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2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
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4 PUBLIC MEETING
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6 Barrow Alaska
7 February 16, 2006
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9 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
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11 Harry K. Brower, Jr., Chairman
12 Rosemary Ahtuanguaruak
13 Paul S. Bodfish, Sr.
14 Gordon R. Brower, Sr.
15 David A. Gunderson
16 Baxter Hopson
17 Ray Koonuk
18 Julius Rexford
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20 Regional Council Coordinator, Barbara Armstrong
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
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3 (Barrow, Alaska - 2/16/2006)
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5 (On record)
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, good afternoon
8 everyone. Thank you for all coming to our North Slope
9 Regional Advisory Council meeting and taking time to
10 show your interest here and participating in our
11 meeting.
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13 At this time I'll call the meeting to
14 order of the North Slope Regional Advisory Council
15 meeting. It's 1:25, February 16.
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17 I'll ask for a roll call to establish
18 the quorum, please.
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20 Barb.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Harry.
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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Here.
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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Raymond is.....
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Here.
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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, not him, the
31 other one. John. He's excused. Julius.
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33 (No comments)
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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: He's excused, he
36 should be back. David.
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38 MR. GUNDERSON: Here.
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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Paul.
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42 MR. BODFISH: Here.
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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Ray.
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46 MR. KOONUK: Here.
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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Rosemary should be
49 here.
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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: She's on the phone.
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Baxter.
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5 MR. HOPSON: Here.
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Gordon.
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9 MR. G. BROWER: I'm here.
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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. One, two,
12 three, four, five, six, Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.
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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Barb. Our
15 next item is a moment of silence. We'll comply with
16 that and ask for a moment of silence, please.
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18 (Moment of silence)
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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, everyone.
21 Thank you. Again, welcome you all to our North Slope
22 Regional Advisory Council meeting. We have our welcome
23 and introductions.
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25 My name is Harry Brower for the record,
26 and the Chairman of the North Slope Regional Advisory
27 Council. And I'll just ask our Council members to go
28 and introduce themselves to our guests and to get it on
29 the record. Ray.
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31 MR. KOONUK: Ray Koonuk, Vice Chair.
32 Point Hope.
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34 MR. BODFISH: Paul Bodfish, member from
35 Atqasuk.
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37 MR. HOPSON: Baxter Hopson, member from
38 Barrow.
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40 MR. GUNDERSON: David Gunderson, member
41 from Wainwright.
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43 MR. G. BROWER: Gordon Brower from
44 Barrow.
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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Barb Armstrong, the
47 coordinator for North Slope and Seward Penn.
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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sandy.
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1 MR. RABINOWITCH: Sandy Rabinowitch,
2 National Park Service, InterAgency Staff Committee.
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4 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I guess we'll go
5 ahead with you, Terry, and start from there and go
6 around.
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8 MR. HAYNES: Terry Haynes, Department
9 of Fish and Game, Wildlife Conservation Division in
10 Fairbanks. I represent the Department at the Federal
11 Subsistence Wildlife meetings around the state.
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13 MR. REXFORD: Delbert Rexford,
14 resident. Also employee of North Slope Borough Land
15 Management Regulations Permitting Office.
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17 DR. YOKEL: Dave Yokel with the Bureau
18 of Land Management in Fairbanks.
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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, David.
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22 MR. OVIATT: I'm George Oviatt. I am
23 the Bureau of Land Management's representative on the
24 Board.
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, George.
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28 MS. GREFFENIUS: Laura Greffenius. And
29 I'm a wildlife biologist from the Office of Subsistence
30 Management.
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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Laura.
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34 MR. EASTLAND: Warren Eastland. I'm
35 the wildlife biologist with the Bureau of Indian
36 Affairs.
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Rosemary.
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40 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Rosemary
41 Ahtuanguaruak, Nuiqsut.
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And then we have
44 Wennona.
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46 MS. BROWN: Wennona Brown, subsistence
47 coordinator for the Arctic, Kanuti and Yukon Flats
48 Management Wildlife Refuges out of Fairbanks.
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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And we have our court

1 reporter.

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3 REPORTER: My name is Tina, I'm your
4 court reporter.

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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Tina.
7 Okay, thank you everyone. Again, welcome you all to
8 our meeting, we're dealing with wildlife issues today
9 during this meeting.

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11 Our next agenda item is the review and
12 adoption of the agenda. Do we have any new additions
13 to our agenda that we need to make.

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15 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ray.

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19 MR. KOONUK: So moved to approve the
20 agenda for further discussion.

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor
23 to approve the agenda.

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25 MR. BODFISH: Second.

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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded. We're
28 under discussion and review of the agenda, do we have
29 any further discussion.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barb, do you know of
34 any other items that we need to add on or remove from
35 our agenda, we have several proposals, I guess we can't
36 do any removing at the moment.

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, we just
39 need to call Fenton when we are discussing Proposal 67a
40 and b. Then we're going to have Pete DeMatteo
41 discussing some crossover proposals. And those are the
42 only ones I know right now.

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44 Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, thank you,
47 Barb. Any further additions.

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49 (No comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Just to note that we
2 have a couple of people that we need to include during
3 our discussions under these proposals, 67 on Unit 26(C)
4 moose, that would be Fenton Rexford from Kaktovik, and
5 the other person again?

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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Pete DeMatteo will
8 be doing those crossover proposals from the Anchorage
9 office. We'll teleconference him in.

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11 And, I'm sorry, and also under the
12 closure review briefing will be Sandy Rabinowitch
13 instead of Helen.

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15 Quayana.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you for that
18 correction, Barb.

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20 We have a motion before us.

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22 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ray.

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26 MR. KOONUK: Question called on the
27 motion.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question has been
30 called on the motion. All in favor signify approval of
31 the agenda with a couple of name additions signify by
32 saying aye.

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34 IN UNISON: Aye.

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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, we have
37 our agenda before us. Review and adoption of minutes
38 from our last meeting which was.....

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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Excuse me, Mr.
41 Chair, use the minutes from your packets, those are the
42 correct ones. Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I guess she's
45 referring to this little green packet, the minutes are
46 included in it. These are the minutes from our October
47 18, 2005 meeting.

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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Review and adoption
2 of the minutes.
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4 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.
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8 MR. G. BROWER: I move to adopt the
9 minutes for October 18, 2005.
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor
12 to adopt the minutes of October 18, 2005.
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14 MR. BODFISH: Second.
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Seconded by Paul.
17 Any further discussions.
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19 (No comments)
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21 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I could see that our
22 court reporter is starting to speak in Inupiat now or
23 write in Inupiat, cool.
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25 (Laughter)
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: That's good to see
28 that kind of our wording in our minutes and writing
29 Inupiat names for our resources, that's a good start.
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31 (Laughter)
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm noting them on
34 Page 5 about in the middle of the paper here.
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36 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, call for
37 the question.
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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question has been
40 called on the motion to adopt the minutes of October
41 18, 2005. All in favor signify by saying aye.
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43 IN UNISON: Aye.
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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any opposed, same
46 sign.
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48 (No opposing vote)
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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. The next

1 item is No. 7 election of officers, Chair, Vice Chair,
2 Secretary. And I'll leave that up to Barb, give the
3 floor to Barb on that.
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Ki. We will start
6 off for the elections of officers. We'll have
7 nominations out for Chair, or anyone who want to speak.
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9 Ki. Paul.
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11 MR. BODFISH: I move that we nominate
12 the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary and leave them as
13 is for a unanimous consent.
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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You need a second.
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17 MR. GUNDERSON: Second it.
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19 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Is there any
20 objections.
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22 (No comments)
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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There's been a
25 nomination and seconded .
26 (No comments)
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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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30 MR. BODFISH: Question.
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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, if there isn't
33 any objections, then that's it, your Chair is still
34 Harry and Vice Chair is Ray and Secretary is Gordon.
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36 Quyana.
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Congratulations to
39 you, Ray and Gordon, and I'll pat myself on the back.
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41 (Laughter)
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43 MR. G. BROWER: I thank Harry and Ray,
44 right here, Secretary.
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46 (Laughter)
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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Paul, for
49 making that nomination. So to continue on, we have No.
50 8 village concerns, I guess we'll just go around and

1 start from David and just go around the table, I
2 suppose.

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4 David.

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6 MR. GUNDERSON: Hello, I'm David
7 Gunderson representing Wainwright. The harvest on
8 fisheries has been pretty good, we've been catching
9 smelt and people's been going up to their cabins. And
10 caribou hunting's excellent. No concerns. The caribou
11 are really all around the village, you could
12 practically walk out of town and get one.

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14 The fall whaling is pretty good, too.
15 They're getting ready for, I believe, spring, yeah,
16 spring whaling and digging out their sleds and boats.
17 More and more daylight out there.

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19 I haven't heard anything, really any
20 concerns yet. It's just good to be here.

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, David.
25 Baxter.

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27 MR. HOPSON: Hunting's been pretty
28 good. I've been seeing a lot of people come in with
29 caribou. My uncle, John, has been up at the upper
30 cabin hunting furs and stuff, he's been doing pretty
31 good up there.

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33 I haven't heard very many concerns from
34 any of the community members here in Barrow.

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36 And that's all I got.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Baxter.
39 Paul, go ahead.

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41 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, hunting's been good
42 all around. Fish, caribou. Hunting's been pretty good
43 all around. A few wolverines caught up in our area but
44 nobody's sighted any wolves yet.

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46 But due to industry, I guess, the
47 caribou are being pushed to the west due to seismic
48 activity they're being -- they're moving from their
49 usual wintering areas inside the rolling hills to the
50 east of us, they're moving west.

1 That's the only thing I got.
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3 Thank you.
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Paul.
6 Ray.
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8 MR. KOONUK: Well, Point Hope, we got a
9 few polar bears. A couple of them right close to town.
10 Tomcods are finally here. We didn't get any last year
11 but this year there is quite a bit but they're a lot
12 smaller. Seals. We're getting some seals, they're
13 pretty healthy. Making fresh seal oil.
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15 Caribous are just coming in, not too
16 far from town. And some of the whaling captains are
17 preparing for whaling, getting ready, preparing their
18 boats and what not.
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20 Otherwise there's no concerns and
21 everything's okay. And hopefully we'll have a good
22 season again this year for whaling.
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24 Thanks.
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Ray.
27 Gordon, do you want to voice some village concerns.
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29 MR. G. BROWER: Good afternoon
30 everybody.
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32 IN UNISON: Hi Gordon.
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34 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I took a really
35 good bath with dishing soap so I wouldn't have to smell
36 too much, no, if I smell, it shouldn't be that much.
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38 (Laughter)
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40 MR. G. BROWER: Anyway, we got our boat
41 done last night about 2:00 a.m., so that made me tired
42 all day. I don't have too much to report.
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44 We had really good fall. Hunting was
45 fantastic. Fishing, we got our catch and feeding the
46 town. And we had a lot of caribou throughout the fall
47 around Chip 4, Chip 9, and they hunt around quite a
48 bit, all the way up in -- we started hauling fish back
49 to Barrow about November -- second week of November and
50 there's tutu all the way from Chip 2 to Danny Edwards,

1 Chip 10, was pretty good. And we've been hauling a lot
2 of fish to Barrow, just going back and forth.

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4 And towards the end of our hauling, we
5 had a lot of caribou in between there and somewhere
6 around December -- mid-December, somewhere around there
7 they started to move out of there so they started
8 moving more westerly, I think. We think it was because
9 of seismic because there was a seismic camp going on
10 and the North Slope Borough -- I work at the Borough
11 and I knew that camps were in those areas and then we
12 had reports of some hunters in the area, they were
13 moving more to the west.

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15 Anyway, my dad he's got a trap line
16 there and he wasn't reporting a good harvest this year.
17 He pulled all his traps out. First he moved them and
18 then he pulled them out. He just think it's too noisy,
19 there's too much seismic activity and drilling going on
20 at Aklaq 2, I think, drilling going on, so he pulled
21 his traps.

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23 Before that through November, end of
24 November through second week he got quite a bit of
25 quiaktooks and good fox trapping, his traps -- every
26 time we hauled fish were full with foxes, we'd go up
27 and take them off for him and reset them coming back.
28 But towards the end that all stopped, it wasn't
29 successful anymore and he just decided to pull them
30 out. So we think maybe it's due to the seismic
31 activity going on around there.

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33 Anyway besides that everything's been
34 pretty much stable. We got this pretty nice balmy
35 weather in Barrow, so I don't know what that's leading
36 to.

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38 So anyway that's all I got.

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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
41 Rosemary.

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43 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: In Nuiqsut we've had
44 caribou around this spring, definitely we are seeing
45 them around, we think also some of those activities are
46 deflecting towards our way and we are having a reaction
47 with access to them.

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49 We've had problems with the fall
50 whaling, and those losses are being felt right now with

1 the limitations, people hoped that they were going to
2 get employment that stayed for the winter season
3 activity but it's been real limited, and already are
4 seeing layoffs, so it's really being felt going without
5 during those times.

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7 The fish, we have a good showing of
8 cisco, again, this winter. We really are happy to see
9 numbers coming back. We're very concerned with changes
10 on the near shore environment with activities with
11 actions near the Barrier Islands on what's going to
12 react with our fisheries for this next season.

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14 We are noticing changes with quality of
15 the fish, increasing parasites and we're concerned
16 about the change in water temperature and the health of
17 the water that the fish are going through that are
18 causing these changes. We didn't see them, but in a
19 few fish of the whole seasons catch and now we're
20 seeing them regularly with the catch, and that's not
21 common when you talk with elders about those changes.

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23 We have had wolverines caught near the
24 village, probably following the caribou. We've gotten
25 a couple people who have gotten a wolf out there also
26 so that's very encouraged and needed with the changes
27 that had happened in the recent past, and not having
28 access, so we really appreciate having some harvest in
29 those areas.

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31 We're concerned with the increased
32 seismic activity moving towards this area, having the
33 deflection occur.

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35 We also recognize the activity towards
36 the east of us, changing how we interact in that area.
37 There's a lot of reluctance to go into those areas
38 because of the interactions. It's really pointed when
39 you're trying to educate the kids on the activities.
40 When we were going for our August fishing trip we
41 usually go towards our cabin, but my 12 year old son
42 saw the helicopters, it landed six times before we got
43 there, and have him say, let's not go camp over there
44 mom, I can't catch my caribou over there, it's hurtful,
45 but it shows the difficulty in trying to share the
46 knowledge with the future generations and how we do
47 things but it also affects the season, the change,
48 because the winter usage of the sinew, the preparations
49 for later to that and uses on preparing the skins that
50 go on in the winter time, teaching them the skin

1 sewing, are affected with that.

