe, I heard  
12 comments about bears getting into things and that you  
13 had to do DLP, if you shot them during the summer. And  
14 last November at the regional Board of Game meeting in  
15 Nome, the Board of Game actually liberalized and  
16 extended the season for brown bear take up here in Unit  
17 23 -- I mean sorry, 26.

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: 26.

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21 MS. BUCKNELL: And precisely for that  
22 region to make it so that people can take bears during  
23 summer when they're out at camp when before it would  
24 have to be a DLP now the season will be open. So  
25 you'll have to check on the details but it sounds like  
26 you've.....

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Could you identify  
29 what the acronyms you're identifying? I don't think we  
30 -- I might know it but if you could share it with.....

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32 MS. BUCKNELL: I don't even know what  
33 acronyms I used.

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35 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Defense of life  
36 and property.

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38 MS. BUCKNELL: Oh, I'm sorry, DLP is  
39 defense of life and property.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: DLP.

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43 MS. BUCKNELL: I thought I heard that  
44 here today.

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46 MR. J. NAGEAK: DLP?

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48 MS. BUCKNELL: Yeah.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Defense of life and

1 property.

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MR. J. NAGEAK: Okay.

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MS. BUCKNELL: And with the State, the State wildlife system, if you have to shoot a bear or there's even been muskox defense of life and property cases, if it's -- like you don't have a permit, it's not hunting season, you shoot it anyway, then there's a lot of rules; you have to fill out the paperwork, you have to bring in the hide, you have to do a lot of stuff that maybe is kind of a burden on people. So if you could just take it like you were hunting a bear and you shot it it would be a lot easier. So you'll be able to do that under more circumstances.

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But coming up, I'll just say this is the Board of Game proposal book. There is several that come out every year. There's -- every two years it's a regional meeting for the Northwest Arctic area.

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CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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MS. BUCKNELL: But this is for the Interior region, so this covers like 26C and down towards Anaktuvuk Pass area. I know some people in Barrow do get these books. If anyone else wants to be on the list to get the Board of Game proposal books talk to me or you can go to the State website, go to Board support and you can sign up for the mailing list so you'll know the proposals that are coming up, the comment deadlines, the calls, if there's proposals you want to submit.

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So coming up for this one there's a proposal by the Department to shorten the non-resident hunting season for Porcupine Caribou and to reduce the bag limit from five caribou down to just one for non-resident hunters and that's in parts of 25, Unit 25 and also 26C, so that might have some impact on people who hunt in that area.

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There's one that would -- and this is from Jack Reakoff, Jack Reakoff has several in here, I don't know if you're familiar with him, but it would change the resident season and bag limit for caribou in 22B; another one that would do the same, another one that would do the same.

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And Proposal 105 would develop a

1 management plan for the Central Arctic Herd in Units  
2 26B and 26C.

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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Could you restate the  
5 last one, developing management plan for.....

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7 MS. BUCKNELL: Yeah, Proposal 105 would  
8 develop a management plan for the Central Arctic Herd  
9 in Units 26B and 26C. That one also is submitted by  
10 Jack Reakoff.

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12 Proposal 107 would open a general  
13 hunting season for moose in Unit 26C as follows, and  
14 that one was submitted by the Anchorage Advisory  
15 Committee, the State Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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17 So mostly I wanted to make people aware  
18 that if they want to be more tied into getting  
19 information about the State system to contact me or go  
20 to the State web page and that -- and I would like to  
21 say, too, that the State and Federal systems have  
22 worked, I think, really well and hard over the years to  
23 try and align the two seasons, so, whenever they can  
24 they make them the same instead of having things a  
25 little different here and there. But it's really an  
26 ongoing process and the more local participation we get  
27 into that the better it is for everybody.

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29 So that's about it, Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any  
32 questions to Susan from the Council members.

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34 MR. KAYOTUK: On the brown bear, is  
35 that for the whole North Slope or just for Unit 26?

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37 MS. BUCKNELL: I'm really sorry I don't  
38 remember. But what I do remember is that was at the  
39 regional meeting, which I think is just 26A, I think  
40 26B and C fall into this Interior Board of Game  
41 meeting. And so logic tells me that it must have been  
42 for 26A because it was addressed in Nome at the Arctic  
43 area regional proposals. I can sure get you that  
44 information in more specific detail. I just don't  
45 remember.

