

1 NORTH SLOPE SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

2 PUBLIC MEETING

3 VOLUME II

4 September 9, 2004

5 9:00 a.m.

6 Inupiat Heritage Center

7 Barrow, Alaska

8 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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10 Harry K. Brower, Jr.

11 Ray Koonuk, Sr.

12 Rosemary Ahtuanguaruak

13 Raymond Paneak

14 Terry Tagarook

15 Amos Agnasagga

16 Paul S. Bodfish, Sr.

17 Gordon R. Brower, Sr.

18 Regional Council Coordinator, Barbara Armstrong

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Barrow, Alaska - 9/9/2004)

CHAIRMAN BROWER: Good morning. I'll call the Regional Advisory Council meeting to order, it's 9:10. We left off at Council Charter Review just as we adjourned yesterday so we'll begin with Agenda Item 13 this morning, it deals with our Council charter, it's on Page 57 in your books, so we'll start on that this morning.

Good morning to everyone. Barb.

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Good morning. I'm the one to give on Council charter.

(In Inupiat)

Also, I wanted to point out to you that this is your co-Council member's last meeting, Amos Agnasagga. His term was up and then he didn't reapply so this is his last meeting that he will be attending, this fall.

MR. AGNASAGGA: (In Inupiat)

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We want to thank you, too, for being with us and helping us at the time we needed someone from Point Lay.

(In Inupiat)

Okay, on your charter, Page 57, this is the charter that you guys (In Inupiat), and this year, an odd number year is the time that we can make changes to it if we want to. And the changes that you can make and make a request in December or right now is you can change your Council name, your membership size, and also SRC appointments and also criteria for removing a member. But right now if it's okay with you and you like everything that is going on with it, your charter, then we have no problem with it. But if you do, please, let me know, either through your Chair or directly to me and I will contact the Chair.

Taikuu.

MR. PANEAK: Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, Raymond.
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3 MR. PANEAK: Yeah, Barbara. (In Inupiat)
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5 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, Ray.
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9 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, Mr. Chair, we have a
10 couple of other vacancies and under the charter it says
11 whenever a vacancy occurs among Council members,
12 appointed under paragraph nine, the Secretary will
13 appoint individual, are those being looked at too?
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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Those new
16 members will be appointed at your next winter meeting.
17 You'll have new members, you'll have a full board at your
18 winter meeting. There's two vacant seats that will be
19 filled at your winter meeting.
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21 MR. KOONUK: Okay. So we have
22 individuals that apply for these seats?
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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, sir. And so
25 we'll have some new members in once the appointments -- I
26 haven't seen the appointments in yet, but by your winter
27 meeting we'll have some and once we get those new
28 appointments in, I'll send the notice out to see who they
29 are, and give you that information.
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31 MR. KOONUK: Well, I wanted to let Amos
32 know. Amos, I'm surprised you never reapply, it's good
33 to have you on this board.
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35 MR. AGNASAGGA: (In Inupiat) Julius
36 Rexford applied for this, Point Lay, he's more active
37 than me and going out hunting.
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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Was that it Ray?
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41 MR. KOONUK: (Nods affirmatively)
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Well, I want to say the
44 same to you, Amos, I'm kind of surprised you didn't
45 reapply anyway, it was good having you all these years
46 you've been serving this Regional Advisory Council with
47 us. It's good to know that you're going to be retiring
48 so to speak.
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50 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Get somebody a little
2 bit younger and more active in terms of hunting in place,
3 but we're going to miss you Amos, it's been a long time
4 and good working with you all these years.

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6 MR. AGNASAGGA: I thank you but I'm not
7 more active like I used to be in going out hunting,
8 Julias is more familiar what's going on out there. But
9 people at Point Lay still do report to me of what's going
10 on, you know, if there's something wrong.

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Good morning,
13 Gordon.

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15 MR. G. BROWER: Good morning.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Anyway, we're starting
18 with our agenda item 13, Council charter review and it's
19 on Page 57 and it starts on Page 57 and continues through
20 59, so there's several issues in there, items identified.
21 Good morning Terry.

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23 MR. TAGAROOK: Good morning.

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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: It's the charter that
26 we work with.

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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's the time of the
29 year, it's the odd year now that we do some changes every
30 two years to your charter, and the changes that you can
31 make on the charter or make a request to or recommend to
32 make changes on the charter is your Council name, your
33 membership size, the SRC appointments, criteria for
34 removing a member. But if you don't have any problems
35 with the charter that you currently have and it's working
36 for you and you don't want to make any requests to make
37 any changes to it, then that's also fine. But if you do
38 you either let Harry or I know and we can work with you
39 on any issues that you want to discuss regarding the
40 charter.

