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7 September 4, 2002

8 ASRC Conference Room

9 Barrow, Alaska

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11 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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13 Harry Brower, Chairman

14 Amos Agnasagga

15 Paul Bodfish

16 Gordon Brower

17 Ray Koonuk

18 Earl Williams

19 Terry Tagarook

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21 Regional Coordinator, Barbara Armstrong

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3 (Barrow, Alaska - 9/4/2002)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Good morning  
8 everybody and we'll call the meeting of the Regional  
9 Advisory Council to order at this time. We have an  
10 agenda before us and we'll follow through on these first  
11 four items at least to get started.

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13 The next on line we have roll call  
14 please.

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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, I'm sorry, okay.  
17 Harry Brower.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Good morning, here.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Fenton is excused.  
22 He's whaling. Terry Tagarook.

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24 MR. TAGAROOK: Here.

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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Amos Agnasagga.

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28 MR. AGNASAGGA: Here.

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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Peter Earl Williams.

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32 MR. WILLIAMS: Here.

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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Paul Bodfish.

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36 MR. BODFISH: Here.

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Ray Koonuk.

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40 MR. KOONUK: Here.

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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mike Patkotak is  
43 excused. He's in Portland for his son's surgery. Gordon  
44 Brower, he should be here shortly. Edward Itta. Mr.  
45 Chair, you have a quorum.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you Barbara.  
48 Next we have welcome and introductions. Again, my name  
49 is Harry Brower, good morning everybody. I'm Chairman of  
50 the Regional Advisory Council. And we'll start on our

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1 left here, Ray, why don't you go around and just  
2 introduce ourselves.

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4 MR. KOONUK: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.  
5 Before we do that I'd like to ask for a moment of silence  
6 before we get started.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, Ray, we could  
9 do that. I'll ask for a moment of silence, please.

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11 (Pause)

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you every one.  
14 You can continue Ray.

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16 MR. KOONUK: My name is Ray Koonuk. I'm  
17 from Point Hope. I'm the vice Chair.

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19 MR. BODFISH: My name is Paul Bodfish  
20 from Atkasuk.

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22 MR. AGNASAGGA: My name is Amos Agnasagga  
23 from Point Lay.

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25 MR. WILLIAMS: My name is Earl Williams  
26 from Anaktuvuk Pass.

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28 MR. TAGAROOK: My name is Terry Tagarook  
29 from Wainwright. Welcome to our meeting.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I guess we'll go  
32 ahead and we'll go around the room. We'll start with  
33 Barb.

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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Barb Armstrong,  
36 coordinator for North Slope Council. Good morning.

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38 MR. BROWER: Charlie Brower, Wildlife  
39 Management, North Slope Borough. Good morning everyone.

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41 MR. BISSON: Good morning. I'm Henry  
42 Bisson. I'm BLM's new State director. This is my first  
43 chance to come up to a Regional Subsistence Council  
44 meeting and I appreciate having a chance to be up here.

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46 MR. BRELSFORD: Good morning. I'm Taylor  
47 Brelsford and I serve as the Staff Committee member for  
48 the BLM.

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50 MR. FISHER: Dave Fisher, Fish and

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1 Wildlife Service, wildlife biologist. I'm filling in for  
2 Donna Dewhurst.

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4 MR. FRIED: Good morning. Steve Fried,  
5 fisheries biologist, Office of Subsistence Management in  
6 Anchorage.

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8 MR. UBERUAGA: Good morning. Richard  
9 Uberuaga. I'm a fisheries biologist in Anchorage with  
10 the Office of Subsistence Management.

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12 MR. YOKEL: Good morning. Dave Yokel,  
13 BLM from Fairbanks.

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15 MS. McINTOSH: Good morning. I'm Stacie  
16 McIntosh. I'm a new employee at the BLM in Fairbanks and  
17 I'm the coordinator for the Subsistence Advisory Panel.

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19 MR. ANDERSEN: Fred Andersen. I'm a  
20 fisheries biologist for the Park Service in Fairbanks and  
21 also acting as the subsistence coordinator for Gates of  
22 the Arctic and Yukon-Charlie National Parks.

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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm Helen Armstrong.  
25 I'm the cultural anthropologist that serves this Council  
26 on the team with the other biologists and I work in  
27 Anchorage at the Office of Subsistence Management.

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29 MS. BROWN: I'm Wennona Brown. I'm a  
30 subsistence coordinator for the National Wildlife Refuge  
31 System serving the Arctic Refuge, Kanuti Refuge and Yukon  
32 Flats National Refuge and am stationed in Fairbanks.

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34 MR. RABINOWITCH: Good morning. I'm  
35 Sandy Rabinowitch with the Park Service, Staff Committee  
36 to the Federal Board.

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38 MS. GOTTLIEB: Hi. I'm Judy Gottlieb,  
39 Associate Regional Director with the National Park  
40 Service. And while I serve on the Federal Subsistence  
41 Board, I wanted to bring some books for the Chair and  
42 vice Chair to share amongst the Council, we appreciate  
43 your hospitality today and look forward to a good  
44 meeting.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Judy.

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48 MS. HILDEBRAND: Good morning. I'm Ida  
49 Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, that's  
2 everybody, did we miss anybody here? And again, welcome  
3 everybody to Barrow and we also have our court reporter  
4 here and we haven't got her name yet.

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6 REPORTER: Tina.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Tina. Good morning,  
9 Tina, thank you.

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11 Anyway, we'll continue with our agenda  
12 here. I'm not sure if we have any new agenda items here  
13 that we need to add on. If there's anything that we need  
14 to add on, we'll bring that up during the discussion, we  
15 can review the agenda right now. We need a motion to  
16 proceed.

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18 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair, make a motion to  
19 approve the agenda for September 4, 2002.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the floor.

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23 MR. BODFISH: Second the motion.

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25 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman. The  
26 subsistence use amounts protocol working group does have  
27 a small report to offer to the Council. This follows on  
28 the meeting in Fairbanks a couple of weeks ago when you  
29 were with us. So I think under agency reports, if we  
30 could just add that in maybe at the tail end.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, Taylor, we'll  
33 bring this up under discussion. Maybe if you folks could  
34 step up to the mike please because Tina's recording this  
35 meeting so we need to at least turn on one of these mikes  
36 to hear the comments. Thank you.

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So we'll add that  
39 under 17, subsistence use.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We were just getting  
42 into the discussions here.

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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any discussion from  
47 the Council. What were you saying Barb.

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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Under 17(1)  
50 subsistence use amounts updates.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, 17(1)  
2 subsistence use amounts update.

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4 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Henry, did you need  
7 to be on the agenda this morning?

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9 MR. BISSON: No, I came to observe.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.

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13 MR. BISSON: Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Dr. Yokel or  
16 Richard....

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18 MR. KOONUK: The guy in the blue shirt.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Oh, Taylor. Taylor  
21 Brelsford, we got him under this, 17(1) here. I'm  
22 getting confused with all the names here. Excuse me if I  
23 get confused here.

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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's okay.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And I'm still on my  
28 first cup of coffee.

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30 We can continue. If there's no other  
31 additions or deletions to the agenda, we can continue  
32 with our motion.

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34 MR. KOONUK: Question called for.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question called for.  
37 All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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39 IN UNISON: Aye.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any opposition.

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43 (No opposing votes)

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: None noted. Gordon  
46 Brower and Martha, good morning. Good morning Gordon.

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48 (Pause)

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon, for your

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1 information we're just getting through the adoption of  
2 the agenda. That's where we are and welcome Gordon.  
3 We're in the process of just moving along the agenda  
4 here. We've on through our introductions, again, maybe  
5 you might want to introduce yourself to the public here  
6 in the meeting.

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8 MR. G. BROWER: Good morning. Gordon  
9 Brower, for the record.

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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You need to put the  
12 mike on Gordon.

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14 MR. G. BROWER: Oh, all right.

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16 REPORTER: Thank you.

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18 MR. G. BROWER: All right, good morning  
19 everybody, I'm here, Gordon Brower from Barrow. Barrow  
20 resident. Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
23 And then we also have Martha.

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25 MS. IPALOOK-FALK: Martha Ipalook-Falk  
26 from Barrow. North Slope Borough Planning Department,  
27 permitting and zoning office.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Martha.  
30 We have agenda item 5, review and adoption of the  
31 minutes, they're under Tab B.

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33 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair, I make a motion  
34 to approve the minutes for February 20 and 21, 2001.

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36 MR. BODFISH: Mr. Chair, I second that.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, we have a  
39 motion and it's been seconded to approve the minutes of  
40 February 20 and 21, 2001. Any further discussion.

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42 MR. BODFISH: Call for the question, Mr.  
43 Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I was just going to  
46 say, Paul, maybe we should take a minute to review the  
47 minutes before we call for the question.

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49 MR. BODFISH: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Maybe if there's any  
2 corrections or typos, but what I've looked at they seem  
3 to be pretty good from when I read through them in the  
4 draft form. So I believe I'll give you a minute to  
5 review or a couple of minutes.

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7 (Pause)

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9 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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13 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, I have a question on  
14 Page 8, 2002 nomination process. It says there's five  
15 applicants, which seats are those that are open?

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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'll let Barb  
18 respond to your comment Ray.

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20 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That was for the  
21 nomination period the year before. That would be for  
22 2000 -- this one was 2001/2002, that would be for  
23 2001/2002 because for this nomination period you had nine  
24 applicants. So this one would be a year before and you  
25 had five applicants for those seats.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And the question was  
28 who's seats were those that were up?

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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That would be for --  
31 if you go up in the front where your names are, the roll  
32 call sheet, you can tell who just got reappointed to  
33 those seats, that would be the 2004 people. Seat 4, Seat  
34 6 and alternate number 1 -- and Seat 6 -- Seat 4, 5, 6  
35 and alternate number 1 were up at that time when these  
36 minutes were in. And then currently we have Seat 1, 2,  
37 3, 8 that were just recommended.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Does that answer  
40 your concern there Ray?

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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And for this  
43 nomination period that just ended we had nine applicants?

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45 MR. KOONUK: And Seat 8, where is that?

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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Seat 8 is where  
48 Leonard Tuke from Nuiqsut, when he died it became  
49 vacant. And then that seat will be open again this next  
50 nomination period. Because there's nine Council, three



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1 per term, three, six, nine.

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3 MR. KOONUK: Thank you, Barb.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any further comments  
6 or questions regarding the minutes of February 20 and 21?

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8 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Earl.

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12 MR. WILLIAMS: My name is Earl from  
13 Anaktuvuk. I got some question on this. Can we get an  
14 alternate besides, you know, on this?

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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You already have an  
17 alternate list down here, alternate one and two.

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19 MR. WILLIAMS: Oh, yeah, okay. But I  
20 mean from villages. You know, like what if, you know, we  
21 got a problem or something or someone's working or your  
22 boss won't let you off.

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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, not at this time.  
25 They don't have it set up in that way. We have the  
26 alternates here for the one and two.

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28 MR. WILLIAMS: The reason why I ask is  
29 when I went to city council they asked me that, do you  
30 guys have an alternate and I said, no, we don't have one  
31 but, you know, I'll recommend it to the board.

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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barb.

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37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Currently we have nine  
38 Council seat members for North Slope and then there are  
39 two alternates and then those two alternates are from  
40 Barrow and that's the way the system is set up at this  
41 time. We don't have any alternates from the villages  
42 that you represent. Okay, thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, thank you,  
45 Barb. So did you understand what you're faced with here  
46 Earl, you're not allowed alternates from your communities  
47 but we have alternates that reside in Barrow that if you  
48 did not make it to the meeting that one of the alternates  
49 would sit in to fill the quorum.

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1 MR. WILLIAMS: The reason why said this  
2 is when I brought the book to the council, they asked me  
3 questions about this and I told them that, you know, I  
4 haven't heard nothing about it and, you know, they were  
5 just concerned about that.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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13 MR. KOONUK: I got a question on  
14 alternates. Are the alternates supposed to be here only  
15 if we don't have a quorum or can they attend the meetings  
16 even if we have a quorum?

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: You know they have  
19 that option to be here if they want to be informed with  
20 what the Council is doing, keeping up with all the  
21 information that's going on and, you know, that's their  
22 option. The other deal is that they can be part of the  
23 voting group when there is not a quorum.

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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, the requirement  
26 when we began is that they attend the fall meeting and be  
27 abreast of everything that is going on and then winter  
28 meeting they don't need to be here unless we have a  
29 quorum problem. I think sometime during the day today  
30 you're going to get a report on the nomination process  
31 and that is going to come up and it will be discussed  
32 then.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Barb.  
35 Any further comments or questions regarding the minutes  
36 of February 20 and 21? Mr. Yokel.

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38 MR. YOKEL: It's pretty minor, but I'd  
39 just point out that that meeting was in 2002 and the  
40 minutes say it was 2001.

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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: On the.....

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44 MR. YOKEL: The last meeting of this  
45 Council was last February of 2002.

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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, I'm sorry, thank  
48 you Dave.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Dave must have at

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1 least two cups of coffee this morning to catch that.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Dr.  
6 Yokel.

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8 MR. BODFISH: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Paul.

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12 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, I'll call for the  
13 question if there's no more questions from anyone.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Paul.  
16 The question has been called to adopt the minutes from  
17 February 20, 21 2002. All in favor signify by saying  
18 aye.

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20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Opposed, same sign.

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24 (No opposing votes)

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: None noted. So  
27 we'll continue with our agenda. Council member reports.  
28 It's basically sharing concerns from your communities,  
29 this is our opportunity to provide those comments if  
30 there's any concerns you'd like to forward at this time.  
31 Earl, did you want to start?

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33 MR. WILLIAMS: We don't have much  
34 concerns from Anaktuvuk. This is Earl Williams. We're  
35 doing pretty good on, you know, our habitat and the geese  
36 went through. We had some sheeps. Some boys got some  
37 sheeps. And a lot of ahalak (ph) and bears. And I got  
38 seven caribous, I did pretty good so far. And thank you  
39 very much. We had some good fishing seasons, good fish  
40 this year.

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42 Thanks, Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Earl.  
45 Terry.

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47 MR. TAGAROOK: Yeah, so far we've been  
48 successful and everything. We don't have no concerns.  
49 Except for one time when we got one caribou, there was  
50 some growth on the rump area and under the belly. We

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1 took the samples and sent them to wildlife here and we  
2 found out they were papillomas, caribou warts, and I just  
3 wanted to make sure what it was so I sent the specimen in  
4 and it was caribou warts.

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6 That's all I have from Wainwright.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Terry.  
9 Just to remind you, you know, it just don't have to be on  
10 the subsistence, it could be on the management program  
11 itself, too, if you have any concerns as to how this is  
12 structured or not complying with your type of traditional  
13 hunting or your practices, you know, you need to keep in  
14 mind about how this Federal management program might be  
15 affecting your communities. So keep that in mind also.

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17 Earl.

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19 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I  
20 forgot to bring up this one item. In our unit, we got  
21 three different units at home, there's down river area  
22 and there's up one and there's 26(C). And it's about,  
23 what, eight miles from Anaktuvuk, is that one down river  
24 that goes toward Allakaket. I'd like to ask a question  
25 about this, are we supposed to be involved in like being  
26 a committee member of that, too? Because we're having  
27 kind of a conflict in that village, we're concerned about  
28 that, you know, and they ask questions about that, you  
29 know.

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31 Thanks. I was just asking.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The problem where  
34 he's concerned about is that boundary line being right  
35 near -- being near the boundary line, they're able to  
36 hunt in both directions, north and south of the community  
37 so there's a jurisdictional or a boundary line that's  
38 interfering with the -- I'm not sure if it's interfering  
39 with them but it's a concern that's being voiced about  
40 using the different boundaries. So your traditional  
41 practices are carried out, you know, you've used that  
42 area long before the boundaries were there so I'd  
43 continue to use the same resources.

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45 MR. WILLIAMS: What I'm asking is, you  
46 know, can one of us represent, you know, to be  
47 represented to their units?

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm not sure who  
50 would be helping me in getting this answered. Ida,

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1 please.

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3 MS. HILDEBRAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4 Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member. While I'm  
5 trying to understand your question, are you asking if you  
6 can attend the Regional Council for the other unit?

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8 MR. WILLIAMS: What I meant is, you know,  
9 one of our village, from Anaktuvuk, you know, could be  
10 represented in that, you know, like to a meeting or  
11 something. Because when I talked to Ron Sam and Gerald  
12 Nicholia they told me about this, they said, you know,  
13 there should be one of your peoples to be in that  
14 committee that's concerned about this.

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16 MS. HILDEBRAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
17 Thank you, Earl. To be involved in another Council -- to  
18 attend another Council meeting that deals with issues  
19 concerning Anaktuvuk Pass, you'd request through your  
20 Chairman, through the Office of Subsistence Management to  
21 attend that Regional Council that deals with that  
22 subject. If you're talking about a subcommittee, then  
23 Anaktuvuk can request to be on a subcommittee that  
24 involves any resources in that area.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Earl, let me try to  
27 clarify your question. Ida, I think he's referring to  
28 having another committee member representing them on this  
29 other Council. You know, I think we're dealing with a  
30 different Council when you're going to another subunit.  
31 I think that's what he's trying to get at.

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33 MS. HILDEBRAND: Well, Mr. Chairman when  
34 there's overlap issues from different Councils, for  
35 instance, with Northwest Council, you can request to  
36 attend that meeting to deal with the issues that overlap  
37 into this region. If Mr. Williams wants to attend the  
38 Western Interior meeting that's chaired by Ron Sam he  
39 would request, through you, to the Office of Subsistence  
40 Management to attend that meeting to address those issues  
41 that involve Anaktuvuk Pass or you, yourself, could  
42 request to attend.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ida.

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46 MS. HILDEBRAND: You're welcome.

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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: When there are any  
49 overlap proposals, though, it comes before this Council  
50 and that's when you get to voice your opinions for your

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1 communities. And on that boundary issue, that was  
2 brought up before because Anaktuvuk wanted to go over to  
3 24 and also over on the Kobuk side, on the Gates and then  
4 the people there, the IRA's gave you permission to go  
5 over any time you want but then they wanted the  
6 boundaries to be kept as is. But then either side gave  
7 you ways to go into those areas at the time that that  
8 boundary change was requested.

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10 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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14 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, same with Point Hope.  
15 We have a boundary conflict, too, between Unit 23 and 26.

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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Earl,  
18 did you have any further comments?

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20 MR. WILLIAMS: The reason I brought this  
21 up is because we got three different herds that come into  
22 our village, you know, there's Western up here and  
23 Porcupine. I don't know if -- you know, Porcupine  
24 usually don't come through but last year they had -- when  
25 they collared them they said there were a few caribous  
26 that came through there and that's why I brought this  
27 concern up.

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29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Earl, for  
32 bringing it up. It's a valid concern. And we've tried  
33 to address it in different mechanisms and to have people  
34 utilize both areas and be represented at the meetings.  
35 So there are ways we can address those concerns.

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37 Do you have any further comments or other  
38 issues you'd like to bring out?

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40 MR. WILLIAMS: There's another concern,  
41 we're still dealing with this, you know, what you call,  
42 when they first started the pipeline they wanted to bring  
43 the equipment through the village and there's a lot of  
44 old parts still in the river, you know, and they're all  
45 -- they're still all in the water. I mean, you know,  
46 they're all compacted in. The village people are  
47 concerned about that because there's some places there is  
48 some oil, you know, there's some little bubbles of oil.  
49 They said when the oil goes to the surface it bubbles and  
50 they're kind of concerned about this. Because a few

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1 people that caught fish had some puss on it like, you  
2 know, when you squeeze it just pours out, you know, like  
3 water and bubble and that's the only concern I heard -- I  
4 mean Gilbert Lincoln brought up one time and, you know, I  
5 was just concerned about that, too. We sort of need to  
6 get this over. It's been about 10 years now we've been  
7 talking about this in our tribal council and we need to  
8 resolve this somehow.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Earl. I  
13 think there's some fisheries research that's been  
14 conducted in the Kaktovik side and we might hear a little  
15 bit about that and see where we can fit in with Kaktovik  
16 and Anaktuvuk, you know, after hearing what kind of  
17 research they're doing there and get an idea of how we  
18 can apply that in Kaktovik -- or Anaktuvuk. I'm getting  
19 confused with the two places here again.

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21 Any further comments, Earl?

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23 MR. WILLIAMS: No, thank you very much  
24 and appreciate it.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you for  
27 providing the comments.

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29 Terry, did you have any other comments  
30 you wanted to bring out?

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32 MR. TAGAROOK: I don't.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Ray, any  
35 comments from Point Hope.

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37 MR. KOONUK: Well, Point Hope's been  
38 pretty quiet. A couple of days ago they just found a  
39 shark that was washed on the beach maybe about four feet  
40 -- a four foot shark. I think they were going to get  
41 ready to send it out.

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43 But there's hardly any caribou. You have  
44 to go way out there to get some caribou. There was some  
45 complaints about planes flying around over there in our  
46 area and chasing the caribou back east of Point Hope.  
47 And it's been reported but we haven't heard anything as  
48 far as locating the planes that were scaring the caribou  
49 back towards the east.

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1           They've been picking a lot of berries,  
2 salmonberries and I guess they're getting ready to pick  
3 blackberries.

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5           And whaling was poor last spring. Didn't  
6 even get a strike. And that was pretty hard for our  
7 people because they're used to having that fresh muk-tuk  
8 and (In Native) to go along with the caribou. And this  
9 year we didn't get anything. So hunting (In Native),  
10 walrus and trying to make up to get the blubber from the  
11 (In Native) and seals just to have oil. And they done  
12 pretty good during the spring.

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14           But otherwise everything is okay except  
15 for that one shark that washed ashore.

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17           Thanks.

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19           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ray.  
20 Paul.

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22           MR. BODFISH: Hunting's pretty good up  
23 there now.

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25           (In Native)

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27           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: (In Native)

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29           MR. BODFISH: Yeah, fishing's been pretty  
30 good. Caribou hunting has been good. They got a couple  
31 of moose up in our area that came up. And the caribou  
32 has been pretty healthy, we've hardly found any sick  
33 ones.

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35           And other than that, like that fish  
36 monitoring continuing in our eastern side, where they  
37 come into Admiralty Bay where the seismic people are  
38 getting into our fish habitat area. And like a  
39 monitoring team, keep an update on what the effects are  
40 from the seismic activity in the lakes. That's one  
41 concern that I have.

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43           That's about all I have from Atqasuk.

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45           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Paul.  
46 Gordon.

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48           MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, good morning  
49 everybody. Seems to me our season is pretty good. We  
50 had an early spring it seems like, (In Native). And had



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1 a hard time going to our cabin -- was the only one that  
2 made it to my cabin up there.

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4 (In Native)

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6 And we hunted geese practically at the  
7 mouth of the river this year instead of going up so we  
8 got our geese. We were, I think, one of three successful  
9 whalers for the spring, Barrow, only had three whales  
10 this year so it was a very, very tough season as well for  
11 Barrow. Three whales is very low.

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13 Fishing was pretty good. Tutus in the  
14 early part was, in the early part, you know, they were  
15 kind of scattered all around moving a lot. Very normal  
16 activity of caribou movements and they get out of range  
17 when it's hot and when it cools off. But just more  
18 recently they just come right around by the river so  
19 hunting's getting real good for bulls.

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21 And we're gearing up to do our fall  
22 fishing so we're very excited about that.

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24 I do have concerns other than our  
25 hunting. I expect that NPR-A this year will be heavily  
26 used by industrial activities as last year. And I would  
27 hope that all land managers would be very diligent in  
28 overseeing their activities. We've had a few complaints  
29 over the winter about the availability of furbearing  
30 animals getting out of reach of normal subsistence range,  
31 having to go a lot further to reach them. So that was  
32 one of the concerns about furbearing animals in the dead  
33 of winter.

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35 A few cases of trespass issues that we  
36 heard of. As being a land manager myself for the North  
37 Slope Borough, we hear a lot of these things. And I just  
38 hope the other land managers just be diligent and try to  
39 resolve conflicts as they come along.

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41 We're very much concerned to our area,  
42 it's very -- NPR-A is a very heavily used subsistence  
43 zone by Barrow, Wainwright, Atkasuk, Nuiqsut and I would  
44 suspect Point Lay and those communities have a lot of  
45 interest to see how animals are dealt with. So those are  
46 some of our concerns in the expanding -- the pending  
47 expanding of the Western leasing area. So I would hope  
48 all Council members be apprised and be very much aware of  
49 the expanding leasing opportunities for industrial  
50 operations.

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1           That's all I have for now. Thank you.

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3           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you very much,  
4 Gordon. Amos.

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6           MR. AGNASAGGA: Good morning.

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8           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Good morning.

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10          MR. AGNASAGGA: We did pretty good off  
11 the ocean. We got our fill with (In Natives) and  
12 belugas. But on land we got too much musk-ox around our  
13 area. We got two big herds, one about 20 of them and one  
14 about 25 of musk-ox and they've been near our village and  
15 we got no caribou.

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17          A couple of moose came by and some  
18 hunters caught them and then they divided the meat to the  
19 village. But I think there was somebody from Federal  
20 subsistence from Kotzebue came and got their skins  
21 because we got no caribou, you know, too many musk-ox. I  
22 think they were -- they gave permits for people that want  
23 to hunt musk-ox, but I think they caught only one, one  
24 musk-ox. But, you know, when those musk-ox are around we  
25 got no caribou so I didn't think it was right for those  
26 people to come and take those skins away from those  
27 hunters because them two moose they came near the village  
28 is what happened and they did divide the meat among the  
29 village.

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31          Other than that we're doing all right.  
32 But we got to find a way to get rid of those musk-ox  
33 because they've been there two months now and every time  
34 you try to go chase them away they won't run.

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36          (Laughter)

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38          CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I hope those are not  
39 the ones that are moving over from ANWR.

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41          MR. AGNASAGGA: Some claim that they came  
42 from south but some claim they came from north. But I  
43 kind of think they came from south because that's where  
44 they were first spotted. Probably from the mountains, I  
45 don't know.

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47          And we did pretty good in our nets  
48 fishing more than it seems like, getting more fish.  
49 Maybe the climate change, I don't know, getting more  
50 salmon, king salmon.

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1           That's all I have for Point Lay.

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3           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I was going to ask,  
4 you said something about they came and took some hides,  
5 the moose hides?

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7           MR. AGNASAGGA: From Kotzebue I hear.

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9           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The moose hides?

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11          MR. AGNASAGGA: Yeah.

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13          CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.

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15          MR. AGNASAGGA: I'm just hearsay but the  
16 day before I came I told people why I'm coming here and  
17 somebody made that complaint. Well, those moose went  
18 near the village is what happened and we never had no  
19 fresh meat for awhile.

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21          CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Amos.  
22 Earl.