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47 MR. KAYOTUK: Thank you.

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49 MS. BUCKNELL: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Susan, for  
2 your presentation.

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4 We are now down to 13E, Bureau of Land  
5 Management, Dave Yokel.

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7 MR. J. NAGEAK: (Yodeling)

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9 (Laughter)

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11 DR. YOKEL: I'm not going to hire you  
12 as an interpreter anymore James.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Quit picking on our  
17 friend, Dr. Yokel. Dave.

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19 DR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
20 Council members. If it's my turn on the agenda that  
21 means we're right damn near -- darn near the end,  
22 excuse me.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 DR. YOKEL: Usually when my turn comes  
27 up I've got about two minutes left or it's already past  
28 5:00 o'clock and everybody's already zipping up their  
29 briefcases and jackets and starting to run.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you for  
34 reflecting that Dave.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I know that's been my  
39 concern.

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41 (Laughter)

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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's been my  
44 concern in the past several meetings when we get down  
45 to the last part of the agenda we're either taking real  
46 short cuts and not really addressing the issues that we  
47 should be addressing.

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49 DR. YOKEL: Well, I thought I had  
50 learned my lesson this time and instead of putting a

1 lot of effort into a nice PowerPoint presentation and  
2 something for you I decided to keep it pretty short and  
3 no visuals and here I see I've got two hours today.

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5 (Laughter)

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7 DR. YOKEL: So you can't win for  
8 losing.

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10 (Laughter)

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12 DR. YOKEL: But, anyway, again, I work  
13 for the Bureau of Land Management, that's Bureau of  
14 Land Management some know it as the BLM but we'll stay  
15 away from acronyms today. And in following Vince's use  
16 of the map on Page 122 the primary of Bureau of Land  
17 Management managed lands on the North Slope involve the  
18 National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, which is the large  
19 orange parcel directly south of Barrow, and that's the  
20 Unit that I'm involved in -- yeah, Page 122 of that  
21 book there. Here you can use mine, Tommy.

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23 MR. OLEMAUN: Thank you.

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25 DR. YOKEL: So I'm going to just give  
26 you a real brief update of our activities in the  
27 National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, or NPR-A, if I may.

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29 The BLM continues to work cooperatively  
30 with the North Slope Borough and Alaska Department of  
31 Fish and Game on monitoring of the Teshekpuk Caribou  
32 Herd, which does include collaring. And we've been  
33 collecting satellite location data on this herd since  
34 1990 now, originally with very few collars per year,  
35 that number has increased in recent years as more money  
36 has come into the effort through the impact funds.  
37 We're getting a very good data set now in terms of  
38 being able to establish what we might refer to as  
39 baseline information on how this herd uses the land up  
40 here and I call it baseline because at present there  
41 are no oil and gas developments within the NPR-A. If  
42 we do have development in the NPR-A in the future then  
43 we'll have some good information on how the caribou use  
44 the land in the absence of oil development and if we  
45 see a change then we'll try to figure out if it's  
46 because of oil development or climate change or some  
47 combination and see if there's any further mitigation  
48 we need to do with our management of oil and gas  
49 development to further mitigate impacts on caribou.

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1                   But anyway that program continues and  
2 in my opinion is going pretty well. And in trying to  
3 answer some of Lloyd's concerns earlier, in the  
4 beginning of this program we put these collars only on  
5 adult cow caribou with the idea of the neck growth  
6 being one of the concerns. Just putting them on adults  
7 of any gender wouldn't work because, of course, the  
8 bulls necks expand every fall during the rut. Now days  
9 there are, as Ernest mentioned, there are collars --  
10 the collar technology itself, not just the electronics  
11 that go on the collar but the collars themselves, the  
12 technology has advanced and there are expandable  
13 collars that seem to work pretty well and we have just  
14 last summer put some satellite collars out on bull  
15 caribou from the Teshekpuk Herd. Now, we're not doing  
16 it in the Teshekpuk Herd yet, but there has also been  
17 some experimentation, I think, on the Central Arctic  
18 Herd with collaring calves for a short period with,  
19 again, expandable collars, and then coming back and  
20 removing them at some point in the future, but still  
21 there is growth occurring, especially in that first  
22 summer of the calves life where the collars have to  
23 expand, and so far I haven't heard of any problems with  
24 those collars. I'm not denying what you saw, things do  
25 happen, things can go wrong, hopefully things are  
26 improving and it appears that, although we may be  
27 having some adverse impacts on some individual caribou,  
28 the information that we're gaining on the population as  
29 a whole, I feel, is valuable enough that if we do have  
30 some adverse impacts on one or a few caribou that it's  
31 worth it. It's tough on the individual but it helps us  
32 manage the population as a whole.