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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Well, I wanted to bring
43 out an issue on the meetings, or window of our meeting
44 this fall. You know, it's right in our subsistence
45 activity time, and I was wanting to find out if we are
46 able to change that date, either earlier -- maybe even
47 later might be even better for us because most of our
48 hunting activities are right at this time for the
49 resources that we need to harvest to provide for the
50 winter. You know, when we're meeting like this, right in

1 the middle of the hunting season it's sometimes difficult
2 to come into a meeting when there's resources that we
3 could be harvesting nearby or even at a greater distance
4 at times, but they're at the time when they're most
5 available, this month. So I was wanting to find out from
6 the Council and, you Barb, to see if we could find out or
7 if we could change the timing of our meeting?

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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You can do that.
10 You're going to, here in a few minutes, you're going to
11 get to the agenda where you get to pick your dates for
12 your meeting date for fall 2005.

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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And you have a window
17 open from August 28 to October 21 and you can change it
18 to any time, if you want to fall back to October, you can
19 do that. So you'll have a choice of that window time,
20 from August 29 to October 21 for your next fall meeting.

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Well, anyway, these
23 items are under discussion when we're looking at the
24 Council charter and I thought it'd be appropriate to
25 bring that discussion out for Council members to think
26 about.

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28 Raymond, did you have a comment.

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30 MR. PANEAK: Yeah.

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead.

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34 MR. PANEAK: I agree with you, Mr.
35 Chairman, that at this time the fall caribou herd is
36 traveling through Anaktuvuk and I like to be excused this
37 morning, all right, because when they went through
38 sometimes they don't travel, you know, they went right
39 through, then that's it. If we don't catch any fall
40 caribou we -- I mean sometime we have to go a long ways
41 to go get some.

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43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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47 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I think that is
48 something we need to look at very closely. It's
49 absolutely correct when we're in the peak of subsistence,
50 especially when we're trying to get them when they're

1 prime.....

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CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.

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MR. G. BROWER:for subsistence
6 harvesting. I think somewhere around maybe the second
7 week of October would be more appropriate, somewhere
8 around there.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, you have that
11 window open right now, you have that choice. And you're
12 the first ones to pick out of the whole nine yards, to
13 pick whatever dates, so whatever dates you give me that's
14 when we'll set up that fall meeting for October -- for
15 2005. And we're certainly ready to work with you.

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CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, the next one,
18 Raymond, you're asking to be excused this morning, and
19 the other subject under this thing we need to look into
20 is the appointment of a Council member to the Subsistence
21 Resource Commission, National Park Service. I think we
22 were aware of that already, that it exists and you've
23 been a representative to that commission. And we need to
24 ask you if you're interested to represent us to that
25 Subsistence Resource Commission since you are one of the
26 users, but Raymond you're wanting to be excused this
27 morning, but I'd like to bring that up and ask you to see
28 if you're interested.

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MR. PANEAK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I will
31 for you folks to the best of my ability, anyway. I half
32 do it before because of my wife was dying that time I had
33 to tell the commission members of the SRC that I might
34 not attend a couple meetings and they agree with that,
35 and they tell me some day maybe you could get back. But
36 thank you. And I was telling Ray Koonuk and them that,
37 there's a lot of other people, too, at Anaktuvuk, all
38 right.

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CHAIRMAN BROWER: Well, you're
41 representing the community from Anaktuvuk and you're here
42 on the Regional Advisory Council and I think it would be
43 appropriate if we asked you, through the Council, to
44 represent us at this Subsistence Resource Commission.
45 It's part of the issues that we need to discuss under our
46 charter, and you're asking to be excused this morning, so
47 I think we should discuss that as one of the topics
48 before you're excused.

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MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chair.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry.
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3 MR. TAGAROOK: Before he takes off I
4 think we should put it into a motion.
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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.
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8 MR. TAGAROOK: I shall move to that
9 effect.
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
12 There's a motion on the floor to nominate Raymond Paneak
13 to the National Park Subsistence Resource Commission.
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15 MR. G. BROWER: Second.
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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by Gordon.
18 Any further discussion.
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20 (No comments)
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22 MR. KOONUK: Question.
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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question is called.
25 All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.
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27 IN UNISON: Aye.
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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any opposed.
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31 (No opposing votes)
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.
34 Congratulations Raymond.
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36 MR. PANEAK: Thank you. Thank you all.
37 The village and you folks, I'll try to represent. I
38 still do a little hunting anyway.
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40 (Laughter)
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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other topics that
43 need to be discussed under this?
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45 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman.
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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ray.
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49 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, on number 7, estimated
50 operating costs, are we still getting the 100,000 a year?

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That is what I
2 understand and that includes my salary. And Helen, would
3 you fill in on that, as far as I know that's what it
4 still is.