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3 So that's worrisome on having our
4 natural resources from our areas to show in the future
5 generations.

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7 It's good that right now that we're
8 harvesting but with the recent past knowing this is
9 going to be another season that could be affected is
10 worrisome. It changes our social structure and how we
11 interact and those are hard to deal with. The rapid
12 changes were not planned for effectively to help us
13 interact. So the subsistence losses are being felt.

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15 I had one of our elders say I'm fearful
16 to eat caribou this winter, so many of them this summer
17 were caught with changes in them. Maybe we shouldn't
18 have some this winter. That was so hard to absorb and
19 to try to incorporate into the right structure to
20 communicate about but you feel it deep inside and you
21 worry about the subsistence changes that are coming.

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23 So it hurts, especially now because
24 I've made a decision to change how I try to communicate
25 these concerns. And I have decided to not to reapply
26 with this board and try to participate in a way that
27 will help to communicate the changes we're feeling in a
28 more effective manner. I needed to let my co-members
29 know and I thank you.

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31 Thanks.

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.
34 You know we have a lot of concerns and we've tried to
35 address them over the years. It's somewhat sad that
36 you're anticipating to leave us, I keep telling you
37 that I'm going to rescind your request, but your
38 involvement, you know, it's very heartfelt, you know,
39 from each of us as you're right in the midst of all
40 this oil industry activity and you see it more than we
41 did and that kind of interaction we need to continue to
42 voice, and somewhere, and somehow we will try and
43 address these issues, you know, even though it
44 continues to grow and more activity is increasing. We
45 need to at some point in time sit down and really take
46 to heart what we need to address here. It's not only
47 going to be your community, it's also going to be
48 within our communities and it's just a matter of time,
49 it's not too far away with all the increase of
50 activity, and I really appreciate the comments you

1 made, Rosemary. Thank you.

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Gordon.

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5 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I'd just like to
6 thank Rosemary for her comments.

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8 I know it's not -- doesn't feel that
9 you're making a dent sometimes, but, you know, what we
10 do here, you know, we try to do subsistence-related
11 stuff with the animals and stuff and make
12 recommendations. And although subsistence is affected
13 by industrial and stuff like that, you know, there are
14 other ways to be effective and I'm glad you're going to
15 pursue some of that stuff.

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17 I just wanted to add on, too, just
18 recently we were hauling our last couple of loads of
19 fish and there was a bunch of muskox over at Chip 9 and
20 talking back and forth to Arnold, Sr., my dad and I
21 could tell he wanted to shoot it, all right, he said
22 there was about four or five of them, he wanted to get
23 the bull with the -- he said the tail was bare, looked
24 like maybe a wolverine or maybe a wolf had been hanging
25 on the tail and striped it completely, just the bare --
26 he think it was going to freeze and fall off, so, and
27 anyway he went in the willow during the day and come
28 out in the night and he -- I could tell in his voice,
29 he was asking me, can you get the regulation on the
30 muskox and I just had to tell him just look at him.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 MR. G. BROWER: And I called Harry up
35 at home, and I said Harry I need -- I said, his uncle
36 is up there in contact with this beast and he wants to
37 capture him.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MR. G. BROWER: He like to kill
42 everything anyway.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MR. G. BROWER: Anyway, he ended up
47 watching him and we told him only if you're attacked
48 and then he just told me, well, you're crazy if they
49 attack people. If they attack you -- he said he's been
50 around them so long around Chip 9, if they attack you

1 you're the one provoking the attack, you're approaching
2 their distance and that's basically what he's learned
3 about them. Anyway, he was telling me about that.

4
5 When I told him, only if you're
6 attacked and he said anybody's crazy if you're attacked
7 by one because you're provoking the attack, you know,
8 that's what he said to me.

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10 Anyway, and I just wanted to share a
11 little bit more information. I just got a letter today,
12 you know, from the Mayor's office that I was appointed
13 as one of the directors for BASC, Scientific Advisory
14 something, I don't know, what is that Barrow Arctic
15 Science Consortium.

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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Consortium, yes.

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19 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, as one of their
20 board members. And it also deals with studies and
21 stuff and to promote studies and have scientists to
22 come up here and do these things. So it's good. I'm
23 always trying to want studies to happen up here and
24 always have never said enough about them and maybe I'll
25 make another dent somewhere else.

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27 All right, that's all.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
30 Any questions to any of our Council members or
31 participants.

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33 Dave.

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35 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah, I'd just like to
36 say that there was a couple of polar bears caught
37 earlier this fall and one of them was piluged (ph) with
38 -- they opened up the stomach and it had some
39 cardboards, you know, cardboard inside it and it was
40 real skinny and it was being kind of a pest that's why
41 they had to shoot it. It came to town like two or
42 three times. They got a three time limit, if it comes
43 back the third time, it's out of there.

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45 But it was really skinny and it had
46 some cardboard in its stomach so that was in the early
47 part of the year.

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49 Another thing I saw this summer was
50 walrus, real skinny one. It was washing itself on the

1 shore. There was no ice, it must have swam for a very
2 long time. And John Hopson, Jr., was the one that shot
3 it and I don't know if it was due to the current
4 pushing the ice away or if it just got caught between
5 the shore and the ice. That's what I saw this summer
6 anyway.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, David. I
11 guess I'll take a couple minutes for a little bit of
12 concerns.

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14 You know, I guess I don't have any
15 concerns, just to voice some issues of what I learned
16 over the course of winter with my travels, up and down.
17 There's quite a bit of caribou that were up in the area
18 Gordon was describing, we noticed that too. Farther up
19 the river, they didn't really come near Barrow. They
20 just stayed up in the river system and I was kind of
21 trying to figure out earlier during the season why that
22 migration didn't come all the way down to the Meade
23 River. And it started to hit that direction and they
24 all got turned around because of all of the hunting
25 activity, hunting pressure that was occurring up near
26 the mouth of the river and the river water was real low
27 and they could not travel up too far, the hunters
28 couldn't travel up too far the river and I was part of
29 that group, and trying to get up the river to get up to
30 my camp but was not able to make it. I ended up
31 staying down on the lower end of the river and
32 harvested a couple of caribou at a later time and we
33 did come across quite a few other hunters that were
34 out, some had harvested and some were not so lucky,
35 that they came back empty handed. And they told me
36 they'd come back at a later time when maybe they had a
37 different access mode by snowmachine, and when that
38 time did come around the caribou had even moved even
39 further south, after the fall, the freeze up season, so
40 there was hardly any caribou being harvested, just
41 between a certain number of people that were at that
42 access to mode to get back and forth to their camps
43 that harvested a number of caribou but there were a lot
44 that went without for a short duration until just
45 recently, there's been a movement of caribou and people
46 have been harvesting caribou more recently down to the
47 west of us here, and some others have been traveling 60
48 to 70, to 80, 90 miles to harvest the caribous. That's
49 the distances that they had to travel to get to those
50 animals, so there's been some variabilities by

1 different hunters within our area.

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3 There's others, fishing people that
4 were anticipating to get out and got frozen in, I was
5 one of them that got frozen in but I was fortunate
6 enough to get out and take my boat back but I wrecked
7 it in the process so I got caught in a storm trying to
8 move in through that ice and trying to make it back in
9 the storm kind of abused my boat in the wave action.
10 We got back okay despite all the abuse on my hunting
11 equipment but anyway we made it back, I was all right,
12 and got a few fish. We got to share some of that with
13 the community elders.

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15 Other issues that we're dealing with
16 now is the furbearing hunting is starting to happen
17 now, there's more people anticipating going out, I am,
18 you know, I am getting ready and hoping to get out
19 during this holiday we're anticipating this weekend.
20 So there's going to be several people going out that I
21 know of there that are going to be going out to do the
22 furbear hunting and just out into the country side.

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24 There's a moose hunt that just opened
25 for this winter season for the first time in many
26 years. It's a permitted hunt, you need to get a permit
27 from Alaska Department of Fish and Game office. I'm
28 not sure what the number of animals that are going to
29 be taken for this specific hunt but it started on
30 February 14th and it's in Game Management Unit 26(A)
31 within that Upper Ikpikpuk and into the Colville River.
32 So I know it's that portion there, so there's going to
33 be some people heading out for that. I'm one of them.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm trying anyway,
38 I'm not sure if I'll be successful but I'm going to
39 give it a try and my nephew's just patiently waiting
40 for me to get done here so we could anticipate heading
41 out. So we're patiently trying to get done with all
42 the work that we need to get accomplished before too
43 long.

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45 The other concerns were, I think we
46 voiced this morning, were in regards to our orientation
47 that we did have some issues that we need to address at
48 some point in time in regard to this oil industry
49 activity and provide a means from this group, this
50 North Slope Regional Advisory Council maybe to the

1 affected agency, BLM, Dr. Yokel, I'm looking at you,
2 maybe trying to get some communications established to
3 address this activity encroachment that's occurring
4 within the North Slope and the interactions that we're
5 having from our hunters and the activity that's
6 occurring out in the field needs to be somewhat
7 monitored and more information being disseminated to
8 those affected communities in terms of the disruption
9 of what mitigation measures that are in place to
10 address these interactions.

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12 I know we're trying to work with the
13 group, I know I'm part of that group, I identified that
14 this morning. Paul's there. And we do hear about the
15 issues from different hunter about the interactions
16 they're having out in the field, the animals are being
17 disrupted or displaced because of all the activity
18 that's occurring. They're having to travel farther and
19 there's no means of addressing that or providing a
20 means where they could be refurbished with the issues
21 that they're faced with. It takes funds, you know, to
22 get ready to get out there and there's an impact caused
23 by oil industry and there's no real means of mitigating
24 that impact, you know, they spend a lot of money and
25 resources to get out to do their hunting and when the
26 resources have been displaced they come back empty
27 handed, that's even a bigger burden on the hunter
28 himself or a group of hunters going out. You know,
29 that puts a lot of expenditure in trying to provide for
30 their families and extended families in conducting
31 these hunts. We need to identify means to getting to
32 that mitigation or mitigating those impacts in real
33 time. You know we talk about them, see them in black
34 and white but there's no real means of trying to sort
35 of compensate an incident that occurred, you know, that
36 these groups of people expended a lot of resources to
37 get out to that area but now there's been a
38 displacement and they don't have sufficient means to
39 get further out to where the resources have been
40 displaced and coming up -- end up just coming back.
41 I've heard that over the course of winter, and I keep
42 trying to attend these meetings or to even a
43 subsistence advisory panel meeting to voice their
44 concerns and the interactions that occurred over the
45 course of winter. I'm not sure if they're going to
46 appear or not but that's something that we needed to
47 address and find out if there's an avenue if we could
48 work with the agency that's, you know, causing --
49 providing these lease sales and having all this
50 industry activity occur, and I guess as the North Slope

1 Regional Advisory Council, we don't really have those
2 means unless it's been identified to us. You know, we
3 hear all these concerns, we're representatives to this
4 Regional Advisory Council on subsistence issues and yet
5 we haven't identified that avenue to forward those
6 concerns to like the Subsistence Advisory Panel.

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8 Wearing two hats through the different
9 organizations has its limitations, you know, and we
10 don't have the real means or provided funds to continue
11 doing all this work but it's for our community and the
12 affected communities that we try to accommodate them.
13 But we're somewhat limited at times. You know, like
14 for David or Baxter, that are not in a position like
15 I'm in, you know, having being with the North Slope
16 Borough Wildlife Department and working with the Alaska
17 Eskimo Whaling Commission, I get to hear all these
18 concerns and I directly forward them to the group that
19 needs to them, so I'm at a great advantage over some of
20 these other Council members. So we need to air this
21 out sometime and try to work it out to where we could
22 have an avenue to go directly to the agency that's
23 responsible in mitigating these or addressing these
24 concerns. If there's violations and they're being
25 reported, we need to hear back as to what the agency --
26 that the agency is hearing these concerns and that
27 agency needs to respond to the community that's been
28 affected. Just taking the concern is not the problem,
29 you need to effectively communicate back to the
30 community that's being affected.

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32 I think that's one of the concerns I
33 really wanted to bring out because we keep hearing
34 about these impacts and disruptions and displacements
35 of resources and we're not getting anywhere with that
36 concern. And I think we need to address it through
37 this committee so we have that avenue to elevate, sort
38 of speak those concerns to the proper agency.

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40 Gordon.

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42 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, if
43 I may. Just along the same lines, I mean I think that
44 land managers, appropriate land managers need to take
45 these into account when you're doing a NEPA or
46 something of that sort, activities that are going on on
47 Federal land, don't be closed-sighted, just only to
48 think about the natural resources but you got to
49 remember Eskimo's been here just as long as the
50 caribou. And those kinds of situations that arise from

1 the information that comes together from a body like
2 this, that should be well understood.

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4 Exactly like what Harry said, is a
5 problem the North Slope Borough is trying to work out,
6 is to address these impacts through some sort of
7 mitigation. And you don't address them that means
8 you're not acknowledging them, you're only saying,
9 well, you know, it's not doing any harm, you're just
10 moving a few animals over there to and from.

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12 And what Harry was talking about, if we
13 got to go further to hunt somewhere else and we often
14 do and sometimes, if you're like me, sometimes I think
15 I'm into somebody else's territory. It might be a
16 Nuiqsut territory, it may be my next camp's territory,
17 and that's how I've been taught, we have our own
18 territory of hunting areas. Those are some of the
19 things that not even been understood by any other
20 people except for the people that conduct this stuff
21 and a lot of this I learned from traditional knowledge.
22 Trapline. Traditional traplines of individual people,
23 have their own areas to go to and they maintain that
24 and it never ended, even passed down from one family to
25 another for these specific areas.