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34                   To continue on, the BLM is working with  
35 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game or helping them  
36 with logistics, anyway, on a study of the willows along  
37 the Colville River. If you've been following the moose  
38 population along that river it grew quite well for  
39 decades until the middle 1990s and it dropped  
40 precipitously, it seemed it was making a comeback early  
41 in this century, it grew again, not quite to its  
42 original size and then a couple of years ago seemed to  
43 be in trouble again. So among other things we're  
44 trying to look at the summer forage along the Colville  
45 River and assess the value of that forage to moose, the  
46 quality, and see if that might have anything to do with  
47 the problems the moose population is having now.

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49                   The BLM is also working with the North  
50 Slope Borough, Alaska Department of Fish and Game and

1 some private consultants in fisheries studies in the  
2 Northeastern NPR-A, and we've actually put some tags in  
3 some fish here and we're learning some pretty  
4 interesting stuff about how fish move, say between the  
5 Ikpikpuk River system and the Colville River system,  
6 and into some of the small lakes off of the rivers in  
7 the NPR-A. Again, this will give us some good  
8 information if development does occur in that area.

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10 And then as for current oil and gas  
11 activities in the NPR-A, it's very quiet this winter.  
12 We have no exploratory drilling going on at all this  
13 winter. There is one seismic operation that's  
14 occurring primarily on State and private lands in the  
15 Colville River Delta this winter, going on right now,  
16 it does extend slightly into the NPR-A. That's the  
17 only activity we have going on in the NPR-A this  
18 winter.

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20 And then finally if you follow the news  
21 about Alpine, the Corps of Engineers just came out with  
22 a decision a week and a half ago denying ConocoPhillips  
23 a permit for their proposed bridge across Nigliq  
24 Channel. If that bridge had been permitted they would  
25 have begun construction on it next winter, a year from  
26 now and that would have opened up the development of  
27 some -- of three small oil fields west of the Colville  
28 River within the external boundaries of the NPR-A, now,  
29 we'll have to wait and see what's going to happen with  
30 that.

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32 And that's all I had planned to tell  
33 you, Mr. Chairman, I'll be happy to try and answer any  
34 questions.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Dr. Yokel,  
37 for your presentation. Any questions to Dave from the  
38 Council members.

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40 MR. KAYOTUK: Dave, on your collared  
41 caribou, is there a better technology other than  
42 putting collars on the necks? Is there -- I mean you  
43 guys have been doing it for over 15, 20 years now,  
44 there's got to be a better way to have a better  
45 satellite system than putting collars around --  
46 collared caribou.

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48 DR. YOKEL: Well, the shorter answer to  
49 you is that if there is a better way it hasn't been  
50 figured out yet. Pretty much around the world right

1 now, in terms of radios on ungulates, which include  
2 caribou, it goes on, a collar around the neck. There  
3 are different ways of attaching radiotags to different  
4 species. One of the species that has had a bigger  
5 problems with collars over the years has been the polar  
6 bear. The polar bear, as you know has a neck that's  
7 just about bigger than it's head, it's hard to put a  
8 collar on a polar bear and get it to stay there if it's  
9 not fairly snug and it can cause some wear, at least  
10 the fur, if not the skin on the polar bear. Now we are  
11 experimenting, and the BLM is cooperating with the US  
12 Geological survey on this, with putting some tags that  
13 were developed for seals on polar bears. One of them  
14 goes in the ear, it's very small, relative to the size  
15 of a polar bear, I wouldn't want one hanging from my  
16 ear, but they actually put a plug through the cartilage  
17 in the ear and that holds the little radio there and  
18 it's actually a GPS tag that transmits information to  
19 the satellites. And another one is made to glue on to  
20 the back. There are tags made for marine mammals that  
21 can be shot with a dart gun and they -- well, I think  
22 you probably have some experience recently with bowhead  
23 whales here with some of these kind of tags, and they  
24 just stick into the outer skin and the animals carry  
25 them around that way and those seem to work pretty well  
26 on those kinds of critters. With some of the birds,  
27 like eider ducks, and also fish, tags are usually  
28 surgically implanted into the gut of the animal with  
29 the antenna hanging out of the vent and that works  
30 pretty well for these kind of animals that spend a lot  
31 of time in the water.