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I don't know what it
7 is right now. I know that we are under severe budget
8 cuts and we're going to be experiencing more and so I
9 don't know what the budget is right now. That's one
10 reason why you see fewer people at the meeting, they're
11 cutting back on how many people can travel and looking at
12 travel restrictions. So the budget for this next year
13 won't be finalized, I think, until the fall sometime.

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15 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair, then are we
16 paying for their tickets or do they have a separate
17 budget? The Staff.

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19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You mean, they, being
20 the Federal people who are at the meeting?

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22 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, the Staff.

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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: If they are Office of
25 Subsistence Management Staff, then, yeah, that's under
26 our program, if it's BIA or Park Service they have their
27 own budgets.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ray, just for
30 clarification, this is under our charter, so that 100,000
31 is identified for our estimated operating costs for our
32 annual meetings for this Council. Am I correct in saying
33 that?

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35 MR. KOONUK: No.

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37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (Nods affirmatively)

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39 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: (Nods affirmatively)

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, it's identified
42 for our Council to be operating for the two meetings that
43 we hold and whatever means that we need to accommodate
44 the Council in terms of room and stuff.

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46 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It costs between, I
47 think I'm -- I hope I'm not misspeaking on this, but I
48 think it costs between 10 to \$20,000 every time we hold a
49 meeting. And then, you know, we have two meetings and
50 then they always want to reserve some for extra meetings,

1 like when they did the Area M last year, so and then it
2 includes Barb's salary, too.

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4 MR. KOONUK: So are we looking at any
5 increase or decrease on the budget for next year?

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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm sure there won't
8 be an increase. I don't -- I know that they're working
9 hard, I don't think there will be a decrease either.
10 There might be a decrease in the overall Office of
11 Subsistence Management budget, but in terms of the
12 Council budget there may be not -- they're looking at
13 possible travel restrictions so that the operating cost
14 of the Council, you know, Barb's salary and getting you
15 guys to the meetings will remain the same, but they may
16 cut in ways, other ways, like not allowing quite as many
17 Federal Staff to go to the meetings.

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19 MR. KOONUK: Okay, thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other comments or
22 questions regarding the charter.

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24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, then.....

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28 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry.

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32 MR. TAGAROOK: Are the terms of office,
33 do we have a limit on those?

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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Pardon me?

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37 MR. TAGAROOK: On the terms of the
38 office? Because I've been with the board ever since it
39 first started.

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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, there are term
42 limits, every three years. But then as long as you have
43 an interest in there you just keep being reappointed and
44 as long as the interest is in there, you put your
45 application in, that shows that you're still interested
46 and then your reappointment is done, and it's your
47 choice, if you don't reapply then that's your choice.

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49 MR. TAGAROOK: Maybe I'll start
50 recruiting for a replacement when my term gets up.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any other comments,
4 questions regarding the charter.
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6 (No comments)
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Nope, okay. Then.....
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10 MR. PANEAK: Mr. Chairman.
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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Raymond.
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14 MR. PANEAK: Are we going to have to act
15 on approving this charter or.....
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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Only.....
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19 MR. PANEAK: No, okay.
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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, it's part of our
22 -- if we're making any changes or any other activity on
23 it, then, yes.
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25 (Pause)
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think our name's been
28 recognized as the North Slope Subsistence Regional
29 Advisory Council, I think we could keep it at that to
30 keep from getting any confusion started from the title of
31 our Regional Advisory Council. We'll keep it at that, I
32 don't think there's a problem with that. This is our
33 opportunity, if you don't like what the name of our
34 Council is, here's your chance to change the title or
35 anything like that within our charter.
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37 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.
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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ray.
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41 MR. KOONUK: Is this charter going to be
42 reviewed every year or when?
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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You can make changes
45 every two years, every odd year.
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47 MR. KOONUK: Every -- okay.
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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And then this is your
50 chance, this year, if you want to make changes on -- make

1 a request to make changes.

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3 MR. KOONUK: Okay, thank you.

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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And then it will come
6 up again in 2007 and 2009, it just goes on to see if
7 there's any changes that need to be made on the charter.

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9 MR. KOONUK: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair.
10 I so move to approve the charter for the North Slope
11 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. I guess there's
12 no changes being made on this charter.

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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor to
15 approve the charter as presented without any changes.

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17 MR. PANEAK: Second.

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded. Any further
20 discussion.

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22 MR. TAGAROOK: Question.

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question's been called
25 on the motion. All in favor of the motion signify by
26 saying aye.

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28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any opposed, same sign.

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32 (No opposing votes)

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Thank you
35 everyone. The next item is the agenda item 14, under new
36 business, we have the RFR for brown bear. Helen.