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24          MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, there was one more  
25 concern. When we had a meeting with Anadarko this spring  
26 or this winter, they had a little thing going, you know,  
27 make their name good or whatever you call it, and we --  
28 they came in the village and then the village, a couple  
29 of people asked -- concerns about the gas but, you know,  
30 it's like when these helicopters come into Anaktuvuk,  
31 because it bothers the animals, I mean, you know, when  
32 they're moving, migrating, it bothers them, you know,  
33 because there's been a lot of -- you know, three or four  
34 helicopters in the village there that comes and goes  
35 every morning, constantly, you know, they're moving in  
36 and out. And they brought this issue up to Anadarko  
37 representatives and they said they were going to try to  
38 deal with it, you know, in some ways that there can't be  
39 too much aircraft, you know, like -- not aircraft but  
40 helicopters going in and out of there and they were  
41 worried about that and they asked me to bring this up to  
42 the meeting. Because you know, that's a concern to us  
43 because the caribou migrate, you know, it might turn them  
44 around and they'll go toward Chandler or somewhere.

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46          I just wanted to bring that up, too,  
47 because they got an oil deal going around over there and  
48 it's a really big issue over there.

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50          Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Earl.  
2 Those are concerns that we need to bring out and dealing  
3 with them somehow with the industry in terms of whose  
4 aircrafts those are, we could identify that and that  
5 might help alleviate the problem or forward those  
6 concerns to those very people that are using that  
7 aircraft.

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9 Paul.

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11 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, I just remembered  
12 there was a concern from this person that owned an  
13 outboard and a boat up in (In Native) area, somebody had  
14 -- whoever was doing the fish studies in that lake had  
15 used his outboard and the prop was all messed up, the  
16 tiller arm was all messed up, all bent out of shape. And  
17 when he stored that thing, when he pulled it out of the  
18 lake before freeze-up it was absolutely nothing wrong  
19 with it, that was Tom Brower, Jr. He wanted to find out  
20 who was doing the studies over at Nunavakpuk Lake.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Was this just this  
23 summer?

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25 MR. BODFISH: Yes. This summer or last  
26 summer.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We'll try to look  
29 into that.

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31 MR. BODFISH: I think it might have been  
32 last summer. Because he told me that when he went back  
33 up there he found that his outboard motor was all messed.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm trying to  
36 remember that lady's name but I think -- I'm not sure if  
37 Ford -- Jessie Ford, I think she was doing the fish lake  
38 research with fish, I think she was doing that. But I  
39 think they had brought their own gear to do their  
40 research and hired local people -- she used local people  
41 to help her get some of the fish, to collect samples of  
42 the fish in the lakes and I'm not sure if anybody else  
43 was up near there this summer or last summer. I'm not  
44 sure who it would have been so we'll try to find out.

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46 MR. BODFISH: Yes, I remember that. When  
47 they came through Atqasuk, I know they had Masa Akpik as  
48 one of their workers. I'll pass this information on to  
49 Mr. Brower.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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5 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, there  
6 was some permits that we worked on that did environmental  
7 studies on the North Slope so we can also check into that  
8 as well. There was some conditions that we attached on  
9 some of the overflights of helicopter use and, our  
10 concern was, we passed that on directly on through the  
11 permit itself, not to interfere with subsistence users,  
12 subsistence activities with the continuing flights and to  
13 try to get a representative from each village that may be  
14 mostly affected to try to coordinate appropriate routes  
15 to better manage impacting caribou migration and  
16 subsistence opportunities. So we can look at that again  
17 from the Borough side, anyway, and see what we can come  
18 up with. Because I do know there was three or four  
19 environmental studies and assessments taking place.

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21 One of the concerns that I have and was  
22 also a concern for Nuiqsut was the offshore proposals for  
23 Thedus Island Exploration to drill three offshore wells  
24 at the Colville Delta and the concern was migratory route  
25 of the fish going up river and the availability of  
26 harvesting Arctic cisco. There was very much concern  
27 about fishing opportunities and the resources and the  
28 potential impact of those resources.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
31 I'll give my report on issues from our winter meeting,  
32 through the summer and into the fall. Barrow's been very  
33 fortunate to have all its resources available to the  
34 community. Being in the prime spot we had a lot of  
35 resources available although we've had unusual weather  
36 patterns and fluctuations. We're experiencing a lot of  
37 rain which is good in a way but not so good in the  
38 immediate vicinity of Barrow. As you can see the road  
39 systems are not so good.

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41 Resources have been pretty much  
42 available. A lot of ducks flying. People harvesting  
43 ducks, caribou. Marine resources have been very  
44 plentiful. Traveling up and down the rivers, you got to  
45 be careful if you don't know the river all that great,  
46 hit shallow here and there. I guess that's part of the  
47 traveling up and down the river.

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49 Fishing seems to be slowing down a little  
50 bit now because of the high waters. Quite a few caribou.

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1 I see the geese are starting to migrate south, getting  
2 into large groups and migrating south. You see them  
3 flying up at real high altitudes up there, you can see  
4 all the geese just flying south.

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6 Haven't had too many concerns in regard  
7 to the resources. You know they've been plentiful so I  
8 don't have too many concerns in terms of the availability  
9 of resources here in the Barrow area.

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11 Although I do have other concerns in  
12 regards to the management program and we need to be a  
13 little more diligent about keeping up on the issues. I  
14 know there's a lot of different issues happening,  
15 continuing with different agencies trying to keep up with  
16 all of them it's very difficult. You just hear about the  
17 most immediate issues and try to deal with them at that  
18 time. But, you know, the Federal Management Program is a  
19 very large program and trying to keep up with all the  
20 activities is somewhat difficult at times. And trying to  
21 understand all the language that comes with all the  
22 issues is somewhat difficult at times also and so we need  
23 to get an interpretation as to what they're really trying  
24 to get across or provide comments on. You know, in terms  
25 of providing comments you need to be careful as to how  
26 you word your proposals or language that's being put into  
27 the proposal or recommended changes to keep from getting  
28 into loopholes and that sort of stuff.

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30 So those were some of the issues we need  
31 to bring out.

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33 Although we'll be discussing some of  
34 these issues here under our agenda items, I don't have  
35 too many other concerns. We've been fortunate to have  
36 all the resources available to us around Barrow. So it's  
37 just a matter of being out and taking time off to go hunt  
38 the resources.

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40 That's basically it for me. Any other  
41 Council members want to voice any other concerns. Amos.

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43 MR. AGNASAGGA: I forgot to mention that  
44 sheep is starting to come from up inland, nobody caught  
45 any yet though.

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47 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, just  
2 one last comment. I know this is a little bit far and  
3 away from normal subsistence commenting but it's right in  
4 there, I think, and it deals with industrialization and  
5 potential conflicts with subsistence activities and  
6 subsistence resources that I think appropriate land  
7 managers of each Federal land should be very, very  
8 diligent on proposals that industry is, I think some of  
9 them are going to be pending here really soon. And  
10 having had the privilege of going to some of the caribou  
11 meetings, the caribou steering committee meetings that  
12 have been put together and looking at data that's been  
13 compiled over years, pretty near 25 years of data  
14 gathered, now starting to show a little bit of a  
15 revelation about what's happening with one particular  
16 herd in that area, the Central Arctic Herd. The shift in  
17 core calving areas and a split between areas.

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19 That is one of the concerns that I have  
20 as industrialization moves westward into NPR-A where  
21 subsistence harvesting is very high in the NPR-A, the  
22 primary use. And you know, I would really like to see  
23 new types of efforts, renewed efforts and renewed  
24 thinking in how development occurs that is much more co-  
25 existent. I know there's a lot of questions that the  
26 industrial people answer and mortality rates are up,  
27 well, the mortality rates are up but it's where the  
28 animals go is what's the matter. You can have caribou  
29 interacting and living with infrastructure, it's being  
30 able to harvest, it's being able to harvest where they're  
31 normally found, with the availability of the local  
32 residents to use them.

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34 And that is one of the primary concerns  
35 that I would like to -- I know it's a big overall picture  
36 view but it's a very much real issue that has the  
37 potential to affect, I think, large masses of subsistence  
38 activities. Anyway, that's one thing that I thought  
39 should come out and I think we should try to be involved  
40 because we are a body of people that represents  
41 subsistence resources and activities. And if we see  
42 conflicts that are coming around, I would really not like  
43 to see pipeline sprawl in NPR-A. I know there's got to  
44 be real alternatives to these types of situations.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
49 If we have no further comments in regards to our Council  
50 member reports we could move along to our next agenda

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1 item, Chairman's report.

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3 I haven't been at the meetings during May  
4 and I'll pass that on to Barb and she'll give us an  
5 update on what happened at these meetings. Barb.

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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
8 It's all self-explanatory, you have it there in your  
9 books. The Chair's meeting and then also the Federal  
10 Board and the Chair's meeting together. And then your  
11 concern that you requested on compensation was discussed  
12 and it's still, as of today, still being denied. And a  
13 letter is all self-explanatory there in answering your  
14 annual report, that's where you have put in the musk-ox.  
15 And on the revisit of the Musk-ox Management Plan is  
16 still ongoing today as we speak. There was a special  
17 action that came from North Slope that will be discussed  
18 with you later on today at your meeting. And  
19 compensation will still be, I'm sure, discussed as we  
20 speak today in requesting more for your annual report  
21 issues. There's your .805 letter on how your proposals  
22 went and most of them were adopted by the Federal Board.

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24 Unless you have any questions, that's all  
25 I have for now. Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Barb.  
28 Any questions or comments to Barb from the Council.

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30 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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34 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, this letter that we  
35 received here, I haven't had the opportunity to read much  
36 on it from -- it's an August 27th circulation, I guess,  
37 from Thomas Boyd.

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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, Gordon, that will  
40 also be discussed at this meeting sometime this morning,  
41 separately other than what -- that's the letter that went  
42 out from Tom Boyd regarding the Council meetings and the  
43 meeting places, is that what you're referring to?

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45 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah.

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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, you will have a  
48 time to comment on that. Someone from the Staff will be  
49 discussing that before you today, separately.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Okay, because I haven't  
2 had the time to read it or anything. It just kind of  
3 like come right to you. I hope to have the opportunity  
4 to either read it out loud or something to better  
5 understand it or something like that.

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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, that will be  
8 discussed before you by a Staff member today at this  
9 meeting. Thank you. And I'm sure you will be given time  
10 to comment back on that letter, either written or verbal.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon, does that  
13 answer your question?

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15 MR. G. BROWER: Yes, thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Further  
18 comments from the Council. No further comments we'll  
19 move on to our public testimony. This opportunity  
20 continues through the meeting. Please complete and  
21 submit to the coordinator to testify a testifier form  
22 from the sign-in table. I don't know if we have any  
23 public comments or people wanting to provide comments  
24 under the public comment period.

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26 I see Craig George and Robert Suydam from  
27 the Wildlife Department over there and maybe we should  
28 have them introduce themselves while we're waiting for  
29 somebody from the public to testify.

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31 MR. GEORGE: Good morning. Craig George  
32 with the Department of Wildlife Management. Good to see  
33 everybody.

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35 MR. SUYDAM: Good morning. I'm Robert  
36 Suydam, I'm also from the Department of Wildlife  
37 Management.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you,  
40 gentlemen. Saw you all smiles over there so I had to  
41 make you speak a little bit.

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43 If we don't have any public testimony or  
44 comments from the public, what's the wish of the Council?  
45 Do you folks want to take a little break here? Okay,  
46 we'll take a five or 10 minute break. Thank you.

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48 (Off record)

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50 (On record)

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Call the meeting of  
2 the Regional Advisory Council back to order, please.  
3 We're under public testimony and there was none given  
4 although when we took a break we got a note saying that  
5 there was a person that wanted to give public testimony  
6 but will be coming back to do that. So I told him that  
7 the public testimony is open to the public all day  
8 throughout the meeting process so whenever a person comes  
9 in we'll provide them that opportunity.

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11 Continuing with our agenda we're under  
12 Agenda Item 9 now, statewide fisheries proposals for  
13 Council review and recommendations to the Federal  
14 Subsistence Board. We have procedures that we'll be  
15 following through on this presentation regarding the  
16 proposals. As you can see in the packet there's the  
17 procedures that we'll follow through.

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19 Introductions of proposal and analysis;  
20 Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments; other agency  
21 comments, Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments;  
22 summary of written public comments; public testimony;  
23 Regional Council deliberation and recommendations and  
24 justification.

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26 So we have two proposals that I can see  
27 that are listed here, statewide for harvest of fish for  
28 use in traditional religious ceremonies, that's one.  
29 Statewide streamline special action process, and that's  
30 the other proposal.

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32 I guess we'll start with the first one,  
33 Proposal 27 and I'll give the floor to Helen.

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35 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
36 My name is Helen Armstrong, I'm with the Office of  
37 Subsistence Management. If the Council would turn to Tab  
38 D in your book there are two statewide proposals as Harry  
39 mentioned. There are no proposals that were put forth  
40 that are specific to this region but these two are  
41 statewide and all of the Councils will have an  
42 opportunity to provide their recommendations on what we  
43 should do with these proposals.

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45 I'll be doing the first one and Richard  
46 Uberuaga will do the second one.

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48 Proposal FP03-27 was submitted by the  
49 Office of Subsistence Management and it requests an  
50 establishment of a statewide Federal regulation allowing

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1 the taking of fish for religious and ceremonial potlatch  
2 purposes. This one would be similar to those already in  
3 place in the regulation for wildlife. Because fishing is  
4 new to our program we didn't have a regulation that  
5 covered fish as we do in wildlife.

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7 The proposed regulation appears in a  
8 couple of places, it's on Page 43 in your book and it's  
9 also down on Page 47. There is no existing regulation.  
10 Rather than read the whole thing, it takes a whole page,  
11 I will just summarize it.

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13 What would happen is that the proposal  
14 would allow for the taking of fish outside of open season  
15 and harvest limits if the fish is used for food in  
16 traditional religious ceremonies or those which are part  
17 of funerary or mortuary cycles, including memorial  
18 potlatches. Under this regulation the person organizing  
19 the ceremony would have to contact the appropriate local  
20 Federal fisheries manager prior to taking the fish and  
21 they would provide the name of the decedent, the nature  
22 of the ceremony, the parties and/or the clans involved,  
23 the species and the number of fish to be taken and the  
24 Federal waters from which the harvest would occur.

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26 Under this regulation, no more than 25  
27 salmon or five steelhead would be allowed to be taken.  
28 The harvesting would not be allowed to violate the  
29 recognized principles of fisheries conservation and there  
30 would need to be a report filed with the Federal managers  
31 not more than 15 days after the harvest. And it would  
32 have to specify the harvesters name and address, number,  
33 species of fish taken, the date and location of the  
34 taking and the name of the decedent for whom the ceremony  
35 was held. And the permit would be required -- no permit  
36 would be required. And the harvester would have to be an  
37 Alaska rural resident with customary and traditional use  
38 in that area.

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40 Currently there are no State regulations  
41 allowing the harvest of fish for ceremonial or religious  
42 purposes. And this proposed regulation would apply to  
43 all waters under Federal subsistence management.

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45 As I stated, there are provisions under  
46 the wildlife regulations that allow for this to happen  
47 under wildlife and all of the things that I mentioned  
48 earlier in the proposal apply also to the wildlife  
49 regulations.

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1           As you all know the consumption of  
2 subsistence Native foods is a central feature of Alaska  
3 Native cultural gatherings and serving of fish and game  
4 essential in those ceremonial feasts. Such foods  
5 reaffirm ethnic identity and they tie the people to the  
6 land and the resources. While fresh salmon and steelhead  
7 are available only part of the year for many Alaska  
8 Natives, when available they're an integral part of  
9 potlatch or other ceremonies.

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11           Most of the fish actually already could  
12 be harvested under existing regulations that this  
13 wouldn't even have to be applied but there are some  
14 instances where it might need to be applied and because  
15 of that, in most cases, it wouldn't have any -- because  
16 it would be within the existing harvest regulations,  
17 there wouldn't be any effect at all. It's not believed  
18 that there would be any biological effect to this  
19 proposal. It should have minimal impact on steelhead and  
20 salmon populations.

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22           So as a result the Staff recommends  
23 supporting the proposal. The justification for that  
24 support is that adoption of the proposal would recognize  
25 the importance of fish in Alaska Native ceremonial and  
26 religious activities and the regulatory language provides  
27 for conservation of salmon and steelhead stocks and the  
28 Federal Subsistence Program has modified regulations to  
29 allow the taking of wildlife for ceremonial and religious  
30 purposes, this proposed regulation would extend the same  
31 opportunities for the taking of fish as exists with  
32 wildlife.

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34           Thank you, Mr. Chair. That concludes my  
35 analysis.

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37           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Helen.  
38 Comments from Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Ida.

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40           MS. HILDEBRAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
41 Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member. There was  
42 just one correction I wish to add before you go into  
43 further discussion. On Page 47 under discussion on the  
44 first and second line it says the Office of Subsistence  
45 Management has proposed allowing the harvest of fish  
46 outside of published open seasons and harvest limits, it  
47 should be or, not and. And that correction is made  
48 throughout the document, which or makes it more open,  
49 less limiting than and, and makes it that you have to  
50 have both those conditions.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ida. Do  
4 we have anyone from the Alaska Department of Fish and  
5 Game? No sound. No arms raised. Nobody standing. Any  
6 other agency comments. Do we have any other agency  
7 comments?

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Helen.

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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I know there's no one  
14 here from Fish and Game to provide their comments so if  
15 you want to look at Page 52, there were comments provided  
16 in the book and I'll just go ahead and put those in for  
17 the record since Geoff isn't here.

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19 ADF&G was neutral on this proposal. The  
20 Department is neutral in this proposal and will defer  
21 most comments until the Staff analysis is available,  
22 however, we recommend that ceremonial harvest be subject  
23 to the regulatory controls for conservation purposes of a  
24 harvest limit by species, area and time along with a  
25 timely reporting mechanism. And they had a question, is  
26 this really a regional Southeast proposal rather than  
27 statewide? I think that -- I'm not sure, this isn't  
28 actually my proposal, where that came from, but maybe  
29 originally it was a Southeast proposal and then became  
30 statewide, I'm not sure.

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32 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Helen.  
35 Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments. Is that  
36 referring to our Council or is that another Fish and Game  
37 Advisory Committee there?

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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's the State.

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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: The statewide Fish and  
42 Game -- or the State Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any representing  
45 them here?

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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Well,  
50 there's two no shows and then there's number 5, summary

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1 of written public comments.

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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: There were none, Mr.  
4 Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think. Wait a  
9 minute, let me make sure that's correct.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Number 6, public  
12 testimony. None. Number 7, Regional Council  
13 deliberation, recommendation and justification.

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15 What is the wish of the Council?

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17 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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21 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, this proposal it  
22 sounds like it might be something that's needed that  
23 somebody put on the floor for -- because I know I have  
24 some family members that are from somewhere else, their  
25 customs for funerals and stuff like that, they do try to  
26 harvest to feed people and I think it's a good thing, for  
27 one.

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29 That's just my own feelings about it.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's probably  
32 several options we could take. We could take no action,  
33 we could take an action and then modify it if you want to  
34 make that suggestion to do so but it's up to the Council  
35 to how you want to proceed with this, support Staff  
36 recommendation.

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38 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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42 MR. G. BROWER: Just speaking as myself I  
43 would kind of move to support Staff recommendation on  
44 this.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the floor  
47 to support Staff recommendation.

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49 MR. KOONUK: Second the motion.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any further  
2 discussions.

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4 MR. AGNASAGGA: Call for the question.  
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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question called for.  
7 All in favor of supporting the Staff recommendation on  
8 Proposal 27 FP03-27 signify by saying aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion passed.  
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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Helen. I  
17 need to flip back to my agenda here. We have another  
18 item, Proposal 28, statewide streamline special action  
19 process. Richard Uberuaga -- I'm trying to get that name  
20 right Richard.

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22 (Laughter)

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24 MR. UBERUAGA: I'm used to it.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.

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28 MR. UBERUAGA: It's Uberuaga.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uberuaga.

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32 MR. UBERUAGA: But anyway, thank you, Mr.  
33 Chair. My name is Richard Uberuaga. I'm with the Office  
34 of Subsistence Management in Anchorage. If you'll turn  
35 to Tab D, Page 57 in your Council book you'll find the  
36 draft Staff analysis for streamlining in-season fisheries  
37 special actions.

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39 Fisheries Proposal FP03-28 was submitted  
40 by the Office of Subsistence Management and would  
41 streamline the Federal Subsistence Board's special action  
42 process. Specifically this is a streamlining of in-  
43 season fisheries special actions.

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45 In-season special actions would only be  
46 issued when the Federal management actions differ from  
47 State management actions. State emergency orders would  
48 apply to Federal waters in instances where State and  
49 Federal managers are in agreement on subsistence issues.

50 When the State and Federal managers are not in

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1 agreement, in-season managers would retain the authority  
2 to issue special actions if needed.

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4 I want to stress that there are  
5 safeguards built into this special action process. I  
6 know that this Council does not deal with a lot of in-  
7 season fisheries special actions but some of the other  
8 Councils do. The safeguards are communicating with the  
9 Regional Councils, with coordinating fisheries  
10 committees, with the public to ensure that you all are  
11 still involved in the Federal decision-making process.

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13 Designated Federal managers would  
14 continue to consult with concerned individuals and groups  
15 in developing recommendations for all State issued  
16 emergency orders. Regional Council members or the public  
17 can appeal the decisions at any time to the Federal  
18 Subsistence Board if they feel this is necessary.

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20 Why do we want to streamline in-season  
21 fisheries special action processes? Well, the main  
22 reason is we would like to eliminate redundancy, we don't  
23 want to do things over and over if it's not needed. For  
24 example, on the Yukon River in 2001, there were 27  
25 special actions done by the Federal fisheries managers.  
26 26 of these or most all of them were identical to the  
27 State emergency order. We went ahead and issued a  
28 special action just copying identically the same as the  
29 State emergency order. We feel that that's redundant in  
30 this area and it is not needed. Another reason was  
31 confusion. With a lot of special actions being issued,  
32 almost simultaneously, in managing some of these intense  
33 commercial fisheries, there was a lot of confusion going  
34 on. So one special action would be issued and another  
35 one was going into effect, people didn't really have a  
36 real clear idea of what was going on because of all this  
37 confusion.

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39 So what we hope in the Office of  
40 Subsistence Management is that this proposal will do, is  
41 it will just streamline things a little bit and prevent  
42 us from being redundant and publishing and writing these  
43 special actions unnecessarily when everyone is in  
44 agreement with the State issued emergency order. We feel  
45 that we can save time and money and our efforts can be  
46 better spent working with the fishery actions and the  
47 fisheries going on at the time.

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49 In 2002, the Federal Subsistence Board  
50 approved this special action process for the Yukon and



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1 Kuskokwim Rivers for one year only, on a one year trial  
2 basis for these two areas, the Yukon and Kuskokwim. The  
3 Fish and Wildlife Service went to the three Councils in  
4 the area, the Western Interior Council, Eastern Interior  
5 and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Council and asked them, do  
6 you support this streamlining effort that we're  
7 proposing, at the time they said, yes, let's try this for  
8 a year and see how it works. So they supported this so  
9 far and that's the feedback we have to-date. We're going  
10 to go forward to all these Councils and present this  
11 proposal and we'll hear back again from these three  
12 Councils, is it working. We think it's working but we  
13 want to hear from them again this fall. So this month we  
14 will be going back to those three Councils and hearing  
15 from them.

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17           Some parts of the State feel that this  
18 streamlining is premature. In one region the belief is  
19 that the streamlining process may pose an undue burden on  
20 the Federal manager and may result in some unintended  
21 consequences of a season being adopted that the Federal  
22 side didn't really want even if it was only for a couple  
23 of a days, for a few short days, they felt that this  
24 might be a little premature for some areas. Another  
25 feeling is that this streamlining effort may be premature  
26 because of some of the State and Federal coordinating  
27 activities that are going on.

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29           Currently there's a Federal/State  
30 Memorandum of Agreement for developing regulatory  
31 protocol, or the way we do business, processes. The  
32 State and the Federal governments are working on how they  
33 work together on developing and managing fisheries. One  
34 of the protocols or processes that this group is working  
35 on developing a protocol for handling just this, these  
36 in-season special actions based on the Yukon-Kuskokwim  
37 effort. So the feeling is that maybe this is proposal is  
38 a little premature, maybe the State and Federal efforts  
39 should go forward on a statewide basis and let that  
40 process be developed and put in writing on how the  
41 protocol will operate.

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43           Like I said, the results from the 2002  
44 fishing seasons haven't been fully analyzed and we're  
45 going to hear a lot more at future Council meetings, at  
46 the other Council meetings on how they view this  
47 streamlining process and we feel it's real important to  
48 get a full hearing.

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50           So what we've recommended at this time is

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1 to implement this proposal, propose implementing this  
2 proposal only for the Yukon and Kuskokwim, not on a  
3 statewide basis but rather, wait until we get more -- we  
4 hear back from the Councils more, where the Federal and  
5 State MOA moves forward and develops a real sound process  
6 for this statewide -- for applying this statewide, we  
7 feel that's better. But at this time we're proposing to  
8 adopt the streamlining process only for the Yukon and  
9 Kuskokwim Rivers.

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11 The proposed regulation would read, for  
12 the Yukon northern and Kuskokwim areas, Federal  
13 subsistence fishing schedules, openings, closings and  
14 fishing methods are the same as those issued for the  
15 subsistence taking of fish under Alaska emergency orders  
16 unless superseded by a Federal special action.

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18 Mr. Chair, that concludes my remarks.

19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Richard.

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23 MS. HILDEBRAND: Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ida.

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27 MS. HILDEBRAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
28 Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member. Just for  
29 your information again, corrections that weren't noted in  
30 here although they were previously discussed in Staff  
31 Committee meetings, on Page 58, under the section that  
32 says current events involving species, that first  
33 paragraph makes reference to an MOA between the Office of  
34 Subsistence Management and ADF&G, I requested to see that  
35 MOA and I was informed that that's an incorrect  
36 statement, it's the MOA between the Federal and State  
37 Boards that's referred to as the MOA that has been  
38 discussed before the Council meetings.

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40 And also there is concern, as Mr.  
41 Uberuaga had stated, that it is somewhat premature since  
42 it's involving mostly the Yukon and Kuskokwim. And there  
43 is concern also that there isn't proper consultation with  
44 those Councils or with those coordinating committee  
45 members.

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47 So I just wish to let you be informed of  
48 those issues as you prepare for your discussions. Thank  
49 you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ida. The  
2 next is Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.  
3 Maybe Richard you could, do you know of the ADF&G  
4 comments on this?

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6 MR. UBERUAGA: Yeah, I don't really want  
7 to say what they were. To my knowledge, they were in  
8 support of the overall process but I think they're  
9 reserving their comments until it's a bit further along.  
10 Can anyone help me with that? Are they in the book?  
11 Page 61.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: They're written in  
14 the book in the back.

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16 MR. UBERUAGA: Oh, yeah, they're on Page  
17 61, excuse me.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Maybe we could get  
20 you to read them into the record just to document that  
21 they.....

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23 MR. UBERUAGA: Sure, I'll do that if  
24 you'd like.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: .....although they  
27 are written here, maybe since we're recording, the  
28 discussion would be appropriate.

