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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.
16
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.
49
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.

21
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.
18
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.

49

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.

10

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.

8

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

11

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.

19

20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

21

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.

35

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.

10

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.
26
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.
44
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.

7

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.

20

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.

30

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.

40
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.

5
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.

41
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.

9

10 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

11

12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Bing.

13

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.

38

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.

49

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.

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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.

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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.
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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.
19
20 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Okay, I'll bring
21 that forward.
22
23 MR. LEAVITT: Thank you.
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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Again, thank you,
26 Bing.
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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.
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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.

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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.
24
25 CHAIRMAN BROWER:may have a
26 presence at that meeting so that was the
27 recommendation. So No. 7 has been tabled.
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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)
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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.
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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.
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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.
50

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
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17 2. A longer to be announced season
18 of 10 days instead of five days
19 in those dates;
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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.

35
36 No change is proposed for the Johns
37 River drainage in the portion of Unit 24B.

38
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.

44
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.

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

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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.

40
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.

3
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.

11
12 So that's all I have. I'll be happy to
13 answer questions if there are any.

14
15 Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Sandy.

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19 Questions, comments from Council
20 members.

21
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.

28
29 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you. Glenn Stout
30 will be presenting. Glenn, go ahead.

31
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.

35
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.

44
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.

49

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.

27
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.

39
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?

47
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.

4
5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any
6 questions or comments.

7
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.

15
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.

28
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.

35
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?

41
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.

13
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.

9
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.

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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.

45
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.

49
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.

9
10 MS. ATORUK: (In Inupiat)

11
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.

21
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.

31
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.

48
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.
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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.
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38 MR. RABINOWITCH: And the purple by the
39 Federal only.
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: (In Inupiat) James.
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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.
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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.....
12
13 MS. ATORUK: There is none.
14
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?
19
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.
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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Summary of
30 written public comments.
31
32 (No comments)
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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Now it appears.
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36 (Laughter)
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38 MS. ATORUK: All right. I don't think
39 there's any, right, any, none.
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Any public
42 testimony.
43
44 (No comments)
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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?
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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.

8
9 Any other comments under discussion of
10 the motion.

11
12 (No comments)

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

16
17 MS. ATORUK: To the affected Council.

18
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.

28
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.

37
38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.

39
40 (No opposing votes)

41
42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. I'm
43 speaking through the phone now.

44
45 (Laughter)

46
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.
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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Other agencies.
13
14 (No comments)
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.
17 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.
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19 (No comments)
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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Fish and
22 Game Advisory comments.
23
24 (No comments)
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think we need to
27 tear this one up, is that our.....
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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.....
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42 MS. ATORUK: Yep, State Advisory
43 Committees.
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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER:Committees.
46
47 MS. ATORUK: Yeah.
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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any.
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1 (No comments)
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.
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5 MS. ATORUK: There's none.
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Summary of written
8 public comments.
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10 MS. ATORUK: We have one, Mr. Chair.
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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Barb.
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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)
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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you.
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23 Public testimony.
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25 MS. ATORUK: None.
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm trying to write
28 at the same time.
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30 Regional Council deliberation,
31 recommendation and justification.
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33 What is the wish of the Council.
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35 MR. LEAVITT: Mr. Chair.
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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Lloyd.
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39 MR. LEAVITT: Make a motion to leave
40 status quo on WP10-106 and 107.
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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Status quo would mean
43 to.....
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45 MR. J. NAGEAK: Second.
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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.
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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor
7 indicating opposition of the changes, right.....
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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.
16
17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Tom.
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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.
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I guess we need to
39 further clarify and make sure that each of the Council
40 members.....
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42 MR. J. NAGEAK: We want to support it
43 and then.....
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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Vote no.
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47 MR. J. NAGEAK:vote no on it.
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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Is that clear -- (In
50 Inupiat)

1 (Council nods affirmatively)
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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.
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7 MR. LEAVITT: Withdraw my motion and
8 motion to support the proposal, WP10-106 and 107.
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor.
11
12 MR. J. NAGEAK: Second.
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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by James.
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16 Further discussion.
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18 (No comments)
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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further
21 clarification.
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23 (No comments)
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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.
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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.
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So the proposal
42 fails.
43
44 Is that accurately represented?
45
46 MS. ATORUK: Yes.
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48 MR. KRON: Yes.
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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Stated, okay, thank

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

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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)

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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.

38

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.

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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.

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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)

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

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48 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chair.

49
50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None at this time.

1 State Fish and Game Advisory comments.
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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.
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40 Tom.
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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.

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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.

11

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.

18

19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Tom.

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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)

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. NSB or

22 other agency comments.

23

24 (No comments)

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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.

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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No. 7, public

44 testimony.

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46 MS. ATORUK: None.

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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No. 8 Regional

49 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.

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1 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair.
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, Tom.
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5 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. This is a work
6 in progress.
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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.
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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.
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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.

41

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.

11
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.

20
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.

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

30
31 (No comments)

32
33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.

34
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.

44
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.
4
5 MS. ATORUK: There's none.
6
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.
20
21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor
22 to adopt Proposal WP10-03.
23
24 MR. J. NAGEAK: Second.
25
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.

6

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.

13

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.

22

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

26

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.

8

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

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

13

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.

17

18 IN UNISON: Aye.

19

20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.

21

22 (No opposing votes)

23

24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted, thank
25 you.

26

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.

17

18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19

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

22

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.

29

30 MS. ATORUK: There's none.

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

34

35 MS. ATORUK: There's none.

36

37 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chairman.

38

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.

46

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.

4

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.

14

15 MR. KRON: That's correct.

16

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)

22

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.

28

29 MR. J. NAGEAK: Mr. Chair.

30

31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: James.

32

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.
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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?
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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.
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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.
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5 IN UNISON: Aye.
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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.
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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.

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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.

41

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.

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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.

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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.

20
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.

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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.

50

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.
23
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.
43
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.
47
48 MS. ATORUK: Uh-huh.
49
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.

16

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.....

23

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?
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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.
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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.
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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.

32

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.

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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.

31

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.

24

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.

16
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.
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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.

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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.
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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.
32
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.
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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?
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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.
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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.

21
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.

47

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.
24
25 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, George Pappas.
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any
28 other questions or comments?
29
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 regionwide 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 regionwide 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

12
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?

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43 MR. J. NAGEAK: Right.

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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.

22

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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11 (Off record)
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13 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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