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38 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. This is
39 just for your information, you know, FYI, kind of thing
40 because nothing's happening with this at this point, it's
41 just to notify you that the State has filed an RFR, a
42 request for reconsideration on the brown bear proposal.
43 And what that means is that that will then, a threshold
44 analysis will be written, it's going to be prepared and
45 done by the end of October and then the Board will look
46 at it to decide whether they are even going to consider
47 it. They have different criteria that they have to look
48 at. If it does go forward then we will come back to the
49 Council for your opinion but at this point there's really
50 no reason to discuss it because we don't know whether the

1 Board is even going to address it.

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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.

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5 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's it, thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Then the informational
8 item identified as this Federal Subsistence Management
9 Program, sales of handicraft made from bear fur,
10 including claws, that's the item that's being discussed
11 by -- or the request for reconsideration for brown bear
12 by the State, that's what we're talking about is this
13 information right here.

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15 So you did state that we don't have to
16 take any action on it?

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18 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: None at all. We'll
19 come back to you if we're at the point when the Board
20 decides to go forward with it.

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All right, thank you.
23 Any questions regarding this information from the
24 Council.

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26 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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30 MR. G. BROWER: Is there a reasoning why
31 the request for reconsideration is being proposed?

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33 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: They didn't like the
34 Board's decision.

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36 MR. G. BROWER: Fair enough.

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There was a paper sent
39 out on.....

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41 REPORTER: Barb, your microphone.

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43 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I know there was some
44 papers sent out to you regarding this information so
45 maybe it's in the mail. If you don't I'll send it back
46 out to you.

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48 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, there was a
49 letter written on the 2nd of September by Tom Boyd and
50 Barb, I don't know if that went to everybody or just to

1 Harry, did it go to everyone?
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I made copies and sent
4 them out.
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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You made copies, so it
7 will be in everybody's mail box.
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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It should be, it
10 should have been.
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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. They wouldn't
13 have gotten it before we left though.
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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, I mailed it maybe
16 a week ago.
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18 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's a letter like
19 this, so you should be looking for that. Harry you're
20 getting one, too, it has the whole RFR in there.
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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. So that
23 information is.....
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I sent it by email
26 because I got it electronically, I went to the.....
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So that information's
29 been mailed to the Council members?
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31 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.
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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Either by mail or by
36 email.
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.
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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I did send it through
41 email because I was requesting for all.....
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.
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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG:your -- I have
46 all your email addresses.
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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Dr. Chen.
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50 MR. CHEN: Yes, for the record my name is

1 Glenn Chen with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I'd like
2 to partially answer Mr. Brower's question about what the
3 RFR is concerning. The State of Alaska is the one
4 requesting this RFR. They have concerns about the
5 divergence between State and Federal regulations on the
6 use of brown bear hides in handicrafts and sale of those
7 handicrafts. State regulations do not include the use of
8 claws, whereas the Federal regulations do. They have
9 expressed some concerns about how including the sale of
10 claws might be viewed as a way to increase illegal
11 harvest, or increase harvest of bears to the point where
12 there might be conservation concerns about bear
13 populations.

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15 That's one main thrust of their argument
16 that they're presenting to the Board for the RFR.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Dr. Chen.
19 Any other comments or questions regarding this RFR on
20 brown bear, I guess, for reconsideration.

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22 Rosemary.

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24 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I think it's important
25 to recognize that we don't support wasting an animal for
26 its craft uses, but we also don't want to limit an
27 artistic's view of utilizing materials in ways that can
28 allow them to generate a source of income. Our people
29 are very creative, they find many ways to utilize all
30 pieces of the animal in many different ways and it's
31 important to support those creative activities and allow
32 them to make what they can with the limited resources
33 they have available to them in order to raise income with
34 the limited resources around our areas.

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36 Wasting an animal just to get a few items
37 is not supported and never has been. We always teach our
38 families to utilize what we're going to need and not
39 waste. So I just wanted to comment in that area.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.
42 Any other comments, questions.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If none, we'll move on
47 to our next agenda item, other business. 15A is
48 appointment of new member to the Gates of the Arctic
49 Subsistence Resource Commission, I think we've taken care
50 of that one there. We have Raymond Paneak as our new

1 member.

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3 Council topics for January 2005 Board
4 meeting. Do we have any identified at this time,
5 Barbara.

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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: This is when your
8 Chair represents you at the Federal Board meeting, and if
9 there are any issues that you would like for him to bring
10 before the Federal Board, you have to let him know before
11 then so he can bring them before and explain to him what
12 you are asking for, talk to your Chair. If he's not
13 available talk to me and I will let Harry know and this
14 is what we're asking for here. Any issues that you have
15 out there in your region that you would like for him to
16 discuss with the Federal Board, and that's what that is
17 all about.