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30 MR. UBERUAGA: Okay. The ADF&G comments  
31 are they support the proposal. The Department supports  
32 streamlining the special action process whereby special  
33 actions would only be issued in-season when Federal  
34 management actions differ from State management actions.  
35 Under this proposal State emergency orders would apply to  
36 Federal waters in instances where State and Federal  
37 managers agree on subsistence fishing management actions.  
38 This would encourage a more coordinated management  
39 approach for Federal and State managers. It will also  
40 reduce duplication of effort and confusion for the public  
41 by coordinating news releases and legal notices regarding  
42 identical management actions.

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44 As a broader point, this approach should  
45 also be used in fishing regulations. Because State  
46 regulations apply on Federal waters, we consider that it  
47 would be clear to the public if the Federal system  
48 published only those regulations that differ from State  
49 regulations. This would create a more coordinated  
50 approach with fewer inadvertent differences in

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1 regulations between systems and clearer provisions for  
2 law enforcement, the public and fisheries managers.

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4 Presently it is very difficult for people  
5 to determine which requirements apply because they must  
6 compare the specific provisions and exact wording of  
7 Federal and State regulations.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Richard.

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11 MR. UBERUAGA: Okay.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Number 3, other  
14 agency comments. So noted. Number 4, Fish and Game  
15 Advisory Committee comments. I don't think we've  
16 received any other comments.....

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18 MR. UBERUAGA: Not that I'm aware of, no.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: .....specific to  
21 this proposal. Summary of written public comments.

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23 MR. UBERUAGA: We received no written  
24 comments from the public, I believe.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Public  
27 testimony regarding the proposal of streamline special  
28 action process. Hearing no public testimony, Regional  
29 Council deliberation, recommendations and justification.  
30 What is the wish of the Council?

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32 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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36 MR. G. BROWER: It seems to me there  
37 should be some concern as to making the Kuskokwim and  
38 Yukon an example of a streamline process to where  
39 there's, it seems to me, I haven't seen any comments come  
40 in, public comments and maybe they can elaborate if there  
41 were public comments on this issue from those areas that  
42 we haven't heard and the State's comments, it seems to me  
43 they're more statewide comments versus a localized  
44 special action plan area that is being recommended.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: My personal comments  
47 are that this is still in the works and there's still  
48 some misunderstanding between, at least, what's stated in  
49 current events involving species. Ida Hildebrand  
50 mentioned that this interim MOA between the State

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1 Department and the Federal, these are the Board of  
2 Fisheries and the Board of Game?

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4 MS. HILDEBRAND: Federal Board.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Federal Subsistence  
7 Board, excuse me. I think in that sense it's directed  
8 towards them, not directed to the State agency.

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10 Again, we have several options, we can  
11 take no action -- defer to take any action, support Staff  
12 recommendation or we can make our own recommendation as  
13 to how you see -- how the Council wants to proceed with  
14 the proposal.

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16 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Fred.

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20 MR. ANDERSEN: Fred Andersen with the  
21 National Park Service. I was just reminded that last  
22 spring the three Yukon area Regional Councils endorsed  
23 the concept of going forward with this on a trial basis.  
24 They were in favor of trying it out and as you know  
25 they've not yet met this fall to either endorse this  
26 process on a permanent basis or to reject it. But a year  
27 ago, anyway, they were in favor of going forward with it.

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29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Fred.  
32 Just for additional comments, you know, Fred just said  
33 that they haven't heard anything back until this fall.  
34 They'll be hearing back from those Councils this fall at  
35 their meetings and getting their recommendations as to  
36 how they see this working.

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38 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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42 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair, I'd like to see  
43 something in black and white from the Kuskokwim area  
44 before we make any decisions. And I would recommend that  
45 we defer this proposal.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Defer to take any  
48 action.

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50 MR. KOONUK: Yes.

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1 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Terry.

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5 MR. TAGAROOK: It seems like that  
6 statewide has been affected with this salmon, that are  
7 coming into spawn, have you ever considered the  
8 international waters where the fish are coming into spawn  
9 but there's deep sea fisheries out there and maybe put a  
10 limit to their catch so that more fish can come into our  
11 rivers. I think that's where we should concentrate. I  
12 know we're working on our side but I think that's an  
13 issue that should be considered so that more fish stocks  
14 could come into our rivers from the ocean. Limit the  
15 take of the commercial fisheries out there that are in  
16 the international waters.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you Terry for  
19 your comments. There's a suggestion to defer to take any  
20 action.

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22 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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26 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, I would  
27 agree with Ray, that because we don't see any other  
28 comments, it seems to me, in black and white, and making  
29 a recommendation to impose this and, you know, accepting  
30 recommendations or providing recommendations that we  
31 impose it in only an area that's outside of our area is a  
32 little bit difficult to understand. I would not really  
33 like it if those guys were making a trial basis on our  
34 area as well unless there was full consensus that it was  
35 already written down and deliberated amongst themselves.

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38 Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
41 We still need to take some type of action regarding this  
42 proposal. There's a suggestion to defer to take any  
43 action, if we could put that in the form of a motion then  
44 we could take that action.

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46 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Gordon.

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50 MR. G. BROWER: Is A, the status quo, a

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1 no action situation on this proposal?

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Which A are you  
4 referring to?

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6 MR. G. BROWER: In Appendix 1 or am I on  
7 the wrong page, 62, there's a couple of options here.  
8 One's streamlining approach and status quo.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Richard.

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12 MR. UBERUAGA: The status quo would mean  
13 that as a State emergency order is issued, a special  
14 action would be issued by the Federal Subsistence Board  
15 even if we agreed. If we were in complete agreement with  
16 the State emergency order we would go through the  
17 mechanical process of writing and issuing a State special  
18 action. If we adopted this proposal, where we agreed  
19 with the action, it would automatically become, it would  
20 go into effect without us necessarily having to write up  
21 the special action on a piece of paper.

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23 As far as your Council goes, I think you  
24 can defer this proposal or reject or accept.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Ida, did  
27 you want to make a comment?

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29 MS. HILDEBRAND: Yes, I did Mr. Chairman.  
30 Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member. In reference  
31 to Gordon's question or comment, one of the actions you  
32 can take in deferring and other Councils have used this  
33 process when they were wanting to hear from the home  
34 region where the action will impact is to defer to the  
35 decision of that Council.

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37 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ida.  
40 Gordon, (In Native).

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42 MR. G. BROWER: Yes. (In Native) I  
43 would make a motion to that effect that we would defer  
44 the decision to that region, the affected region.

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46 MR. KOONUK: Second the motion, Mr.  
47 Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We have a motion and  
50 seconded. All in favor of supporting the motion signify

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1 by saying aye.

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3 IN UNISON: Aye.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So we'll defer to  
6 take any action until the Regional Council that it  
7 effects, make a decision on the proposal.

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

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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13 MR. UBERUAGA: It's a tough one to deal  
14 with because it's so hard to grasp the concept sometimes  
15 of all of the actions when you're not taking a lot of  
16 them in your area, but thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. I see  
19 there's a couple more people in the meeting room and  
20 maybe if we could ask them to introduce themselves. Mr.  
21 Hopson, just for the record.

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23 MR. HOPSON: Yeah, Charles Hopson from  
24 Barrow.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Taqulik  
27 Hepa.

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29 MS. HEPA: Hi. My name's Taqulik Hepa.  
30 I'm the deputy director for the Department of Wildlife  
31 Management for the North Slope Borough. Welcome all you  
32 people from the villages and the people from the agencies  
33 and Kotzebue, welcome.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Taqulik.  
36 Moving on down with our agenda, we're on Item 10, call  
37 for proposals to change Federal subsistence wildlife  
38 regulations, Tab E.

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40 Let's take a minute to review this  
41 information under Tab E.

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43 (Pause)

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So from what I've  
46 read we're dealing with wildlife and not fish and these  
47 are for proposals for regulation changes for July 1, 2003  
48 to June 30, 2004 regulatory year.

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50 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.



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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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3 MR. G. BROWER: Under what regulation or  
4 harvest of moose was Point Lay subject to having their  
5 furs removed from the village location. It seems to me  
6 that there was some kind of a conflict that occurred.  
7 I'm not sure what that was about, that was a concern that  
8 was brought out earlier.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Amos.

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12 MR. AGNASAGGA: What happened was that  
13 somebody made a complaint and when somebody makes a  
14 complaint I think they were just following through.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It could be that  
17 they're harvesting out of season or there's no reg -- I'm  
18 not exactly -- I don't have a regulation booklet to state  
19 what the regulation reads for moose under 26(A).

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21 MR. AGNASAGGA: Moose very hardly come to  
22 our country, once in a great while moose will come.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think Point Lay is  
25 covered basically under the State management regime so we  
26 would need to look into that under the State regulations.

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28 MR. AGNASAGGA: Well, they got to take it  
29 into we had no caribou this summer, too. Under the moose  
30 regulations. In the areas indicated by Federal  
31 restrictions see Page 7 the use of aircraft for moose  
32 hunting is prohibited in Unit 26(A) and bag limit moose  
33 means an animal of either sex. Bull means a male moose.  
34 In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of the sex must  
35 remain attached naturally to the meat. Moose 26(A), that  
36 portion of the Colville River drainage downstream from  
37 and including the Chandler River. Residents one bull.  
38 Harvest August 1 to September 14th. Nonresidents, no  
39 open season. Remainder of 26(A) residents one bull,  
40 harvest September 1 to September 14. No open season for  
41 nonresidents. 26(B) and (C) no open season.

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43 So if they were within that time frame of  
44 September 1 or September 14 they were within the season.  
45 I'm not sure about the hunters having hunting licenses  
46 and stuff like that but that but that remains to be under  
47 the State regs.

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49 Under the Federal regulations for moose  
50 it reads, a resident of 26, except the Prudhoe Bay,

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1 Deadhorse industrial complex and residents of Point Hope  
2 and Anaktuvuk Pass, 26(C) that portion of the Colville  
3 River drainage downstream from and including the Chandler  
4 River, one bull, Federal public lands are closed to the  
5 taking of moose except by rural residents of 26, not  
6 including the Prudhoe Bay/Deadhorse complex, Point Hope  
7 and Anaktuvuk Pass. Remainder of 26(A) one bull,  
8 September 1 to September 14. So they're in line with the  
9 State regs.

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11 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon, go ahead.

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15 MR. G. BROWER: It seems to me there  
16 should be some type of provision. I mean if we're  
17 working and coordinating with State and Federal  
18 regulations and we've worked with the State to align  
19 ourselves with some of their regulations, that there  
20 should be some provisions for emergency actions or  
21 something when limited harvesting of caribou and other  
22 resources is being affected, that they do not get  
23 penalized in some fashion.

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25 It's just an observation from Point Lay

26 comments.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
29 Those are some very valid concerns. Ray, did you have a  
30 comment you wanted to make?

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32 MR. KOONUK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Like  
33 Amos mentioned, moose rarely comes into Point Lay. Even  
34 to Point Hope. You know, they rarely come in. And I  
35 think the comment that Gordon makes, I'd go along with  
36 that comment.

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38 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ray.

41 Earl.

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43 MR. WILLIAMS: Harry, could that go under  
44 emergency needs or anything, like, you know, one time the  
45 village of Wainwright and I think Atqasuk, had no caribou  
46 in Anaktuvuk and they sent a plane load -- a couple plane  
47 loads of caribou and stuff, you know, would that go under  
48 that kind of purpose you know? Because they're pretty  
49 hard on the herd.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: You know, it could  
2 be considered and we need to work with the State and  
3 Federal regulators as to how we can proceed with that  
4 type of work, that needs to be considered that way. But  
5 I think that for the hunter, maybe if they were in season  
6 or out of season when they were harvested, if we need to  
7 make an adjustment into the seasons. Not really  
8 affecting the bag limit but trying to address the time  
9 when they're available and nearest to the community.  
10 That September 1 to September 14 is like two weeks that  
11 the season is open under both Federal and State  
12 regulations for moose.

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14 The way I've always thought about  
15 subsisting is that you take resources opportunistically  
16 when they're available to you, you're not really there to  
17 try to abide by regulations when you're out trying to  
18 provide food for your family. So I think we need to take  
19 into consideration how we are accustomed to taking  
20 resources instead of this Western concept of regulations  
21 of game for harvest.

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23 So we could keep that in mind, Amos, as  
24 to you might have an idea as to when those moose were  
25 harvested in your community, but keeping that in mind we  
26 need to look at those regulations to see if you're within  
27 that zone or season. Do we need to make some type of  
28 adjustment to that moose season or, you know, there's an  
29 open season for two weeks there and it sounds like it's  
30 too late in the season for when the moose are in your  
31 community.

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33 MR. AGNASAGGA: Like August is a better  
34 time. August would be better.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm trying to think  
37 if it was the State biologist that was flying in from  
38 Kotzebue to Point Lay to investigate the harvest  
39 activities out of season and that could have probably led  
40 him to doing that. Investigating and going into the  
41 community to confiscate the moose hide.

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43 MR. AGNASAGGA: Well, from what I heard  
44 they say it's going to be up to the judge as to what's  
45 going to happen but maybe we could -- this Board could  
46 probably help the hunters out, there's three of them.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: This activity has  
49 already taken place so it's kind of out of our hands but  
50 we could try to understand with what's happened and try

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1 to see how it could get in line with our hunting  
2 opportunities when the resources are available near your  
3 community in terms of moose hunting.

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5 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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9 MR. KOONUK: Do you know what dates they  
10 were caught hunting?

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12 MR. AGNASAGGA: A couple of weeks ago.

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14 MR. KOONUK: So that would be within,  
15 what, August 1st and -- I think that's when the  
16 moose.....

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18 MR. AGNASAGGA: During the month of  
19 August.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I was going to  
22 mention that maybe if it was in the middle of August it  
23 might be more helpful to you and the hunters in your  
24 community.

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26 MR. AGNASAGGA: Well, that's when I  
27 called you when those people came from Kotzebue.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh, yes, that  
30 was just at the end of August just before I left for my  
31 hunting trip so that's within that time frame.

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33 MR. AGNASAGGA: So it happened probably  
34 about the middle of August.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We haven't really  
37 written up any type of proposals for changes to the  
38 wildlife but we hear of these concerns that come out that  
39 are affecting our community members as to when they're  
40 harvesting resources out of season. So we need to keep  
41 that in mind as we're dealing with these wildlife  
42 proposal changes. We could probably forward a  
43 recommendation to change the season for 26(A), you know,  
44 specifying that change to that area. I think we've made  
45 some type of recommendation in that sense before.

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47 I'm trying to think of a process of how  
48 we could move forward on this. I know we have a long  
49 agenda and there's other issues we need to deal with.  
50 But while we're under this topic we need to see about

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1 getting a proposal written with the language justifying  
2 the recommended change.

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4 (Pause)

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Maybe Helen if you  
7 could help us out in trying to address this concern from  
8 Point Lay regarding the moose, help providing some  
9 language to address this time frame that's already in the  
10 regulation booklet of September 1 to 14, that's the open  
11 season.

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13 Ida.

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15 MS. HILDEBRAND: Mr. Chairman, Ida  
16 Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member. If these involve  
17 both State and Federal lands, you might want to submit a  
18 proposal both to the State and the Federal Boards. And  
19 you might also consider if there's a consideration or a  
20 concern that the moose population is not very large or  
21 something, that you might consider a community quota,  
22 then you'd have a longer season but when you met the  
23 quota it would close.

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25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ida.

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29 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Helen.

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33 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I neglected to say  
34 this earlier but Donna Dewhurst has left our office and  
35 we no longer have a wildlife biologist. At this time  
36 they are interviewing for people. Dave Fisher, he's  
37 never worked in this region but he's filling in for Donna  
38 temporarily, his regions are down in the Bristol Bay and  
39 Kodiak/Aleutians -- where are you -- anyway.....

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41 MR. FISHER: Uh-huh.

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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....so Dave is going  
44 to help us out as the wildlife biologist sitting in for  
45 Donna.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Helen.

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49 MR. FISHER: Yes, Mr. Chair, perhaps one  
50 thing you could consider would be to expand that season.

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1 It sounds to me like the animals were harvested sometime  
2 in mid- to late August and if that was the case it was  
3 outside the existing season so you may want to submit a  
4 proposal to expand that season mid-August through  
5 September 14th or something like that. I'm not that  
6 totally familiar with the population in that area. And  
7 then you'd probably want to try and get the State to  
8 submit a similar proposal because looking on the map, the  
9 Point Lay area does lie outside of Federal public lands.  
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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Before we get into  
12 further discussions, I'd like to find out a couple of  
13 clarifying questions. When is the deadline to submit  
14 these proposals?  
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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: October 18th, Mr.  
17 Chair.  
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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.  
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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You could submit one  
22 today or you could do one later if you so chose and we  
23 could help you. You could sort of generally describe it  
24 here and then we can help you write it up during the  
25 lunch break if you would want to do that and provide the  
26 language to support the proposal.  
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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think that would  
29 be appropriate. What I was trying to get at is that we  
30 also don't have our State biologist here to help us with  
31 the population information regarding the moose in that  
32 area. So I'm not really looking forward to making any  
33 proposal changes, you know, without proper information.  
34 So that could be a throwback at us if we just go ahead  
35 and submit a proposal to change the regulation. I'm  
36 trying to think a little bit ahead of other issues that  
37 could throw us off course here.  
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39 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.  
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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Helen.  
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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I was wondering if  
44 Amos could let us know if he thinks -- I know the map  
45 isn't all that big and clear but whether or not the  
46 hunting would be on State lands or Federal lands or both?  
47 Do you know Amos?  
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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Amos, I think it's  
50 basically State lands that you're hunting off of?

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1 MR. AGNASAGGA: I know it's right near  
2 the village.

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4 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Then it really would  
5 be more appropriate to have a State proposal rather than  
6 a Federal proposal.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So if I could  
9 suggest that maybe we could work with Geoff or one of the  
10 people from the State office to make that proposal change  
11 on the date after gaining more information in terms of  
12 what type of population is within that area, if it would  
13 be an effect to the population.

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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17 MR. FISHER: Mr. Chair, one other point,  
18 in working with the State biologist, they may want to  
19 check when the Board of Game would be taking this area up  
20 for a change in regulations, they don't do the same area  
21 every year like we do. They have a little bit different  
22 method.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, I remember, I  
25 think they have a every two or three year cycle.....

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27 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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29 MR. FISHER: Yes.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: .....to addressing  
32 different regions of the state. Thank you for bringing  
33 that up.

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35 MR. FISHER: But it sounds like it would  
36 be worth pursuing with the State biologist.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you very much.  
39 Amos.

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41 MR. AGNASAGGA: Yeah, moose do come  
42 around once in a while but nobody hunts them. This is  
43 the first time in years because when there's caribou they  
44 prefer caribou.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Amos.  
47 It's somewhat difficult trying to make a decision without  
48 having all your biologists around here.

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50 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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3 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, one of the  
4 observations also from Amos is the preferred take of  
5 animals when their rutting season is occurring, you know,  
6 there's different rutting times when the animals are  
7 preferred and that may be one of the reasons. You know,  
8 if there's scarcity in caribou and much limited on musk-  
9 ox, it seems to me that to try to get some sort of meat,  
10 to get animals that are not in rutting season because  
11 they do have different seasons. I think reindeers, like  
12 about 30 days earlier than tutus, so there's some  
13 difference in rutting times and that should be taken into  
14 consideration. Because we take that into consideration  
15 when we're hunting. We don't try to get the bulls when  
16 rut has started just because of the taste in meat. So  
17 that might be one of the considerations there.

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19 I would also, you know, like to be a very  
20 sympathetic Council to try to, you know, defer or express  
21 our concern to the State Board over the matter, to be  
22 penalizing when -- that there should be a full  
23 explanation of why the hunt took place and not to  
24 penalize people when you really need to eat, you really  
25 have to -- you really got to get food.

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27 That was just my own concern. Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
30 I think we're kind of in a locked position here or a  
31 stalemate position not having all our biologists here and  
32 not having all the proper information. It's 11:30 now  
33 and I'm trying to think of maybe if we took an early  
34 lunch break that we could think of a solution over lunch.  
35 I know it's mind over matter, my stomach's empty and I'm  
36 getting hungry and I can't think too much on an empty  
37 stomach. Maybe we could recess until 1:00 and think  
38 about how we can address this concern that we're dealing  
39 with at the moment.

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41 What is the wish of the Council?

42 Adopted.

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44 Okay, thank you everybody. We'll be back  
45 at 1:00 o'clock, please.

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47 (Off record)

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49 (On record)

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ladies and  
2 Gentlemen, I'd like to call the meeting of the Regional  
3 Advisory North Slope Council back to order at this time.  
4 It's 1:10. And where we left off was agenda Item 10,  
5 call for proposals to change Federal subsistence  
6 regulations, Tab E.

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8 We had just left off, before lunch, we  
9 were discussing regarding whether to submit a proposal to  
10 change regulations, harvest limits or harvest season --  
11 what were we talking about, seasons?

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13 MR. KOONUK: Changing the season.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Changing the season  
16 for moose in 26(A) near Point Lay.

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18 I guess where we want to start is  
19 probably developing a proposal in terms of what  
20 consequences we'll be faced with in regards to the  
21 incident in Point Lay. So maybe Barb or Helen -- excuse  
22 me, I'm getting the names mixed up again. Helen, maybe  
23 you could help us in developing a proposal in terms of  
24 trying to address Point Lay's concern. Would that be  
25 appropriate, Amos, you know, to try and change the  
26 hunting season to August?

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28 MR. AGNASAGGA: I like the idea.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Of submitting a  
31 harvest community limit, community harvest, is that what  
32 you're saying?

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34 MR. AGNASAGGA: Uh-huh. No season, just  
35 because they just come once in awhile and no hunter would  
36 hunt them while they were rutting, you know, they know  
37 better. It seems like the idea of so much per village.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: For your community,  
40 I'm not sure for other communities.....

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42 MR. AGNASAGGA: Well, this is probably a  
43 one time thing on these moose because there was just no  
44 caribou, that's all. But it might happen again because  
45 the way the musk-ox are hanging around and don't want to  
46 leave. We'll send them to Barrow.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: You know to keep  
49 from going through this process again, I think if we get  
50 started on trying to address the concern before it gets

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1 out of hand, I think that might be the proper step. But  
2 then we want your input as to how we can structure this  
3 proposal to submit for regulation changes. I think it  
4 would be appropriate for us to get some type of proposal  
5 in using your information that you provide to the Council  
6 in helping you submit the proposal and supporting it.

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8 MR. AGNASAGGA: Uh-huh.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Helen, I  
11 think we're hearing that we want to work with a community  
12 harvest. I'm not sure as to what type of numbers we're  
13 going to be working with but just structuring the  
14 proposal to address a community harvest for moose for  
15 Point Lay.

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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And did you want to  
18 change the -- you want to change the season dates, too;  
19 is that correct? What would you like the date to be, the  
20 opening date?

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22 MR. AGNASAGGA: Open date?

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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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26 MR. AGNASAGGA: Just like musk-ox. I  
27 think musk-ox, they allowed us four when they came  
28 around, you know, but they never set no dates. They gave  
29 four permits to hunt musk-ox.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That was under State  
32 regulations to do an emergency order working with State  
33 biologists to get that musk-ox permit to harvest musk-ox  
34 in Point Lay.

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36 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So do you want that  
39 similar structure in that?

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41 MR. AGNASAGGA: Yeah. That'd be the --  
42 on these seasons here, it seems like they're kind of late  
43 for our part.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It seems like the  
46 time of the season when the musk-ox come to your  
47 community are somewhat earlier than the east side. So we  
48 want to try and make it similar to the musk-ox, July 15,  
49 is that too early? Probably in August is what you want,  
50 right?

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1 MR. AGNASAGGA: No, August is good.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Middle part of  
4 August?

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6 MR. AGNASAGGA: September's getting a  
7 little bit late.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, so do you  
12 want it to be August 1st, August 15th, August -- do you  
13 want it to start on August 1st, Amos?

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15 MR. AGNASAGGA: Uh-huh.

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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: August 1st, okay.

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19 MR. FISHER: What about the length?

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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: How long of a season?

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23 MR. FISHER: Through September 14th like  
24 it is now?

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26 MR. AGNASAGGA: August to the middle of  
27 September maybe.

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29 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. So just change  
30 the opening, not the closing, okay. And then you want a  
31 community harvest but you don't know how many. We're  
32 going to wait until we talk to Geoff, is that what we  
33 wanted to do?

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35 MR. AGNASAGGA: Well, when we're.....

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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Excuse me.

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39 MR. AGNASAGGA: .....talking about moose,  
40 you know, once in awhile.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Amos, the question  
43 is how many would the community feel comfortable with,  
44 one, two moose?

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46 MR. AGNASAGGA: Maybe two.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Two.

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50 MR. AGNASAGGA: Uh-huh.

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1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Two?

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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5 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, two.

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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We could start with  
8 that, you know, we'll get this information in the form of  
9 a proposal and then we could submit it to the State to  
10 see how they would work along with us on this.

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12 MR. AGNASAGGA: In the past I've seen  
13 some moose, you know, but nobody hunts them when there's  
14 caribou around.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes. Yes. Okay,  
17 Amos. Earl, did you have a comment you'd like to make?

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19 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. I was looking at  
20 that booklet that said, it's pretty short on their  
21 seasons on hunting, you know. I think they should put a  
22 little extension on that, that way you know you'll have a  
23 better chance of getting some moose in that season for  
24 hunting.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think she's got it  
27 stated to where they would feel comfortable in their  
28 community harvesting at.

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30 MR. AGNASAGGA: Yeah.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Earl.

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34 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Terry.

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38 MR. TAGAROOK: I think we should include  
39 Wainwright, too, because they come in once in a great  
40 while.

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42 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, that was my  
43 next question because right now the regulation is for  
44 26(A), all of 26(A) and so is this something we would  
45 want to -- because currently it's one bull and if you're  
46 talking about increasing it to two bulls and making it  
47 August 1 to September 14th.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: This would be a  
50 community harvest? I think they're a little bit....

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1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's a little  
2 different, yeah.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: .....different.

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We're trying to  
9 address a concern for Point Lay and we want to keep it at  
10 a community harvest for two bulls within that time frame  
11 mentioned, from August 1 to September 15 [sic]. You  
12 know, they wouldn't take more than two within that time  
13 frame.

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. I think we have  
16 what we need if the Council wanted to make a motion to  
17 support that proposal so we'd have it on record that you  
18 made the proposal and then we would have enough unless  
19 Terry wants to add something to change the season for all  
20 of 26(A). We could have actually two separate proposals  
21 and do that because -- or maybe they would be combined  
22 but with two issues.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think we're trying  
25 to address the concern with Point Lay regarding the  
26 incident that occurred there. But if you're wanting to  
27 add something on Terry, is that what your concern was?

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29 MR. TAGAROOK: I think Wainwright should  
30 be included in the language along with Point Lay.  
31 Because Point Lay and Wainwright are pretty close.

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33 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: So would you want it  
34 to be Wainwright would also have a community harvest of  
35 two bulls? So each community would have a community  
36 harvest of two bulls, am I understanding correctly?