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27 So some of these things need to be
28 addressed. And biologists, you have to think, it's the
29 other biological form on site, it's the human, you
30 know, and that means if they are creating, if you're
31 not -- if you foresee development or activities on
32 Federal lands in conjunction with subsistence related
33 activities, expect to see there's going to be impacts
34 generated, and we've got a dilemma that's ongoing for
35 some time. And look at the gas prices in the villages,
36 sometimes I hear in Nuiqsut have \$6 a gallon for fuel,
37 increasingly unsuccessful hunters go out because of
38 activities in NPR-A or in some Federal public lands,
39 and you're expected to bring home needed nutritional
40 supplies to the family. And your resources can
41 deplete. You can deplete your only -- maybe you had
42 only a one time event to go out there to try to harvest
43 and it's increasingly being difficult to have that same
44 success rate. We're increasingly having to stay a
45 longer time to have the same success rate. So those
46 need to be understood.

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48 There needs to be mechanisms in place,
49 and I just wanted to add that. Because it's something
50 I'm tackling with at the North Slope Borough as well.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
2 Rosemary.

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4 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Before I lost my
5 train of thought, there was a real important change
6 that we're noticing, there's an increase use to track
7 vehicles. There's changes to vehicle types, increase
8 horsepower, there's no monitoring of these types of
9 activities except when they're on the ice roads or
10 associated with the developmental pad, it's the inter-
11 site usage that we're concerned about. Increased
12 concentration of use of tract vehicles. We know when
13 we stay in a camp area, when it's starting to melt
14 down, the tundra will start to change and will address
15 our camping usage in that area so that we don't cause
16 changes that last for more than a season. And so when
17 these vehicles are being used in a concentrated area
18 it's really important to assess their usage and the
19 changes to the vegetation.

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21 There's also increased concentration to
22 coastal use areas. There's changes to activities that
23 are associated to outside activity away from the
24 community. These changes are coming in competition to
25 subsistence uses, there is subsistence boater uses that
26 are interacting with outside uses, outside community
27 uses that are conflicting with how we subsist in these
28 areas.

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30 And competition for key access area are
31 occurring. We know during certain times of the season,
32 the way the water changes in the Arctic, the levels of
33 water are variable and during our concentrated
34 subsistence use area we depend on key channels to
35 access the ocean. This is also being noted by outside
36 uses and so we're coming in competition with them and
37 it's affecting how we can easily access these areas
38 because our usage is seasonal and we don't cause the
39 same changes as a concentrated use does in this area.
40 If they're out there staging equipment without taking
41 adequate means to protect the tundra, those are changes
42 that are going to be there the next season and multiple
43 seasons to occur. But it affects how we use it and it
44 increases our competition amongst the community.

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46 When we're having to travel with
47 subsistence we have to pull back during adverse weather
48 to key areas and we're coming into concentrated use
49 with our community users and outside users and that
50 also affects how we interact together as a community.

1 When there's extreme need to subsist and harvest it
2 makes it difficult to compete amongst the community
3 members and meet the needs and we're concerned about
4 those changes.

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6 Also the use of the ice for subsistence
7 activity, there's changes to how we use the ice, there
8 are variables that are occurring. We used to be able
9 to go up to big ice packs and put the boat up there and
10 float along and wait for resources to pop up and to try
11 to hunt but with the variableness of the ice it's more
12 difficult to find those types of flows to interact with
13 and it's changing how we subsist within those areas.

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15 All of this reacts to the community
16 usage with increased breakdowns, increased search and
17 rescue missions, increased costs to community cost
18 efforts, changing in the need for further type of
19 equipment that we're starting to use because we're
20 having to go out and stage further as we would use our
21 traditional camp. We might have a cabin in these areas
22 but because hunters are foraging into further areas we
23 don't have as many established camps with camps for
24 those usages and it's affecting how we respond as well
25 as our ability for our community to plan to respond for
26 these events.

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28 Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.
31 Any other -- Paul, comments.

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33 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, I wanted to add on
34 the village concerns that one of our hunters had
35 brought up. I brought this up before but he expressed
36 his feelings on the Fish and Wildlife doing their
37 studies up there. using airplanes. I watched this and
38 the other hunters in the village have watched this, a
39 plane coming down where you can't even see them from
40 the horizon, getting down low and flying right over
41 caribou and moving them away from hunters. That had
42 sort of an effect of deflecting the caribou from
43 running close to the village, they ran south following
44 the river up, crossing the river 30 miles up river and
45 then coming back down on the west side.

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47 So that's one of the concerns that our
48 hunters are bringing up, Fish and Wildlife doing their
49 studies and then actually flying right over caribou and
50 actually scaring them, it's having that effect on our

1 hunt.

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4 That's another thing I wanted to add.
5 I know I brought this up before but he came up to me
6 again and he said we should bring it up again, they're
7 supposed to fly at a certain level and he said they
8 didn't fly at that level. They don't need to come down
9 and do their fly overs real low.

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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Paul.
12 Ray. Dr. Yokel, you had your hand up a couple times,
13 come on up to the mic please.

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15 DR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
16 This is Dave Yokel with the Bureau of Land Management.
17 I just wanted to respond briefly to your comments if
18 it's appropriate at this time.

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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sure.

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22 DR. YOKEL: And to the rest of the
23 Panel as well. I certainly would not dissuade you from
24 bringing up these concerns about industry activity at
25 this meeting. Certainly I hear your concerns and I'll
26 take those back to the BLM managers who are responsible
27 for managing these activities on the ground.

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29 However, I would say that this is not
30 the most efficient forum in which you could bring up
31 these concerns because you're going through me as a
32 middle man here. As you know, of course, the main
33 reason for this meeting is to make comments on
34 regulations that the Federal Subsistence Board is going
35 to make decisions on.

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37 I would encourage you, as some of you
38 do, to bring up these concerns as well as BLM
39 Subsistence Advisory Panel meetings, the managers who
40 are responsible will be there, they will hear you
41 directly and can interact with you on these concerns.
42 And I know we are working with the Native villages to
43 try to get the information out on the activities in
44 more of a real time manner so hunters can know where
45 the activities are before they go out into the field
46 and spend the money to go out and hunt or trap. I'm
47 not sure how well that is working right now but that is
48 an effort we're making.

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50 And then I would just say very briefly
to Mr. Bodfish that I did bring his concern up to Mr.

1 Ed Malik of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who is
2 the pilot involved in this incident, and to put it
3 briefly Mr. Malik proclaimed his innocence, however, he
4 would be happy to talk to Mr. Bodfish or the people of
5 Atqasuk about that incident, but that's who you need to
6 speak to about it because that's the person who was
7 involved at that time.

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9 MR. BODFISH: We gladly invite him to
10 come to our village to talk to us.

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12 DR. YOKEL: Well, again, I mean using
13 me as a middle man, especially for a different agency,
14 is not the most efficient way to achieve that but I
15 think it would behoove him, he uses your village as a
16 logistics base and I have done that myself in the past
17 and it's a lot easier when the people in the village
18 understand what you're doing than if they don't.

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20 Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Delbert.

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24 MR. D. REXFORD: Good afternoon.
25 Delbert Rexford for the record, Land Management
26 regulations manager. I'm here just to introduce
27 myself, and to encourage the North Slope Regional
28 Subsistence Advisory Council to work closely with the
29 land management regulations division of the North Slope
30 Borough in the future. Many of the heartfelt concerns
31 are -- we fully understand the far reaching impacts
32 that are occurring because of industry activity.

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34 However, I think there may be an avenue
35 where the North Slope Borough is a cooperating agency
36 with BLM on Native allotments and cabins and we're
37 working on those efforts. I sincerely believe that the
38 eight years that I served on the Gates of the Arctic
39 National Park Subsistence Resource Commission when we
40 did some game management plan proposals, that there are
41 provisions within ANILCA that would allow co-management
42 of resources. I bring to your attention the Yukon
43 Flats area or Randy Mayo's group that has co-management
44 of wildlife resources. I think if we can expound on
45 the feasibility of those co-management ability, then we
46 can have better local control of the management of
47 wildlife resources within our region.

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49 And I just want to say in closing that
50 we are open as a division, as a department to submit

1 your concerns, make them known to the oil and gas
2 industry of the continued impact on your subsistence
3 way of life, and this goes for each and every community
4 that is represented here on this panel, on this
5 Council.

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7 However we have to put a communication
8 dialogue together so that we can be effective
9 collectively and I would BLM and others that have an
10 influencing position under ANILCA, Section .108 to seek
11 a co-management regime that would work for our region
12 in the same manner that Chief Randy Mayo and his tribes
13 have succeeded.

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15 Those are things that can be looked at.
16 We know that industry is going to impact us.

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18 Now, in terms of seismic industry
19 deflecting, displacing caribou, we invite those
20 comments to be shared with us, that way we can see what
21 dates the industry operated and we can see when the
22 caribou moved and that way we can say Kuakpik Veritas,
23 you were in this area on this day, there was 15,000,
24 10,000, but when you got there they were deflected to
25 the west. This is tested by Paul Bodfish, Sr., who
26 attested to that at several meetings. That way we have
27 concrete information.

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29 Without concrete information and data,
30 then we are at a crossroad where we can say yes we know
31 there's impact, but we need data, you know, the North
32 Slope Borough has the harvest report that we should be
33 able to utilize and to sit down with the industry and
34 say this is the effect, this is the impact and it is
35 adversarial to our subsistence cultural way of life.

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37 But basically I'm here to introduce
38 myself. Our office is open. I work closely with
39 Gordon Brower, your secretary, and I would just invite
40 anyone on the panel to give us a call so that we could
41 hear your concerns directly and note them so that we
42 could make it known to the industry that may be
43 operating in your immediate area.

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45 Thank you for this opportunity, Mr.
46 Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Delbert.
49 Ray.

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1 MR. KOONUK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 Just hearing what Nuiqsut, Rosemary,
4 and Gordon, other impacts of our subsistence,
5 especially to the hunters, we're, you know, facing an
6 expansion on Red Dog Mine and that's going to have an
7 impact as far as the fish, the seal, the walrus, you
8 know, migrating towards the north. And, you know, with
9 the little port site they have, Kivalina hasn't seen or
10 maybe have seen but I think maybe one or maybe one to
11 three belugas during the summer and they usually see
12 and it used to be more than what they are seeing now.

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14 And if this expansion is expanded in
15 the port site, boy, I don't know how much -- I know it
16 will have an impact on the fish and seals. And that's
17 a big worrisome for me because I know Kivalina likes to
18 go hunt, the people living the subsistence way of life,
19 although they have Red Dog Mine right there to go to
20 work but they still love what they do as hunters. And
21 they have, you know, families to feed but they are
22 seeing this expansion, and not just Kivalina, Point
23 Hope and me sitting in Unit 23 and we have people here
24 who represent Unit 26, who do I go, who do I talk to
25 about this issue. And although people from Kivalina
26 and Point Hope have testified have testified in regards
27 against this expansion, and we had, I think BLM that
28 was out there gathering testimony and the majority of
29 the testimonies go against support expansion because
30 they know how much of an impact it's going to have with
31 the animals that migrate.

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33 And who knows, the currents might even
34 change. Because if you're going to dig under the water
35 and removal gravel and start putting these posts under
36 there, who knows, you know, the currents probably will
37 change and where is that going to leave our animals, I
38 mean are they going to go further out and are we going
39 to have to find them further out. And like someone
40 mentioned here, gas prices are getting high and they're
41 getting higher every year. And Kivalina doesn't like
42 to go to work at Red Dog because of what it is, it's
43 too contaminated. And there was a report that was
44 brought out and, you know, I'm surprised that report
45 didn't stand and the State continued to push this
46 project even though they know that Red Dog is the most
47 contaminated site. And, you know, I just kind of am
48 disappointed especially to the people of Kivalina,
49 Point Hope and to the animals that are going to
50 migrate, you know, there's going to be an impact.

1 So I know, you know, I sit in Unit 23
2 and where do I go from there, who do I talk to. I mean
3 are you guys going to bring that to the representatives
4 that represent Unit 23?

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6 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I'm not sure --
9 Sandy.

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11 MR. RABINOWITCH: Sandy Rabinowitch
12 with the National Park Service. I can't respond
13 adequately to all the things that Ray says but one
14 suggestion I can make and if this is of interest I can
15 help out and, you know, get some information and get it
16 to you. Just as you know just to the south of Kivalina
17 is a National Park Service area, Cape Krusenstern and
18 Cape Krusenstern, like other Parks and Monuments does
19 have a Subsistence Resource Commission, so I mean I
20 heard what you said, the problems that you were just
21 talking about are north of there and I'm talking about
22 just south, but to the extent that you think it might
23 be useful, I can certainly get you a list of the
24 members, people like yourselves, on that Subsistence
25 Resource Commission. If I'm not mistaken, Pete
26 Schaeffer, I think is still the Chair, I'd have to
27 doublecheck but I'm pretty sure he is, and, anyway, I
28 can certainly get you the list of who those members
29 are. They're actually having a meeting in just a week
30 or two in Kotzebue, I can also get the date of that if
31 you wanted.

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33 That's not the whole answer to
34 everything you've just spoke about but it might be a
35 link and then if you want to try to take advantage of
36 that I'm sure, you know, they'd be happy to listen to
37 your concerns. So just let me know at a break or
38 whenever, if that's of interest, and I'll get
39 information, you know, directly to you.

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41 Thank you.

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43 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman,

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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Sandy.
46 Well, that's a partial to your question, Ray, in terms
47 of trying to figure out where to turn to and he's happy
48 to try to help out in partially answering your
49 question, the Subsistence Resource Commission, Cape
50 Krusenstern in Unit 23, just to the south of that, and

1 I think that's another avenue.

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3 But I think in terms of that port site
4 expansion, I know we've been kind of mediating -- when
5 I say, I, I guess I'm referring to the Alaska Eskimo
6 Whaling Commission has not been involved in all the
7 actions that have been occurring with that port site
8 expansion but we did provide some comments. At the
9 time there was that big discussion that Governor
10 Murkowski called for, a big meeting, and it was for
11 invited guests and there was a limited number, I know
12 we tried getting you involved but I don't recall if you
13 did attend that or not, it was an invited guest only
14 meeting so that was somewhat limited to a certain
15 number of people. So there's that problem again not
16 disseminating information to the affected communities
17 regardless of which side of the border they're on, you
18 know, or the boundary line. So we need to continue to
19 be mindful and that we do cross boundary lines like any
20 other resources, we don't know no boundaries. We have
21 these boundaries that were placed on us by the agencies
22 that are responsible for managing the lands in the
23 different areas. So, again, those boundaries have been
24 placed and we'll just try and continue to pursue that,
25 Ray, and we'll try to help you in any means that we
26 can, you know, from this group or another if it comes
27 to that.