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19 Taikuu.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Amos.

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23 MR. AGNASAGGA: Yeah, on these spike
24 camps, I think something should be done because it's been
25 going on for years. I know if it was happening in Point
26 Lay I'd see that something happened, but, you know, we've
27 been meeting about these -- stuff like this but these
28 spike camps in Anaktuvuk Pass, we went through that one
29 time -- at Point Lay we went through that problem, and
30 that was a problem, because when you change the migration
31 of the caribou, it's happening, well, that's what
32 happened.

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34 I don't know what we could do but I think
35 we should help them some way.

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Amos.
38 Gordon, do you have a comment.

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40 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I think that should
41 be a topic on how we could better manage that, even
42 through maybe generating through the permitting of these
43 other agencies to notify other local governments so that
44 they're fully aware because they need to conform to other
45 laws and regulations, not just the land holder's
46 regulations.

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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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

1 issues that I think needs to be dealt with is subsistence
2 impacts created from these documents on Northeast NPR-A
3 and Northwest NPR-A, I think that should be a topic,
4 subsistence impact that may have the potential to have a
5 greater adverse effect, such as putting infrastructure
6 out there and what the effects of terrorism could have on
7 subsistence once you put infrastructure in high
8 subsistence priority use areas.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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12 MR. G. BROWER: I'm pretty sure I had
13 some other topics but they always resurface sometimes at
14 another time.

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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon, thank you.

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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barb.

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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I know, I remember
23 years back, didn't Kaktovik have the same problem with
24 spike camps and they worked directly with whoever was
25 permitting, I think it was ANWR, Arctic National
26 Wildlife. I think they worked directly with them to see
27 if they would change the seasons in their giving permits
28 out to the people to go out in their certain hunting
29 areas, and Kaktovik took that upon themselves to do it,
30 so we can also help Anaktuvuk to work directly with who
31 gives permits for those spike camps and help them along
32 in supporting them. And I think that's what Kaktovik
33 did, is just to change some seasons for those people that
34 do go out in spike camps.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Barb.

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38 MR. AGNASAGGA: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Amos.

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42 MR. AGNASAGGA: Yeah, they did bring this
43 problem out with the assembly, planning commission, but
44 what happened is that it happened here in Barrow and
45 that's not the right place to have a public hearing on
46 issue for Anaktuvuk Pass, you know. They did have a
47 public hearing on this but it happened here in Barrow.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Amos. Any
50 other comments.

1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'd like to add on that
4 I was involved in an issue on this spike camps with our
5 North Slope Borough Fish and Game management committee
6 that we work directly with Anaktuvuk residents and the
7 State of Alaska in trying to resolve the issue of the
8 spike camp north of AKP and we had community meetings in
9 Anaktuvuk Pass and invited the guided outfitters and the
10 guides that provide a service to non-residents to do
11 their sporthunting and tried to resolve some of the
12 problems that the community was facing and that helped
13 out in getting people informed about what's happening and
14 getting these guided outfitters and the guides to working
15 with the community and it had worked well for several
16 years but then it's starting to fade away. Now, it's
17 starting to resurface again after several years that
18 there is a problem. I think we just need to -- or the
19 community and the permittees need to just remind the
20 guides and the guided outfitters that there are
21 stipulations that they need to adhere to.

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23 I know some of that stuff was -- the
24 first issue I could remember is that when the migration
25 begins that they need to let the first groups go through
26 making a trail for the rest of the herd to follow through
27 in a certain area, like a scent trail for them to follow
28 through, you know, after letting the first group going
29 by, most of the animals do follow through and follow that
30 scent trail, and that's what we had talked about and
31 brought to the attention of the guides and the outfitters
32 and they did follow that for several years, I'm not sure
33 if they're still doing that. Again, not having been out
34 there checking on them or not having communicated with
35 them for some time, I'm not sure if they're still doing
36 that or not.

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38 Anyway, those are some of the issues that
39 we've done in the past through our North Slope Borough
40 fish and game management committee and with Gordon,
41 working with Gordon and inviting them to our meetings and
42 getting them informed about what the committee is being
43 faced with. So there's been some issues that we've taken
44 through the North Slope Borough permitting and the Alaska
45 Department of Fish and Game working together and getting
46 that addressed, but if it's resurfacing now maybe it's
47 time to readdress it again.

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49 I just wanted to bring that out and
50 comment on that.

1 Gordon.

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3 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I think it's
4 something that working all together with all the various
5 land managers may have to group together and work on it
6 once and for all.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.