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33                   But for the caribou and other  
34 ungulates, right now, the collar around the neck is  
35 still the best thing that we have.

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37                   And, again, I won't say that there are  
38 no animals out there that have any adverse impacts from  
39 these collars. What I personally maintain is that we  
40 don't see any increased mortality. We don't see any  
41 higher level of mortality in our collared animals than  
42 we see in caribou in general. We don't see any  
43 difference in reproductive success of our collared  
44 animals than we see in caribou in general. And so I  
45 feel that the benefits we get from this collar  
46 information outweigh any negative costs of it, to the  
47 animals.

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49                   MR. KAYOTUK: Thank you.  
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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other questions  
2 of comments.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Dave, I have a --  
7 going back, as you were making your presentation and  
8 your comments in regards to these different areas, I  
9 was just jotting notes down, the Corps of Engineers  
10 denying Conoco's proposal, I guess I didn't hear the  
11 reasoning of the denial. You said there was something  
12 about a bridge?

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14 DR. YOKEL: Well, back in, I think  
15 2004, the Bureau of Land Management led a planning  
16 effort for the expansion of the Alpine Oilfield. It  
17 was called the Alpine Satellite's Development Plan, and  
18 the BLM took the lead agency role in that because a lot  
19 of the oil that would come out of that would come out  
20 of the NPR-A, but there were multiple agencies involved  
21 because there was private and State land involved as  
22 well. The Corps of Engineers has a role because they  
23 are, under Federal regulations they are the managers of  
24 wetlands, Federal waters, and the record of decision  
25 for that plan was signed in 2005 and it then allowed  
26 this bridge over the Nigliq Channel, which would be for  
27 both traffic, vehicle traffic and for a pipeline to  
28 bring three phase fluids, that is, all the liquid that  
29 comes out of the ground back to Alpine. And when you  
30 produce oil you get a mix of oil and water and gas and  
31 then it has to be processed in a processing facility to  
32 separate those three different fluids and what goes  
33 down the TAPS, TransAlaska Pipeline System is mostly  
34 the oil, also some natural gas liquids. But in pipes  
35 three phase or multi-phase fluid has different  
36 corrosive effects than just sales oil and  
37 ConocoPhillips was concerned about putting a pipe under  
38 the river bed with three phase fluids and they may have  
39 been concerned about cross, too, I don't know about  
40 that, but they favored the bridge proposal and in the  
41 record of decision that was approved. However, it  
42 required other concurrences, they still had to get  
43 their permit from the Corps of Engineers and they had  
44 to work out some agreement with the village of Nuiqsut  
45 too because their lands were involved some in this  
46 process. They worked it out with Nuiqsut but on the  
47 bridge over the channel, the US Fish and Wildlife  
48 Service and the US's Environmental Protection Agency  
49 both disapproved of the bridge concept because of the  
50 value of the Colville River Delta itself as an

1 ecosystem and I guess that they prevailed with the  
2 Corps of Engineers and the Corps has denied that permit  
3 and suggested, I think, a better alternative would be  
4 directional drilling underneath the channel for a pipe,  
5 which is how the Alpine oil currently gets back to Pump  
6 Station 1 through the main channel of the Colville  
7 River, is through a pipe that goes underneath the river  
8 bed.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. In  
11 regards to other activities on BLM lands and you  
12 indicated that it's been very quiet, one operation's  
13 going on and.....

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15 DR. YOKEL: I'm sorry, what?

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You indicated that  
18 there was only one operation going on within NPR-A?

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20 DR. YOKEL: This winter there's only  
21 one exploration program ongoing.