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29 MR. KOONUK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
30 recall hearing about the meeting and they changed the
31 meeting place last minute from Kotzebue to Anchorage
32 and that's the reason why we couldn't make it out
33 because of changing the meeting place. I remember
34 Governor Murkowski getting out this agenda and we got
35 it from Kivalina IRA Council.

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Ray. Any
38 other comments or questions of Council members in
39 regards to the village concerns.

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41 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Rosemary.

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45 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: When Julius gets
46 back I'd like to give him an opportunity to communicate
47 about concerns from his community at a later time.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, we'll try to
50 provide that Rosemary once Julius returns to the

1 meeting. Next, I think we'll recess from the village
2 concerns until Julius returns instead of closing it out
3 so we'll give him that opportunity.

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5 So the next agenda item we have is the
6 Chair's report in regards to the .805c letter, it's in
7 the booklet.

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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's the one dated
10 February 10th.

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: It states Federal
13 Subsistence Board on the top dated February 10, 2006,
14 it's addressed to me from Fish and Wildlife Service,
15 Office of Subsistence Management .805c letter. And
16 it's pretty much self-explanatory as to what occurred
17 with the Federal Subsistence Board and the actions
18 they've taken. I think for the record I'll just read
19 it out loud for quick, I don't want to take too long.

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21 Enclosed with this letter is the report
22 of the Federal Subsistence Board's action at the
23 January 10 through 13 2006 meeting regarding proposed
24 changes to subsistence fisheries regulations. The
25 Board used a consent agenda on proposals where the
26 Council, and the Interagency Staff Committee and the
27 Alaska Department of Fish and Game were in agreement.
28 The Board adopted the consent agenda at the conclusion
29 of the meeting. Details of the actions and the Board's
30 deliberations are contained in the meeting transcripts.
31 Transcripts are on line at the Office of Subsistence
32 Management web site as written in there -- I'm not sure
33 how to start all this, and you could read all that for
34 yourself, I'm not good with all the web site stuff so I
35 don't want to confuse you all with my language.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And copies may be
40 made by calling our toll free number, which is listed
41 there, the 1-800-478-1546.

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43 The Federal Subsistence Board
44 appreciates the North Slope Regional Advisory Council's
45 active involvement and the diligence with the
46 regulatory process. The 10 Regional Advisory Councils
47 continue to be a foundation of the Federal Subsistence
48 Program, and the stewardship shown by the Regional
49 Council Chairs and their representation at the Board
50 meeting was noteworthy.

1 If you have any questions, comments
2 about the Board actions please contact our regional
3 council coordinator, Barb Armstrong.

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5 So in terms of the proposals, there's a
6 statewide proposal permit sales of handicraft made by
7 rural Alaskans by the nonrural edible byproducts of
8 subsistence harvested fish and shellfish. Council
9 recommendation and justification was to support.
10 Council found that the proposal would benefit
11 subsistence users by recognizing the subsistence
12 practices with use of fish parts in regalia or Indian
13 handicraft, both of which are traditionally sold in
14 Southeast Alaska. No changes in the fish harvest are
15 anticipated.

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17 The next one is the Southcentral
18 Alaska. Council support the proposal to allow sales of
19 handicraft from nonedible byproducts of fish -- again,
20 that's basically the same thing of the previous. I
21 guess the last Council recognized -- the Council
22 recognized that the proposal will provide an existing
23 practice and will allow the same opportunities to
24 subsistence users under Federal regulation, which the
25 State is proposing under State regulations.

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27 I guess there's all the support from
28 the different -- these are statewide proposals so
29 there's all these different Regional Councils
30 supporting the proposal.

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32 So the Board action was to adopt as
33 recommended by nine of the 10 Regional Advisory
34 Councils.

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36 Justification. Adoption of the
37 proposal acknowledges the practice described in ANILCA.
38 Provides the same opportunity to subsistence users
39 under Federal regulations as the State is proposing
40 under State regulations. And simplifies regulations.
41 The Board's action will not provide any additional
42 opportunity for subsistence users because current
43 salvage regulations require that the harvest be
44 primarily for consumption and is not expected to result
45 in any fish harvest. The Board action is not expected
46 to create conservation concerns.

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48 That's pretty much it for that .805.

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50 And then Item 9B is the 2005 Draft

1 Annual Report. I'm going to refer to Barb, did we have
2 a draft report that we wanted to talk about.
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4 (No comments)
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6 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Knock. Knock.
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8 (Laughter)
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Barb, I was asking
11 about our Draft 2005 Annual Report.
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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, it is still a
14 draft.
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16 (Laughter)
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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I know you were
19 busily talking to your friend here, but we needed to
20 get a little input from you so we could move on to our
21 next agenda item. It's still in a draft form and it
22 will probably be reflecting all the concerns that we've
23 voiced from our previous meetings.
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, it is, Mr.
26 Chair. It's still a draft until -- if I hear any more
27 changes then we can add on or make some more changes,
28 and then what you have right here is just a draft.
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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.
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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Sir.
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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay. Is there any
35 questions from the Council in regards to the Chair's
36 report and the two items, the .805c letter and the
37 Draft Annual Report.
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39 (No comments)
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.
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43 MR. G. BROWER: Move to adopt the
44 Chair's report.
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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: There's a motion on
47 the floor.
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49 MR. KOONUK: Second.
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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And it's seconded.
2 Any further discussion.
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4 (No comments)
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6 MR. BODFISH: Question called for.
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question has been
9 called for on the adoption of the Chair's report, on
10 the two items identified, ,805c letter and Draft Annual
11 Report for 2005, all signify by saying aye.
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13 IN UNISON: Aye.
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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any opposed.
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17 (No opposing votes)
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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Now, our
20 next agenda item is No. 10. Wildlife proposal review
21 and Regional Council recommendations.
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23 Barb.
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. Can we
26 ask for a five minute break so we can try to
27 teleconference people here and I'm thinking real hard
28 here, I have to call Fenton in for 67a and b, and also
29 Pete DeMatteo for the crossover proposals, so if you
30 wouldn't mind switching those to come first before the
31 statewide and Laura Greffenius, I'd appreciate it.
32
33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think we can
34 accommodate that since we've been discussing to get
35 them involved in this and our time is moving fairly
36 rapidly this afternoon. With all the other agenda
37 items that we need to cover it might come too late in
38 the afternoon for their participation so I think we
39 could bring them up first.....
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41 MR. BODFISH: The five minute break.
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER:right after the
44 five minute break.
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46 (Laughter)
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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you.
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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, so we'll call

1 for a five minute break.
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3 (Off record)
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5 (On record)
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7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Pete DeMatteo.
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9 MR. DEMATTEO: Thank you, Barb.
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11 REPORTER: Wait, Pete.
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13 (Pause)
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15 REPORTER: Okay, needed to turn your
16 microphone on. Pete. Pete, are you there.
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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead, Pete, you
19 there.
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21 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes. Mr. Chair.
22 Members of the Council. The analysis of Proposal 36
23 begins in your book, it can be found in your book on
24 Page 112. This Proposal, No. 36 was submitted by the
25 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
26
27 The proposal makes some changes to the
28 Unit 24 moose hunting regulations to simplify the
29 regulations after the new Unit 24 subunits have been
30 adopted. Mr. Chair. This proposal is being presented
31 to your Council today because it affects the residents
32 of Anaktuvuk Pass.
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34 The Alaska Board of Game recently
35 adopted subunit descriptions for Unit 24. Federal
36 regulations require that the Federal program use the
37 State's unit, subunit descriptions. The analysis shows
38 you, on Page 115, 116 and 117 of what the proposed
39 regulations would look like after they were changed.
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41 The proposed action will result in two
42 changes to those moose hunting regulations. It would
43 combine all Unit 24(A) into one management subdivision
44 requiring that the use of Federal registration permits
45 for the entire subunit. Currently permits are not
46 required for the National Park Service lands, the BLM
47 lands and a small piece of the Kanuti National Wildlife
48 Refuge lands that are now within Unit 24(A). Also the
49 Dalton Highway Corridor will no longer be a separate
50 management division. Also the current regulations

1 identify an area southwest of the Kanuti Controlled Use
2 area within Unit 24(B) as in Boy, which is west of the
3 Todatonten Lake and northeast of Indian Mountain.

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5 Under the old unit description, this
6 area was part of the described area north of and
7 adjacent to the Koyukuk Controlled Use Area where a
8 State registration permit is required for the September
9 5 through 25 hunt. Under the new subunit description
10 this area is now within Unit 24(B). By eliminating
11 this subdivision description, this area becomes part of
12 Unit 24(B) remainder where no registration permits are
13 required for an August 25 through September 25 season.

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16 Proposed modification addresses the
17 need for Federal registration permit for the March
18 season in the area described as all drainages to the
19 north of the Koyukuk River except for the John River
20 drainage. You may have already addressed this in
21 Proposal 34, which is what will get to you, I believe,
22 next, since we're out of order here.

23
24 But, anyway, Mr. Chair, the Staff
25 preliminary conclusion is to support the proposal, and
26 I'll stop there.

27
28 Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Pete. I
31 guess just following the process that we have
32 identified before us is the Alaska Department of Fish
33 and Game comments on Proposal WP06-36.

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35 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Terry
36 Haynes, Department of Fish and Game.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry.

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40 MR. HAYNES: The Department of Fish and
41 Game comments are on Pages 122 and 123 of your Council
42 meeting book. And the Department supports the proposal
43 as it has been modified in the preliminary conclusion,
44 which made some changes to the original proposal.

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46 As Pete pointed out, the Board of Game,
47 at its January meeting established subunit boundaries
48 for Unit 24 and this proposal is important for kind of
49 lining up the season and bag limits, seasons and
50 harvests limits with these new subunits. And what we

1 think is useful about the proposal as it's been
2 modified is that it does address the need for having a
3 Federal registration permit for the March 1 to 5 moose
4 season in a portion of Unit 24(B).
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6 Now, I will add that the Board of Game
7 is taking up a companion to this proposal. The Board
8 of Game meets in March so it meets before the Federal
9 Subsistence Board takes up this proposal. If for some
10 reason the Board of Game would reject that proposal or
11 make changes to it, we will bring that information to
12 the Federal Board meeting in May. The idea is to keep
13 the State and Federal regulations as close together as
14 possible in this case.
15

16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
19 Other agency comments.
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21 (No comments)
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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And then InterAgency
24 Staff Committee comments.
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26 MR. RABINOWITCH: None.
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None at this time.
29 No. 5 is Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments, do
30 we have those from the State or is that.....
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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, there isn't any,
33 sir.
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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted for No. 5.
36 No. 6 is summary of written public comments.
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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There were no
39 summary of written public comments, Mr. Chair.
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Barb. No.
42 7, public testimony. Okay, I think Fenton was on a
43 different proposal.
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45 (No comments)
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47 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No public testimony
48 on this proposal, WP06-36. Regional Council
49 deliberation, recommendation and justification.
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1 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.
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5 MR. G. BROWER: Is this proposal from
6 our last meeting, what we were kind of talking about,
7 that area just above Anaktuvuk or which area is this,
8 of 24, just the north side?
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: South side. South
11 side of Anaktuvuk. AKP is on the north side of the
12 Brooks Range. Unit 24 is out of boundary and Unit 26
13 and Unit 24 are just on the south side of the Brooks
14 just going into the John River and down into the south
15 area of AKP.
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17 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah. Yeah, I was just
18 trying to reorient myself and I'm just not exactly
19 knowing -- it seems to me that it sounds kind of
20 familiar, this thing, but have we talked about it
21 before, before it came here.
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23 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.
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25 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry Haynes.
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27 MR. HAYNES: There have been proposals
28 concerning the moose regulations in Unit 24 before you
29 probably for the last couple of years. Not quite this
30 same proposal but certainly proposals looking at the
31 seasons and bag limits.
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33 Sandy may be able to.....
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35 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, could we have a
36 map showing that or do we have that here with us?
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: If you look at the
39 green regulation booklet there, there's a statewide map
40 indicating the boundaries in the booklet.
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42 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I'm
43 just recalling just recently seems to me that we were
44 talking about subunitizing an area because of a
45 depleting moose population and that we had requested
46 some other mitigation or separate things to work with.
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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Ask Pete, he's the
49 one that talked to you Unit 24 moose.
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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, we did have
2 those discussions at a previous meeting regarding
3 wildlife. I don't think we discussed this issue during
4 our fisheries meeting but we did discuss it during our
5 previous meeting with our Regional Advisory Council and
6 we did have suggestions and recommendations to the
7 Staff.

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9 Sandy.

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11 MR. RABINOWITCH: Mr. Chairman. I
12 think you're recalling, as Terry was saying, some past
13 discussions in the last couple of years, I don't
14 remember if it was two years ago or three. But there
15 have been a lot of changes proposed over the past
16 several years to these moose regulations.

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18 And if I might, I have one question
19 that I could throw out to Pete DeMatteo and possibly to
20 Terry that might help you all focus and I say this
21 because it would be my assumption that you're all
22 primarily interested in what effect, if any, might
23 there be on Anaktuvuk Pass hunters. So I think I can
24 frame a question that might try to answer that and see
25 what answers you get and then you could go from there,
26 is that acceptable?

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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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30 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I mean that
31 sounds pretty logical. I would really want to
32 understand here because we talked about, and it was
33 presented that maybe a solution was to make subunits
34 and now we're getting right into the heart of doing
35 this and some of the questions regarding the declining
36 moose population and limitations on other types of
37 hunting should be a given when a population is being
38 affected to this extent.

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40 And maybe those are some of the things
41 we would like to hear. I mean I would be really
42 concerned for anything like this for Anaktuvuk Pass.
43 And one of the biologists in the past concerning moose,
44 I think, had stated some aspect of it is these animals
45 being transient. They're just revolving. They go
46 around and they replenish themselves, and that question
47 hadn't been fully answered.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sandy.

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1 MR. RABINOWITCH: Mr. Chairman. Let me
2 throw out the question and let's see what kind of
3 answer you get and see if that helps.

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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sure.
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7 MR. RABINOWITCH: Pete, this is Sandy
8 Rabinowitch. The question -- we're going to have to
9 move a microphone over to your virtual existence here
10 in a moment. Anyway, Pete, the question is, can you
11 share with us your sense of what changes, if any,
12 Anaktuvuk Pass hunters would face? Now, I believe they
13 would largely hunt in the new 24(A), the most northern
14 part of this, and that they primarily do their moose
15 hunting in the John River drainage, that's my
16 understanding from past meetings and discussions and so
17 on. I'm not claiming to be the expert, I'm just
18 telling you what I remember.