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10 MR. G. BROWER: Because you do get a new
11 set of outfitters here and there because we're just
12 dealing with some new ones that we didn't know of and
13 then they didn't even have Borough permits. And some of
14 the things that we've done in the past, you know, to try
15 to control wanton waste is for the nearest affected
16 community to make that meat available, but also handling
17 that meat in a way that it's edible by the residents,
18 like hang them up on a rack, don't stack them up and let
19 them rot.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. G. BROWER: You know, hang them up
24 and dry them like we do when it's summer, the summer
25 season, because we do that to preserve the meat to keep
26 the flies from going inside and eating them up. So those
27 are some of the tactics to use to try to help a better
28 coexistence between the two user groups.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
31 Terry.

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33 MR. TAGAROOK: Yes, these trophy and
34 sports hunters, I think they're just going after the
35 racks, you know, and why not make it mandatory for them
36 to take care of the meat and distribute it to the people
37 that are in the villages or take it with them instead of
38 just leaving the carcass out there where they got the
39 game.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Terry. Any
42 other comments regarding this subject.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If none, then that's
47 regarding the Council topics for January Board meeting,
48 our next item is C, 15C, future meeting plans, time and
49 location of the next meeting, winter 2005, March 3 and 4,
50 Barrow. Is that already a set date?

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Those were the dates
2 that you requested the last time, was March 2 and 3 here
3 at Barrow for your winter meeting.

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we're talking about
6 our fall winter meeting, 2005.

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8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: If that March 2 and 3
9 still stands and it's okay with you right now then it's
10 fine.

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And then you can
15 discuss your fall 2005 dates.

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17 Taikuu.

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any comments from the
20 Council. Gordon.

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22 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I think yesterday
23 we touched on possibly making an agenda for a joint
24 meeting and if one of these meetings that we may be
25 getting together would be an appropriate timeframe, and a
26 long enough lead time to plan such a joint endeavor with
27 the wildlife council.

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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barbara.

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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, well, the first
34 thing we're going to do with that is that we're going to
35 write a letter and ask the wildlife committee, then we'll
36 start with that, and then from that on I'll let you guys
37 know and see what they say and then we'll go from there
38 to work on an agenda for our joint meeting, if they so
39 approve.

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41 Taikuu.

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43 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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47 MR. G. BROWER: We also touched on high
48 subsistence harvest time periods during our meeting in
49 the fall, so I think it's an appropriate time to discuss
50 maybe a much more appropriate timeframe for a fall

1 meeting.

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CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

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MR. G. BROWER: So I think, you know,
right now is a very good prime caribou hunting going on.

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CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.

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MR. G. BROWER: And a lot of people wish
to be out to conduct a really good harvest. And then
fall whaling starts and it's usually probably by the
second week of October is slowing down. So I think
somewhere around an October timeframe would be pretty
good from my point of view.

CHAIRMAN BROWER: Just for the Council's
information we have a calendar to look at, a meeting
window, it starts.....

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Page 62.

CHAIRMAN BROWER:from August
through October, it's on the very last page of your
booklet that were provided to each of you. So that's an
option to look at, what month and date to identify for
the 2005 winter meeting.

Let me back up one step, maybe to see if
this March 2 and 3 is okay, we selected that from a year
ago or half a year ago, to see if that timeframe is still
okay.

(In Inupiat)

Gordon.

MR. G. BROWER: I don't see any problem
with that, I mean at least for my own schedule. Where I
work, I already listen to a whole bunch of impact
creating actions that are on the land by that time and be
able to make a good report, at least from my own job.

CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Then if it's
okay, we'll just leave it as is. So we'll just leave it
as is and you don't have any problems with that Paul?

MR. BODFISH: I don't have any problems
with it, that's early enough so that I can get my stuff
done.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So the March 2 and 3,
2 2005 is a set date, that's fine.
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4 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Then we're continuing
7 the discussion with the fall 2005 dates, it's up to the
8 Council to select a date and we have until October 20.
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10 MR. KOONUK: October 18.
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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: There's a suggestion
13 for October 18.
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15 MR. TAGAROOK: How about 19 and 20.
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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: 19 and 20.
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19 MR. BODFISH: What are we talking about?
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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Winter meeting 2005.
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23 MR. KOONUK: A one or two day meeting.
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The fall meeting 2005.
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27 MR. KOONUK: One or two day meeting?
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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It doesn't matter,
30 that's your choice.
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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: There's a date, October
33 18 and then there's 19 and 20, there's three days
34 already.
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36 (Laughter)
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry.
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40 MR. TAGAROOK: If the North Slope Borough
41 fish and wildlife game committee will accept our
42 invitation to meet with them, will that include them on
43 our fall or the winter meeting?
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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I don't know. That's
46 also your choice. And once I get the letter out and get
47 a response back then I'll go back out to you through your
48 Chair first and then whatever he directs me, then I'll
49 get back out to you and talk with you. First I always
50 talk to the Chair and the vice Chair, so I'll get back to

1 you on that. So it doesn't matter which meeting that
2 they would be willing to come meet with you but we'll
3 have to see first.