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38 MR. TAGAROOK: Yes.

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40 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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42 MR. TAGAROOK: Because our hunting range  
43 is just like this, between Point Lay and Wainwright.

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45 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm not sure if  
48 we're referring to bulls at this time but what I was  
49 trying to get at was just harvesting two moose. I'm not  
50 sure how that would work. Because the moose that were

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1 harvested were not real mature bulls they were just moose  
2 that happened to come into the community.

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4 I know that's going to create some kind  
5 of difficulty in not giving the sex of the animal but,  
6 you know, it's what we're faced with at the time, you  
7 know. We don't know what the population is or how it's  
8 going to react to a harvest. That sort of information is  
9 not available to us right at this time.

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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: What we could do,  
12 Harry, is we can make the proposal for two moose from  
13 August 1st to September 14th for Point Lay and for  
14 Wainwright and then we can do a biological analysis and  
15 then come back in the winter meeting and if the biologist  
16 feels that there needs to be some modification then they  
17 can make that recommendation and then the Council can  
18 assess it at that time when we have full information  
19 rather than trying to second guess at this time what we  
20 have.

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22 So we could make it broader and then go  
23 narrower. You know, make it just moose and then if the  
24 Council chooses to, at the winter meeting, you could then  
25 make it just two bulls depending on the biological  
26 information. If you wanted to do that?

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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think that would  
29 be appropriate, uh, Amos, they need to do their research  
30 and getting that information so I'm agreeable to that if  
31 the Council is. So we're needing a motion to get this  
32 started from the Council.

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34 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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38 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, I so move  
39 to make that proposal for two moose with the time lines  
40 of August 1st through September 15 for the village of  
41 Point Lay and Wainwright.

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43 MR. AGNASAGGA: Second.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's a motion  
46 before us regarding the proposal's language structure,  
47 the proposal for Wainwright and Point Lay on the floor.  
48 All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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50 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Oppose same sign.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion carried.

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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Helen.

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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: If it would be all  
12 right to just slightly amend that to September 14th so  
13 that it would line up with the other ones if a day is not  
14 that important, I don't know. I don't know why it's 14th  
15 and not 15th, but there must be some reason why it was  
16 made that way originally, I don't know.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.

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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Just so that it would  
21 line up with the other regions.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Just stating the  
24 date September 14th.....

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: 14th instead of 15th,  
27 is that okay?

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Do I have a second?

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31 MR. G. BROWER: Second.

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33 MR. AGNASAGGA: Second.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All in favor of  
36 amending the motion signify by saying aye.

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38 IN UNISON: Aye.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Just the date  
41 change, aye.

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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Helen.

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47 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And we will take that  
48 forward.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Dave, thank you very

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1 much. Do we have any other proposals for other resources  
2 that we would like to address at this time besides moose  
3 in terms of changing regulations of harvest limits or  
4 seasons?

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6 MS. HILDEBRAND: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ida.

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10 MS. HILDEBRAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
11 Ida Hildebrand, BIA Staff Committee member. Just for  
12 your information, when you get a chance you might wish to  
13 call Fenton and tell him he has until the 18th to submit  
14 a proposal if he's interested in submitting anything  
15 regarding the musk-ox or the musk-ox plan.

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17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, Ida, thank you.  
20 I think we have a slot under the agenda to talk about the  
21 musk-ox issue regarding Arctic National Wildlife Refuge  
22 musk-ox, so we'll be bringing that up later on this  
23 afternoon.

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25 We haven't had any proposal changes for  
26 some time. Within our region we've been trying to keep  
27 from making too many changes to the regulations until we  
28 get a better understanding of what we're dealing with in  
29 terms of resources availability and how the system is  
30 structured. We seem to be fairly consistent with our  
31 region although we do have some differences at times as  
32 with our experience with Point Lay.

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34 I don't have any other suggestions or  
35 recommendations in terms of proposals unless any of the  
36 Council members might have in terms of submitting another  
37 proposal for regulation changes in wildlife.

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39 Amos.

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41 MR. AGNASAGGA: What about sheep, are  
42 they open season for our, near Point Lay because they're  
43 starting to come down.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We have a sheep  
46 season for 26(A), August 10 to April 30. Am I reading  
47 that right, August 10 to April 30 is open season, west of  
48 Etivluk River. I'll read what it reads in here under the  
49 State regs. Do you want the State regs or the Federal  
50 regs?



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1           What it states in there is, State  
2 regulations, in areas indicated by Federal restrictions  
3 exist see Page 7; horns must accompany meat from the  
4 field; nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide  
5 (see guide information on Page 10); see definition of  
6 full-curl horn and photo on Page 26. Unit 26(A), west of  
7 the Etivluk River, residents one sheep by permit RS388,  
8 nonresidents no open season. Unit 26(A), east of Etivluk  
9 River including Gates of the Arctic National Park.  
10 Residents one ram with full-curl horns or larger or three  
11 sheep by permit RS389. Nonresidents on ram with full-  
12 curl horn or larger. August 10 to September 20, I forgot  
13 to read the dates here. One says -- the one with the  
14 permit is August 1 to April 30. Nonresidents is August  
15 10 to September 20. 26(A) private lands within Gates of  
16 the Arctic National Park, residents three sheep, August  
17 1-April 30; nonresidents no open season. Remainder of  
18 26(A) and 26(B), residents and nonresidents one ram with  
19 full-curl horn or larger. Harvest August 10 to September  
20 20. 26(C) residents one ram with full-curl horn or  
21 larger, August 10 to September 20 or three sheep by  
22 permit RS595. Registration October 1-April 30.  
23 Nonresident one ram with full-curl horn or larger, August  
24 10-September 20.

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26           So those are the written regulations for  
27 sheep under the State.

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29           MR. G. BROWER: (In Native)

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31           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, so you have to  
32 apply for a permit to harvest sheep in your area, Amos.  
33 You probably need to get a hold of Geoff or Jim Dau or  
34 whichever you prefer to talk to within the State, the  
35 State biologist.

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37           MR. AGNASAGGA: Uh-huh.

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39           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The Federal  
40 regulations are somewhat longer under the Federal  
41 Management Program. Do you want me to go ahead and read  
42 through the Federal regulations, too, Amos, or did that  
43 help answer your question in terms of what needs to be  
44 done for sheep? You need to apply for a permit.

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46           MR. RABINOWITCH: Mr. Chairman.

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48           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Sandy, you might  
49 want to step up to a mike please.

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1 MR. RABINOWITCH: Thank you. I could  
2 probably summarize what you're looking at there in 26(A)  
3 in the Federal regulations for sheep if you'd like,  
4 because I was involved with helping to rewrite those this  
5 last year.

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7 I can't do the dates without looking but  
8 I can do the rest.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That'd be helpful.  
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12 MR. RABINOWITCH: Okay. Thank you.  
13 Sandy Rabinowitch with the National Park Service. The  
14 sheep regulations for 26(A) are similar to sheep  
15 regulations in Unit 23, which is the NANA region and they  
16 were rewritten this year, largely at the request of the  
17 Northwest Arctic Council who have continued to put  
18 forward proposed changes for the last several years.

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20 So currently the situation and, this is  
21 brand new this year now, is August 1 to September 30 is  
22 the fall season and then there's a winter season to be  
23 announced. Because the sheep population in northern Unit  
24 23 and Unit 26(A) has been depressed for about the past  
25 10 years or so there were a couple of very severe winters  
26 in the early '90s that probably pushed the sheep  
27 population down and sheep hunting was closed for a number  
28 of years, four or five years or so. It's been open for  
29 the last several years on kind of an intermittent basis.  
30 There's a census done, it's based out of Kotzebue, Park  
31 Service and Fish and Game do it jointly. They do that  
32 survey in July and then they announce a quota based on  
33 that survey fairly soon after that survey.

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35 I can't, from memory, say exactly what  
36 the quota was this year but I think it was in the ball  
37 park of about 10 sheep, so it's small number, I think, is  
38 the main point.

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40 And the crux of it is that the Park  
41 superintendent of Western Arctic National Park lands,  
42 which is the superintendent from Park Service in Kotzebue  
43 announces the quota after this survey has been done and  
44 after the consultation with Fish and Game.

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46 So that's it in a nutshell. A fall  
47 season of August 1 to September 30, a winter season to be  
48 announced and the quota for both is also announced. If  
49 the fall season quota is not fully taken then it carries  
50 over into the winter season. And that's the summary.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Sandy.  
2 Any other comments or questions regarding the proposal  
3 for sheep -- I mean the discussion of sheep?

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5 If we don't have any other  
6 recommendations or suggestions for proposal changes on  
7 wildlife we could continue on to our next agenda item.

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9 The next agenda item is customary trade,  
10 agenda Item 11 under Tab F. I'm not sure is that Taylor  
11 -- Taylor is on this. You have the floor Taylor.

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13 MR. BRELSFORD: Thank you very much, Mr.  
14 Chairman. Let me start by expressing regrets from Tim  
15 Jennings who normally would be at this Council meeting  
16 making presentations on some of the policy issues but  
17 they're in a different meeting and he asked if I would  
18 sit in for him and discuss this.

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20 I'd like to start with a little bit of  
21 background. I believe the customary trade item has been  
22 discussed in this Council over the past year or two but I  
23 remind us sort of how we got to where we are now and then  
24 focus on the issue before us this afternoon.

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26 The heart of this is that the Board, the  
27 Federal Subsistence Board wants to protect customary  
28 trade and to avoid misuse. And so that's why we're  
29 struggling with real precise language. We want to ensure  
30 that the tradition of exchanging subsistence fish for  
31 small amounts of cash, that kind of longstanding  
32 tradition is safe but at the same time to be sure there's  
33 no abuses or misuse in some other part of the state.

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35 So in general background, all of you  
36 probably recall that ANILCA does include customary trade  
37 within the definition of subsistence but it didn't  
38 provide any details. There's no specific provisions on  
39 how customary trade should be defined or regulated. In  
40 1999, when the Federal Subsistence Board expanded to  
41 include fisheries management responsibility, the new  
42 Federal regulations at that time authorized customary  
43 trade so long as it was not a significant commercial  
44 enterprise. That was kind of the terminology that they  
45 were trying to use. And shortly after that, people began  
46 to raise some concerns about what exactly is a  
47 significant commercial enterprise. Law enforcement was  
48 worried that they would not be able to enforce that  
49 regulation because it was vague or kind of using general  
50 words rather than specific precise words.

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1           So during 2001 the Federal Board had a  
2 task force on customary trade meet together several  
3 times. And I remember the North Slope was represented by  
4 Mike Patkotak on the Customary Trade Task Force. There  
5 were representatives from each of the 10 Regional  
6 Councils, from the Federal agencies, including the law  
7 enforcement branches and that task force worked through  
8 discussions and provided recommendations to the Federal  
9 Subsistence Board last year in the winter. And so in  
10 December 2001, the Federal Subsistence Board issued a  
11 proposed rule following the task force recommendations.  
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13           So that's kind of what went before. At  
14 the present time, the Board has gotten a lot of comments  
15 from villages. There was a formal effort at tribal  
16 consultation to get input about this proposed regulation  
17 on customary trade and each of the Regional Councils also  
18 submitted their comments on that proposed rule. But when  
19 the Board met in May there was quite a bit of concern in  
20 the public comment about not rushing through this, that  
21 there needed to be more time and more discussion. So in  
22 May the Board, they didn't take final action, they  
23 deferred and said we'll take another round of fall  
24 Council meetings to get more discussion, more input and  
25 then make a final decision in January of 2003.  
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27           So where we are right now is, we could  
28 call it extended public input or public discussion. And  
29 the main way to bring people into this discussion was in  
30 the form of a booklet that was mailed out. I'm hoping  
31 that this looks a little bit familiar to you. It should  
32 have been mailed to you at your home address and maybe  
33 you've had a chance to look at it. I'm thinking some of  
34 the councils, village councils, tribal councils maybe  
35 even had discussions about this because they had a lot of  
36 input on the customary trade question.  
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38           Within this booklet, the Office of  
39 Subsistence Management tried to summarize all of the  
40 comments that they had gotten so far, try and give you an  
41 idea of what the public comment, how it broke out. So  
42 there were three separate options listed in the booklet  
43 and this is kind of a -- they were sort of themes in the  
44 public testimony. So one theme was to take no action  
45 whatsoever, to just leave it as it is. Customary trade  
46 would be authorized so long as it was not a significant  
47 commercial enterprise. That's kind of like the no action  
48 option. The middle option was to implement some  
49 regulations but with a very narrow focus, a very specific  
50 focus and that would be on preventing subsistence fish

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1 being traded into commercial markets. So this middle  
2 option would prohibit customary trade with licensed  
3 fishery businesses. Trying to sort of put a wall between  
4 subsistence activity and the commercial fisheries  
5 industry, the commercial fisheries businesses. So that's  
6 kind of the mid-range alternative. And then the third  
7 one is kind of a regional focus. So it would take the  
8 Board's proposed rule from last year and add special  
9 provisions for the regions where Regional Councils had  
10 specific ideas. So as an example, on the Yukon River  
11 there were some pretty strong concerns in the Eastern  
12 Interior Council about selling eggs. And when we adopt  
13 regional recommendations into this option here, there's a  
14 prohibition on selling eggs and that's to avoid the  
15 abuses that the Eastern Interior Council had seen. The  
16 Bristol Bay Council had some specific ideas, the  
17 Kodiak/Aleutians did and the Southcentral Council had  
18 some concerns about customary trade in Cook Inlet, on the  
19 road system; so there's specific language for those  
20 particular regions.

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22           The North Slope did not have any specific  
23 additional recommendations so there's no regional  
24 regulation for the North Slope in that approach there.

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26           Then more generally in the book they  
27 repeat the recommendations that all 10 Regional Councils  
28 offered last year. And to recall, the last time you  
29 deliberated on this customary trade question you had  
30 agreed with most of what the task force said so paragraph  
31 number 11 acknowledges and recognizes customary trade  
32 within the region and says that it's unregulated.  
33 There's no reason to have dollar limits or things of that  
34 sort so long as the customary trade is within the region,  
35 between villages, between families. That was paragraph  
36 11 and your Council endorsed that paragraph. And then  
37 paragraph 13, the last one in that proposed rule made  
38 this prohibition on exchange into commercial markets so  
39 licensed fisheries businesses would be prohibited from  
40 taking subsistence caught fish or their eggs, those were  
41 two ideas that your Regional Council did support last  
42 time.

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44           So as far as the action asked of you  
45 today, at Tab F, where Harry was getting us started, at  
46 the bottom of that long paragraph it says that the Board  
47 would like your comments on several particular issues.  
48 One is the definition of the limits -- the definition or  
49 the limits of a significant commercial enterprise.  
50 Secondly, what limitations should be placed on exchange

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1 for cash between rural and non-rural residents. Like  
2 from North Slope residents to Anchorage residents or  
3 Fairbanks residents. That would be an example in that  
4 category. And then thirdly, the Board is interested on  
5 your input about whether there should be a limit on  
6 exchange for cash between rural residents within the  
7 region. And finally, they seek your input on how any  
8 limitations on customary trade would affect the  
9 subsistence needs, traditions and the values of the  
10 subsistence way of life.

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12 So I think we would like to have any  
13 additional comments that you're interested in making.  
14 You do already have a recommendation on record and that  
15 doesn't go away but if you want to reconsider your  
16 previous recommendation this would be the time to do it.

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18 And finally, when the Board does meet to  
19 take final action on this on January 14th, your Council  
20 Chair would be present at that meeting in order to  
21 participate in the discussions as the Board works out the  
22 final solution on this.

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24 So I'll close there, Mr. Chairman, and if  
25 any input that the Council has would be very welcome.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Taylor.  
28 I was just thinking of when we first started the  
29 discussion, I know Gordon and I had provided some  
30 comments, written comments and I didn't see them get  
31 noted in that booklet you were showing. But I was just  
32 wondering if they ever got reviewed or anything like that  
33 since I didn't see them mentioned in the document. That  
34 was my first comment in terms of what happened to those  
35 written documents or written concerns that were provided  
36 by Gordon and myself? I know I took a copy to the  
37 Chairman's meeting and I handed them to Mr. Thomas, Bill  
38 Thomas at that time and I think I brought one copy to  
39 Barb. And he said they're going to be considered during  
40 the discussions of the customary trade issue. And that's  
41 the first thing I noticed is that the comments provided,  
42 the written comments provided were not entered into that  
43 document. I'm just wondering if they might have been  
44 misplaced or they just didn't get read. I'm not sure as  
45 to what happened to them.

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47 MR. BRELSFORD: Well, I'm not sure of the  
48 specifics either. I do know that the Staff who worked on  
49 this went to a lot of trouble to try and note down whose  
50 comments were included in the booklet and I see that

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1 neither of your two names are there. So I believe there  
2 may have been a slip up. We do have time to incorporate  
3 additional public comments so if we can retrieve those  
4 some way or another, maybe Barb's a records keeper than  
5 average and we could find those comments and then  
6 resubmit them at this point. I think we would need to  
7 apologize to you for slipping up and not getting them in  
8 in the first case.

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10 The intention was to take all of the  
11 comments and to put them together and then to make this  
12 list so that folks who did submit comments were confident  
13 they had been given consideration. But let's try again  
14 during this period of extended public comment.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes. We did, you  
17 know, the comments were addressing these issues and  
18 expanding a little bit more on each of those issues  
19 mentioned here. They were very good comments to begin  
20 with, you know, just reading through them, they really  
21 touched on the topics here. So that's why I was kind of  
22 surprised not seeing them in there. And it's just like  
23 starting all over again.

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25 I'm not sure where or how they got lost  
26 but I just wanted to bring that out and get it on the  
27 record. Barb said she'll try to find her copy and get  
28 them in some time.

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30 MR. BRELSFORD: Well, I think we  
31 appreciate that and again, apologize for the slip up.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: While we're under  
34 this customary trade subject, is there any further  
35 comments? Gordon.

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37 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I'd  
38 like to put a few comments down. I guess having engaged  
39 in customary trade probably most of my life here on the  
40 North Slope and I always like to note the differences in  
41 regions in how subsistence trade and gathering also  
42 occurs.

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44 And a lot of time on the North Slope we  
45 have a central figure which is the whaling captain that  
46 we provide through and he's a central figure and that was  
47 one of the reasons why we would be very cautious in  
48 wording how you decide to come up with definitions for  
49 customary trade and not to mix that up with  
50 commercialization. Because you can view the subsistence

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1 activities of a whaling captain with many men hunting for  
2 that person who, in turn, distributes to the entire  
3 village. It's very different than a single person  
4 hunting on his own. So those are some of the differences  
5 that I note because we do that a lot through a  
6 centralized figure. It's very easy for land managers and  
7 Federal regulators to view that as a commercial-type  
8 looking operation which it's not so it has to be very  
9 careful how you word definitions.

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11         And the other things I'd like to point  
12 out on how any limitations set on customary trade will  
13 affect subsistence needs, traditions, customs, values and  
14 the way of life. Today is very different than yesterday.  
15 When I mean yesterday is maybe 1800s where everybody's  
16 using dog teams and that kind of stuff. Very traditional  
17 of every means, every tool is handed down between  
18 families, traded -- you traded for everything when you  
19 didn't have it back then. Today you have very different  
20 types of situations. I mean they probably traded stove  
21 oil in the past which was seal oil, other kindling, what  
22 not. Today you have electricity, you have gasoline, you  
23 have to buy parts for snowmachines. Very adoptive of  
24 Westernized equipment to do the same things you did back  
25 then in keeping up the same level of support for your  
26 communities.

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28         That in itself is an expensive task,  
29 especially when there's no jobs in the villages, hard to  
30 come by and it still is subsistence economy. And those  
31 have to be dealt with very carefully not to hurt that way  
32 of life. Because you can effectively stop customs and  
33 traditions from moving forward and being passed on. I  
34 mean that is something that, you know, you shouldn't try  
35 to regulate in the customs and traditions to alter those  
36 in any fashion.

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38         I mean if I had examples to give you, you  
39 cannot -- in the past you can take a sack of fish and  
40 trade with that maybe for a new sled, maybe for a dog but  
41 today you cannot take a sack of fish and take it to a  
42 snowmachine dealership and say, you know, I want that  
43 snowmachine, here's a sack of fish. You can't do that.  
44 And nor can you go to the gas station and pay with fish  
45 to get some motor gas. That is a very big difference in  
46 today's customary trade in which it should still not be  
47 altered or limited because it's a way of life. We have  
48 to live.

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50         An example that was given to me earlier



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1 today on the adoption or recommendation for ritual needs  
2 of harvesting feeds in case of emergencies like funerals,  
3 religious needs, that is very hard to swallow but we have  
4 to think about it because you guys are making regulations  
5 toward that matter. If you turn that around and turn it  
6 to the American public, that we want to regulate how much  
7 turkey you can have for Thanksgiving for each of your  
8 families, it wouldn't fly. I mean that's the world we  
9 live in, I suppose. We live in a regulated world.

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11           It's very hard to swallow these things  
12 because you guys have to regulate us.

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14           In the past, and I've always said this  
15 all the time when I'm talking about customary trade,  
16 harvesting, subsistence values, we've lived with our  
17 animals for thousands of years without depleting them and  
18 letting them be there, using what we needed. I've only  
19 always seen Westernized culture impose their regulations  
20 because they, themselves, have abused the system to  
21 overharvest the oceans to prevent the animals from coming  
22 to where they need to be so that they can release their  
23 eggs and do what they do to normalize their populations.  
24 There is some differences there. So that's how I believe  
25 in the system but we still have to make rules and  
26 regulations to help ourselves.

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28           So that question, in accepting, you know,  
29 to providing comments, that's one I have for limitations  
30 set on customary trade and effects on subsistence needs,  
31 traditions and values of the subsistence way of life.  
32 It's very easy to make regulations to alter a way of  
33 life.

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35           I think we've deliberated the definition  
36 of significant commercial enterprise and if I can recall  
37 we had kind of stated that the customary trade portion of  
38 that, just, don't need to say that. That customary trade  
39 is just allowed so that you wouldn't make the effects of  
40 the things I just talked about on subsistence needs. You  
41 wouldn't be able to make a dent in our way of life  
42 because we manage ourselves. All throughout the state  
43 there's many different ways that subsistence harvesting  
44 and needs are dealt with. North Slope is another unique  
45 area. Sure there's individualized harvesting but there's  
46 also centralized figures, so there needs to be some notes  
47 of those kinds of -- when you're trying to place  
48 regulations, especially when it's kind of geared towards  
49 individual harvesting.

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1 Thank you. I'd kind of stop on those  
2 comments.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
5 Any other comments from Council members? Taylor, go  
6 ahead.

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8 MR. BRELSFORD: I wanted to reply in part  
9 and pursue this a bit with you Gordon. It's very  
10 important to remind all of us in this discussion about  
11 the rich traditions of sharing and generosity and that is  
12 exactly at the heart of the subsistence way of life.

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14 Where this concern has arisen, where  
15 there have been misuses of customary trade is not on the  
16 North Slope. It's some other regions that have really  
17 been the drivers on this. And I think it's fair to say  
18 that the North Slope Council's input over time has been,  
19 we don't see much risk of abuse. We want the  
20 acknowledgement of customary trade in the region, what  
21 was done in that task force, paragraph 11, you agree with  
22 that, you endorse that. And then the last time you spoke  
23 on this, you did endorse this idea of prohibiting  
24 customary trade with licensed fisheries businesses. So I  
25 think in some ways the task force recommendation was  
26 consistent with the specifics that you raised. But I  
27 think the reminder about the cultural sensitivities at  
28 work here is a very worth -- it's very important to  
29 continue to put it in that context.

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31 So I thank you for the remarks. It seems  
32 like in the end that maybe the recommendation that the  
33 North Slope Council offered last time kind of holds up,  
34 that's still more or less what you would endorse.

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36 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Gordon.

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40 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I  
41 think in a way we're pretty much in accord the last time  
42 we deliberated this and I just don't see where it went, I  
43 guess. I just kind of started shooting off at the mouth  
44 when you said it had to -- it looked like we had to start  
45 from the beginning to talk about this all over again.

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47 But I always love to talk about it and I  
48 can always elaborate and add to this because, you know,  
49 it's my way of life. It's our way of life.

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1           If we had that language that we talked  
2 about because we made some modification. I think Terry  
3 may have been involved in that as well. We had some  
4 language situations that we modified on our own that the  
5 North Slope thought was sufficient for us and I'd still  
6 endorse those.

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8           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
9 Taylor, I'm trying to think of -- I know I read that  
10 document that you have in front of you and I had some  
11 written notes and I just didn't get out or didn't have  
12 enough time to get out to NARL this morning. The road  
13 conditions aren't all that great to make a quick dash out  
14 there, it's not able to do that anymore so it takes about  
15 a half hour to get to the site now and about a half hour  
16 back so it would be a waste of time to try and do that.  
17 Anyway, I had some notes that I wrote down in regards to  
18 that consultation process.

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20           Not seeing our tribal organizations not  
21 being mentioned in there, I was wondering if there might  
22 have been, at some point in time, that they had gone  
23 through the consultation process to approach our tribal  
24 organizations here on the North Slope. Native Village of  
25 Barrow, Native Village of Point Hope to seek their  
26 comments or any of our ICAS, Inupiat Community of the  
27 Arctic Slope might be another organization that could  
28 have been consulted in terms of getting comments on this  
29 customary trade issue. I think they do have good  
30 concerns that could be also forwarded besides the ones  
31 you hear from Gordon and I and the Council. So I think  
32 if that consultation is still continuing they should  
33 probably make an effort to try to contact our regional  
34 IRAs.

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36           (Pause)

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38           MR. BRELSFORD: Harry, regarding tribal  
39 consultation, Carl Jack, in the Office of Subsistence  
40 Management spends his whole day, all week working on  
41 tribal consultation and he actually sent the proposed  
42 rule out to every one of the 227 tribes and invited  
43 additional comment or discussion. I believe these  
44 summaries where Carl attended meetings with individual  
45 villages or regional conferences, like with AVCP, those  
46 were at the invitation of those tribes. So that's how  
47 this first round of input came into the booklet from  
48 outreach to all of the tribes.

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50           And then on this extended period of

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1 comment Carl has sent the booklet out again to each of  
2 the tribes and again offered to meet directly with any of  
3 the tribes that wanted additional direct consultation.  
4 So I think -- I know that the tribal input was pretty  
5 influential in this delay. I believe the message was  
6 pretty strong from many of the tribes that more time was  
7 needed for consultation with the tribal communities. So  
8 I think there is a sincere effort at outreach to the  
9 tribal governments through Carl's work and if the tribes  
10 invite Carl to come then I think he's able to come and  
11 meet directly with them.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Maybe it's my  
14 misunderstanding as to how I'm reading the language in  
15 the text, consultation and.....

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17 MR. BRELSFORD: Outreach.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: .....outreach in  
20 terms of communicating between the person going to the  
21 community and talking about the issue and then versus the  
22 written comments and talking over the communication  
23 system and talking about receiving comments like that.