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20 So can you tell us what you believe the
21 change to Anaktuvuk Pass hunters and hunting in Unit
22 24(A) the John River drainage would be under this
23 proposal?

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25 MR. DEMATTEO: Certain. Mr. Chair. To
26 answer Mr. Rabinowitch's question, for concerning the
27 residents of Anaktuvuk Pass who, from what they've told
28 us, mainly hunt the John River for moose, if this
29 proposal were adopted by the Board with the
30 modification, it would not have any direct effect
31 concerning moose hunting for Anaktuvuk residents or
32 moose hunting for Anaktuvuk Pass residents after the
33 adoption of the proposal, and then you'll also see in
34 Proposal 34 where there was a request to extend the
35 fall season that wouldn't affect them at all either.

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37 So the answer to the question is, no,
38 there would be no effect for moose hunting.

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40 MR. RABINOWITCH: A follow up. So they
41 would have the same season that they have now, the same
42 harvest limit as they have now; is that correct?

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44 MR. DEMATTEO: Correct. Because,
45 again, the residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, they hunt moose
46 in the northern part of the John River, which is mainly
47 the area relative to along the village there, there
48 would be no change, correct.

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50 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Go ahead Gordon.

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3 MR. G. BROWER: Just a follow up
4 question. I mean making subunits, what does that
5 create by subunitizing the area and does that have an
6 affect on the population in Unit 24, what is that, the
7 northern part is A, and the recruitment on that area,
8 say that it's suddenly depleted in that Unit 24(A), and
9 the recruiting of that Unit 24(A) comes from Unit
10 24(B), subpart, now what kind of action is going to be
11 expected to be foreseen on that little subunit A when
12 it's created and the affect on Anaktuvuk, is there
13 going to be more readily available closures, emergency
14 actions by subunitizing it in this fashion?

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16 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair. To answer
17 the gentleman's question, the best way I can direct
18 this is by dividing Unit 24, which is a large unit, and
19 we have had to rely on up until now in descriptions of
20 hunt areas, which has been confusing, from what we
21 understand, for a lot of users.

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23 For one thing it would help us to
24 better write regulations that would be easier for the
25 hunter to understand on the ground, that's the first
26 thing.

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28 The second thing is it would allow
29 wildlife managers to more comprehensively manage the
30 individual populations of moose in that huge area we
31 call Unit 24. In some of the areas we have depleted
32 populations, lower densities, low numbers of moose. It
33 would allow the Department of Fish and Game and the
34 Federal managers in the long run to address specific
35 management needs for those populations.

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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39 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, it seems to me
40 that didn't quite answer the question about recruiting
41 and the transient nature of the moose. And when you
42 subunitize -- I know it's a large area but the same
43 animals that is available to Anaktuvuk Pass as a unit
44 as a whole seems to me you're drawing off of a bigger
45 number of animals and when you subunitize it and
46 declare a population for that new unit, seems to me
47 that there could arise some problems later on.

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49 I just wanted a clear answer on whether
50 or not there would be a probability of a shorter season

1 or a more probability of closures because of
2 unavailability in that area suddenly or something like
3 that.

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5 It's just a question. I'm pretty sure
6 Anaktuvuk would really want to know.

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8 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair. That's a
9 very good question. And my best answer I can give you
10 is that we do know that there is movement of those
11 populations in and out of area, we don't have a firm
12 handle on exactly from where to where but it's safe to
13 assume that the populations do move around.

14
15 As far as a crystal ball looking down
16 the road the effect of subdividing Unit 24, how that
17 would affect possible closures down the road and how
18 that would affect the hunters of Anaktuvuk Pass, I
19 think it's a little too early to tell. But the best I
20 could say is that the intention behind the subdividing
21 of Unit 24, if anything, is to help better manage the
22 populations, you know, for continued use of those
23 populations down the road.

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25 That's the best I can give. There
26 might be others there that have more insight into this
27 than I do.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any
30 further comments.

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32 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry.

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36 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
37 I agree with everything Pete has said. It's also
38 important to note that the intent of the subdividing of
39 Unit 24 is not to intentionally create better or worse
40 situations in different parts of the unit. We can't
41 predict what will happen to the moose there in the
42 future, but be assured that if there are -- because if
43 the moose declines population declines in Unit 24(A),
44 in areas that are used by Anaktuvuk Pass, the first
45 thing that will happen is that there will be more
46 restrictions to other users under the State
47 regulations. So if something happens to the moose
48 population there to require that there be less hunting,
49 Anaktuvuk Pass residents will be the last people
50 affected by that.

1 And I think that's about as far as I
2 can go at this point. Certainly the idea of having
3 subunits will help the Department that manage the moose
4 populations in that area, there are a whole lot of
5 other things going on with predators and so forth that
6 will have a large affect on the population. Those
7 effects will happen whether or not there are subunits.

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9 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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13 MR. G. BROWER: You know it seems to,
14 you know, come down to some of these kinds of
15 questions, you know. We always strive to, you know, to
16 say that we never try to deplete our resources and
17 we're always pretty good stewards of ourselves, you
18 know, but managing and abiding through regulations, I
19 mean we just went through one on, what was it, muskox
20 or was it moose again for the residents of Kaktovik,
21 and it come down to three. And when there was a
22 testimony given on the transient nature of the
23 recruitment on these animals, one year there might be
24 only one moose there, is that a reason to close it down
25 when the animals may be just holding up somewhere by
26 wolves or something like that and know they're going to
27 be coming anyway because it's a transient population,
28 they come in and out.

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30 But for the protection of subsistence
31 purposes, I mean that's one of the highest reasons I
32 try to get involved with things like these, is so
33 there's adequate resources for harvesting for
34 subsistence purposes and to limit to the fullest extent
35 when there is a hint of limitations going to be
36 implemented for any subsistence activity, that any
37 other type of harvesting should be severely limited or
38 altogether halted before you even touch any subsistence
39 related activities.

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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry, did you have a
42 comment you wanted to make or a response.

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44 MR. HAYNES: Sandy.

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46 MR. RABINOWITCH: Mr. Chairman. Sandy
47 Rabinowitch again.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I mean, Sandy, sorry.

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1 MR. RABINOWITCH: That's okay. We both
2 got gray hair here.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. HAYNES: But you have more.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MR. RABINOWITCH: Well, I do but we'll
11 talk about that later.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MR. RABINOWITCH: One other thing and
16 this might kind of be on paper and maybe not in the
17 real world. But when I look at the existing C&T
18 determination, and actually Pete DeMatteo on the phone,
19 if you could listen into this and see if I'm getting it
20 right, the existing C&T determination for moose in Unit
21 24 is such that people in Anaktuvuk Pass have C&T in
22 all of Unit 24 right now. As long as the season's
23 open, anywhere in Unit 24.

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25 And when I read this proposal that, you
26 know, you're all talking about, I believe that they
27 continue to have exactly that same opportunity. Now,
28 that said, I think that people in Anaktuvuk don't go
29 way, way, way down the Koyukuk River to hunt, for
30 several reasons, but mostly it's not where they hunt,
31 secondly it's a long way, it takes a long time and cost
32 a lot of money in gasoline, boat or snowmachine or
33 whatever; so practically speaking they can do it but
34 they don't.

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36 Anyway, on paper, just in quick
37 summary, I don't see that there's any change in that
38 way either.

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40 I don't know, I hope that helps a
41 little bit.

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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: Yeah, I'm sorry to just
48 repeat myself over and over it seems like, but, you
49 know, giving that set of scenario, I mean you're right,
50 people have boundaries, you know, sometimes you get

1 into Indians and Eskimos, you know, but having said
2 that, you know, it's these areas when you make
3 subunits, you're going to declare a population and
4 you're going to declare the amount of harvestable
5 situation within these subunits, if I'm not wrong. So
6 the recruitment is an issue based on the animal being
7 able to transit from one place to another. In some
8 years you're not going to be able to do that and then
9 in some years it's just limited for a little while,
10 maybe just enough time for you to make a declaration
11 that it's an emergency situation and it's over right
12 away. But that still makes it one of those conditions
13 where a transient animal, as a biologist has told me
14 before, that the recruitment of these animals to
15 certain areas, it's cyclical, it just goes around.
16 They go around and around. One year it's this and that
17 and is it adequate enough to make justification on the
18 amount of harvestable animals by either using the whole
19 unit or as subunitizing it and it might make some
20 limitations that may be hurtful.

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22 I don't know. But I mean that's just
23 -- I know the Anaktuvuk, they have their own territory,
24 I can't speak for them but they may have a cut off
25 point where they're not going to Subpart B or something
26 like that, and they still want to be -- it may be only
27 one moose might be in that area and it's off limits.
28 When we know you can catch it and that moose is still
29 going to be there, you know, in a nice cyclical manner,
30 you know, so.....

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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
33 Any other comments from the Council.

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35 (No comments)

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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Pete, do you have
38 anything else to add on. Mr. DeMatteo.

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40 MR. DEMATTEO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
41 The gentleman who has been addressing this issue,
42 obviously he has some concerns regarding the effects of
43 subdividing Unit 24 and how it could possibly affect
44 the residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, should there be a
45 problem with yearling bull recruitment. As I said
46 before there's no crystal ball but Anaktuvuk Pass, it
47 sits at the very top of the region, on the borderline
48 there and considering that their proximity of their
49 current harvest area for moose is somewhat relatively
50 close to the village, I don't see that in the long-run

1 that the possibility down the road, if they would have
2 to close an area where or an area adjacent to the
3 village would be a problem for those folks because they
4 harvest close to the village.

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6 If it was a problem with the population
7 where we would have to close the season early, it
8 wouldn't just be around the village and the area that
9 they currently harvest in, it would be a much broader
10 application of the closure.

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12 Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you. Any
15 further comments.

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17 (No comments)

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19 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Recommendations.

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21 (No comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN BROWER: What is the wish of
24 the 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: You know having heard
31 Fish and Game and the agency comments and listening to
32 Pete on the telephone and this is an action item, I
33 think we would need -- I don't know what kind of a form
34 of a motion, I can't remember at this point, I think
35 I've just been talking so much, but I would move that
36 this be accepted as a recommendation.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor
39 to accept the recommendation on the proposal, is that
40 what you're indicating Gordon.

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42 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.
43 Again, I think there's been enough information and
44 enough talk and concern that I think some of them are
45 put to rest pretty clearly but there's still -- I still
46 have some reservations but I think they're pretty much
47 at ease.

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49 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Rosemary.
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3 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Being a community
4 that's at the end of the Dalton Highway, we recognize
5 that additional community usage through access into
6 Unit 24 is increasing concentration south of -- what?
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8 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Rosemary, before we
11 continue any further discussion, Gordon just made a
12 motion, maybe we could.....
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14 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Oh, I'm sorry.
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER:get into the
17 motion first before we get into the discussion. I
18 haven't heard a second on the motion and his motion was
19 to support the proposal as presented and then we needed
20 to have a second on this and then we could get into the
21 discussion.
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23 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Okay.
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25 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair.
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Ray.
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29 MR. KOONUK: Second the motion for
30 discussion purposes.
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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Ray.
33 Continue, Rosemary, sorry.
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35 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Okay. We recognize
36 outside community use is more concentrated south of
37 Coldfoot. People that really want to get out and go
38 north past Coldfoot are less concentrated. Activities
39 and the management in those southern areas should be
40 considered variable to the management that's in the
41 more northern area.
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43 But also recognizing the distribution
44 usages of the animals during the changes in the natural
45 environment and the seasonary changes, changes the
46 distribution of the moose throughout this region, and
47 it's important to take those factors into
48 consideration.
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50 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.
2 I just wanted to restate the motion just for
3 clarification purposes.
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5 The preliminary recommendation is to
6 support the proposal with modification to include the
7 language requiring the Federal registration for the
8 March season in the area described as all drainages to
9 the north of Koyukuk River except the John River
10 drainage. That's what the proposal's recommended and
11 is that what you're clearly indicating, Gordon?
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13 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I
14 was -- that's what I was referring to, is, as the
15 recommended language.
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17 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
18 Yes, I just wanted to make sure we were clear on this
19 motion so I wanted to restate the motion and it's been
20 seconded and we're under discussion.
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22 Any further discussion.
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24 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.
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28 MR. G. BROWER: Just I remember talking
29 about this issue and some of it based on the moose
30 decline and stuff like that, I mean has there been any
31 action on some of the suggestions that we made to look
32 into the predation, maybe some other types of controls,
33 such as maybe wolf control to try to help the
34 population stabilize?
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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Maybe we'll refer to
37 Pete. Did you hear the discussion on this, Pete?
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39 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair. Because of
40 the echo in the room, I really couldn't hear clearly
41 all of the discussion. Maybe if you have a question
42 for me maybe you could recap it in one sentence,
43 please.
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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.
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47 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Pete, this is
48 Gordon. I hope I'm not echoing too much but here goes.
49 Some time ago we discussed this and I distinctly
50 remember talking about subunitizing Unit 24 based on

1 moose populations and stuff like that, some information
2 leading to that there's been drastic reductions and
3 stuff like that and we wanted to find out if there
4 could be anything that could be done to help the moose
5 situation, if it was either through more restrictive
6 hunts, but to look at other things such as predation,
7 maybe the control of the wolves and try and look at
8 maybe if there's too many wolves in the area and if
9 that's something that you guys took into account and
10 are actively working on managing that.

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12 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair. That's a
13 good question. As far as addressing the gentleman's
14 concerns about predation on moose and possible wolf
15 control. To be perfectly honest to the Council the
16 concept of predator control on Federal lands these days
17 as we probably all know is a very sensitive issue. I'm
18 not saying it will never happen but right now it'd be a
19 pretty tough sell because of the political climate
20 regarding predator control.

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22 Each individual Federal agency has its
23 own regulations regarding predator control on the lands
24 and they differ. As far as all State lands, I'll let
25 the Department of Fish and Game address predator
26 control issues to the Council.

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28 Thank you.

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

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33 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
34 The Alaska Board of Game has a process that it goes
35 through to evaluate the needs for intensive management
36 and predator control in various units and subunits
37 around the state. One of the key factors that affects
38 the likelihood of any of the State's management
39 measures being effective is how much land can the
40 State's measures apply to.