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CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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7 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I
8 don't have a problem with the dates, like between October
9 18 and 20, you know, those are pretty much -- you know,
10 slowed down, and whaling should be completed by that time
11 and fishing is done and everybody's probably just putting
12 gear away.

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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I agree, so we just
15 need to select two dates, 19 and 20 is what I've heard
16 and 18; do you have any problems with 19 and 20, Paul?

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MR. BODFISH: Nope.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: 19 and 20.

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MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Raymond.

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26 MR. KOONUK: I make a motion to set
27 October 19 and 20 2005 for fall meeting.

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MR. BODFISH: Second.

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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: There's a motion on the
32 floor to set the date for October 19 and 20 2005,
33 seconded, any further discussion.

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(No comments)

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MR. TAGAROOK: Question.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question's been called.
39 All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye.

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CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any opposed.

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(No opposing votes)

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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Thank you,
46 every one.

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barbara, go ahead.
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The meeting would be
6 here at Barrow?
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: As far as we know, yes.
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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. And who made
11 the second?
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13 MR. BODFISH: Me.
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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, Paul, thank you.
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17 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.
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21 MR. G. BROWER: I do know there was a
22 couple outstanding requests or invitation to have one of
23 these meetings sometime held in a village and I don't
24 think we touched on that at all. But I thought I'd just
25 bring that up, there was an invitation from AKP and I
26 think from Nuiqsut.
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.
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30 MR. G. BROWER: And it may be one day we
31 visit each village, who knows.
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Maybe we better
34 reconfirm that Barrow meeting there Barb, it's up to the
35 Council. I had just mentioned it. Since we're talking
36 here, maybe we could ask the Council members and see what
37 they're favoring.
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barb.
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43 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Well, I -- yeah, I
44 mentioned that with having to have the Council travel
45 anywhere, it doesn't matter to us because we use our
46 credit cards to pay for our room and board. For the
47 Council we have to use a PO, purchase order to pay, and
48 if that hotel in Nuiqsut and Anaktuvuk are not registered
49 then that's a government thing, that would be the only
50 thing that would block us from having a meeting outside

1 of Barrow. So that's the only problem that would be
2 blocking us is to have the Council staying at the hotel
3 and we have to pay by PO, unless they can take a credit
4 card, and we can ask Rosemary to check in on that for us
5 and then I will let you know if she's let me know.

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7 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I know that we've used
8 purchase order for them for the city business so it is an
9 option that's available and they do have credit card
10 usage over there. I'm not sure about the registration
11 status and I'm going to be communicating with our new
12 city administrator on the community center when she gets
13 back.

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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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17 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: She was out for a week
18 this week, but when she gets back we'll verify whether or
19 not that has occurred and initiate action to make sure
20 that's not going to be an obstruction to allowing it to
21 occur.

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23 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. If she would,
24 we can also have her -- we can help her if she wants to
25 register, we have a person that can talk with her
26 directly and then guide her to get registered and we can
27 work on that, too, this fall, and then we'll start from
28 there, is just by you checking it out for us and then
29 letting me know and then we'll work with you and then
30 I'll have the person's name to work with that person to
31 get it registered and see -- we'll see what happens from
32 there.

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So Gordon, did that
35 help answer your question, we need to look into the
36 matter of the purchase order issue and how that's going
37 to work out for the meeting place that's identified? We
38 need to look into that matter before we can verify the
39 location.

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41 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I think that should
42 be an effort maybe taken for all the villages so that
43 once we ever decide to visit a village a lot of the most
44 impacted ones, such as AKP on subsistence impacts, to
45 really listen to more inside from the residents, I think
46 the villages should go through a registration process so
47 we can at a meeting, at will, choose to go to one when we
48 need to.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Uh-huh.

1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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3 MR. G. BROWER: I think that answers the
4 question.
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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Helen.
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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm just guessing but
9 I would imagine that these places wouldn't want to do the
10 registration unless they knew we were coming, because
11 it's quite a few hours of work that's why we've had
12 trouble getting people to do it. Because they -- I mean
13 it's amazed me that even though we've said, you know, we
14 have all these people coming, they'll stay at your place,
15 we'll hold a meeting there for, you know, two days,
16 people have not been willing to do the work to allow us
17 to stay there. So I'm just guessing that to just say
18 register, and it's something you have to redo every year,
19 isn't that right, Barb, that's my understanding they have
20 to -- that they won't want to unless they know we're
21 planning on coming. So to do it one community at a time
22 is probably more reasonable, maybe.
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24 MR. TAGAROOK: Mr. Chair.
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry.
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28 MR. TAGAROOK: Yes, I'd be more
29 comfortable having the meeting here in Barrow until we
30 get all the paperwork done in the villages and that way
31 we could plan the next meeting in one of the villages in
32 the future.
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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's an option we can
35 take, it's up to however the Council decides.
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37 Rosemary.
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39 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I think that working
40 to get the joint meeting planned in a timely process and
41 allowing the fall meeting for a village meeting would be
42 more reasonable. I know it's going to be difficult with
43 funding on both sides and that's also a consideration
44 when you're taking on additional travel, the travel in
45 villages are adding to the cost and that's the reality
46 for times and usages.
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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.
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50 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I think that should