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25 MR. BRELSFORD: Ida's reminding me that  
26 Carl's got several tribal consultation items on his plate  
27 right now and he will be a presenter and available for  
28 discussion at the BIA provider's conference. I believe  
29 it's the last days of November and.....

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31 MS. HILDEBRAND: December 2nd through the  
32 6th.

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34 MR. BRELSFORD: December 2nd through 6th.  
35 But I guess if we're winding down to a conclusion on  
36 this. I would sum up by saying that Barb and I need to  
37 follow up and ensure that your first round comments are  
38 included in the table -- are in the discussion. And then  
39 I think if any of the Council members want to mention  
40 this to your tribal governments to follow up on the  
41 additional letters that Carl Jack has sent out with this  
42 booklet so that we can ensure that we've used our time  
43 well through this extended comment period.

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45 And I thank you for your interest this  
46 afternoon.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Taylor.  
49 We're moving onto agenda 12, Gates representative  
50 appointment. And we're talking about trying to identify

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1 a person to sit on the Subsistence Resource Commission  
2 for the Gates of the Arctic.

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4 (Pause)

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I keep trying to  
7 talk without the mike on so I'm getting confused here.  
8 Just a second. Anyway, that's where we were. Agenda  
9 Item 12, Gates representative appointment. You will be  
10 addressing that, Fred?

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12 MR. ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you, Mr.  
13 Chairman. Fred Andersen with the Park Service.

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15 This agenda item is there in the event  
16 that you, as Chairman, or the Council as a group want to  
17 take advantage of this opportunity today to appoint a  
18 representative to the Gates of the Arctic National Park  
19 and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission. That's an  
20 advisory group that was created by Congress through  
21 ANILCA to advise the Park Service and other government  
22 entities about subsistence issues within the Park and  
23 Preserve boundaries.

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25 I think there are seven of these so-  
26 called SRC's statewide. This particular one has nine  
27 members, I believe, three of whom are appointed by the  
28 Governor, three by the Secretary of the Interior and  
29 three by Regional Councils such as this one. The North  
30 Slope has an opportunity to nominate one of those three  
31 members. The Northwest Regional Advisory Council another  
32 and the -- and that, by the way, is Levi Cleveland from  
33 Shungnak and the Western Interior Council appoints the  
34 third one of those and that, currently, is Jack Reakoff  
35 from Wiseman. I don't remember off hand who the last  
36 representative was from this Council. But at the present  
37 time that seat is vacant and if it's the wish of this  
38 group you can nominate someone today or you can wait  
39 until your winter meeting to do so when the final  
40 appointments to this group are made. Your choice. It's  
41 at your discretion.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Fred. I  
44 think I only had one question in regards to Mr. Williams  
45 term. When will your term be up, maybe I should forward  
46 that to Barb.

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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's in 2004.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: 2004?

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. It's on your  
2 roll call sheet.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.

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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: 2004.

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8 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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12 MR. KOONUK: Besides being a Board member  
13 or a Council member, what other qualifications are needed  
14 as far as being a member for the committee?

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16 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I'll ask  
17 Sandy Rabinowitch to correct me if I get on thin ice  
18 here. But my understanding is that these nominees need  
19 to be familiar with subsistence uses and practices in the  
20 general area. And either have a history or a current  
21 practice of subsistence uses within the Park or Preserve  
22 boundaries currently. And if there's others maybe Sandy  
23 can help me out, other qualifications for members.

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25 MR. RABINOWITCH: This is Sandy  
26 Rabinowitch. I brought along the charter for  
27 appointments for the Regional Councils, must be a member  
28 of a Regional Council or a local advisory committee,  
29 State local advisory committee within the region and also  
30 be actually be lawfully -- just reading here, lawfully  
31 engaged in subsistence uses within the National Park. So  
32 you need to hunt or trap, you know, fish, et cetera in  
33 the Park.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I had some  
36 misunderstanding on the terms, the language that's  
37 written in there in terms of being on the Regional  
38 Advisory Council and being appointed from the Council as  
39 a representative on that deal. I thought we went through  
40 that process and it was not that process that we were,  
41 with my misunderstanding, to try to get Mike Patkotak on  
42 that Subsistence Resource Commission but it wasn't that,  
43 it needed to be a user of the Park representing from this  
44 Council. I think that language needs to be restated  
45 somehow to where it's more clearly defined in terms of  
46 how it's worded now.

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48 Just a representative from this Council  
49 is not going to be acceptable to the Subsistence Resource  
50 Commission, representing our Council, it's got to be a

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1 user from the Gates of the Arctic.

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3 MR. RABINOWITCH: You're entirely right.

4 And I think what's confusing is there are three

5 appointing sources, as Fred said. The Secretary of

6 Interior, the Governor and then the Regional Councils.

7 And what makes it a little complicated is that the

8 Secretary of the Interior can appoint anyone they like.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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12 MR. RABINOWITCH: The Governor can

13 appoint anyone they like. They can appoint me, if you

14 will. Now, I probably wouldn't be a very good member but

15 they could appoint me, I would be qualified. However,

16 your appointments from the Regional Councils have to have

17 all three of these qualifications. So I think that's the

18 confusion.....

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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22 MR. RABINOWITCH: .....is that other

23 appointment sources don't have these requirements.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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27 MR. G. BROWER: MR. Chairman.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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31 MR. G. BROWER: Just to try to understand

32 a little bit more on the qualifications. Has to be a

33 Regional Advisory Council member, does he have to be a

34 user or represent users from his area of the Gates?

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Both. A user and  
37 representing his area.

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39 MR. G. BROWER: Okay.

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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The Gates area.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: A person from

44 Nuiqsut would qualify. A person from Barrow is not

45 qualified, not being a user of the -- well, I wouldn't be

46 able to be qualified because I don't go into the Gates of

47 the Arctic to go subsist or hunt or trap or anything like

48 that, so I'm excluded. A person from Nuiqsut could be

49 eligible to be in that slot. Earl would be eligible to

50 be our representative from this Council being from the

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1 Gates of the Arctic.

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3 MR. G. BROWER: And I think Atkasuk would  
4 be able to because they have.....

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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8 MR. G. BROWER: .....people that frequent  
9 that area.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It depends on how  
12 the language is stated in the criteria for eligibility.  
13 If they're consistent patterns are using the Gates of the  
14 Arctic I think they'd be eligible to represent our  
15 Council. But currently, as stated, it's either Anaktuvuk  
16 or Nuiqsut from the understanding I've had.

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18 Sandy.

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20 MR. RABINOWITCH: There's two -- I'm  
21 sorry, let me just read. As you correctly stated a  
22 minute ago trying to clarify this. You need to either be  
23 on this Council or be on a State local advisory  
24 committee, one or the other or both, I suppose, but one  
25 or the other. And then you must also lawfully engage in  
26 subsistence uses in the Park. To further confuse the  
27 matter, to lawfully engage in subsistence uses in the  
28 Park you have to either live in a resident zone community  
29 and I'll read the names of those to you in a moment, or  
30 you have to possess what we call a 1344 permit, Section  
31 1344 of these Park Service regulations that I have here  
32 in my hand. So you can either live in a community that  
33 everyone in the community is included or have a permit  
34 that you've applied for individually and been granted  
35 that permit from the Park Service.

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37 The communities that are included are  
38 Alatna, Allakaket, Ambler, Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles and  
39 Evansville, Hughes, Kobuk, Nuiqsut, Shungnak and Wiseman.  
40 So anybody living in that list of communities can  
41 lawfully engage in subsistence uses in the Park. And any  
42 person who has a 1344 permit, now, I think there's very  
43 few of those. I don't know the numbers off the top of my  
44 head but I believe they are very few in number.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So Gordon, did that  
47 help answer or clarify your question?

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49 MR. G. BROWER: Yes, that did help  
50 clarify it. I just want to find out the distance from



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1 Nuiqsut to the Gates and other communities that use the  
2 Gate, why they're not listed, they would have to show  
3 that they engage in subsistence activities from that  
4 distance?

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6 MR. RABINOWITCH: The regulations that I  
7 was just reading from here were effectively written in  
8 about 1981 and those were the communities that were  
9 determined at that time to use the Park lands for  
10 subsistence, traditionally use them. Communities can  
11 apply to the Park Service to be added to that list. As  
12 best I can recall there have been very communities added  
13 statewide. Each different Park has a similar list of its  
14 own. We just recently added actually five communities to  
15 Wrangell-St. Elias Park. It went from 18 communities to  
16 23 communities. But I can't think of any other examples  
17 where communities have been added. Largely, the  
18 community needs to come forward and essentially say they  
19 want to be added and I don't think we've had very much of  
20 that. How far Nuiqsut is, I'd have to get out a ruler  
21 and measure it to answer your question. You're probably  
22 more familiar with it than I am.

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24 But it goes back to what was determined  
25 in 1981 to be the communities that said they used the  
26 area, as I understand it.

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28 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, because we do have  
29 additional residents, Mr. Chairman, if I may?

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Continue Gordon.

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33 MR. G. BROWER: Atqasuk does have people  
34 that frequent the area in pursuit of furbearing animals  
35 and stuff like that.

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37 MR. RABINOWITCH: Uh-huh.

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39 MR. G. BROWER: If I'm not wrong?

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41 MR. BODFISH: That's correct.

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43 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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47 MR. KOONUK: I was just talking with Paul  
48 here and what Sandy said about having this 1344 permit to  
49 qualify, as being a committee member and he has gotten  
50 this 1344 permit so I think it would qualify him, too,

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1 you know, if he wants to be a representative.

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3 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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7 MR. G. BROWER: Do you want to do a  
8 nomination process? It seems to me we have two qualified  
9 Council members, if we needed to do some sort of  
10 nomination process.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think it's up to  
13 the Council as to how and where we want to act on this.  
14 If we want to act on it today, we could. We could act on  
15 it later after our nomination process has been completed  
16 this winter. It's up to the Council as to when you want  
17 to make this decision. It could be today or during the  
18 winter meeting.

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20 Earl Williams is here representing, he's  
21 very knowledgeable, from my understanding of how the  
22 criteria is set for that representation on the  
23 Subsistence Resource Commission. And I'm not -- I'll  
24 need to get clarification as to Paul's eligibility for  
25 that under the criteria for the nomination or the person  
26 to be filling -- selected to fill that position. I just  
27 clarified whether that -- if you're asking, Gordon, to  
28 nominate one of the two to represent the Council at this  
29 Subsistence Resource Commission.

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31 MR. BODFISH: (In Native)

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33 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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37 MR. G. BROWER: (In Native)

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: (In Native) Okay, I  
40 guess we'll go through the process.

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42 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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46 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, Mr. Chair, do we need  
47 an alternate to go along with it?

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm not sure. I  
50 think it's just one person to represent our Council.

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1 Just one person, no alternate. Sandy.

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3 MR. RABINOWITCH: Mr. Chairman, you're  
4 correct. Currently the charters and as I said, I brought  
5 a copy along with me, the FACA charter, I anticipated  
6 there might be questions today. There are currently no  
7 alternates provided for in the charter. But I should  
8 mention to you that these charters are being redone as we  
9 speak, there's some drafts with changes being floated  
10 around and we are actually instituting alternates but  
11 those have not yet been approved by the Secretary of the  
12 Interior. So in the future that may be the case but  
13 right now it is not.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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17 MR. RABINOWITCH: You just need one.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes. So does the  
20 Council want to take action on selecting a person now? I  
21 think the majority of it is yes already. What do you  
22 think Amos?

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24 MR. AGNASAGGA: I think we could do that  
25 now.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: You're outvoted Mr.  
28 Williams, you're on. Maybe if we could take it as a form  
29 of a motion, that would be appropriate at this time to  
30 select Earl as our representative from the North Slope  
31 Regional Advisory Council to the Subsistence Resource  
32 Commission.

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34 MR. BODFISH: Mr. Chairman, I so move and  
35 ask for unanimous consent. Speech.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is there any  
38 objections? None noted. Congratulations Earl. You're  
39 our representative for the Subsistence Resource  
40 Commission.

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42 (Applause)

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44 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, I just wanted to  
45 thank you all for this. Because when I was in Fairbanks  
46 I went to a few meetings with Ron Sam and Jack Reakoff  
47 and they discussed it to me, you know, about subsistence,  
48 that they really need somebody from the village there  
49 that will speak up because I've been to their meetings  
50 and I spoke up on their behalf, to the subsistence board

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1 and in Anaktuvuk and they need somebody from around here  
2 that can, you know, speak up, they said, you know. And I  
3 brought the same issue that how come Atqasuk wasn't  
4 involved in this here, with Nuiqsut, because I see a lot  
5 of them guys from Nuiqsut and Atqasuk travel around  
6 Chandler, you know, like trap and hunting wolves. And  
7 that was a pretty good idea that Paul brought this issue  
8 up, too. And Harry, you talked to me about this and, you  
9 know, said think about it, you know, because we need  
10 somebody in there to get involved with subsistence.

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12 And I want to thank you all for this.

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14 Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Earl. So  
17 you're going to be our representative at our next  
18 Subsistence Resource Commission and we'll expect a 10  
19 page report.

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21 (Laughter)

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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm just joking  
24 Earl. Just trying to make some conversation here. I was  
25 just trying to make some conversation here, Earl, I  
26 didn't mean anything to do with it, a brief report.  
27 We'll continue with our agenda items, we're under Agenda  
28 Item 13, which is the 2002 annual report issues. Barbara  
29 Armstrong.

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31 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Native) So far  
32 I've collected three items and I think maybe you guys  
33 would want these on your annual report for your issues  
34 and it would be musk-ox again. I think musk-ox will be  
35 forever an issue on the North Slope area. (In Native)  
36 moose. I know you discussed that moose in Wainwright and  
37 Point Lay area. And again, on customary trade.

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39 Those are the three issues so far I've  
40 picked up at this meeting. If there is any others that  
41 you would like to put on your annual report you can speak  
42 up now or call me. It's better for you to let Harry know  
43 so Harry lets me know that way I don't have to go back to  
44 him to get consent to say it's okay.

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46 So thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I got two of them  
49 down, Barb, I didn't get the third one.

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. I have musk-ox,  
2 moose and customary trade.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. All right.

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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And on some of those  
11 comments that you have on your customary trade the last  
12 time, it's on your transcripts, I'll copy those and send  
13 them out to you. Okay, thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Barb. Is  
16 there anything that we missed under this annual report  
17 issue that we need to bring up? The Council, see if  
18 there's anything that we're missing in there that you  
19 folks might have identified that could be included.

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21 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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25 MR. G. BROWER: I don't know if it's an  
26 identifiable one but I think concerns to development and  
27 subsistence activities that land managers of their  
28 respective areas be fully apprised of the impacts to  
29 subsistence and the resources. It's always a concern  
30 that we have locally on the use of subsistence resources  
31 and the potential impacts from development, especially  
32 oil field development. I don't know where we can go with  
33 that but there should be some land managers that should  
34 be able to express concerns to development proposals.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
37 I agree that we're starting to see more industrial  
38 activity within the National Petroleum Reserve so we  
39 need, you know, BLM will be -- we have the Subsistence  
40 Advisory Panel and they'll, you know, hear issues  
41 regarding subsistence -- what is that word I'm trying to  
42 look for, interference -- if there's any interference  
43 with subsistence activities they can go directly to BLM  
44 to submit their comments or issues that need to be  
45 addressed. That's one avenue that we could look into.  
46 But there's also these other areas beyond NPR-A that we  
47 also deal with. So you're right, we need to have these  
48 folks working with us. Arctic National Wildlife Refuge  
49 is one here that's, you know, being proposed for  
50 activities, that still remains to be seen.

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1 Gordon.

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3 MR. G. BROWER: Yes, you know, I know the  
4 panel exists and a lot of times they're dealing with  
5 immediate concerns of subsistence-related activities.  
6 The long-term effects of permanent development that land  
7 managers should be fully apprised of and looking forward  
8 ahead to recognize current infrastructure and their  
9 related impacts and to try to help mitigate that. Land  
10 managers should be fully involved in their respective  
11 zones if development is going to occur during their watch  
12 to watch out and fully protect subsistence activities and  
13 our ways of life. There's always an alternative way to  
14 develop things and they should watch out for those.

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16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
19 Barbara.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I  
22 need to make a request or I want to ask, do you want me  
23 to -- if I have to put this down in your annual report I  
24 also have to look up the answer for it. And in order to  
25 do that, you want to know the process on how a proposal  
26 goes for development and what channel it goes through,  
27 would that help in answering that question so you'd have  
28 an idea from when a proposal is made, what channel it  
29 goes through to see until it's done? What panels and  
30 then would that help you in answering your question on  
31 developing a proposal or doing a proposal and then what  
32 channel it goes through to see where it -- until it's  
33 finished on your involvement or what panels it goes  
34 through? And then I'm sure this is all from BLM and then  
35 I need to know where and how I can get the questions  
36 answered to the proposal.

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38 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Gordon.

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42 MR. G. BROWER: It's just an issue that I  
43 don't think it really deals with trying to, you know, I  
44 mean as you stated, I mean I don't know how to put it in  
45 other words. But I think the land managers, such as BLM,  
46 ANWR look at their areas because there's bound to be  
47 proposals in ANWR for development, there are proposals  
48 for NPR-A and that land managers do their best to protect  
49 subsistence activities and help find ways to mitigate  
50 development to where it's much more coexistent between

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1 subsistence users and oil field infrastructure and the  
2 wildlife.

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4           It's a big broad issue that -- I don't  
5 know how to put it in little terms, I guess, because I  
6 just seen the impacts of the major developments. I don't  
7 know, it's just an issue that lingers in my mind because  
8 I try to deal with it on a daily basis because I work in  
9 permitting and zoning for the Borough. And it's a very  
10 tough issue when you don't have support behind you and  
11 when development wants to occur.

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13           MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, I have an idea  
14 now. I will ask both and see what they do with the  
15 proposals for when they do come to their offices and then  
16 I'll put them both down for you to review and for your  
17 information.

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19           Thank you.

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21           MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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23           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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25           MR. KOONUK: Barbara, are we talking  
26 about proposed activities, I mean not just within oil,  
27 DOT has some proposals that they're bringing out to the  
28 communities as far as building roads and the roads are in  
29 between from Point Lay -- Cape Lisburne all the way down  
30 to Red Dog and other areas within our area here. I  
31 wonder if you've heard anything about activities,  
32 proposed activities that DOT present and they have been  
33 traveling to Point Hope and have held public meetings.  
34 You know, are we to get involved with, you know, because  
35 we have the migration routes of the caribou and it's  
36 going to affect, you know, not just the caribou but if  
37 there's any form of activity you have the marine mammals  
38 to look at, too. So just for you to be aware of, you  
39 might want to talk with Mike McKinnon, the guy that's  
40 been going around and presenting these proposals so you  
41 might want to get in touch with him.

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43           MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, thanks Ray. And  
44 I think this Council only deals with regulations and  
45 putting their voice in in regulations of wildlife and  
46 fish, fish and wildlife only.

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48           MR. KOONUK: It is going to affect the  
49 wildlife and it's going to affect the fish so you might  
50 want to check with DOT.

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. I'll check with  
2 them and then see what their processes are and then get  
3 that out to you for your information. Okay.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Barb. I  
6 think the issues that we're dealing with now and  
7 continuing on with our agenda. Fisheries Information  
8 Service Program.

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10 (In Native)

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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Native)

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, we'll continue  
15 with our agenda, Agenda 14, Fisheries Information  
16 Services Program, Steve Fried, you have the -- Fried, I'm  
17 sorry, if I don't get your name right, Steve.

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19 MR. FRIED: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,  
20 Council members. If you turn to Tab G in your books,  
21 that's where all the information is. I've got a couple  
22 of handouts, too, for later but we'll leave those for  
23 later.

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25 Basically there's two topics under this  
26 that would require action by the Council. One is the  
27 2003 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan, review draft.  
28 And I'll kind of briefly summarize the information in  
29 this and the Council can discuss and provide some  
30 recommendations to the Board on study funding for this.  
31 And the other issue I'd like to bring before the Council  
32 is the Issues and Informations Needs. That's also under  
33 the same tab, there's a yellow divider that divides this  
34 from the Resource Monitoring Plan that has the  
35 information there. And what I'd like to discuss is the  
36 issues and needs list that is used to help proposers  
37 submit study plans to be funded. So that's fairly  
38 important. And under that I've got the list that we use  
39 for the 2003 call for study proposals. And also I'd like  
40 to get some discussion on what list to use for the 2004  
41 call.

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43 As you probably know the Fisheries  
44 Resource Monitoring Program funds studies that collect  
45 information that help organizations and agencies manage  
46 the subsistence fisheries. And if you want to look at  
47 the figure on Page 78, there's a bar graph here and  
48 that's basically a history of the funding but if you'd  
49 focus just on this year, 2003, you can see that there is  
50 about \$7.25 million that's available for this program.



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1 Of that amount, we've got about \$1.8 million that we can  
2 use to fund new studies in 2003, statewide, and that's  
3 because some of the money is being used for the Partners  
4 for Fisheries Monitoring Program. There's \$850,000  
5 that's being used to fund a little over seven positions  
6 and there'll be some information on that later in the  
7 program. Also there's \$4.5 million that's being used to  
8 fund the second and third year of studies that were  
9 previously funded in 2001 and 2002. But the thing to  
10 keep in mind is that in 2003 statewide, there's \$1.8  
11 million available and of that \$238,000 has basically been  
12 set aside for Arctic/Kotzebue/Norton Sound region. The  
13 other thing that was considered in 2003 is that we have  
14 some studies that would have ended in 2002 but they're of  
15 continued importance for the Federal Subsistence  
16 Management and there might be some money that is needed  
17 to continue those studies rather than just funding, using  
18 all that money for brand new studies. So that was  
19 another consideration that was used in the call for  
20 proposals for this year. And that's for things like  
21 annual subsistence harvest monitoring, maybe some place  
22 to have a tower or a weir to count fish and that  
23 information is needed on a yearly basis. And basically,  
24 this program will only commit to three years of funding  
25 at a time. So for 2003 in the call, what was said is  
26 that we'd fund an additional year of studies that were  
27 important and then in 2004 make a decision on this long-  
28 term funding and we'll talk about that later.  
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30 As far as for this particular region, the  
31 Councils, as I mentioned earlier have identified various  
32 issues and needs. And for the North Slope these included  
33 a concern about declining catches and sizes of Arctic  
34 cisco, especially around Kaktovik. There was a concern  
35 about declining catches and sizes of Arctic grayling,  
36 particularly around Point Hope. There's been an  
37 expression by the Council and residents that we need  
38 information on harvest patterns and trends and also to  
39 document the traditional and ecological knowledge and to  
40 use it in the Fisheries Management Program.

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42 For 2003 we actually got only four study  
43 proposals for Arctic/Kotzebue/Norton Sound region and of  
44 these the Technical Review Committee advanced three for  
45 further consideration and for development of an  
46 investigation plan. If you'll turn to Page 83 there's a  
47 map and it basically shows where these three studies  
48 would be and the title of the study which is kind of  
49 self-explanatory. And as you'll note, out of these three  
50 studies there's actually one within the jurisdiction of

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1 each Council within this study region. And study 03-012  
2 was the stock, status and trends of Arctic cisco and  
3 dolly varden in lagoons adjacent to the village of  
4 Kaktovik, Alaska and basically this study does speak to  
5 one of the needs that have been identified for this  
6 Council.

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8 On the next page you'll see some more  
9 information on these three studies including what the  
10 Technical Review Committee recommended and what the  
11 amount of funding would be for 2003 and also for future  
12 years if these studies -- if money was requested by the  
13 investigators for more than one years study.

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15 The TRC actually recommend that all three  
16 studies be funded. They did have some modifications they  
17 were asking investigators to do. The cost of funding  
18 these three studies just for 2003 would be about  
19 \$165,000. And this actually would leave another \$73,000  
20 on the table that would be available either to other  
21 regions or for other uses within the program. In other  
22 words, we only had three studies and the amount requested  
23 is really less than what would have been available.

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25 There's detailed information on these  
26 studies beginning on Page 90. There's two or three page  
27 explanations of these. I'm not sure how this Council  
28 wants to look at this but there is really only one that  
29 is within this particular Council's region and that's on  
30 Pages 93 to 95. As I mentioned it's the one on stock,  
31 status and trends of Arctic cisco, dolly varden in the  
32 vicinity of Kaktovik. And the investigator in this one  
33 is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, basically, out of  
34 Fairbanks. It would be a three year study. The cost of  
35 this particular study would be almost \$45,000 in 2003.  
36 The issue is declining harvest and size of Arctic cisco.  
37 The methods they propose to use is to look at the  
38 relative abundance and the size and the age of Arctic  
39 cisco and dolly varden using fyke nets set in lagoons and  
40 they would compare the information collected over this  
41 three year period to information that was collected in  
42 the past so they have information to compare this with.

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44 When the TRC looked at this and said they  
45 would -- their recommendation is on the top, recommended  
46 for funding with modifications. The modification that  
47 they were recommending is one, to strengthen the capacity  
48 building component of this. Because as submitted there  
49 was really not much in there for capacity building at  
50 all. There's also some modifications needed to the

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1 sampling schedule that was proposed and they asked the  
2 investigators to consider maybe marking some of the fish  
3 to get an idea of fish movements within the year and  
4 among years and things like that.

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6 So I guess the question I would have for  
7 the Council is whether or not they would just like to  
8 make a recommendation just for this particular study  
9 that's within the Council's region or if they'd also like  
10 to take a look at the other two studies, you know, one of  
11 which is in the Northwest Arctic and the other one is in  
12 the Seward Peninsula region. So I don't know how the  
13 Council would like to handle this as far as their  
14 recommendation goes.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Recommendation to  
17 compare -- I mean to compare the processes in the two  
18 other areas, is that what you're getting at?

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20 MR. FRIED: No, actually it would be a  
21 recommendation to the Subsistence Board on whether or not  
22 to fund these three studies. So you could recommend to  
23 fund the study that would be done in Kaktovik or  
24 recommend not to fund it if you don't think the study is  
25 a good one. You could also make similar recommendations  
26 for the other two or you can just basically withhold any  
27 recommendation for the other two and let the other two  
28 Councils in the region deal with those two studies.

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30 So basically it's whether or not you  
31 agree with the Technical Review Committee recommendations  
32 and if you want to add anything and this is passed along  
33 to the Federal Subsistence Board when they meet in, I  
34 think this year they'll be meeting in January to make a  
35 decision on which studies to fund for 2003.