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42 And as Pete has pointed out, the State
43 cannot implement predator control programs on Federal
44 lands, at least on Fish and Wildlife Service and Park
45 Service lands, especially these days. And so there are
46 other steps that the Board of Game has to go through to
47 determine what types of management efforts are needed
48 in a particular area.

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50 Right now the moose population in Unit

1 24 generally is good enough that it doesn't reach kind
2 of the requirements for intensive management. And
3 quite frankly, the Department has its hands full in
4 dealing with intensive management programs in other
5 parts of Interior Alaska and so there's some limits as
6 to what else the Department could do right now.

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8 But I guess the short answer is that
9 there are procedures that the Board of Game will go
10 through if it's determined that more intensive
11 management measures are needed in Unit 24, any of the
12 subunits, if predator control -- through a predator
13 control program adopted by the Board of Game is
14 appropriate.

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16 I should add also there's always a
17 desire by the Department to encourage more public
18 involvement in taking predators. And in years past the
19 Department has provided training to people who wanted
20 to become wolf trappers, there have been some villages
21 that have provided support to local trappers who want
22 to -- who maybe can't afford all the traps or the
23 snares they would need. There are cases in previous
24 years of organizations paying bounties for wolves being
25 taken to support local economies. So there are a lot
26 of things that can be done.

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28 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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32 MR. G. BROWER: Just last follow up and
33 then I'm not going to harp on it anymore. Anyway, I
34 mean I was just putting skins on the boat, scraping
35 skins and get to listen to old stories, you know, like
36 my dad he's an 80-some year old guy and we were talking
37 about wolves and back then they had a wolf bounty. I
38 mean they used the people. I think it was like 25 or
39 \$50 a head and you get to keep the fur and do what you
40 want to do with the fur but you get a bounty. It's
41 just an incentive, you know, to be out there and do
42 your traditional thing and on top of that bring a head
43 in and turn it in. I mean those are different types of
44 managements, you know, you don't have to have an
45 aircraft, with a biologist shooting up all the wolves,
46 you can have trappers doing it with a little bit more
47 incentive to do it, you know, put a bounty on those
48 things.

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50 But I'm not saying it needs to be done,

1 I'm just saying that you're looking at management
2 schemes with different subpart units and in an effort
3 to maybe stabilize, I don't know, but maybe that should
4 be one component part of it to help if it needs to be.

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6 Because we recently had one with
7 Fortymile Caribou Herd. I don't know if that was the
8 State doing it, but the transfer of wolves, they
9 weren't killing them they were transferring wolves and
10 moving them within NPR-A and stuff like that and
11 dropping them off. I was trying to tell them to drop
12 them off at my cabin so they'd be close by, you know,
13 so we can harvest them if we wanted to.

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15 (Laughter)

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17 MR. G. BROWER: But those are some of
18 the things. But anyway, they had bounties, my dad, I
19 couldn't believe if he was jibbing me or just -- but he
20 was telling me, you know, they were managing about
21 60,000 head of reindeer and his nephew told him there's
22 another -- there's a herd of caribou coming to go into
23 our reindeer, they're going to get mixed up and
24 caribou's not good with reindeer, and then upon looking
25 at it closer they were looking at about, he estimated
26 maybe 500 wolves, and by the time they were done there
27 must have been about 100 dead reindeer taking only
28 tongues and livers out and they ran out of shells and
29 he remembers having to get some of the wolves with an
30 ax and hitting them on the head and that's how many
31 wolves that they were playing around with at that time.
32 So they can really multiply, you know.

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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.

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36 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Terry.

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40 MR. HAYNES: Just one final comment
41 from me on this subject, and as you know over the years
42 if there is any community in the state that has had a
43 lot of success in taking wolves it's been Anaktuvuk
44 Pass. People there have had the patience, the skill
45 and they've taken a lot of wolves and if all rural
46 communities in the state were as successful as
47 Anaktuvuk Pass have been over the years we would not
48 have as many predator control problems, I don't think.

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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Terry.

1 We're under our Regional Council deliberations,
2 recommendations. We've got a motion on the floor to
3 support the proposal and it's been seconded, we're
4 under discussion.
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6 (No comments)
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any further
9 comments or discussions on this subject.
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11 (No comments)
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13 MR. BODFISH: Mr. Chairman.
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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Paul.
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17 MR. BODFISH: Call for the question on
18 the proposal.
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20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: The question has been
21 called on the motion. The motion is to support the
22 proposal with the modifications to include the language
23 requiring a Federal permit for March season in the area
24 that's described, all drainages to the north of the
25 Koyukuk River except the John River.
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27 All in favor of the motion signify by
28 saying aye.
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30 IN UNISON: Aye.
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32 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Any opposed.
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34 (No opposing votes)
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36 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Thank
37 you, Pete. We have another proposal.
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39 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Is Helen there.
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Is Helen Armstrong on
42 line?
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44 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I am.
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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Good afternoon,
47 Helen.
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49 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chairman.
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1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But do you want to
2 keep going with Pete so he can be done or do you want
3 to go to.....
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5 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: We have Fenton on.
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Helen.
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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yes, Pete just told
10 me you have somebody there who wants to listen to me so
11 I am ready.
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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, Fenton.....
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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: This is for Proposal
16 67a; is that right, that's what you're interested in?
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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, excuse me,
19 Helen.
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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yes.
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23 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Fenton is on line
24 listening to you from Kaktovik.
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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, Hi Fenton.
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28 MR. REXFORD: Hi Helen.
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30 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, this is pretty
31 cool technology, three-way teleconferencing here.
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33 Hi, Harry, I'm sorry I couldn't be
34 there. My body is wearing out and I'm getting old but
35 I'm glad to be on the teleconference today.
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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yeah, we feel for
38 you, Helen.
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40 (Laughter)
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42 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Proposal WP06-67a
43 was submitted by Heimo Korth of Fort Yukon and it
44 requests a positive customary and traditional use
45 determination for moose in Unit 26(C) within the Firth
46 and the Kongakut River drainages to be expanded to
47 include residents of Unit 25(A). There's a really good
48 map on Page 58 of your books that shows the area we're
49 talking about and you can see that that area is over
50 there on the right-hand side of just to the left of the

1 Canadian border.

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4 In 25(A) the community of Arctic
5 Village and that is not any -- Arctic Village residents
6 are not connected to this proposal but they're in 25(A)
7 so they would be included and then families and
8 individuals who live nearby in Chandalar as well as in
9 the other remote areas within the unit. At this point
10 we don't know of any people who consider themselves
11 permanent residents of 25(A) outside of Arctic Village
12 except for the Korth family. Apparently there were
13 other trappers who had lived up there at one time but
14 most of them have, as far as we know, have left. So
15 this is really specific to the Korth family.

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17 The analysis goes on for a number of
18 pages but I'm not going to go through all of it just
19 for interest of time because I think the bottom line is
20 probably what we're more interested in.

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22 The eight factors go through all of the
23 long-term consistent patterns of use and what we've
24 done, is because moose -- sorry. Because customary and
25 traditional use determinations are done based on
26 community or areas, usually an area, then we've looked
27 at the uses of the communities in the area. So we've
28 looked at Arctic Village uses as well as Mr. Korth's
29 uses. And Amy Craver, who's the anthropologist who
30 worked on this, she didn't find any information that
31 showed that Arctic Village people had gone into that
32 area in 26(C) to take moose. They do take moose but
33 not in that area. And even Mr. Korth, who has his
34 cabins up there, he's been known to take moose in 25(A)
35 but not in 26(C). Because we couldn't find any
36 evidence of anybody actually having a customary and
37 traditional use of 26(C) from 25(A), and the fact that
38 the boundary between 26(C) and 25(A) is actually the
39 Brooks Range serves as the boundary, Amy determined
40 that it would be very difficult to travel from Mr.
41 Korth's cabin across the Brooks Range by snowmachine
42 and that it would actually be a fairly difficult place
43 for him to get to. It's also 60 miles from his cabin.

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45 So the effect of the proposal is that
46 even though the residents of Arctic Village and Mr.
47 Korth and if there are other families living out there
48 do have use for moose they don't show use of moose in
49 26(C) in that area between the upper Firth and the
50 Kongakut and they wouldn't really be affected because
they haven't customarily and traditionally hunted

1 there.

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3 It's really, really unlikely that
4 Arctic Village people would travel into 25(C) because
5 of the distance and because of the Brooks Range being
6 in between them, and as a result the preliminary
7 conclusion is to oppose the proposal.

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9 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Any questions.

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.
14 We'll follow through on the processes if you're done
15 with the analysis for now. We have the Alaska
16 Department of Fish and Game. If you could just hold on
17 Helen we'll move along with our process here.

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19 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. The
20 Department of Fish and Game comments are on Page 63.
21 The Department does not support this proposal for all
22 the reasons that Helen presented in her analysis.

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
25 Any other agency comments.

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27 MS. BROWN: Harry.

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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Wennona, why don't
30 you just come on up next to Barb.

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32 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
33 Wennona Brown for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
34 I just also wanted to say that the Arctic Refuge also
35 opposes this proposal for the reasons that Helen stated
36 in her analysis.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Wennona.
39 If there are no other agency comments we have our
40 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.

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42 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None at this time.
45 Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments.

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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There's none also,
48 Mr. Chair, and there are also no public written
49 comments on this proposal.

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1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we're down to No.
2 7 public testimony.

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4 Fenton, did you want to add any
5 comments to this proposal.

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7 MR. REXFORD: Okay. Yes, very well,
8 thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Council members.
9 Staff that are there. I wasn't going to have any
10 problem opposing this, however, I know if it was going
11 to be approved that we allow a hunt for Kaktovik people
12 over here at the Kongakut River. I think it opens up
13 another area for the Kaktovik residents because we are
14 limited to two at this time in Unit 26(C). If this
15 proposal could be amended in some way or fashion to
16 include the village of Kaktovik in this proposal it
17 would be much appreciated.

18
19 I know there's very few caribou here
20 this winter, except maybe in the foothills and we've
21 had a tough time with catching caribou for Thanksgiving
22 and Christmas and just a few caribou were caught in the
23 month of January.

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25 I'm not sure, Mr. Chairman, maybe one
26 of your Staff members can address our concern here in
27 Kaktovik for under general information under the
28 hunting 2005/2006 Federal Subsistence Wildlife
29 Regulations under Page 21, there is general provisions
30 for harvest of wildlife for funerary/mortuary
31 ceremonies.

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33 This particular general provision
34 applies to the Interior or the Koyukon/Gwich'in
35 potlatch, funerary or mortuary ceremonies. We would
36 like for the Federal Subsistence Board or the Regional
37 Advisory Council to amend the general provision to
38 allow for the harvest of wildlife for cultural and
39 traditional uses, and, you know, we've been doing this
40 for the successful whaling captains. I'm not sure how
41 that would be worded but similar to the harvest of
42 wildlife for cultural and traditional uses. And insert
43 something in particular -- it's on Page 21, in all
44 units, to include Unit 26(C) and that might extend to
45 the other villages. But we want to start harvesting
46 the limited resources outside of the ones that are
47 given to us, outside of the ones given to the residents
48 of Kaktovik.

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50 Also in special provisions found on

1 Page 95 of this years 2005/2006 wildlife regulations
2 there are special provisions, again, for the Interior
3 customary and traditional uses, the take of three moose
4 per regulatory year by residents of Unit 21, something
5 similar to that should be given to the people in Unit
6 26, it would be allowed for the celebrations known as
7 the successful whaling, or, you know, we have
8 Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Years, these are not
9 similar to the ones used for funerary and mortuary
10 ceremonies.

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12 So if the Council and the Federal
13 Subsistence Board can allow for something like that. I
14 know it's not part of the Proposal but this opens it up
15 for me to make comments on moose since that is a big
16 need here in Kaktovik. There's also special provisions
17 in Unit 25, Page 114.

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19 Again, Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure of
20 whether it's the Regional Advisory Council that can
21 make changes to special provisions or whether the
22 special provisions are allowed by the Federal
23 Subsistence Board, so I would urge that the Staff of
24 the Regional Advisory Council make special provisions
25 for people that may be organizing the ceremonies or the
26 traditional cultural events on the North Slope to
27 contact the ANWR managers. Those similar types of
28 wordings should be extended to the people on the North
29 Slope.

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31 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Fenton, were you
34 done?

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36 MR. REXFORD: No, I'm not quite done
37 yet, but let me -- okay, also, Mr. Chairman, on Page 3
38 of the 2005/2006 Subsistence Wildlife Regulations there
39 is sort of a light green box that's just land and water
40 access. Within that statement it says these
41 regulations do not apply to private lands. Some Native
42 village and regional corporation lands require land use
43 permits and fees, now, we know we have Native
44 allotments and those are under the purview of the
45 Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Federal agencies. There
46 was an incident, I'd rather not get into much detail,
47 the jurisdiction of whether the Federal regulations or
48 the State regulations apply, and we all know as we have
49 been watching Katie John on the uses of her resources
50 in her allotments, I am not sure what the latest -- the

1 status or the latest information is on that lawsuit.

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3 So a couple of things, the moose for
4 special provisions and under general provisions and
5 also the Federal jurisdiction on Native allotments. We
6 just had an issue of take on Native allotment.

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8 So those are my comments. I thank you
9 for the opportunity and something very serious to
10 consider changes in the general and also in the special
11 provisions for Unit 26(C) outside of the community
12 harvest, I think might work best for -- let's see what
13 page was that, I think it was on Page 21 where it
14 allows for something similar to the harvest of wildlife
15 for cultural events.

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17 So thank you very much. I'll be happy
18 to answer any questions or deliberate this a little bit
19 further or find out information if I can this
20 afternoon.

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22 Thank you, Mr. Brower -- Harry.

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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Fenton for
25 your comments. I know we're currently dealing with
26 this proposal, WP06-67a, it's expanding the positive
27 customary and traditional use determinations for moose
28 in 26(C) and within the Firth River and Kongakut River
29 drainage to include residents of 25(A). So that's what
30 we're addressing and you put in some public testimony
31 in regards to the proposal -- or providing an amendment
32 to the general provisions in that sector to maybe try
33 to accommodate the Kaktovik, if there's a means to
34 amend the proposal.

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36 I think I'd ask Staff if that request
37 could be accommodated at this point in time in
38 reviewing this proposal.