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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25 DR. YOKEL: There's no drilling taking  
26 place this winter. There's one seismic operation  
27 that's primarily off of NPR-A lands in the Colville  
28 Delta but its boundaries do include a little bit of  
29 acreage within the NPR-A.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. And I recall  
32 being on part of the subsistence advisory panel and I  
33 didn't hear you mention anything about the panel. Is  
34 it dysfunctional now that there's no activity on there?

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36 DR. YOKEL: We have for the last couple  
37 of years had a lot of difficulty in getting panel  
38 members to attend the meetings.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Hum.

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42 DR. YOKEL: We've had meetings with  
43 only one or two members. And so we have thought about  
44 and are still trying to implement a different idea of  
45 Ben and Lon Kelley, our office manager, traveling to  
46 different villages, attending Council meetings and  
47 trying to interact with the local people that way and  
48 get their concerns about our management of the NPR-A.  
49 But, no, there hasn't been a meeting of the subsistence  
50 advisory panel for a couple years now -- well, we had a

1 meeting last spring or late winter last year in Nuiqsut  
2 but I think we only had a couple people there.

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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I had some follow up  
5 comments in regards to how this is not ongoing and  
6 there was some research that was being addressed  
7 through the subsistence advisory panel and identified  
8 subjects for research in terms of concerns and  
9 regarding activity within BLM lands and where is that  
10 in terms of -- since there's been no meeting of the  
11 staff and not knowing where to follow up  
12 recommendations for topics for research and no -- I'm  
13 not sure if they continued to conduct the research or  
14 not but.....

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16 DR. YOKEL: I'm not remembering right  
17 now just exactly what research was suggested at a past  
18 meeting. We certainly are continuing our normal  
19 monitoring and research programs in the NPR-A.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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23 DR. YOKEL: Most of our renewable  
24 resources work, which is primarily wildlife and  
25 fisheries, hydrology, that work is primarily done in  
26 summer or at break up and freeze up. We have little  
27 ongoing in the winter, but those things do continue.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I was trying to  
30 recall whatever that -- what it was called before it  
31 got changed to that NSSI stuff, I'm not -- it seemed to  
32 have gotten lost.

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34 DR. YOKEL: Oh, okay, well, the  
35 research and monitoring team?

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, yeah, there we  
38 go, yes. I was trying to recall what it was called.

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40 DR. YOKEL: It was called the RMT.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 DR. YOKEL: For research and monitoring  
45 team.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 DR. YOKEL: That group no longer  
50 exists. Our former State director, I guess you could

1 say, got all he wanted from it. That group's last  
2 meeting was in, I think, the spring of 2005, it gave  
3 the State director a product, which was a strategy for  
4 developing monitoring plans in the NPR-A, and it  
5 included 10 focal areas, 10 issues, if you will, that  
6 that group recommended BLM look at first.

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8 We have not received funding to address  
9 all 10 of those, we have been taking out of our normal  
10 funding little bit money here and there. We put  
11 together a fisheries monitoring plan, that one was  
12 completed a couple years ago and it is being  
13 implemented and I referred to it indirectly when I  
14 talked about our fisheries work. The next plan that we  
15 started was the caribou monitoring plan, that one had  
16 several difficulties in contracting and it is still  
17 incomplete. We had a plan to do with social cultural  
18 issues and that one is complete now, Stacy MacIntosh  
19 took the lead on that.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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23 DR. YOKEL: And I believe this fiscal  
24 year we are going to start developing monitoring plans  
25 for the molting goose issue around Teshekpuk Lake and  
26 perhaps one or two others but it hasn't been decided  
27 what yet.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All right. I got  
30 other comments but maybe I'll just stop and see if --  
31 Ben, did you want to raise a comment or a question.

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33 MR. B. NAGEAK: Your comment about the  
34 subsistence advisory panel, the way I understood it was  
35 the panel was set up in order to address some of the  
36 issues that were brought about by resource development  
37 and its impacts on the subsistence activities and as an  
38 avenue for the resource -- for the industry, an avenue  
39 for them to report to the local people in a setting --  
40 in a public setting so they can talk directly to the  
41 people and to the panel and to the members that are  
42 directly impacted by resource development. For the  
43 past couple years, as you know, the amount of activity  
44 has dwindled because of oil, you know, interests always  
45 wanes or vamps up every time -- you know, it's  
46 according to the price of oil and whatever, so Lon was  
47 concerned that, you know, there are some other issues  
48 that we needed to talk to people about so what he  
49 wanted to do was to go out to the villages and talk to  
50 some people, especially to the tribal governments, and

1 to hear from them as to what we should do in terms of  
2 responding to some of the issues that come up, not only  
3 in resource development now but, you know, with changes  
4 made in our environment.