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37 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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41 MR. G. BROWER: It seems to me that  
42 what's on the North Slope, that we should try to address  
43 those. I feel that stocks, status and trends of Arctic  
44 cisco and dolly varden is an important resources, not  
45 just for Kaktovik but for Nuiqsut as well. I know  
46 there's an established migration route of young, year  
47 from McKenzie and then all the way to Nuiqsut, Colville  
48 on the Arctic cisco. There's also been concern on the  
49 declining fish catch from Nuiqsut, they've always voiced  
50 that concern. So what studies are happening in Kaktovik

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1 may directly reflect what fish monitoring is being taken  
2 by industry in the Nuiqsut Delta there, Colville Delta  
3 and would hope it'd work, maybe collaborate a little bit  
4 with that group. I don't know who's doing that over that  
5 way but I do know there's fish monitoring of Arctic cisco  
6 at the Colville Delta or the Colville itself. But there  
7 may be direct correlation between those studies.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
10 My personal comments would be to continue to recommend  
11 funding for this project within the stock, status and  
12 trends of Arctic cisco, dolly varden in the lagoons  
13 adjacent to the village of Kaktovik. That would be my  
14 suggestion, you know, to continue funding that.

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16 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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20 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I'd agree with  
21 that. And is this also an opportunity to point out any  
22 other proposals that we feel may be important to research  
23 or study on fish?

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25 MR. FRIED: Do you mean for future years  
26 or for 2003? For 2003, I think whatever is here is here  
27 already, because the period's gone. But later I'd like  
28 to discuss issue and information needs and maybe that's a  
29 good time to get to that.

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31 MR. G. BROWER: If that's the appropriate  
32 time to do that, I'd wait until then.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I got a clarifying  
35 question to you, Steve, again. With all the thinking  
36 I've been doing I just got sidetracked here, you were  
37 asking if we should recommend to fund all three of the  
38 projects or just one specifically?

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40 MR. FRIED: Yeah, that's correct. You  
41 can make a recommendation and, you know, and make a  
42 motion that you would recommend funding all three or you  
43 can make a recommendation, you know, just for funding one  
44 and not funding others or not taking action on the other  
45 two. It's up to the Council as to how they'd like to  
46 handle this. In past years, some of the Councils have  
47 been a little careful about making recommendations of any  
48 sort for studies that were outside their region.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yeah, that's why I

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1 was saying I needed to get clarified here. I can  
2 understand us trying to address our issues within our  
3 region but trying to make recommendations for these other  
4 areas, I'm not too sure about that. I don't want to  
5 offend those folks down there trying to make  
6 recommendations for them to do their monitoring and their  
7 assessments on their fisheries.

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9 So I think I'd feel comfortable just  
10 doing the one for our region. That's my personal  
11 feeling, I'm not sure how the rest of the Council feels.

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13 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon, go ahead.

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17 MR. G. BROWER: I feel the same way and  
18 would rather defer the other two to their respective  
19 regions for continued funding if they see appropriate.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, I agree.

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23 MR. TAGAROOK: Do we need a motion?

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We need some type of  
26 motion to support if you wish to make that a motion,  
27 Terry, then we could act on it now or we don't have to,  
28 it's up to the Council. I think just for informational  
29 items, I think these folks in Kaktovik are happy with  
30 what they're finding out when they're doing this stock,  
31 status and trends work within the Kaktovik area. I've  
32 talked with Fenton and he seems to be happy with the  
33 research that's being conducted there. You know, I think  
34 they're happy with what they're learning in conducting  
35 this research.

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37 (In Native)

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39 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Terry.

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43 MR. TAGAROOK: Yeah, I'd like to move  
44 that we continue funding 03-012 to continue with their  
45 monitoring research for Kaktovik.

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47 MR. KOONUK: Second the motion.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ray.

50 There's a motion before us to support the recommended

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1 funding with modification of 03-012 stock, status and  
2 trends of Arctic cisco and dolly varden in lagoons  
3 adjacent to the village of Kaktovik.

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5 All in favor signify by saying aye.

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7 IN UNISON: Aye.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Those opposed, same  
10 sign.

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12 (No opposing votes)

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion passed. Is  
15 there any other motion that we need to act on Steve?

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17 MR. FRIED: Well, okay, let me just kind  
18 of paraphrase. I mean you recommend that this study be  
19 funded and Gordon had mentioned that we should tell the  
20 investigators that they need to coordinate with the  
21 Colville Delta Arctic cisco studies, also, we could pass  
22 that along, along with the other recommendations there.

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24 MR. G. BROWER: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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28 MR. G. BROWER: I'm aware that there were  
29 some studies going on by the industry on harvest of  
30 Arctic cisco. I think they do fyke nets and stuff like  
31 at Endicott Causeway, West Causeway and also fish  
32 harvesting by the one commercial fishery over there, I  
33 think Helmericks has a database collection on fish  
34 harvest data. But there had been some general concerns  
35 from the village that (In Native) was not as abundant as  
36 used to be and thought it would be in a decline or of  
37 that situation. And it's a continuing concern with  
38 additional offshore proposals. There could be  
39 correlation, I think, because of the migration route of  
40 that Arctic cisco which's been established I think  
41 through scientific means and studies that they come from  
42 the McKenzie River and go up into the Colville.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.

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46 MR. FRIED: Okay. Now, for 2003 there's  
47 also some interregional studies or statewide studies.  
48 And out of those there's a little information starting on  
49 Page 99 and there's actually only one of four proposals  
50 that were forwarded for further consideration. That one

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1 dealt with basically a -- it was a salmon management  
2 issue, life history approach to managing Alaska salmon  
3 populations. The Technical Review Committee did not  
4 recommend it for funding. I'm not sure if the Council  
5 wants any more information on that and if they want to  
6 make a recommendation or how they want to handle that  
7 one. It's not a big issue for North Slope, so....

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, I was trying to  
10 identify what issue we needed to address but we don't  
11 have any salmon. We do have salmon but we don't have any  
12 type of fisheries to really address the concerns.

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14 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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18 MR. G. BROWER: Are we on 99, these  
19 little bullets, is that what we're talking about, like  
20 organization of existing as well as new fisheries  
21 information? Is that one of the issues?

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23 MR. FRIED: Yeah, that was some of the  
24 issues and information needs that they're looking at for,  
25 you know, interregional or statewide approaches. And  
26 actually the study itself, there's a short description of  
27 it on Page 102.

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29 MR. G. BROWER: And Mr. Chairman, if I  
30 may?

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Continue, Gordon.

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34 MR. G. BROWER: And is that, you're  
35 looking for some recommendation on those particular  
36 issues, if we should continue to be a voice in that?

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38 MR. FRIED: No, actually for this  
39 particular item there's one study proposal that was under  
40 consideration that's kind of more a statewide proposal,  
41 this one that's investigation of a life history approach  
42 for managing Alaska salmon populations and the Technical  
43 Review Committee recommended not funding it. It doesn't  
44 have a lot of bearing on fisheries management in the  
45 North Slope, but as a Council, if you want to, you could  
46 either make a recommendation that you agree with the  
47 Technical Review Committee recommendation or you can not  
48 disagree and think that maybe it should be funded or you  
49 could take no action on it.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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5 MR. G. BROWER: I'd like to pose a  
6 question. Organization of existing as well as new  
7 fisheries information in ways that can be easily located  
8 and obtained by local -- by tribal, State and Federal  
9 interests, could that also mean information such as  
10 cataloged streams on the North Slope as determined to be  
11 anadromous or not? Because one of the concerns I've  
12 always had is being able to steer development in  
13 providing enough information on streams should  
14 development impact and being able to say, well, is that  
15 stream anadromous or is it not so that there can be  
16 appropriate mitigation measures in place to protect  
17 subsistence resources?

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19 MR. FRIED: Okay, yeah, I think we've  
20 discussed this one before and there's actually a study  
21 that was funded that would actually take the statewide  
22 subsistence harvest database and put it together with the  
23 anadromous stream catalog database so that we can see,  
24 you know, the subsistence activities and if they're  
25 associated with specific anadromous streams so that work  
26 is ongoing so we should be getting some products on that.  
27 And I do have a handout later, just for information  
28 purposes that sort of gives a little description of what  
29 studies we do have funded and what the status of these  
30 studies are, you know, up to this date. So I think that  
31 concern you have is, at least, being addressed and  
32 hopefully it will be solved when they finish this study  
33 and have that database up and running.

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35 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Gordon.

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39 MR. G. BROWER: We'd be very much  
40 interested in being able to access something like that  
41 whether it be web-based or something of that nature.  
42 It'd be very useful in protecting subsistence resources  
43 such as fish as NPR-A and other Federal lands are being  
44 looked for as development prospects.

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46 MR. FRIED: Yeah, and I think that's part  
47 of the study, is to actually, when they put the database  
48 together is to take it out to various regions to show  
49 people how it works and also to make sure that, you know,  
50 it's producing a useful product, it's useable, you know,



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1 fairly easy to use. So hopefully it will address that  
2 also.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Well, we have a  
5 couple of options, take no action or to take action.  
6 What's the wish of the Council? Or we could defer to  
7 take any action. We're left with those options.

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9 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, are these  
10 action items?

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It's just like what  
13 I mentioned Gordon. We could defer to take any action or  
14 we could take action supporting or we could support the  
15 Technical Review Committee recommendation not to fund the  
16 study. There's several options, those are just the ones  
17 I'm mentioning that I heard of while he was speaking  
18 about these.

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20 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I  
21 would really ask the Council to look at some of these and  
22 maybe make some supporting motions on some of them.  
23 Organization of existing as well as new fisheries  
24 information is something I feel would be useful up here,  
25 you know, being a land manager and reviewing proposals  
26 ourselves to better protect our fisheries, our fish  
27 resources. I think those would be advantageous to  
28 support some of these that are listed.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Steve.

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32 MR. FRIED: Yeah, I guess you're getting  
33 ahead of me here. I apologize. But I think the only  
34 thing you need to make a decision on now is whether or  
35 not to fund that one study on salmon life history model.  
36 And then after we get through that, then we can get onto  
37 the issue and information needs that you're concerned  
38 about. We can discuss that further.

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40 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, okay.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So do you mean we're  
43 ahead of ourselves again?

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MR. FRIED: Which is good. You're just a  
48 far thinking group here. But, yeah, I think what's  
49 before you now is there's an interregional study, it's  
50 that salmon life history model, it's on Pages 102/103 and

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1 it was a proposal for three years, it would cost in 2003  
2 about \$66,000. The issue was to improve how salmon  
3 spawning escapement goals are determined. It was going  
4 to develop a model further to examine spawning goals  
5 using data from Southeast Alaska coho and the  
6 justification to not fund it which was the decision by  
7 the TRC was they didn't think that as proposed it had  
8 very specific application of Federal subsistence  
9 fisheries. The information that the model would need  
10 wasn't even available for the stocks of greatest  
11 interest, which appear to be at this point, Southwest  
12 Alaska chinook and chum, because this one was directed at  
13 Southeast coho and the other thing was the investigator  
14 indicated that even after three years it's very possible  
15 that the use of a model would probably not be available.

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17 So those are the reasons that the TRC  
18 decided not to recommend that for funding. So you could  
19 either agree with them or disagree or take no action on  
20 that.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think my  
23 recommendation would be to take no action on this issue,  
24 that's fisheries south of us again. Just being  
25 respective of our regional areas, showing respect to them  
26 and not trying to direct how their fisheries should be  
27 managed. I think I'd recommend not to take any action on  
28 this issue.

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30 MR. KOONUK: Was that a motion, Mr.  
31 Chair?

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Just my  
34 recommendation. It's up to however the Council wants to  
35 take action on this issue, that's just my recommendation.  
36 You know, it's dealing with salmon down in the Southeast  
37 -- what does it say -- Southeast, Southcentral or even  
38 outside of Alaska.

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40 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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44 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I'd agree with that  
45 recommendation that we take no action.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: How does the rest of  
48 the Council feel?

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50 MR. KOONUK: I feel the same way, Mr.

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1 Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ray.

4 We're at a tie right now, it's three and three, three no

5 votes and three votes.

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7 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, I agree with that Mr.

8 Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Do we need to take

11 this in a form of a motion to take the recommendation of

12 no action?

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14 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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18 MR. G. BROWER: I would make a motion

19 that we defer this to the appropriate region involved to

20 make an action item out of it.

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22 MR. AGNASAGGA: Second.

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24 MR. G. BROWER: If that's how it can be

25 done but it's titled as statewide though.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon could you

28 restate your motion please?

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30 MR. KOONUK: There's a motion?

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, we have a

33 motion the floor. Gordon, would you please restate the

34 motion.

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36 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, I made a

37 motion that we defer this item to the appropriate region

38 affected.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All in favor of the

41 motion signify by saying aye.

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43 IN UNISON: Aye.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion passed.

46 Barb, are we too late into the discussion?

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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, that's okay, it

49 wasn't recommended for funding anyway and I was getting

50 worried since you guys were going to defer or take no

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1 action, I was saying well, there's salmon coming up here  
2 to your area too and it could be studied in with this but  
3 since it's not recommended for funding I take it all back  
4 but you heard it anyway.

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6 Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. I think  
9 we'll take a 10 minute break here. We've been sitting  
10 here for a couple of hours so we'll take a 10 minute  
11 break at this time. Thank you.

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13 (Off record)

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15 (On record)

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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We're under Agenda  
18 Item 14, Fisheries Information Services Program. Steve,  
19 we left off where we just passed a motion in regards to  
20 deferring any action. So do you have another issue that  
21 you need to present to us?

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23 MR. FRIED: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.  
24 It's basically the issues and information needs.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.

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28 MR. FRIED: I'd like to revisit those  
29 particularly in response to the 2004 call for study  
30 proposals so that we can make sure that the proposals  
31 that we get are really focused on the issues that the  
32 Councils, you know, think are important for their region.  
33 And on Page 105 is part of the document that went out  
34 last year for this 2003 call with the issues and  
35 information needs for the Arctic/Kotzebue/Norton Sound  
36 region which actually begin on Page 108, 109 and 110,  
37 there's a listing of those in the book.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Steve, I don't think  
40 we have a listing, we only go up to 103. Hang on.

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42 MR. FRIED: There's a yellow divider and  
43 then right after that is a portion of the document that  
44 went out to all the proposers in 2003. And besides  
45 explaining, you know, how proposals are rated and all  
46 that it does have the issues and needs. This is just a  
47 list from this region which includes, you know, North  
48 Slope, Northwest Arctic, Seward Peninsula. And so this  
49 is what the proposers were looking at when they sent in  
50 their study proposals this year.

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1           You now have the opportunity to update  
2 the list for the next call for 2004 which will go out in  
3 November. And what I did was there's a handout, also  
4 it's in the book, starting at Page 111, it's titled  
5 strategic planning for 2004. I thought it might be  
6 easier to use a handout if you wanted to compare that to  
7 the list you actually have for 2003 which is your list.  
8 And we call this strategic planning because we're trying  
9 to look a little bit more towards the future, not just  
10 2004 but beyond. In 2004 there's going to be a quite a  
11 bit of money available for new studies, about \$5 million  
12 statewide, which means there's going to be almost a half  
13 a million dollars available for this particular region  
14 for studies. And then I mentioned, you know, we need to  
15 ensure that the most important issues and needs for the  
16 North Slope are addressed. And the other thing I wanted  
17 to just bring to your attention is maybe get a little  
18 discussion on whether long-term funding is needed for any  
19 studies and just how to handle these studies that are  
20 long-term, in other words, more than three years of  
21 funding.

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23           First, what I'd like to do, though, is  
24 just discuss the issues and needs. And what I've tried  
25 to do in this little handout, if you'd go to the second  
26 page of it, is take the issues and needs that were  
27 provided earlier and I included all the ones that were  
28 there that seemed to apply to the Federal Subsistence  
29 Program. There were a couple that didn't really have a  
30 clear link so I left them out. And basically I  
31 reorganized things, hopefully, just as a point of  
32 discussion maybe this would be -- this one list might be  
33 easier to for somebody to look at and get an idea than  
34 having to go through, you know, three or four pages of  
35 things.

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37           Three issues were on the previous list  
38 that I didn't include on this draft list and two I  
39 excluded because they didn't appear to apply to Federal  
40 subsistence fisheries. There was an issue that addressed  
41 the ecological role of fishes and coastal food webs and  
42 it talked about how fishes are needed by marine birds and  
43 sea mammals. And there was another issue that spoke to  
44 assessing changes in coastal marine productivity. And  
45 maybe the Council wants to think about maybe rewording  
46 them or trying to further develop these concepts so that  
47 they actually fit into Federal fisheries management or  
48 maybe they're not anything that we need to put out to the  
49 investigators as looking for a study.

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1           It just seems like, for one, there's very  
2 little Federal jurisdiction in marine areas and, two, you  
3 know, we're looking for studies to help us manage  
4 fisheries and so the effect of forage fish on marine  
5 birds and marine mammals is kind of getting a little bit  
6 far afield from what we're trying to do with this  
7 program. So I didn't put it on this list, you might not  
8 agree, you might want to put it back on the list but  
9 that's just my suggestion.

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11           There's a third one I excluded and it was  
12 about the water quality and contaminant effects on  
13 subsistence fisheries resources near a particular  
14 village. And this was excluded because the Federal  
15 Subsistence Board specifically decided during a meeting  
16 that they weren't going to use this money to fund studies  
17 on water quality or contaminants. And they suggested  
18 that this was better handled by other agencies and we can  
19 direct these concerns, you know, to another agency but  
20 they really wanted to not use this source of money to  
21 fund studies like that.       It could be that the  
22 Council is really concerned with water contaminants and  
23 water quality and they think that this program should be  
24 doing something to fund studies or at least matching  
25 funds with other programs. You might want to, you know,  
26 address a note or a letter to the Federal Subsistence  
27 Board and maybe they can reconsider that decision.

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29           But those are the three issues that  
30 aren't on this new list on Page 2. But all the other  
31 ones are here they're just organized a little bit  
32 differently. And I don't know if you had time to look at  
33 this list in the book but I can -- I don't know how the  
34 Council wants to handle this. But basically there's the  
35 three information types, the stock, status and trends,  
36 which just address, you know, fisheries populations and  
37 dynamics. There's the subsistence harvest monitoring  
38 which actually collects information on subsistence needs.  
39 Traditional ecological knowledge which basically  
40 documents that and tries to put all this other stuff in  
41 that sort of context for management purposes. And then I  
42 also added an issue on information management and access.  
43 We've discussed that with a lot of the Councils including  
44 this one in the past and there'd been some interest in it  
45 and also concern. So those are really the four main  
46 topics that appear to be of interest.

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48           And under that I've tried to prioritize  
49 things more specifically. In other words, under stock,  
50 status and trends, I thought there was an issue that in

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1 some places subsistence users are having difficulty  
2 meeting their needs but there really isn't a good stock  
3 assessment program. The Arctic cisco falls into this and  
4 to me that would put up a red flag and it's probably  
5 something that would be of importance to fund as opposed  
6 to say if you go down to number 3 where we have, let's  
7 say, Arctic grayling near Point Hope or pink chum and  
8 chinook salmon and there's not a lot of information  
9 that's been collected to show how important it is to  
10 Federal subsistence users. For Arctic grayling near  
11 Point Hope, we don't even know whether or not that use is  
12 occurring on Federal lands or not and there really isn't  
13 a stock assessment program. But because we don't really  
14 know a good connection, we don't really have a good idea  
15 what the stock's doing. You know, I would suggest that  
16 maybe of less importance, unless we can show a good  
17 connection than say a study on Arctic cisco where we know  
18 it's on Federal lands, we know people are saying they're  
19 having problems. You know, so it would be more important  
20 to try to fund studies on that.

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22 And it was the same thing with harvest  
23 monitoring, that, you know, first you need to develop a  
24 plan and implement assessments for important fishes and  
25 basing that, input from local groups, then after that you  
26 can start determining, you know, once you get those  
27 harvest assessment programs in place, you know, which  
28 fish are most important to the users.

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30 So you know, it's just an idea. It  
31 depends on how to focus the call for 2004 proposals. You  
32 can pick one issue and say that's your most important one  
33 and we can make sure that when we go out for the call  
34 that that's the one that we highlight or you might decide  
35 that, you know, all these issues are important and go  
36 back to your old list even and we just put it out as we  
37 always did and whatever we get we get. So it just  
38 depends on how you'd like to get studies that address  
39 your issues, you know, are they all equally important,  
40 are some more important than others and, you know, what  
41 do we tell people that are interested in submitting  
42 proposals.

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44 (Pause)

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Steve, I have a  
47 question. In regards to this stock, status and trends,  
48 wasn't there fisheries research going on near Anaktuvuk  
49 or did that get turned down? I thought there was a  
50 similar one that was happening in the Kaktovik area that

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1 was going to be happening near Anaktuvuk. I haven't  
2 heard nothing.....

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4 MR. FRIED: For Arctic cisco or just.....

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think it was the  
7 Arctic char and.....

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9 MR. FRIED: Char.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: .....dolly varden --  
12 I think it was the dolly varden or the Arctic char that  
13 -- Arctic char.

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15 MR. FRIED: Yeah, actually some of these  
16 issues have already -- are being addressed by some  
17 studies, so you know, this year for example we have an  
18 opportunity with that Arctic cisco study near Kaktovik to  
19 address -- or begin to address that.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. FRIED: We do have -- you know, it  
24 will also look at dolly varden, there's another -- I  
25 didn't really want to -- it's mostly just information but  
26 that other handout is the studies that have been funded  
27 already.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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31 MR. FRIED: And the status. And if  
32 you'll look at that, you know, studies that are ongoing,  
33 there's one on Eastern North Slope, subsistence fish  
34 harvest assessment near Kaktovik.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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38 MR. FRIED: That one's still being done.  
39 There's an Eastern North Slope dolly varden genetic stock  
40 identification and stock assessment program. There is a  
41 North Slope/Anaktuvuk Pass subsistence fish harvest  
42 assessment.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, I think that's  
45 the one I was talking about.

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47 MR. FRIED: Yeah, that's being funded.  
48 There's developing a shared fishery database for  
49 Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim regions that's been going on for a  
50 couple of years now. So you know, I think what you'll



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1 find, too, is that over these last couple years is that  
2 the studies that are being funded are actually being  
3 focused on the list.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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7 MR. FRIED: And so we are getting studies  
8 that are addressing those issues. So I guess the  
9 question would be, you know, are those still the  
10 important issues? Are there other issues that haven't  
11 been identified yet that we need to get studies going on?

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14 So you know, you can either keep your old  
15 list and say that's just fine or you know, go with some  
16 kind of revised list or pick one or two issues that --  
17 you know, you can give them a list but decide which  
18 issues are most important. So it's just the approach  
19 that we take to try to get study proposals that are  
20 focused on what they should be focused on, you know, what  
21 the burning issues are in these regions.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think my personal  
24 comments are is I'd like to continue with working with  
25 our list and continue making progress with that. You  
26 know, I know there's been a couple years in the works  
27 already in doing the fisheries monitoring up in Kaktovik  
28 and near that Anaktuvuk area and probably we'll be  
29 getting some feedback on that at some point in time as to  
30 what they're finding in terms of the research that's been  
31 conducted.

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33 MR. FRIED: Actually what I was hoping  
34 for is in the winter meeting to actually get into more  
35 detail about the results of these studies. Because this  
36 meeting is pretty full of information and things. And  
37 hopefully maybe get some of the investigators to come and  
38 maybe present some information from the studies they're  
39 doing.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I know the ones that  
42 are currently up and running are the ones that we had  
43 prioritized when they first started the fisheries funding  
44 for -- or calling for proposals and gone through and  
45 prioritized a list of issues that we wanted to address.  
46 And that's where we started and it's been a couple of  
47 years in the works in addressing those concerns and  
48 getting this research funded. And then trying to figure  
49 out which ones that we need to address that are left in  
50 terms of the North Slope area. I think there was that

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1 one issue regarding the grayling near Point Hope that  
2 didn't go through because of the problems that were faced  
3 with overlapping work by the people that submitted the  
4 proposal. So I know that's still a concern and we're  
5 going to try to address that. I'm not sure how far along  
6 we are in getting that proposal. Craig was going to  
7 resubmit the proposal with that fisheries in Point Hope  
8 regarding the grayling. So that's still in the works.  
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10 Are you wanting to hear from the Council  
11 as to what recommendations we want to go forward on this,  
12 on these proposals, with the list that we had worked with  
13 before?

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15 MR. FRIED: Yeah. I just thought this  
16 would be a good time since this is the only time the  
17 Council is together before the 2004 call goes out that  
18 maybe the Council would want to take a look at this.  
19 Actually the issues and proposals is kind of open all  
20 year for the Council to work on. It doesn't have to be  
21 done at any particular time. I mean as a Chairman you  
22 can always poll the Council and then, you know, call me  
23 in Anchorage and we could change the list at any time and  
24 update it.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Well, it's up to the  
27 Council to decide whether to make any changes or continue  
28 with what we started with our old list. You know, like I  
29 mentioned earlier it's been two years in the works in  
30 these fisheries projects.

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32 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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36 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, it's always  
37 nice to, you know, look at the proposals and the studies  
38 that are moving forward and make determinations based on  
39 results and recommendations from Staff to find out  
40 whether or not this is making any headway or if it's  
41 something that data already exists for. Just knowing  
42 that it's always good to have that kind of information  
43 and not to try to disrupt ongoing studies.

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45 You know, I don't have very much to add  
46 to what Harry said on that, except that, but we should  
47 continue with the previous list that was submitted,  
48 continue to solicit for new issues that arise. Because  
49 every year is a different year and things we may not have  
50 thought about may have come about by then. It's always

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1 good to have a recommendation though.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: What I was referring  
4 to is maybe to hear back from the research in their  
5 findings to see if they're addressing our concerns. You  
6 know, that might be the proper mechanism to see if  
7 there's any changes that we need to make or prioritize  
8 something that was identified during this research that's  
9 been conducted. So without having that information it's  
10 somewhat difficult to go and try to make another  
11 recommendation to change the list of issues or  
12 information needs before learning what was gathered  
13 within the last two years. It could be something that  
14 was identified during the research that, you know, could  
15 set out a priority to change an issue or call for more  
16 information on something that we're not really sure of  
17 right now in not having that information, not having the  
18 reports to us, you know, it's kind of difficult to make  
19 that change.

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21 How would the Council act on this? Do we  
22 need to make any formal motions to make any  
23 recommendation changes if we need to or do we just state  
24 what changes we'd like to see?

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26 MR. FRIED: No, I don't believe so. I  
27 mean it's the Council's list.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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31 MR. FRIED: If you're happy with the list  
32 you already have then that's fine. As I indicated  
33 there's, you know, two or three issues there that one of  
34 them probably is not going to get funded.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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38 MR. FRIED: You can keep it on the list  
39 if you want to and try to convince the Board to change  
40 their mind.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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44 MR. FRIED: Or we can try to seek some  
45 other agency to pick up funding for, you know,  
46 contamination and things like that. But, you know, it's  
47 your list of what the important issues are. And so I  
48 guess the other thing would be, you know, if there's  
49 nothing else that's come up, and I don't see any  
50 regulatory proposals for this region so it doesn't seem

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1 like there's another important issue that wasn't there  
2 that's going to be driving the need for more information.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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6 MR. FRIED: So you know, the most  
7 important thing to me, I think, would be making sure we  
8 have work in place that identifies what the harvest are  
9 so we actually know what the needs are and, you know, to  
10 put that into context with, you know, traditional and  
11 ecological studies and then to make sure we have  
12 information on the fish populations that, you know,  
13 people really depend on. So you know, as long as the  
14 list is doing that for the Council then we can let it go  
15 for at least another year. And like I said, this winter  
16 I'm going to put together some information, a little bit  
17 in more depth in this status report to see if we can, you  
18 know, give the Council a better idea what the results are  
19 from these studies that have been funded in the last two  
20 or three years.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think I would  
23 agree to go along that route. It's up to the Council.  
24 One person's recommendation was to continue with what  
25 already exists and going ahead.