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40 Fenton's first question was whether
41 this proposal can be amended.

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43 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Ask Helen.

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45 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, Mr. Chair, let
46 me address all of the comments that Fenton made and
47 then your question.

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49 First of all he had asked if Kaktovik
50 could be included in a hunt over there in the Kongakut

1 drainage, in that area, and they already are because
2 Kaktovik as well as all the residents on the North
3 Slope have C&T for moose in 26, in all of 26, so
4 there's not an issue there.
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6 The question would be -- I mean because
7 this is a C&T proposal, it's really whether you're
8 including people in the C&T, so he doesn't need to
9 worry about that. But if this were to get approved it
10 would then -- you know, it would add the Arctic Village
11 in all of 25(A) in 26(C), only in that area and nothing
12 else. So that question's answered.
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14 In terms of the general provisions,
15 this wouldn't be quite the time to make a proposal to
16 change the general provisions. The time to do that
17 would be in the fall when we take proposals to change
18 wildlife regulations, and the Council could do that.
19 They could make a proposal to do exactly what Fenton
20 said and I know I grappled with that same question when
21 I got asked, you know, are these celebrations, you
22 know, Nalukatak and Christmas feasts, are these
23 considered -- could you say they were funerary or
24 religious and they don't quite fit in that category,
25 and I do think that an expansion of that is probably
26 something that should be looked at. But it really
27 isn't appropriate in this proposal because this is just
28 C&T in that area.
29

30 The point he brought up about Native
31 allotments, I think is a good one, just that people
32 need to understand that when they're on Native
33 allotments that they fall under State regulations and
34 not under Federal regulations. And as Fenton said,
35 there is a lawsuit right now addressing that because
36 there are people who would like to see Native
37 allotments fall under Federal regulations so that is in
38 the -- somewhere, I'm not sure where in the process but
39 it is a lawsuit at the moment. But we felt that it was
40 important for people to know that, that when they're
41 out on their Native allotments that they're hunting
42 under State regulations and not Federal regulations so
43 that people will follow those regulations.
44

45 Did I answer all the questions.
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47 MR. REXFORD: May I comment, Mr.
48 Chairman, just one last quick one.
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50 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Fenton, go

1 ahead.

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3 MR. REXFORD: I know this is a very
4 legitimate reason to make an amendment while there is a
5 moose proposal and that went through the process.
6 Rather than wait another year perhaps the RAC can
7 recommend to the Federal Subsistence Board to make
8 changes.

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10 I think it's very appropriate at this
11 time to catch the timeframe to make the process
12 effective July 1 rather than wait another whole year.

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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Fenton, I think you
15 could -- this is Helen again, you could do a special
16 action that would be a separate proposal from this one
17 that would just address that issue for that and that
18 would be for that year and then, like you could do it
19 for Nalukatak this year and then that would be in
20 effect for a year and then in the fall you could make
21 that special action a permanent provision, or you could
22 make a proposal that it be a permanent provision.

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24 Sandy, do I have that right?

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sandy.

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28 MR. RABINOWITCH: This is Sandy
29 Rabinowitch with the Park Service. I've been trying to
30 follow the discussion and trying to see if I think I
31 understand it all as it's gone on. I think I do agree
32 with you Helen. I understand Fenton's concerns and
33 certainly have some sympathy for that. I think trying
34 to use this proposal as a vehicle is a bit of a reach
35 though and I think down the road as others commented,
36 that there might be objection. Now, just because
37 there's objection doesn't mean you don't go forward,
38 you know, if you don't want to, that's up to the
39 Council, of course.

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41 So, yeah, I believe I concur with
42 everything you've been saying, Helen.

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So further on the
45 deliberations or the public testimony.

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I did have that one
50 question if we're able to amend this proposal and that

1 was raised by Fenton and I did not hear a response to
2 that.

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4 He was requesting or wanting to know if
5 we could amend this proposal to provide for a hunt.
6 Helen, is that something we're able to do on this
7 proposal, to provide an amendment?

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Were you asking me,
10 Harry, it was a little fuzzy what you said?

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12 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, I was asking in
13 regards to Fenton's question earlier. He raised the
14 issue about providing an amendment to this proposal.

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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I could be
17 corrected, I suppose, but I really think it's not
18 appropriate to make that kind of an amendment to a C&T
19 proposal, especially a C&T proposal that a lot of
20 people are opposing. You know you're in danger then of
21 the Board opposing it because they don't want to adopt
22 the C&T. They really are separate issues and they
23 should be kept separate. And I think -- I mean I'm
24 happy to work with Fenton on doing a special action to
25 get something in place before Nalukatak, that might be
26 a better avenue to go and it's quicker and a little
27 cleaner and we don't have to put it forward to the
28 Council and it's just for one year and then we could
29 try to make a proposal to do it permanently in the
30 fall. That might be, you know, a good way to do it.

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32 I just worry about putting something
33 that -- making that significant of a modification on a
34 C&T proposal when it's not really a related -- I mean
35 it's related because it's in 26(C) and it's about
36 moose, but it's not related in terms of the C&T issue.

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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.
39 Fenton, (In Inupiat).

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41 MR. REXFORD: Can I just make one more
42 comment then while the Staff is there on the
43 population, what they found as far as -- I know C&T
44 wasn't determined for the Korth family in Fort Yukon,
45 but the numbers, if they were determined to have C&T,
46 would that have been allowed for one more in addition
47 to ours, in the regulations.

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49 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. This is
50 Helen, I can respond to that.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Helen.
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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: There was a parallel
4 proposal, Proposal 67b and I'm assuming you haven't
5 discussed that yet, but that one showed that there
6 wasn't a high enough population for them to have a
7 moose hunt. So even if the Board went forward and gave
8 25(A) residents C&T, the recommendation, at least, from
9 the Staff, was not to allow the hunt because there
10 aren't enough moose.
11
12 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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14 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen. So
15 Fenton, your response there.
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17 MR. REXFORD: Yeah, I didn't have privy
18 to that other A and B, I didn't know what that other --
19 Unit 26(A) and 26(B) or (C)?
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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, what it was, was
22 it was a companion proposal to this one. This one
23 asked for C&T, the companion proposal asks for a season
24 and a harvest limit just in that area where Mr. Korth
25 wanted to hunt and the recommendation from the Staff in
26 looking at the population of the moose up there is
27 there aren't enough moose for them to have a hunt.
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29 MR. REXFORD: Okay, that didn't make it
30 into the booklet, was that in it?
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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's on Page 64. Do
33 you have the Council book?
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35 MR. REXFORD: Yeah. Yeah.
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37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, it's on Page
38 64, the beginning of the analysis.
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40 CHAIRMAN BROWER: And, Fenton, we'll be
41 getting into that proposal after this proposal.
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43 MR. REXFORD: That's in the Seward
44 Peninsula. I'm sorry, I'm not following you.
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46 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Do you have the
47 North Slope Book?
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49 MR. REXFORD: No, I have the Federal
50 Subsistence Wildlife Proposals for 2006/2007 and it

1 only has that one proposal by Mr. Korth.
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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Oh, what they've
4 done is -- you don't have the Council book of our
5 analysis; is that right?
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.
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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's probably why.
10 But in that proposal, the one you're talking about, Mr.
11 Korth, is then we split it into two analysis, an A and
12 a B, and the A is the C&T part and the B is seasons and
13 harvest limits.
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15 MR. REXFORD: Okay.
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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And the Council
18 hasn't.....
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20 MR. REXFORD: All right.
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22 MS. H. ARMSTRONG:taken that one
23 up yet.
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25 MR. REXFORD: Oh, okay. So it's just
26 one proposal and split into a couple of analysis.
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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Analysis, yeah.
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30 MR. REXFORD: Okay. All right. Well,
31 then in that case, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the
32 opportunity to voice our concern on the moose situation
33 here. And I really echo Mr. Gordon Brower's transient
34 population of moose. And we've lived here most of our
35 lives and there could be 14, you know, in one drainage
36 and, you know, that really has to be worked out somehow
37 to make it right up to -- or right up to the opening
38 day, have Staff people over here because, you know, it
39 -- we don't have that many resources as many areas of
40 the state so we're trying to make do. Maybe sometimes
41 we, you know.....
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Fenton.
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45 MR. REXFORD:trying to be above
46 the law here.
47
48 (Laughter)
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50 MR. REXFORD: I mean not trying to be

1 above the law but within the law here.
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes.
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5 MR. REXFORD: Trying to survive here in
6 Kaktovik and sometimes as the saying goes, maybe hunter
7 knows no law.
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9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Fenton, Helen did
10 make a suggestion earlier about getting with you and
11 talking with you over.....
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13 MR. REXFORD: Yes, I'll do that.
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15 CHAIRMAN BROWER:a special
16 provision.
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18 MR. REXFORD: I'll work with Helen and
19 whoever, Mr. Chairman. Again, thank you very much for
20 the opportunity.
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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes, Fenton.....
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24 MR. REXFORD: Thank you Harry.
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER:we'll continue
27 to work with you on this and try to get something
28 resolved. To further along in our process is the
29 Regional Council deliberation, recommendation and
30 justification, and we're discussing Proposal WP06-67a.
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32 So what's the wish of the Council on
33 this proposal.
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35 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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37 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.
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39 MR. G. BROWER: Before Fenton, if he's
40 going to hang on, I jut wanted to ask him, have you
41 seen any Indians hunting in Unit 26 -- what is that 25,
42 which one is being questioned, 26(C)?
43
44 MR. REXFORD: Yeah, that's -- yeah, we
45 can't hardly get over the Continental Divide, Gordon.
46 They were asking -- but there are stories of long ago.
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48 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah.
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50 MR. REXFORD: People encountering each

1 other from the north and south side of the Brooks
2 Range.

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4 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I just wanted to
5 hear that and also the person requesting this, why
6 aren't they present to justify their proposal? And if
7 there's a big mountain ridge on the other side and he
8 wants to just hunt over there, how is he proposing to
9 jump over the mountain. If he has no real access to
10 that other side, through the Brooks Range, it wouldn't
11 be customary in this day and age if you're using an
12 aircraft to go on the other side to hunt. So, it's
13 just -- it just seems kind of odd to me and we get so
14 much question about ANWR and they don't, I don't think,
15 you know, hunt over there but they continually talk
16 about the effects of caribou, you know, potential
17 effects of caribou over there and it seems to resinate
18 so much these days. And if they're not having a
19 traditional use over there I think, you know, they need
20 to prove it, you know, they need to say they do this,
21 they do this type of activity.

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23 I know old stories, but they're old
24 stories.

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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
27 Again, just for clarification, this proposal is
28 requesting the expansion of -- expand the positive
29 customary and traditional use determination for moose
30 in Unit 26(C) within the Firth and Kongakut River
31 drainages to include residents of 25(A). And there's
32 been some recommendations by Staff, by the State to
33 oppose this proposal as presented.

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35 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I would really
36 like to hear from some of you guys. I know there's a
37 lot of hunters that go from unit to unit, we have that
38 in Barrow. And at this point I'm just -- and usually
39 that's supported with information because we do that,
40 and we're able to talk about it.

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42 But it seems to me somebody should be
43 representing this and say we do this and what pass they
44 use to get around or unless they go around Canada, and
45 then come around the mountain, I just don't -- there
46 should be some, you know, customary and traditional use
47 evidence that -- what we use, what we use to determine
48 multi-unit use, and somebody should pony up to say
49 something about that it seems to me.

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1 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Mr. Chair.
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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Just a minute, Helen.
6 Rosemary.
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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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10 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: I think it's
11 important to recognize we have artifacts from our
12 people that go back thousands of generations. We have
13 a hammer and ice pick that was made from a dinosaur
14 moose antler that I have in my own house. It's got the
15 engraving of traditional signs that were of our elders
16 as a marker of ownership to that item. And we also
17 have to recognize that the persistence of our people in
18 surviving the environment that we have.
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20 There may have been times during severe
21 events where there was starvation and hardship, in
22 which ranging into other areas did occur. And there
23 may be a time when we have to consider this in the
24 future with changes that are occurring around our
25 communities of having to share inter-region
26 utilization, and looking at a way to assess and
27 communicate these options that are -- we're trying to
28 prevent by participating on these boards. We're trying
29 to prevent the adverse response, but not knowing what
30 the future brings and knowing the history of the
31 strength of why we live our lifestyle the way we do,
32 our elders suffered the loss of famine and hardship and
33 that's why they're so strong in teaching us how to
34 subsist. And it's the strength that comes from their
35 loss that makes us listen to them. And it's important
36 to recognize that there are times when we have suffered
37 as a culture and we don't want to see but if something
38 comes on and it prevents us from surviving, like they
39 say, hunger knows no law, if we have to travel hundreds
40 of miles, our wish to survive is that strong.
41
42 If our families have to eat the foxes
43 and the wolves to survive, that's what our families ate
44 in the past and we may need to consider it in the
45 future. It's not our first dietary staple, but if
46 we're caused subsistence change, there are changes that
47 we do take as a population as a whole to continue our
48 survival.
49
50 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary.
2 Helen.

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4 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr.
5 Chair. I just wanted to provide a little bit more
6 information to answer Gordon's questions.

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8 This isn't in the analysis but
9 anecdotally we have heard that Mr. Korth has a plane and
10 that he intends to fly over there because it is
11 difficult access over the Brooks Range, but we couldn't
12 confirm that. Amy Craver was not able to get in
13 contact with him, he's out, it's a very remote cabin in
14 the wilderness and so we never were able to communicate
15 directly with him, although we did try. So we don't
16 have more specific information than that.

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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.
19 Just for Council member's information. We did the
20 Staff analysis, and did indicate the discussion under
21 Page 57, I suppose, the rest of the discussion portion
22 there in the mid-section of the page.

23
24 Residents of 25(A) include the
25 communities of Arctic Village and families and
26 individuals who live by the Chandalar as well as other
27 remote areas within the unit, Reakoff, 2005 personal
28 communication. It is unknown if this individual is
29 considered a resident of 25(A). The Korth family has a
30 summer cabin in Fort Yukon, Unit 25(D) where they live
31 for one and a half months a year stocking up on
32 supplies, Campbell, 2004: something 69. Then the rest
33 of the year the family runs a trapline within the
34 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, they rotate their
35 winter residents between two cabins and on the Coleen
36 River, Unit 25(A) and one cabin along Bilwaddy 25(A)
37 Kaye, 2005 personal communications, Wertz 2005 personal
38 communications. The proponent wishes that the
39 residents of Unit 25(A) be given a positive and
40 customary traditional use determination for moose in
41 the part of 26(C) in the Firth and Kongakut River
42 drainage. The companion analysis WP06-67b addresses
43 the seasons and harvest limit elements of this
44 proposal.