1 be the route we should take and maybe should be, at
2 least, we talked about it and dealt with at a later time.

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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So Staff will be
5 looking into the matter and then the current meeting will
6 be held in Barrow.

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8 Amos, did you have a comment to make?

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10 MR. AGNASAGGA: Move to adjourn.

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12 (Laughter)

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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We're almost there,
15 Amos, we have a couple more little issues we need to take
16 care of. Thank you, Amos.

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18 MR. AGNASAGGA: Well, I thought we were
19 talking in circles.

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21 (Laughter)

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Well, we have to talk
24 in circles so we could get a clarification on what we
25 want to get accomplished.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, so the Staff will
30 work on that and the current location for 2005, maybe
31 we'll keep that open for now until we learn how this is
32 carried out and how it progresses from there.

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34 Ray.

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36 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair, Craig gave you a
37 report, are we getting a copy of that?

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I need to get back with
40 him as to how -- he said it just came back from the
41 printer is what I understood, so this was the first copy
42 that he got and I need to find out from him and I'll put
43 that on the list to get copies to each of the Council
44 members, forward a copy of that report. You're talking
45 about the technical report that was written from Alaska
46 Department of Natural Resources, Office of Habitat
47 Management and Permitting by William Morris; seasonal
48 movement and habitat use of Arctic grayling, berbot,
49 broad whitefish in the Fish Creek drainages of the
50 National Petroleum Reserve, Alaska 2001/2002. So I'll

1 get with Craig and find out more about that Ray.

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3 Okay, 15D, topics and issues.

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5 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Rosemary.

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9 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: In Nuiqsut, with our
10 location and the reactions that we're facing in regards
11 to the progressive changes to the surface of the land,
12 it's important to plan on getting some basic data that
13 will help us to address some of the cumulative issues
14 that are currently being faced in our community and
15 projected to continue to be faced in our community and
16 increasing in quantities, so whatever we can do to plan
17 on that, getting some input as to what are the gaps that
18 we need to fill to help us in long-term management of the
19 resources that will continue to see changes.

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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.

22 Gordon.

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24 MR. G. BROWER: I think issues that's
25 facing some of us here, too, are impacts created as they
26 move westerly. The industrialization of subsistence
27 areas, and the need to have comprehensive studies such as
28 what I was talking about yesterday, about one of them is
29 caribou and its instinctive nature and its impacts
30 created by industrial noise. And the die off issues,
31 what are they, if they're related to these
32 industrialization, if they're not habituated to
33 industrialization, if that is a cause of stress for the
34 animals, which, in turn, would impact the availability of
35 the resources for subsistence harvesting.

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37 So there's some impacts being generated
38 out there and they've been showing up time after time and
39 one of them is die off of a whole bunch of animals and
40 some of the -- just maybe like a guess, you know, is one
41 of them, they starve because either the ground is frozen
42 too hard or that the stress created by noise keeps them
43 afoot and not in their instinctive mode.

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45 So those are some of the things that I
46 think should be issues related to subsistence.

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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon. Any
49 other comments.

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1 (No comments)
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If none, we have agenda
4 item 16, adjournment.
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6 MR. AGNASAGGA: So moved.
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8 MR. KOONUK: So moved.
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: There's a motion to
11 adjourn.
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13 MR. TAGAROOK: Second.
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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by Terry. All
16 in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.
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18 IN UNISON: Aye.
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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you every one.
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22 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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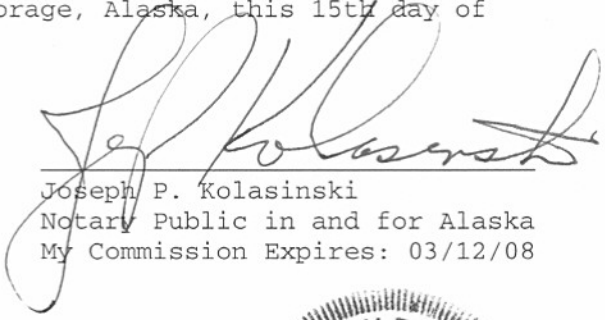
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