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27 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Ray.

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31 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, did you say we can  
32 call and make some changes if we want to make some  
33 changes or recommendations?

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35 MR. FRIED: Yeah, as far as revising the  
36 list is. I mean it can be revised any time.

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38 MR. KOONUK: Any time?

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40 MR. FRIED: Yeah, it's not like we only  
41 have to wait until we have a Council meeting but we can  
42 put new issues on there, you know, as they come up. So  
43 it's kind of a -- yeah, it's just an ongoing process.  
44 It's just that it seems like a good time to at least get  
45 everybody thinking about it when the Council is meeting  
46 because everybody is here.

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48 MR. KOONUK: Okay, thanks. I would  
49 recommend to go with the old list and you know, if we  
50 want to make any changes then we can just call either you

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1 or whoever.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Steve.

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5 MR. KOONUK: Yeah. So I'd just go along  
6 with you on this.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So I think we'll  
9 continue with our old list, Steve, and work at that --  
10 work with that list and wait to hear some of the results  
11 at the -- what would it be, the winter meeting?

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13 MR. FRIED: Yeah, that's correct.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes. Are there any  
16 other comments from the Council?

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18 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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22 MR. G. BROWER: Just along the lines of  
23 issues and concerns, I guess, and it's not trying to make  
24 any changes or anything but there should be some  
25 identification of impact related for fish studies from  
26 development and the potential for development,  
27 identification of fish resources. There's always been  
28 some concerns about seismic operations going over lakes,  
29 fish bearing lakes and stuff like that and if that had  
30 ever come to a conclusion by other -- by other means or  
31 not -- those are some of the other issues other than  
32 harvest -- harvest data, harvest trends, is impact  
33 related issues.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is that all you  
36 have, Steve?

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38 MR. FRIED: Just about. Just one more  
39 thing. I'm not sure that this Council even needs to get  
40 into this but it's the long-term studies. A need for  
41 funding, continued funding of long-term studies so that  
42 we can balance that with the need to fund new studies as  
43 new issues and needs come along.

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45 For this area, if you look at Page 3 on  
46 that handout or Page 113 in the book, they're the same  
47 thing, it lists all the studies that are being done in  
48 this region and how long they're going on, when they're  
49 going to end. And really for this region, there really  
50 don't seem to be a lot of studies that seem to need to go

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1 on for more than three years or so so it might not be a  
2 big issue with this Council. In other regions we have a  
3 lot of weir projects, a lot of tower projects, a lot of  
4 annual harvest monitoring project that, you know, that  
5 information is needed every year by the managers so that  
6 they can make decisions on what to do with the fisheries.  
7 And so after three years if you don't -- you know, those  
8 projects need to go on for a lot longer than that so you  
9 need to make some balance as to how much money you'd like  
10 to spend. You could spend all your money on running on  
11 some projects like a weir and tower in some areas and  
12 have no money left over for any kind of new studies or  
13 maybe just do the priority ones or look for matching  
14 funds or maybe some people think that three years is  
15 enough and after three years the investigators need to  
16 find a new source of funding but some way for the -- but  
17 we're kind of wrestling with some way for the program to  
18 deal with that thing. You know, projects that need to  
19 continue and how to do that.

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21 We were just looking to all the Councils  
22 to see if they had any guidance they wanted to provide  
23 for that. You may or may not. So it might just be  
24 information for this Council.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Steve.  
27 Gordon, did you have a comment?

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29 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I  
30 would hope that you guys, you know, work sometimes with  
31 the industry sponsored studies. I know they do some fish  
32 studies and that collaboration go hand in hand sometimes.  
33 I don't know what limitations you guys may have in  
34 working with private sector studies but I do know that we  
35 do condition permits enough to that industrial operations  
36 are required to take some monitoring programs into their  
37 hands. A lot of them are fish monitoring.

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39 MR. FRIED: That's an excellent point.  
40 And we've been thinking about that and in fact, when  
41 we're talking about strategic planning, one of the things  
42 we're looking at is say in some area, I don't know, this  
43 could be an industry program or maybe some other program  
44 that's going on in a region and here's the Federal  
45 Subsistence Management Program, there's going to be some  
46 overlap and depending on how much overlap you get might  
47 depend how much time and money we want to spend, you  
48 know, collaborating with them. And so maybe with the  
49 industry, maybe it's just a little slice but maybe we  
50 could at least match a little bit of funds with their

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1 funds to sort of help us, you know, get information  
2 that's of use to both programs. Maybe we can, at least,  
3 have Staff participate in some of the meetings to make  
4 sure that, you know, Federal subsistence needs are being  
5 addressed when they do that. So there's a lot of ways to  
6 do that and it's a good idea. And I appreciate that  
7 comment. It is something we've been thinking about.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any other comments.

10 Thank you very much, Steve.

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12 MR. FRIED: You're certainly welcome.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm getting cross-  
15 eyed here, I got to find my place. Okay, Agenda Item 15,  
16 Musk-ox Special Action Update, Dave Fisher.

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18 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
19 Dave Fisher with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of  
20 Subsistence Management in Anchorage. I'm kind of filling  
21 in for Donna Dewhurst today.

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23 As you know the North Slope Musk-ox  
24 Working Group submitted a special action in early July  
25 and this was to defer the opening of the musk-ox season  
26 from July 12th through September 15th as the number of  
27 musk-ox on the coastal plain had declined. Poor calf  
28 recruitment. Some of the animals have moved from 26(C)  
29 into regions east and west of the Arctic Refuge and also  
30 increased predation were the primary reasons why the  
31 season was deferred.

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33 The current special action expires on  
34 September 15th. So we either need to have a new special  
35 action or the regulations will revert back to what they  
36 originally were.

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38 And I just received a copy of a new  
39 special action submitted by the North Slope Working Group  
40 and what this would do would be it'd become effective  
41 September 15th and go through March 31st. This would  
42 maintain the season, like I say from September 15th  
43 through March -- it says March 30th here but I believe  
44 that's a typo and it should be March 31st. And it would  
45 change the number of permits from 12 bulls and three cows  
46 to two bulls. I did talk with Pat Reynolds here on the  
47 30th of August and she had just completed a survey and  
48 she'd only seen about 20, 21 animals and four calves so  
49 the population is down and she did cover quite a bit of  
50 the area.

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1           This special action would also request  
2 the designated hunter option for residents of Kaktovik.  
3 And what that would do is if somebody had a permit to  
4 take a musk-ox and they couldn't hunt they could  
5 designate another hunter to take that musk-ox for them.  
6 The special action would also designate the refuge  
7 manager from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, he  
8 could issue additional permits in March 2003 if winter  
9 surveys show that the population has increased.

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11           Well, that's basically what we have  
12 before us here. I'll start working on this as soon as I  
13 get back so we need to have this completed by September  
14 15th. What I would like from the Regional Council would  
15 be to support and endorse this special action or  
16 recommend any modifications that you may have.

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18           That's about all I have Mr. Chairman.

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20           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Dave.  
21 The recommendation is to support the special action  
22 again? What was the recommendations again?

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24           MR. FISHER: Maintain a season from  
25 September 15th through March 31st. Change the number of  
26 permits from 12 bulls and three cows to two bulls.  
27 Request the designated hunter provision for residents of  
28 Kaktovik. And authorize the Refuge manager from the  
29 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to issue additional  
30 permits in March if winter surveys show that the  
31 population has increased. So they're asking for four  
32 items. And this special action is from the North Slope  
33 Working Group and I think we have several people here  
34 that are part of that group.

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36           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, I'm also on  
37 that group. Taqulik Hepa and Geoff Carroll, Pat  
38 Reynolds, Dave Yokel, Fred Andersen, we're all on that  
39 Musk-ox Working Group and we've been dealing with this  
40 musk-ox issue near Kaktovik. I know I e-mailed or faxed  
41 each of you guys some information in regards to this  
42 special action earlier that we were going to do. And  
43 this is what the Musk-ox Working Group had recommended to  
44 the Federal Subsistence Board and it's going to be  
45 submitted, when?

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47           MR. FISHER: Well, it will be submitted  
48 as soon as we get back.

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50           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Before the 15th of



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1 September?

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3 MR. FISHER: I'll start working on it  
4 probably tomorrow.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So we're looking for  
7 a motion to support all four recommendations on the  
8 recommended special action.

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10 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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14 MR. KOONUK: So moved with the  
15 recommendations from the working group.

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17 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chair, I second.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's a motion on  
20 the floor to support all four recommendations of the  
21 working group, the North Slope Musk-ox Working Group  
22 before you.

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24 MR. TAGAROOK: Second.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded. All in  
27 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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29 IN UNISON: Aye.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All opposed.

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33 (No opposing votes)

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Nobody moved.

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37 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Dave.  
40 Judy.

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42 MS. GOTTLIEB: I just wanted to comment  
43 if I might.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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47 MS. GOTTLIEB: I want to thank the  
48 working group and the Regional Advisory Council for what  
49 you just did.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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3 MS. GOTTLIEB: I think the working group  
4 which the Board encourages being formed followed the  
5 plan, which is the main point, and came up with some  
6 really good recommendations. And I know Dave will get  
7 this in front of us in a timely way so we can take action  
8 soon.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Ms.  
13 Gottlieb. As you can see we have some of our Federal  
14 Subsistence Board members here, Judy's on there and  
15 Henry's on there, too, so we're honored to have you both  
16 here and hearing our comments and concerns as a Council.  
17 Thank you very being here.

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19 Our next agenda item is agency reports,  
20 Agenda Item 16 under Tab H.

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22 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
23 Helen Armstrong from the Office of Subsistence  
24 Management. The first item we have is on Page 117, it's  
25 the second page under Tab H and the title of it is  
26 Regional Advisory Councils.

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28 This briefing is a continuation of a  
29 discussion that started at the last Council meeting. You  
30 may remember that we received something we referred to as  
31 the Griles letter from the Deputy Secretary of the  
32 Department of Interior. And the Department of Interior  
33 has been asking for a review of all of the FACA  
34 committees, which is the Federal Advisory Committee Act  
35 committees and your Councils fall under that act so we're  
36 regulated by the Federal government and we have to comply  
37 with that act.

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39 When they did this review they found that  
40 they felt there needed to be some changes in the way that  
41 our Regional Councils are structured because the feeling  
42 was, was that we needed to be more balanced in terms of  
43 the point of view of all of the -- in terms of point of  
44 view in functions of the Council. So that, because what  
45 we do is particularly in some other areas of the state,  
46 it doesn't -- it's not as much an issue here in the North  
47 Slope but in other areas where you have commercial  
48 fishing and you have a lot of guided hunts and you have a  
49 lot of sport hunting and fishing, there are -- those  
50 people are also affected by our regulations. And the

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1 feeling is, is that we need to have more balanced  
2 advisory committees.

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4 So what's happened is the Board has  
5 reviewed this, there was a committee to review it. It's  
6 gone through a long process and they've come up with some  
7 proposed changes. This was, I believe, mailed out to the  
8 Council members or did they -- did you all receive this  
9 already?

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. And there's a  
14 report that explains it in depth. So what we're doing  
15 today is just giving a little bit of an overview of that.

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18 We have not yet received any reply from  
19 the Department of Interior but when we do we will let you  
20 know what that reply is. And what's been proposed by the  
21 Board and I should probably mention that this is just  
22 informational, this is not something that the Councils  
23 are being asked to vote on or provide any input on, this  
24 is informational since it is considered something we have  
25 to comply to a Federal law on. But the proposed changes  
26 are to increase the membership on most of the Councils.

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28 The YK-Delta and the Southcentral  
29 Councils will increase their membership from 11 and seven  
30 respectively to 13. The reasons those are so large is  
31 because they have some very diverse issues in those areas  
32 where there's a lot of commercial fishing and it's felt  
33 that they needed to have larger Councils in order to  
34 address the issues in those regions. The Southeast  
35 Council already has 13 members and it will remain at 13.  
36 The other Councils will increase their membership to 10.  
37 So you're currently at nine, you'll increase to 10.

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39 There will also be changes in the Council  
40 composition. So that Councils will have designated  
41 seats. What the Board has proposed is that 70 percent  
42 will be representatives of subsistence interests and 30  
43 percent will be representative of recreational and sport  
44 commercial interests.

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46 So what that means for this Council is  
47 that you'll have 10 members but three seats will be  
48 designated to recreational or sport and commercial  
49 interests. One of the designated seats will represent  
50 commercial interests, guide, transporter or commercial

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1 fisher hunter and the other will represent recreational  
2 sport interests. And then one seat will represent either  
3 interest. And the Councils with 13 members, then that  
4 would be four seats. So it's a little bit larger on the  
5 larger Councils.

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7           What that would mean for the North Slope  
8 is that nine -- you'd have nine members -- I mean you'd  
9 go from nine members to 10 and then seven of those would  
10 be for subsistence users and then I would imagine two  
11 seats would represent recreational sport interest and  
12 then one seat will represent commercial interests.

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14           One of the other things that is being  
15 proposed is that we will no longer have alternates. The  
16 Board discussed this at length, whether there should be  
17 alternates and the feeling was is that we should be more  
18 proactive in making sure that those people who are on the  
19 Council actually attend the meetings rather than  
20 depending on alternates. That it would provide for a  
21 higher quality of Council because you'd have people who  
22 were there at every single meeting rather than having  
23 alternates. It varies across the state. Not all  
24 Councils have alternates. We do it a little differently  
25 here in the North Slope, the alternates come from Barrow  
26 so they are always at the meetings, that's not the case  
27 in all of the Councils, I believe.

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29           All of the Council members will continue  
30 to be residents of the Council region so you would still  
31 have to be a resident of the North Slope in order to be  
32 on the Council as required by ANILCA. All members will  
33 continue to have to be knowledgeable about subsistence  
34 uses of fish and wildlife within the region. And Council  
35 members may be either rural or non-rural residents of  
36 their respective regions.

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38           The nomination/application/evaluation and  
39 selection process is going to change somewhat but that  
40 was in your report and I'm not going to go into it here.  
41 It's basically we're going to do more outreach in terms  
42 of trying to get broader representation on the Councils.

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44           If the Secretary of Interior approves the  
45 process then once it's approved this will be phased in.  
46 So it's not going to happen immediately. The alternates  
47 would remain alternates until their term expires and then  
48 they would no longer be on the Council, they would have  
49 to apply for another seat. And beginning with 2003, you  
50 would have one new seat that would be added for one of

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1 these other 30 percent sport recreational user. So it's  
2 not something that would happen immediately.

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4 I imagine you may have some questions or  
5 comments so I'm going to conclude it there.

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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Are you done?

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any comments or  
12 concerns.....

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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: .....from the  
17 Council?

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19 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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23 MR. G. BROWER: Does the -- you guys, the  
24 Federal people, do you guys license guides? Do you make  
25 guides out of people.....

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27 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Not.....

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29 MR. G. BROWER: .....like the State  
30 process?

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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's through the  
33 State, it's not through our program. Is that correct --  
34 yes. Okay, I don't know anything about guides, so, yeah,  
35 it's through the State.

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37 MR. G. BROWER: So a State licensed guide  
38 is a licensed guide for Federal public lands as well?

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40 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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42 MR. G. BROWER: Because I tried to do  
43 that some time ago, I tried to -- you know, I thought  
44 about doing that kind of activity in the past but I never  
45 got finished though, I wasn't able to get a license.

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47 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I understand it's  
48 pretty complicated.

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50 MR. G. BROWER: And one of the things

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1 that would be beneficial to having Native guides is you  
2 know traditional hunting practices and respective of  
3 other hunters and it would be very much good for, you  
4 know, the public, especially subsistence users to have  
5 knowledge of both guides that know how you hunt and your  
6 practices. That was one of the reasons why I wanted to  
7 try out but I wasn't able to get licensed.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Gordon, let me -- can  
10 I ask you a question just for my own -- I'm just curious  
11 about this. As far as I know there aren't any Native  
12 guides or any guides at all on the North Slope who live  
13 here; is that correct, do you think?

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15 MR. G. BROWER: I don't know of any  
16 Native guides.

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18 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You don't know of any.

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20 MR. G. BROWER: I know some guides.....

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22 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Who live here?

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24 MR. G. BROWER: .....because.....

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But they don't live  
27 here?

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29 MR. G. BROWER: .....I've worked on their  
30 permits.....

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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But they don't.....

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34 MR. G. BROWER: .....for the Borough.

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36 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....live in the North  
37 Slope.

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39 MR. G. BROWER: They don't live here,  
40 they're out of Fairbanks or down in the states somewhere.

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42 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And are there any  
43 people who actually, maybe they aren't guides but they go  
44 with guides who live here so that they're.....

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46 MR. G. BROWER: Not that I know of.

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48 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Not that you know of.

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50 MR. TAGAROOK: I think they have them in

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1 the Northwest area, Kotzebue.

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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But not in the North  
4 Slope. Yeah, I know they have some in Kotzebue. I've  
5 heard about a few in Kotzebue but I didn't think they had  
6 any on the North Slope. Okay, that was -- I mean that's  
7 what we've been saying is that the North Slope doesn't  
8 have any guides. But you know, I was interested to know  
9 what the Council thought about that.

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11 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm trying to figure  
14 out which way to go here. Terry, go ahead.

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16 MR. TAGAROOK: Yes, I have a question.  
17 Since the criteria for being on the Board is we have to  
18 be a subsistence user and resident and then looking at  
19 your commercial and recreational interest people, do they  
20 have to have the residency in our region to be eligible  
21 to be on the Board?

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23 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's a good  
24 question. I mean as far as we know there are going to be  
25 some seats that won't -- that probably won't be able to  
26 be filled because we don't have -- the North Slope  
27 doesn't have people who can fill that, who could be a  
28 commercial guide or a commercial fisherman as well as  
29 living here and having knowledge of subsistence uses. I  
30 don't -- I think that it will be difficult, if not  
31 impossible, from what I've heard you saying that there  
32 aren't those people.

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34 What will happen in the application  
35 process is there will be a -- there's a new question  
36 that's different from what you had when you guys applied  
37 and it will have you self-identify what you are. Whether  
38 you're a subsistence users, a commercial fisherman, you  
39 know, what interest group you want to represent and  
40 that's how people will -- you'll self-identify whether or  
41 not you fulfill any of those. But I'm not sure what will  
42 happen here.

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44 And what I've been told is that on the  
45 North Slope those seats would then remain vacant. So  
46 what you would have would be seven seats filled and then  
47 you'd have -- now, you may have some sport hunters who  
48 would choose to be on the Council who aren't guides. I  
49 don't know whether that would be filled or not. But you  
50 may have one, two or three seats that aren't filled on

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1 this Council because you wouldn't be able to fulfill  
2 that, possibly.

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4 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon, go ahead.

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8 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, it's been a long  
9 dilemma for us as well to try to regulate guides up here.  
10 It would be advantageous to have a seat which also in  
11 regard to guided outfitters out here, that they can come  
12 to on the North Slope and -- because a lot of times the  
13 concerns that we get are from villages that have concerns  
14 for the guides, the spike-camps and not following  
15 traditional practices in their activities. One of them's  
16 always, you know, you're disrupting a migratory route,  
17 you're not letting the first, you know, maybe thousand  
18 caribou pass by first so they can establish a scent trail  
19 so the rest of the migration is just following along and  
20 then you hunt in the middle of the pack, in the middle of  
21 the herd. Those kind of things that these people should  
22 be hearing loud and clear so that they can co-exist  
23 better with subsistence users, is one of the things that  
24 we've always -- you know, we're always trying to get a  
25 grasp on it.

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27 But I think it would be very hard like  
28 everybody says it is because most of these outfitters,  
29 they're not from here, they fly in and do their thing and  
30 take out. And most of the time it's -- and it's a harsh  
31 environment the rest of the year, except for a brief  
32 period when the migration starts. So I guess that's  
33 going to be something to look for and see how that's  
34 going to turn out.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
37 Any other comments. I think I'd like to make a comment,  
38 too, regarding this issue. You know, I've read through  
39 it a couple of times trying to figure out when and where  
40 I would be able to find a recreational user or a guide  
41 that lives within the North Slope and I've thought about  
42 all those guides that work out of the Arctic National  
43 Wildlife Refuge. I know there's something like 13 or 14  
44 guides probably working different zones in that area.  
45 I'm not sure how they'll be affecting this change on the  
46 structure of the Regional Advisory Councils, dependency  
47 on where their residency is. I'm not sure if they all  
48 live within Kaktovik or so but I know there's that many  
49 guides that work out of that area. And how much  
50 influence they're going to have on getting any of these



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1 seats.

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3           So that remains to be seen yet. But I  
4 know we've worked in the past with trying to get  
5 representation from eight of our villages which that's  
6 going to be cut, one of the seats are going to be taken  
7 out if that comes to play in trying to get three seats  
8 out of the 10 -- or nine that we currently hold. That's  
9 what we've tried to build up on, was to have  
10 representation for each of our communities because the  
11 North Slope is a very wide area. And we have our  
12 different practices in each of our communities so that's  
13 where we based on trying to keep equal representation  
14 from each of our communities across the North Slope.  
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16           And then the other issue was in regards  
17 to all Council members will continue to be residents of  
18 your Council region as required by Title VIII of ANILCA.  
19 And not knowing any of these guides or commercial people  
20 living within our area, that is somewhat difficult to  
21 accomplish. You know, I personally don't know of any  
22 guides living in Barrow or Kaktovik. There probably was  
23 one in Kaktovik a long time ago but I think he's not  
24 doing that type of work anymore. So I'm not sure how  
25 he's going to react to that.

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27           MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Harry. What about  
28 commercial fishing? It's only Helmericks that does  
29 commercial fishing.

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31           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That's the only --  
32 that's what I was just going to say. I know of one  
33 family that does commercial fishing and it's only for one  
34 species of fish. He's not out there doing a whole bunch  
35 of fish he's only basically trying to catch the Arctic  
36 cisco and that's the only commercial enterprise I've ever  
37 known on the North Slope is that Helmericks outfit doing  
38 their fisheries over there in the Colville Delta.

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40           And the other question I was going to  
41 pose is regarding, you know, after reading all this, what  
42 would it take to exempt the North Slope from getting into  
43 taking any action on this? You know, we don't have any  
44 known commercial users besides the Helmericks family. We  
45 don't have any guides or outfitters that live or reside  
46 on the North Slope. And to exempt -- keep us exempt from  
47 this dilemma, what would it take or what kind of action  
48 does the Council need to take to provide an exemption for  
49 this.

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1 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Taylor.

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5 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
6 Taylor Brelsford. I was involved with some of the Board  
7 members in some of the earlier discussions and I think  
8 the sort of primary fact here is that the Secretary's  
9 leadership, some of her senior people consider this a  
10 very important improvement in the Regional Council  
11 program looking at a statewide basis.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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15 MR. BRELSFORD: I think the pathway  
16 forward is we're all going to have to try and make this  
17 work. And to really work hard to identify folks with  
18 diverse experience who can help us out with problem  
19 solving inside the regions. I don't think there's much  
20 room for regional variation right now. All of the  
21 guidance has been pretty strong about making this change  
22 and making it work. Making it work in a constructive  
23 way.

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25 So my personal advice would be, let's do  
26 our best to identify folks who have some different  
27 experiences and can make a constructive contribution.  
28 And I think a few years down the road, if we find out  
29 that we really are coming up short in some of these  
30 categories in one region or two we could make a case to  
31 the Secretary that that's really the facts on the ground  
32 and at that point, I think, there might be some  
33 willingness to look again at it. But I believe at the  
34 present time we -- our best bet is to move forward on it  
35 and to be as constructive about it as we can.

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37 Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Taylor.

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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Harry, that's what  
42 I've been told, too. That what will happen is, I think,  
43 once we -- I guess we have to prove the point that there  
44 is nobody out there and see what happens.

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46 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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50 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I would hope that

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1 somehow the Federal entities are able to come up with  
2 licensing procedures. I mean if you issue permits you  
3 should be able to issue a guides license. I mean I've  
4 been interested in doing something like that because I  
5 have friends that ask me sometimes, do you know where to  
6 go get caribou and I say, well, you know, I know where I  
7 go and they're abundant but I'm not a licensed guide.  
8 But those are -- I mean I've tried. I've tried to dabble  
9 in it and I think my dad guided polar bears in the '50s,  
10 I'm not too sure. But I don't know what the criteria is  
11 now because I apparently don't fit the criteria for it or  
12 something like that.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Well, I'm a little  
15 concerned. I'd express that we'd be losing one community  
16 and not being represented and then once that happens  
17 there's going to be, you know, it's going to start an  
18 argument as to why we're not being represented on this  
19 Regional Advisory Council. So I'm glad I'm not the one  
20 that's going to be making the selection.

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22 So I'll leave it at that and it's up to  
23 the Council as to how you want to act on this. Do we  
24 need some kind of recommendation or action on this item?

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, you don't, Mr.  
27 Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It's for an  
30 informational item. Just to keep aware of this, you  
31 Council members, just -- they provide this information so  
32 you can keep aware of this on issues that are ahead of us  
33 yet.

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35 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We will keep you  
36 informed as to what happens.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, thank you very  
39 much, Helen. This is where we are today.

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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Are you ready for me  
42 to go on to the next one?

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Next item please.

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46 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. All right, the  
47 next one, this also is just informational and you don't  
48 have anything in your book it didn't make it press in  
49 time. I don't -- Barb, did it get passed out or not, the  
50 rural FACA sheet -- the fax sheet? No. Never mind, it's

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1 not that -- it's important but I can just discuss it.

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3 This also we've been discussing for  
4 awhile. You probably remember that -- well, you know  
5 that Title VIII requires a priority for subsistence rural  
6 residents. And when the Subsistence Program started, the  
7 Board made designations for communities that would be  
8 rural and the regulations require that every 10 years  
9 this be reviewed after the U.S. Census. In addition to  
10 that, we needed to review it anyway, there were some  
11 requests to explore the methodologies used to making  
12 those determinations.

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14 So the Board decided that we needed to  
15 review the methodology and they decided to go outside of  
16 the government so that it would be non-biased, objective  
17 review so they did a competitive process of soliciting  
18 proposals and hired UAA and ISER and Dr. Robert Wolf to  
19 develop the scientific methods to use to make the rural  
20 determinations. So that's all been going on. You  
21 probably heard this before, it's just a little bit of a  
22 review.

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24 So where we -- we were supposed to be  
25 farther along in the process but they decided to slow it  
26 down a little bit to do some focus groups in eight areas  
27 in Alaska to ask people what they want and what they  
28 would -- what would be widely accepted in terms of rural  
29 determinations and methodologies used. They also  
30 performed a statistical assessment of the communities to  
31 determine the best measures to qualify communities as  
32 rural or non-rural and they also included tribal groups  
33 in their focus groups.