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6 So we tried a couple times, it depends  
7 a lot, Lon is real busy with some of the issues. The  
8 State BLM director has set up a new system for a lot of  
9 things so he's been working with Bob Schneider and  
10 traveling back and forth so he's been real busy over  
11 the past several months. So hopefully he'll slow down  
12 this summer and we can go back to what we intended to  
13 do.....

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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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17 MR. B. NAGEAK: .....to talk to people  
18 locally.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Ben. The  
21 reason I bring this up, Dave, is I remember there was  
22 some research on some of the old sites that had exposed  
23 due to the thawing on the old exploration sites and  
24 what kind of impacts those exposures might have cost to  
25 the immediate area of those old drill sites and not  
26 having -- you know the research started but, again, I  
27 was -- and new members have -- and now I hear there's  
28 hardly any meetings going on and I'm not sure if those  
29 concerns have been addressed or not in terms of their  
30 findings or if the research continues.

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32 DR. YOKEL: If you're referring to  
33 containments from some of those old sites I don't  
34 believe we ever did begin studies of actual  
35 contaminants effects. Containments was one of the 10  
36 issues that the research and monitoring team had on  
37 their list primarily to look at the impacts of any  
38 contaminants from future development. Now, there have  
39 been two, as you know, two major exploration programs  
40 in the NPR-A in the past. The first was by the Navy  
41 back in the late '40s and early '50s and there were  
42 dozens of wells drilled around the NPR-A then and one  
43 of the most well known areas, especially to the people  
44 from Barrow, is out in the Cape Simpson area, where  
45 there were natural seeps before the Navy got there and  
46 then the Navy came along and some of their practices  
47 weren't very good from our modern standards anyway, and  
48 if you go back now you can see that the combination of  
49 that drilling program and the natural seeps has left  
50 what looks like some pretty ugly messes in places. And

1 then there's also the Department of Interior's  
2 exploration program in the late '70s, early '80s after  
3 the Congress transferred the NPR-A from the Navy to the  
4 Department of Interior and there were about 28 wells  
5 drilled, I think, during that program. I don't think  
6 there have been any significant problems with  
7 contaminants from those wells. Our biggest concern  
8 with those in recent years has been wells that have  
9 been endanger of eroding into the ocean as the  
10 coastline erosion has accelerated. And so we began, a  
11 few years ago, a very expensive program of plugging and  
12 abandoning the most at-risk wells among those. We also  
13 did some plugging and abandoning efforts on some of the  
14 worst Navy wells at Camp Simpson and also on some of  
15 the Navy wells in the Umiat area.

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17 But as far as actual studies of  
18 contaminants, I'm not aware of any that the BLM, at  
19 least, has taken on.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Dave. Any  
22 other questions or comments from the Council.

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24 DR. YOKEL: I might say since the term  
25 subsistence advisory panel came up and not everybody on  
26 this Council may be familiar with that group, I want to  
27 make clear that that group has nothing to do with the  
28 Federal Subsistence Management System, which is your  
29 purview here. It came about after our 1998 record of  
30 decision for oil and gas leases in the northeast NPR-A.  
31 During that planning effort we acknowledged that if  
32 there is exploration and development within the NPR-A  
33 it's going to have impacts on the subsistence practices  
34 of the local people. We didn't sit down to say we can  
35 come in here and do this and not have any affect on  
36 your subsistence lifestyle, we knew there would be  
37 effects.

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39 So what we're trying to accomplish with  
40 this panel, what we have tried to accomplish, is to  
41 figure out how to minimize those effects and how to  
42 preclude any unreasonable conflict between oil and gas  
43 development and subsistence use. So that's a different  
44 group.

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I mean that's  
47 meaningful in regards to learning about what the  
48 subsistence advisory panel was about.