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46 So there's a lot of unknown given the
47 lack of information and communications between these
48 proposals.

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50 You know I could understand our

1 communities having these boundaries set -- and trans --
2 between the two boundaries, but having a resident
3 moving in and out of the area is something different
4 and not having the consistencies staying in the
5 community, that's something we could consider. But
6 having something like this is a little bit more
7 challenging in determining this customary and
8 traditional use determination.

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10 We don't have a consistent use -- we
11 need to identify the eight criteria that's used to
12 identify customary and traditional use determinations,
13 I don't think we should oversight those criteria. The
14 Staff recommendation is to oppose the proposal. The
15 Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments do not
16 support the proposal. And we're under Regional Council
17 deliberations, and I'd like to know what the
18 recommendation is from the Council.

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20 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.

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24 MR. G. BROWER: Just having listened to
25 some talk on this and it's like I said, you know,
26 there's customary and traditional use, C&T, should be
27 determined on real traditional customary use of those
28 areas, not something you're wanting to start and
29 accomplish by using an aircraft to cross the Brooks
30 Range in order to do it. That's establishing it. I
31 mean something that was already in existence before,
32 like somebody from Point Hope hunting in Nuiqsut area,
33 those kind of things, they boated along the coast and
34 there's even a place for Point Hope's namesake
35 somewhere, by Eskimo Island, somewhere around there.
36 Those were real documented customary and traditional
37 use patterns that have been accepted to make C&Ts a
38 reality. And I just don't see evidence and I don't
39 think the Staff sees this evidence as well.

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41 So in light of something, I think I
42 would move to accept the recommendations of Staff.

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44 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion on the floor
45 to.....

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47 REPORTER: Harry.

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49 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sorry. I'll step
50 back and start over again. Motion on the floor to

1 oppose the proposal, to support Staff recommendation.
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3 MR. BODFISH: Mr. Chair.
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5 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Paul.
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7 MR. BODFISH: Second that motion.
8
9 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Motion's been
10 seconded. Any further discussion.
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12 (No comments)
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14 MR. KOONUK: Question.
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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question's been
17 called on the motion. All in favor of opposing the
18 proposal as recommended by Staff signify by saying aye.
19
20 IN UNISON: Aye.
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22 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.
23
24 (No opposing votes)
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26 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Thank
27 you. Thank you, Gordon. Paul. The next proposal is
28 the companion proposal, 67 -- WP06-67b. I'll turn the
29 floor to Helen.
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31 MS. GREFFENIUS: Mr. Chairman, I'm
32 going to present that.
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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Sorry.
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36 MS. GREFFENIUS: That's okay.
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Laura.
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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Helen.
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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.
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44 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You're wel.....
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46 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Helen, are you still
47 on?
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49 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm still on, you're
50 welcome. I could stay on and you guys are still going

1 to do some today or are you wrapping up?

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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I wasn't clear as to
4 who was presenting the next proposal, the companion
5 proposal. Laura.

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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Laura's doing the
8 67b.

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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: All right. Thank
11 you, Helen. I'll give the floor to Laura to give Staff
12 analysis.

13

14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.

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18 MS. GREFFENIUS: Helen, are you still
19 on the line?

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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I am.

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23 MS. GREFFENIUS: Okay. Are you going
24 to stay on for answering any questions?

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Sure. I'll stay
27 here.

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29 MS. GREFFENIUS: Okay, great, thank
30 you. Okay, this is the companion proposal, 67b which
31 begins on Page 64 of your books. And this one requests
32 a moose season and harvest limit in part of Unit 26(C)
33 for residents of 25(A) and this is if the Board adopts
34 the customary and traditional use proposal that you
35 just discussed 67a. If the Federal Subsistence Board
36 rejects 67a then no action would be taken on this
37 proposal.

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39 So this one was also submitted by Heimo
40 Korth. Currently the residents of Units 26(A), 26(B)
41 and 26(C), except for the Prudhoe Bay/Deadhorse
42 industrial complex and the residents of Point Hope and
43 Anaktuvuk Pass have a positive customary and
44 traditional use determination for moose in all of Unit
45 26. However, if adopted Proposal 67a would change
46 the customary and traditional use determination for
47 moose in parts of Unit 26(C) to include residents of
48 25(A), and, therefore a harvest season and limit will
49 be needed for residents of Unit 25(A).

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1 So I'll refer you to the map that's on
2 Page 67, it's the one that was also in the previous
3 proposal we just discussed. A study that was done in
4 1998 suggested that the moose in the upper Kongakut
5 and Firth are part of a migratory population that also
6 occurs in the Sheenjek and Coleen River drainages in
7 Unit 25(A) during the winter and migrates to the Old
8 Crow Flats in the Yukon Territory during summer. An
9 aerial survey of this population was conducted in the
10 fall of 2002 by Refuge Staff, and on the Kongakut the
11 number of moose observed in 2002 was 95 was greater
12 than was observed in a pervious survey in 2000, 75, but
13 was still significantly less than in 1991 when 163 were
14 counted in the same area. So it appears that the moose
15 population has declined significantly during that time
16 period from '91 to 2002, and the moose are on the
17 northern limits of the range on the North Slop of the
18 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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20 The habitat and the climate in this
21 area severely limits the population recovery rates and
22 potential size of moose population.

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24 Adoption of this proposal would
25 establish a moose hunt specific to the Kongakut and
26 Firth River drainages with a harvest quota of two bulls
27 for each drainage and currently only residents of
28 Kaktovik may harvest up to two bulls from Unit 26(C).
29 The hunts conducted by Kaktovik residents have taken
30 place within the western parts of the unit, while the
31 hunting by 25(A) residents would occur only in the
32 Kongakut and Firth drainages if a positive customary
33 and traditional use determination is made for Unit
34 25(A) residents.

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36 A harvest opportunity on this small
37 recovering population would prolong the existing
38 conservation concern and the remoteness of the -- also
39 the remoteness of the hunt area would prevent timely
40 reporting by hunters, therefore, preventing harvest
41 quotas from becoming an effective management tool.

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43 And I'd also like to mention, although
44 it is not discussed in the analysis, the subsistence
45 Staff has since recognized that if a customary and
46 traditional use determination is adopted by the Board,
47 a Section .804 analysis would probably have to be done
48 before residents of Unit 25(A) could participate in a
49 hunt in the limited moose population in Unit 26(C).

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1 And on Page 72 is the preliminary
2 conclusion and the Staff recommendation is to oppose
3 the proposal because establishing a separate harvest
4 opportunity within the Kongakut and Firth River
5 drainages with a harvest quota of two bulls for each
6 drainage may not be sustainable.
7
8 And that concludes my presentation.
9 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Mr. Chairman, Laura.
12 We have our next -- we'll go through the process that
13 we're following again on each of these proposals.
14 Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.
15 Terry.
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17 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18 The Department of Fish and Game comments are on Page
19 73. The Department does not support this proposal.
20 The available evidence does not support the customary
21 and traditional use finding in the previous proposal,
22 and in the absence of a change in the C&T finding we
23 see no reason to create a special moose season in this
24 part of Unit 26(C).
25
26 Thank you.
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28 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
29 Other agency comments.
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31 (No comments)
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33 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted.
34 InterAgency Staff Committee.
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36 MR. RABINOWITCH: None, Mr. Chairman.
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38 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Fish and
39 Game Advisory Committee comments.
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41 (No comments)
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: They're out hunting.
44 None noted. Summary of written public comments.
45
46 (No comments)
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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We don't have Barb.
49 No. 7 public testimony.
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1 (No comments)
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3 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Korth is out
4 somewhere.
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6 (Laughter)
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8 CHAIRMAN BROWER: We don't have any
9 public testimony. No. 8 is Regional Council
10 deliberations, recommendation and justification for
11 action on this proposal, WP06-67b. What's the wish of
12 the Council.
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14 Gordon.
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16 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, in the event that
17 the Board of Game did move and maybe had new
18 information to make a determination, would this have to
19 be revisited back to us or would the Board of Game --
20 would have to decide at that point or have to consider
21 at a later time what the proposal would have to be to
22 -- for the harvest level, I mean is that a question
23 somebody can answer?
24
25 MS. GREFFENIUS: Are you referring to
26 my comment at the beginning that I was talking about,
27 if the Federal Subsistence Board rejects 67a, the one
28 that you previously discussed, then they would take no
29 action on this one, and you're saying that if they
30 accepted 67a, so you're referring to the Federal
31 Subsistence Board?
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33 MR. G. BROWER: Right.
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35 MS. GREFFENIUS: Right. If they
36 accepted 67a, then this one would also be considered by
37 the Board and decided by the Federal Subsistence Board.
38 If 67a were rejected then there would be no action on
39 67b. Do you follow what I'm saying?
40
41 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I follow that.
42 But I don't know how likely it is that -- we don't have
43 information presented to us but how likely it is to
44 have information presented to the Federal Board to, you
45 know, rule the other way. I mean that certainly sounds
46 like it could be a possibility, maybe the guy's out
47 looking for information, I don't know, but he certainly
48 hasn't presented any information to us. But is there a
49 way that it can be reverted back if he had this
50 information? I just don't know what the appropriate

1 process, if we're recommending to go along with Staff
2 at this point and if new information suddenly became
3 available to the Federal Board, then how would that
4 work?

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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8 MR. KOONUK: Go ahead, this is Ray,
9 Harry stepped out.

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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Hi, Ray.
12 Maybe I can help a little bit. I think one of the
13 important things that was said -- that Laura said that
14 I was glad she brought out is that even if the Board
15 did say they were going to give C&T and they gave a
16 season and a harvest limit, there would have to be an
17 analysis done, a Section .804 analysis, which is the
18 one that we do, and you've never done one on the North
19 Slope, so you're not familiar with it but we've done
20 them in Seward Peninsula, for example, when there's a
21 shortage of a resource, then you do an analysis to
22 determine which people should have access to that
23 resource, be allowed to hunt that resource, and it's
24 based on dependency, availability of other resources
25 and whether they're close to the resource, and my guess
26 is, is people in 25(A) wouldn't even get the ability --
27 they wouldn't be given the ability to hunt in that area
28 if we did a Section .804 analysis. But that is another
29 step that would have to happen.

30
31 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, thank you. I
32 just wanted to be a little bit more clear, you know,
33 it's clear to me that I think we should, you know,
34 follow the Staff recommendation on this as well.

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36 And I'm glad that Harry's back to
37 control things.

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39 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Did I miss something?

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41 (Laughter)

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43 MR. G. BROWER: It's just my form of
44 welcoming you back, Harry.

45
46 (Laughter)

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48 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Oh, okay. Where were
49 we on this?

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Just deliberations.
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Still continuing
4 deliberations. Have we had a motion?
5
6 MR. KOONUK: No motions yet.
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8 MR. G. BROWER: No motions.
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10 CHAIRMAN BROWER: No motions yet. So
11 what's the wish of the Council.
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13 Could you restate the recommendation --
14 sorry, Gordon, I wasn't present.
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16 MS. GREFFENIUS: Mr. Chair.
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18 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Laura.
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20 MS. GREFFENIUS: The Staff
21 recommendation is to oppose the proposal. Do you want
22 in addition to that?
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24 CHAIRMAN BROWER: I think, no,
25 that's.....
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27 MS. GREFFENIUS: Okay.
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29 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Not unless, Gordon,
30 you're asking for more background on this?
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32 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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34 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Gordon.
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36 MR. G. BROWER: Move to take Staff
37 recommendation and oppose the proposal.
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39 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Second the
40 recommendation.
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42 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Rosemary
43 and Gordon. We have a motion before us to oppose the
44 proposal as presented.
45
46 Any further discussion.
47
48 (No comments)
49
50 MR. G. BROWER: Call for the question.

1 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Question has been
2 called on the motion. All in favor of opposing this
3 proposal as recommended by Staff signify by saying aye.
4
5 IN UNISON: Aye.
6
7 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Opposed, same sign.
8
9 (No opposing votes)
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: None noted. Barb, I
12 just need a question to see if we needed to keep -- was
13 there another proposal that we needed to consider while
14 Fenton or Helen and Pete are still on line?
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, no.
17 Helen and Fenton are done and then we -- if you want we
18 can call Pete back in the morning.
19
20 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: If that's okay with
23 you.
24
25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Pete's on the line
26 right -- we're both still here but we can do it in the
27 morning, too.
28
29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Yes. I think.....
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33 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's your choice.
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35 CHAIRMAN BROWER: They have security
36 that needs to close up the doors at 5:00, that's what
37 they were just asking me about, if we're going to be
38 continuing beyond 5:00 o'clock, we need to acknowledge
39 that here shortly.
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: 8:30 in the morning.
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43 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we'll be back on
44 at 8:30.
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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And, Pete, we'll
47 probably call you about 8:45 or so.
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49 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, Barb.
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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm going to be on
4 line too. We'll be in the Susitna Room, and so just
5 call the front office.
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Susitna Room at
8 3891.
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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.
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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's correct.
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: All right, we'll
17 call there.
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19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Talk to you
20 tomorrow.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, bye.
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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Have a good evening
25 everybody.
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27 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Thank you, Helen.
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29 MR. G. BROWER: Good night.
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31 CHAIRMAN BROWER: So we've had a pretty
32 good afternoon and we have a few more proposals to
33 cover, I think we could start back up in the morning,
34 what time, 9:00 -- 8:30, or 7:00 a.m.?
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36 (Laughter)
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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The office isn't
39 open until 8:30.
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41 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Oh, man.
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43 (Laughter)
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45 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, so maybe we
46 could start here at 8:30 and hopefully we could get
47 done a little bit earlier than anticipated, so if we
48 could be here at 8:30 please.
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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

1 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Yep.
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3 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, call for a
4 recess.
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6 MS. AHTUANGARUAK: Thank you.
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8 MR. G. BROWER: I got a meeting at
9 10:00 o'clock tomorrow so.....
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11 CHAIRMAN BROWER: Okay, so we're in
12 recess until 8:30 a.m.
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