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35 Where we are right now, is ISER is  
36 supposed to have a proposed final -- or I mean a final  
37 report with proposed methodologies in November. And then  
38 in January on the 14th and 15th of 2003, the Board will  
39 have a public Board meeting and they will decide which of  
40 the proposed methodologies will go forward for additional  
41 Council and public review. And then at your next  
42 meeting, the Regional Council will review those  
43 recommendations from the Board. The public will be able  
44 to comment at the same time and then in May of 2003, the  
45 Board will have a decision on the methodology only. And  
46 then after that's done then they'll begin to apply the  
47 methodology for the next year between June of 2003 and  
48 May of 2004. The Councils will get to review the  
49 application of that method and then the Board will be  
50 making the final decision in 2004, May.

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1           Now, in most communities in the state  
2 they aren't even close to being borderline. If you're  
3 under 2,500 population it's an absolute that you're rural  
4 unless you fulfill some -- unless you're -- and these are  
5 the things they're looking at, with logging communities,  
6 the only communities on the North Slope that might be --  
7 it's not a community per se, but Prudhoe Bay is being  
8 looked at and determining whether that fits as being  
9 rural or non-rural. There are about 10 to 20, what I'm  
10 going to call borderline communities in the state, and  
11 those will be falling -- you know, they could go one way  
12 or the other depending on the methodology that they use.  
13 Obviously if you're really large, like Anchorage is  
14 definitely not rural, you know, so the larger cities  
15 aren't even falling into consideration.

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17           That's it. So we'll have more at the  
18 next meeting to tell you about what's happening with the  
19 rural. And with that I'm moving onto -- is it Steve --  
20 who's doing the next one?

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22           MR. FRIED: Go ahead.

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24           MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It says, Staff, I  
25 don't know who's doing that one.

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27           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: What about the  
28 Prudhoe Bay complex?

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30           MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Prudhoe Bay Complex,  
31 right now it's not -- it's not listed as being as one of  
32 the non-rural communities and it will be looked at with  
33 this new methodology, whatever the methodology is that  
34 they've created.

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36           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Why would they want  
37 to look at Prudhoe Bay, it's an industrial complex?

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39           MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well.....

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41           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It was placed there  
42 to accommodate the industry in their development.

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44           MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Exactly. I mean I  
45 totally agree with you. But right now it's not  
46 considered an exclusion from our regulations. That whole  
47 thing came up with David Neel, because he lived in  
48 Prudhoe Bay he was included, remember that? So it's not  
49 -- Prudhoe Bay is not automatically excluded from our  
50 regs.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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5 MR. G. BROWER: I had the same kind of  
6 concern with activities such as that out of Prudhoe Bay  
7 especially after what's happened with today's world.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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11 MR. G. BROWER: You know, 9-11 for one  
12 thing and also the Livengood incident that -- there's  
13 also restrictions in firearms and stuff in the Prudhoe  
14 Bay oil field. It's an industrial complex just for the  
15 State's concern that it's put in there.

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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, at the next  
18 meeting when we talk about the methodologies that are  
19 being proposed we can have some more discussion. At this  
20 point I'm not even -- I'm taking over on that contract,  
21 overseeing it, but I'm not even familiar with what  
22 they're even looking at at this point. So to be  
23 continued at the next meeting.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: To be continued.

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27 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thanks.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Helen.  
30 We're down to Agenda 16B, National Park Service, Dave  
31 Mills.

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33 MS. GOTTLIEB: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm  
34 not Dave Mills.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Oh, I'm sorry.

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38 MS. GOTTLIEB: But that's okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Do I need my  
41 bifocals.

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43 MS. GOTTLIEB: But on his behalf, Dave,  
44 as you probably all know is the superintendent for Gates  
45 of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. I work in the  
46 Anchorage office. And Fred Andersen is here representing  
47 the Park. And Sandy Rabinowitch here also representing  
48 the region.

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50 I want to thank ASRC for their hospitable

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1 hosting of this meeting today and thank you all for your  
2 hospitality as well. We learn a lot by listening to you  
3 firsthand as the Chairman of the Federal Board always  
4 says, the Regional Advisory Councils are the strength of  
5 this program and it's clear from your diligence and the  
6 way you volunteer your time to this that that's very  
7 accurate. So I know he'll be interested in many of the  
8 comments that were made today and look forward to dealing  
9 with that special action within the next week then. So  
10 thanks very much.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Judy.  
13 16C, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arctic Refuge,  
14 Wennona Brown.

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16 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My  
17 name is Wennona Brown. I'm the subsistence coordinator  
18 for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. And Barb is  
19 handing out a little short summary of the Refuge's summer  
20 activities on the North Slope.

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22 They had a very active summer field  
23 season. As you can see on most of the information now is  
24 in the data analysis stage, everybody's just back in from  
25 the field and starting to look at the information that  
26 they gathered and brought back. And work-ups on that  
27 information should be available for the winter meeting.

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29 In the interest of time, I mean I can  
30 touch base on any of these that you would be interested  
31 in or if you would prefer, just to have it for your  
32 information and read through it at your leisure, that's  
33 totally up to you, Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any comments from  
36 the Council on specific issues?

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38 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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42 MR. G. BROWER: On this activities for  
43 summer 2002, you have marked on there seismic trails  
44 monitoring study. And I'm just kind of curious to the  
45 time frame of 1984 and is that a study that's ongoing on  
46 an activity that occurred that far back?

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48 MS. BROWN: I believe that's correct.  
49 They're going back, you know, about every five years to  
50 have the permanent sites marked along the seismic trails.

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1 And they go back and look at those as to the recovery,  
2 you know, how much they have recovered since the last  
3 time and that has been an ongoing study since the trails  
4 were first put in.

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6 MR. G. BROWER: And just a follow-up.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Gordon.

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10 MR. G. BROWER: Do you know or recall if  
11 that was using explosives or vibriosis?

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13 MS. BROWN: I honestly don't know. I'd  
14 have to check with the project manager and I can get back  
15 to you on that.

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17 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, we've always had  
18 some concerns to impacts, tundra related impacts to  
19 seismic activity and the trails that have left behind and  
20 we're always trying to determine what's the duration,  
21 what's the vegetation like in a couple years. That's one  
22 of the other things that, I think needs to move forward,  
23 is looking at industrial impacts to Federal public lands.

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25 MS. BROWN: As soon as I get back to the  
26 office I'll get in touch with the project manager and  
27 have her contact you directly about her study.

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29 MR. G. BROWER: Thank you, I'd appreciate  
30 that.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.  
33 Any other comments from Council members. I think you'd  
34 hear a little more concerns and comments coming from our,  
35 if we had our representative from Kaktovik but he's not  
36 here today. Although we do communicate with him quite a  
37 bit in terms of the monitoring of the activity within the  
38 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from guides, I think he  
39 had requested for some information as to what areas or  
40 what resources were they guiding for. And he was  
41 concerned about the sheep, to slow down the sheep hunting  
42 for the guided hunts or sport hunts within the Arctic  
43 National Wildlife Refuge. I think he just mentioned --  
44 that's what Fenton had mentioned to me to bring up during  
45 our Regional Advisory Council was there's quite a bit of  
46 sheep hunting activity happening within the Arctic  
47 National Wildlife Refuge and the subsistence hunters are  
48 having a harder time trying to get to the resource. I  
49 think that's what he was saying to me.

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1 Just reading through this stuff, I'm just  
2 trying to remember what Fenton was talking to me about.  
3 Anyway, I thought I'd just bring out that concern, voice  
4 it out for him.

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6 Any other comments from the Council.  
7 Hearing none, thank you very much.

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9 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, let's see 16D,  
12 Bureau of Land Management, Dave Yokel and Stacie  
13 McIntosh.

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15 MR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And  
16 in view of the time of day I'll be very brief. I'm Dave  
17 Yokel with Bureau of Land Management out of Fairbanks.

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19 At your meeting last February Bob  
20 Schneider, our northern field office manager came and  
21 gave you a pretty good overview of our planning process  
22 for what we refer to as the Northwest NPR-A so I won't  
23 say anything about that now other than to say we're  
24 continuing to work on that plan and a draft will come out  
25 this winter and so that will be out there for public  
26 review as well as the review of other North Slope Borough  
27 and other agencies.

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29 And the only other thing I'd like to say  
30 today is that since your last meeting last February we've  
31 hired in our office an anthropologist, Stacie McIntosh,  
32 who we hope will be doing some of the kind of work that  
33 Sverre Pedersen has been doing up here and also that the  
34 Borough is doing, documentation of subsistence harvest.

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36 And so that's it for me and I'll turn it  
37 over to Stacie.

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39 MS. McINTOSH: Thank you, Dave. Thank  
40 you, Mr. Chairman and Council members. I'm going to be  
41 brief as well. Basically my presence here is to  
42 introduce myself to you, the Council members, and let you  
43 know who I am and what I'm doing. I'm the new  
44 coordinator for the Subsistence Advisory Panel for the  
45 Bureau of Land Management. And I actually prepared just  
46 a one page brief little background and duties of the  
47 Subsistence Advisory Panel that everyone should have  
48 gotten a copy of, it was placed in front of everyone this  
49 morning.

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1 And basically just basically wanted to  
2 say that some of the potential issues that are going to  
3 be coming before the SAP in the near future are going to  
4 be development in Northeast NPR-A because it looks like  
5 we may be heading toward that direction. Also a new  
6 phase of exploration is going to be beginning in the  
7 Northeast section of the NPR-A as a result of the new  
8 leases that occurred this spring. And also the SAP will  
9 be providing input into the planning process for the  
10 Northwest planning area of the NPR-A.

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12 So thank you very much and I look forward  
13 to working with you in the future.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Stacie.  
16 Any comments or questions to BLM from the Council.

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18 MS. HILDEBRAND: A contact number.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Do you have a  
21 contact number, is that what you're asking Ida?

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23 MS. McINTOSH: Sure.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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27 MS. McINTOSH: A contact number, I can be  
28 reached at (907) 474-2310.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Last four digits  
31 again, please?

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33 MS. McINTOSH: 2310.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: 2310. I would have  
36 had to call Anchorage to find out the number.

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38 MS. McINTOSH: Yeah, that's horrible.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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46 MR. G. BROWER: I'd just like to find out  
47 your issues that you'd be working with, that NPR-A panel.

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49 MS. McINTOSH: Uh-huh.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Are they issues derived  
2 just from local interviews and conflicts?

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4 MS. McINTOSH: The panel is made up of  
5 representatives from five communities and also there is a  
6 panel member that represents the entire North Slope  
7 Borough. And basically, as you can see in the duties,  
8 one of the things that we hope that is occurring is that  
9 they are talking to all of the community members and  
10 their respective communities and are bringing issues in  
11 front of our authorized officer who is the northern field  
12 office manager, Bob Schneider. And hopefully they're  
13 compiling -- hopefully community members are going to  
14 their SAP representative and then the SAP representative  
15 then comes to us, the BLM, to let us know what issues are  
16 occurring with regard to oil exploration and development.

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18 MR. G. BROWER: Just a follow-up, Mr.  
19 Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Continue, Gordon.

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23 MR. G. BROWER: The panel itself, are  
24 they strictly dealing with conflicts between subsistence  
25 users or is this also a panel that will also help do  
26 mitigation work or advise in doing mitigation work?

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28 MS. McINTOSH: Yeah, they definitely make  
29 recommendations to mitigate any potential impacts to  
30 subsistence users and subsistence resources, so not just  
31 to the actual users but also to vegetation or to caribou  
32 or things like that.

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34 MR. G. BROWER: As far as development-  
35 related issues, hide a pipeline, burial of pipeline, that  
36 type of topic.....

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38 MS. McINTOSH: Yes.

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40 MR. G. BROWER: .....will they be  
41 challenged with that?

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43 MS. McINTOSH: Uh-huh, yes.

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45 MR. G. BROWER: Thank you.

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47 MS. McINTOSH: Thank you very much.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any other comments  
50 or concerns. Thank you both, Dave and Stacie. We have

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1 several no-shows here, not here's. Under agency reports  
2 we don't have U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries  
3 Resource Office; Alaska Department of Fish and Game;  
4 Wildlife Conservation; Fisheries; Subsistence; Written  
5 Reports, informational items; all those are not going to  
6 be presented.

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8 So we're down to our Agenda Item 17.

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10 MR. AGNASAGGA: About the guides, like  
11 trouble with spike-camps in the past, changing the  
12 migration for the caribous because they don't know, you  
13 know -- all these guys don't know about stuff like this  
14 when they come from Anchorage or wherever.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, Amos, I think  
17 we can't directly try to influence the sport hunters but  
18 we could probably make some recommendations through our  
19 area biologist or directly to the State of Alaska in  
20 terms of our traditional practices in terms of resources,  
21 letting resources go ahead before hunting anything off  
22 the first group; is that what you're getting at, Amos?

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24 MR. AGNASAGGA: Uh-huh.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yeah, I don't think  
27 we can do that as a Regional Advisory Council. Probably  
28 as an individual, you could probably write up a letter  
29 and make some regulations and forward them to the State,  
30 guides and outfitters. And they probably have an  
31 organization that they use when they're holding meetings.  
32 I'm not exactly sure what it is myself.

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34 Taylor, did you have a comment?

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36 MR. BRELSFORD: It's the next agenda  
37 item.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, the next  
40 agenda item -- any other business? Okay, okay, oh yeah,  
41 I wrote down subsistence use amount update.

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43 MR. BRELSFORD: I'm glad that sounds  
44 familiar to you Harry, you're on the working group.

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46 (Laughter)

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48 MR. BRELSFORD: I'll also try and be real  
49 quick.

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1           Many of you are aware of the working  
2 groups that are helping to implement the State/Federal  
3 Memorandum of Agreement. This was signed two years ago  
4 to coordinate Federal and State management of subsistence  
5 fisheries.

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7           One of the protocols that is involved  
8 there is called subsistence use amounts. It's an effort  
9 to ensure that State and Federal managers are looking at  
10 the same levels of allocation for subsistence fisheries.  
11 For example, on the Yukon River where you've got a lot of  
12 commercial fishing, a lot of different villages down  
13 river and up river having a safe or secure subsistence  
14 allocation is very important and it's important that the  
15 State and the Federal managers are looking at the same  
16 allocation level for subsistence uses.

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18           Some of you might have been at State  
19 Board of Fish meetings and they use a different  
20 terminology, they call it the amounts necessary for  
21 subsistence. On the Federal side, where we are at this  
22 point is that the working group met just a few weeks,  
23 well, less than a week ago, and updated the charge and  
24 the approach that is on the following pages. At the  
25 present time the subsistence use amount working group is  
26 following some guidance laid out by the chairs of the  
27 subsistence councils last December and the idea was not  
28 to take the whole state or all species at once but to  
29 focus on one pilot project or one area where it was most  
30 critical and sort of try it on for size, see if we could  
31 find a way to work with the State system that adequately  
32 protects the Federal interests.

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34           So this first effort is focused on the  
35 Yukon River and it's focused on the salmon fisheries.  
36 Following that, we would then go on to say what are the  
37 other fisheries where these subsistence use amounts need  
38 to be established in regulation and then even, perhaps  
39 later, other wildlife species. So we're going to start  
40 with a very specific focus and then move on to other  
41 parts of the state later.

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43           So the remaining pages are actually a  
44 discussion draft of the working charge or the working  
45 protocol for this committee. There's a fair bit of  
46 detail laid out here, I don't think I'm going to walk you  
47 through that, all the sections right now. But I guess I  
48 do want to make one comment, on Page 2, you'll see quite  
49 a lot of discussion about how the State establishes what  
50 they call amounts necessary for subsistence and I think

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1 what the working group would like to emphasize to the  
2 Regional Councils is that we want to ensure there's  
3 protection for the Federal subsistence interests in these  
4 subsistence use amounts. When those amounts are  
5 established they're not a cap, it's not like a total  
6 limited number of fish that are available, they're  
7 expressed as a range. And those ranges are based on  
8 historic harvest levels over a good period of time so  
9 that high abundance years and low abundance years are  
10 taken into account in establishing the subsistence use  
11 amount.

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13           So the first point is it's not a  
14 numerical cap on subsistence harvest and the second thing  
15 I think we want to emphasize in the way of safeguards is  
16 that they can be revised.

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18           Several examples were brought before  
19 amounts necessary for subsistence on the State's side  
20 that were revised as a result of community input. So we  
21 really want to emphasize this flexibility to revise the  
22 subsistence use amounts where they are not working out  
23 properly.

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25           The composition of the working group is  
26 listed. And then if you turn to Page 4 you'll see the  
27 time table for finalizing this protocol. We're about  
28 midway down the page where it talks about out September  
29 and October, the Regional Councils receive this charge,  
30 this draft document with an opportunity to comment. Once  
31 we get to all of the Regional Council meetings in  
32 November, the working group will meet again to  
33 incorporate any changes or concerns. In December at the  
34 time of the Board meeting, the Regional Councils will  
35 have an updated draft protocol for their review and then  
36 that draft will come back to the Regional Councils in the  
37 February and March meetings. So we're taking our time on  
38 this because there have been some worries in some  
39 communities about kind of locking in subsistence at too  
40 low a level. We'll come back to you with some specific  
41 language in the winter meeting and then all the way at  
42 the end, it would be a year from now, a year from next  
43 spring, June of 2004, that the subsistence use amounts  
44 protocol would be implemented. There's some additional  
45 consultation with the State boards before we get to the  
46 final end point.

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48           In the appendix the highlighted  
49 information shows the subsistence use amounts -- pardon  
50 me, the State amounts necessary for subsistence for the

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1 Yukon River salmon species and, in general, those are  
2 drawn from 10 years of harvest monitoring data on the  
3 Yukon River, so they're an effort to provide adequate for  
4 the lowest years of salmon abundance and a strong  
5 subsistence opportunity in the years where those runs  
6 have been high. You can see that the ranges are actually  
7 pretty big for some of the species.

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9           The rest of the appendix shows the  
10 existing subsistence use amounts for fisheries in other  
11 parts of the state, it's a fairly detailed list and  
12 probably not important for us right this minute. If you  
13 do look through it you might find some question marks in  
14 your mind, there are a lot of subsistence fishing species  
15 that are not listed, the State Board has not yet gotten  
16 to some of those so we may actually find ourselves  
17 working alongside the State in establishing these  
18 subsistence use amounts for some regions.

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20           The important thing is that where there's  
21 an allocation conflict, where there are other claims on  
22 the resource, these subsistence use amounts could provide  
23 more security for the subsistence allocation, that's kind  
24 of the positive purpose that we want to offer here.

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26           And then the final page has the  
27 membership of the subsistence use amounts working group.  
28 Ida Hildebrand and Terry Haynes from the Department of  
29 Fish and Game are the co-chairs and then the Regional  
30 Council representatives include Harry and Gerald Nicholia  
31 from the Eastern Interior Regional Council and then there  
32 are a couple of us from the Federal agencies and a couple  
33 of other State representatives.

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35           So I believe at that point I'll stop. If  
36 there are questions and comments, I'd be welcome to hear  
37 those right now or if our time is kind of limited, if  
38 people would like to follow up with me or with Ida let me  
39 know and I'll give you a call, you know, I can call to  
40 follow up later.

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42           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any comments or  
43 questions to Taylor from the Council?

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45           MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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47           CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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49           MR. G. BROWER: In what fashion will the  
50 subsistence use amounts be utilized? You know, what

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1 would be the purpose of making such a determination?

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3 MR. BRELSFORD: In the State system where  
4 these have been really built into the Board's decision-  
5 making, the State Board looks at the current population  
6 status and they say, are there enough fall chum salmon to  
7 provide for the subsistence needs, yes or no; is there  
8 additional salmon available for a commercial fishery;  
9 additional salmon available for personal use fisheries;  
10 they use it to identify allocation levels. What kind of  
11 surplus in a fish room is taken up, first of all by  
12 subsistence and then what else is available for other  
13 users, recreational or sport. That's more or less the  
14 purpose of it.

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16 I think where it comes into play in the  
17 Federal program is that in some cases we're being asked  
18 to close Federal waters and we're in kind of a tussle  
19 with the State about whether that is necessary and the  
20 State will, for example, say, well, we show a subsistence  
21 use amount at this level and we think the fish run is  
22 going to provide for that so we don't think it's  
23 necessary to close. When the Federal Board does not have  
24 a subsistence use amount, a numerical range like that,  
25 then the State feels like we're not operating on a  
26 systematic basis. So in the original Memorandum of  
27 Agreement, we agreed to try and coordinate with the State  
28 and now down stream, one of the things we need to try and  
29 get together on is how these numerical ranges for the  
30 subsistence allocations can be coordinated.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Did that help  
33 Gordon?

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35 MR. G. BROWER: Yes, it helped a lot.  
36 You know, I just don't like to see something that kind of  
37 makes a tally and can be used against people to shut them  
38 down or something of that fashion. But I can see the  
39 usefulness in other terms as making other allocations of  
40 uses of the additional fish after you've determined  
41 what's sustainable for subsistence use.

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43 MR. BRELSFORD: Thank you. I believe  
44 that we're actually going to have to wrap up real quick  
45 here. So if others have questions let's be sure and  
46 catch each other on the way out and I'll follow up with  
47 phone calls.

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49 On just an informational item, I brought  
50 some information regarding the Trans-Alaska Pipeline



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1 System Right-of-Way Renewal EIS. It's from the web page,  
2 a couple of pages, it sort of outlines the current  
3 status. I'll just leave these on the corner and any of  
4 the Council members that are curious can take those.

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6 And with that, I believe it's on to  
7 schedules, schedules for next meetings.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Taylor.  
10 Helen.

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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
13 This is the last item, it's under Tab I in your book. I  
14 will be brief. This is on scheduling of meetings. You  
15 all received a letter today from Tom Boyd, the Director  
16 of Office of Subsistence Management and I'll just  
17 summarize really quickly. The letter was written in kind  
18 of response to we've been having problems with scheduling  
19 of meetings. Because our program has become more complex  
20 in recent years, we have fisheries that have come on  
21 board, we have new organizations we are working with like  
22 YRDFA and NMFS and new public, sportfishers, commercial  
23 fishers, transporters, all to do with taking on fisheries  
24 management. So there are more people who have to come to  
25 meetings. This doesn't apply to the North Slope really,  
26 we have not had this problem up here but it is a problem  
27 with other regions. And then we've had problems in other  
28 regions of having meetings in very remote areas and when  
29 you have people who need to be at one meeting and then  
30 get to the next meeting and they're in really remote  
31 places, that also hasn't applied to the North Slope  
32 because the meetings have been in Barrow. So it's more  
33 of an informational item to you that this is going on  
34 with the other Councils.

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36 But I did want to just let you know why  
37 you got the letter and that it's not really a big issue  
38 up here. Most of you haven't been on the Council the  
39 whole time since it began but once we tried to have a  
40 meeting in Kaktovik and it didn't work, we didn't get  
41 there, so I think at that point the Council decided to  
42 always have meetings in Barrow so they've been here ever  
43 since.

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45 So the other thing we're going to start  
46 doing differently, though, is to schedule meetings a year  
47 in advance so you were all given a calendar for the fall  
48 as well, so today what we want to do is have the meeting  
49 date for the winter meeting and that's under I, the  
50 calendar is for those meetings, and then also pick a date

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1 for the fall meetings. And we're doing them in advance  
2 so that we have more time to try to work out some of  
3 these conflicts that we have had with meetings  
4 overlapping or being too close together.

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6 So Harry, you want to look at the winter  
7 meeting dates first?

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I need to ask a  
10 clarifying question first. We're trying to set two  
11 meeting dates?

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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh. The meeting  
16 date for the winter meeting, it's under Tab I in your  
17 book, the calendar. And then the fall calendar Barb  
18 handed out at the beginning of the meeting, you should  
19 have gotten one that said fall 2003.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: This is for your  
22 winter meeting and this is for your fall 2003.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: One year away.

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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And one year away is  
27 what they want so they have time to work on it.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: You're going too far  
30 ahead.

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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I know it's pretty  
33 hard to think that far in advance.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: You're going too far  
36 ahead that way.

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38 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And you know, they  
39 don't have a problem at all -- we were abnormal and went  
40 outside the calendar for this meeting but it's not a  
41 problem because we don't have a lot of fish issues so  
42 they don't have a problem with that at all. Other  
43 regions they can't have them go earlier than that. And  
44 it's the same thing with wildlife, we'll probably only  
45 have one proposal so it's not like there are going to be  
46 15 proposals or something like that.

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48 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Ray.

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1 MR. KOONUK: Are we looking at a one or a  
2 two day meeting here because this was supposed to be a  
3 two meeting and they bumped it down to a one day meeting,  
4 so what are we looking at?

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think they put it  
7 down as a two day meeting and then wanted to see what  
8 agenda items would be on there so they kind of go  
9 according to the agenda. And I think it probably depends  
10 on -- well, we have one proposal we know, it depends on  
11 how many statewide proposals there might be that you'll  
12 have to review and then I heard Steve Fried say he might  
13 have some people presenting some research possibly, so  
14 you might want to pick two days and then we'll look at  
15 the agenda and see if it warrants two days or not. Is  
16 that right, Barb?

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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Because Jeff Adams  
23 from FRO was supposed to be here, too, to report and he  
24 didn't so he might be wanting to give his report then  
25 during your winter meeting so two days for your winter  
26 meeting and then we'll see how the agenda goes and we'll  
27 go from there.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So we're talking  
30 about a two day meeting here for our winter meeting. In  
31 the middle of the week, first available day February 19  
32 or it looks like it's February 16, Sunday.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Just throwing out  
39 some days for conversation here. February 19 and 20.

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41 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman, make a motion  
42 February 19 and 20.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the floor.

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46 MR. TAGAROOK: Second.

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48 MR. AGNASAGGA: Second.

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50 MR. BODFISH: Question.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question called for.  
2 All in favor of the meeting February 19 and 20, 2003  
3 signify by saying aye.

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5 IN UNISON: Aye.

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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: At Barrow.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Hit my birthday  
10 again. Thank you. We have one more additional item.

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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Fall 2003.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: 2003, fall meeting.  
15 You guys want to plan the meeting one year ahead?  
16 Question. Paul.

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18 MR. BODFISH: September 9 and 10.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the floor  
21 to meet September 9 and 10, 2003.

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23 MR. KOONUK: Second the motion.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded. All in  
26 favor signify by saying aye.

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28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All opposed.

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32 (No opposing votes)

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.  
35 September 9 and 10 -- 19 and 20 in the winter. Any other  
36 items before us?

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38 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's it.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: 19 is adjournment.

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42 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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44 MR. KOONUK: So moved.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion to adjourn.

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48 MR. TAGAROOK: Second.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you everybody

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1 for being here taking time away from your family. Have a  
2 safe trip home.

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4 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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1 CERTIFICATE

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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

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5 STATE OF ALASKA )

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27 September 2002.

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