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50 Again, I ask in terms of regards to the

1 Council members, any comments or questions to Dave.  
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3 (No comments)  
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None. Thank you for  
6 your presentation, Dave.  
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8 DR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: You could talk a  
11 whole bunch more but we're almost down to the last  
12 agenda item again.  
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14 DR. YOKEL: I still have an hour and a  
15 half.  
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17 (Laughter)  
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19 MR. B. NAGEAK: You should charge a  
20 quarter every time to say what's up Doc.  
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22 (Laughter)  
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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: James.  
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26 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yeah, I don't know who  
27 to address this to but, you know, we've been getting a  
28 lot -- not a lot of but Steven Braun & Associates  
29 calling around the village of Anaktuvuk making -- and  
30 doing subsistence research for -- to Umiat Road, I  
31 don't know.....  
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33 DR. YOKEL: Well, Steven Braun &  
34 Associates is a private consulting firm. If they're  
35 doing work in Anaktuvuk Pass my first guess would be  
36 that it's associated with Gates of the Arctic Park?  
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38 MR. J. NAGEAK: Department of  
39 Transportation I think.....  
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41 DR. YOKEL: Oh, oh, that would be for  
42 the Umiat Road, probably.  
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44 MR. J. NAGEAK: Department of  
45 Transportation contracted that group to do some  
46 subsistence studies for those communities that are  
47 going to be impacted.  
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49 DR. YOKEL: Yeah. Yeah, the state of  
50 Alaska would like to build a road from the Dalton

1 Highway to Umiat and they're in the beginning studies.  
2 They just began last year, I think, I heard the  
3 Governor, in his budget was allocating about \$8 million  
4 this year for further studies. So in the beginning  
5 stages they're looking at routes, potential material  
6 sources for the highway material and then looking at  
7 environmental impacts if that road is built and those  
8 environmental impacts would include impacts on  
9 subsistence users. That's not a BLM initiative.

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11 MR. B. NAGEAK: It's on State land.

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13 DR. YOKEL: It depends on the route  
14 they use. The preferred route would be to start by  
15 Galbraith Lake, which means they would have to cross  
16 some BLM land to get to the State lands. They would  
17 have to get a permit from the BLM to do that and BLM  
18 has concerns around that area and would like to manage  
19 very closely where they can go in that area. But  
20 primarily it would be across State lands and that would  
21 be a State process then. But that would be what this  
22 consultant is doing in Anaktuvuk Pass at present.

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Does that help James.

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26 MR. J. NAGEAK: Yes.

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other questions  
29 or comments.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Dave, what's this  
34 road going to be used for?

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36 DR. YOKEL: Well, first of all it's not  
37 known it's going to be built. I mean this is a concept  
38 stage at this point.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.

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42 DR. YOKEL: But the idea would be  
43 you're fully aware, I'm sure of the concept of a  
44 pipeline to transport natural gas from the North Slope,  
45 well, the area south of the current oil fields, the  
46 State lands from there to the Brooks Range are  
47 primarily a natural gas play, they're not likely to  
48 contain much petroleum oil, but they are -- they do  
49 have the potential to hold a lot of natural gas, and  
50 there has been exploration going on for several years

1 for natural gas in that area. The State would like to  
2 do all it can help spur on development of that natural  
3 gas because it would be good for the State's revenue  
4 and so the idea is if the State built a highway into  
5 there it would facilitate the exploration and  
6 development of natural gas.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.

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10 DR. YOKEL: Yep.

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other questions.

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14 (No comments)

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16 MR. J. NAGEAK: Board of Gas.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Board of Gas.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Again, thank you,  
23 Dave.

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25 DR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there are no  
28 further questions, we'll move on down to another agenda  
29 item, new business. Do we have any new business to  
30 address to the Council.

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32 MS. ATORUK: No.

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If there is no new  
35 business, agenda Item 15, adjournment.

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37 MR. LEAVITT: Move to adjourn.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor  
40 to adjourn the North Slope Regional Advisory Council at  
41 this time.

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43 (Laughter)

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45 MS. ATORUK: We're adjourned.

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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We need a second.

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49 MR. KAYOTUK: Second.

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1                           MR. J. NAGEAK:  Second.  
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3                           CHAIRMAN BROWER:  All in favor to  
4 adjourn signify by saying bye.  
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6                           IN UNISON:  Bye.  
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8                           CHAIRMAN BROWER:  Meeting adjourned.  
9 Thank you.  Thank you everybody.  
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