

NORTH SLOPE SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
September 16, 1997
North Slope Borough Assembly Room
Barrow, Alaska

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fenton Rexford, Chair
Terry Tagarook, Member
Gordon Upicksoun, Member
Ray Koonuk, Member

Jerry Berg, Coordinator

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(On record - 9:35 a.m.)

5 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: I'm not calling the meeting to order
6 yet, because we don't have a quorum, but we do have some
7 business or some things to hear from the various federal
8 agencies and state agencies regarding this area. So I need
9 some directions from my federal colleagues and staff for the
10 federal program, and mayor's (ph) staff as to what we need to
11 do here this morning.

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13 We have a lack of quorum. I tried reaching Jimmy
14 Nayukok from Atqasuk. I was hoping that maybe if we did reach
15 him, that he could call in after Terry comes in this morning.
16 I don't know what the schedule is for Wainwright, the morning
17 flight that gets here, so there's only three of us at this
18 time. Edward Itta called me this morning. He's not feeling
19 too hot right now, or feeling ill, but after medication punches
20 in, he said he'll try to show up at 1:00 o'clock or 1:30, so we
21 may have a quorum then after lunch if Terry shows up this
22 morning. Otherwise, we'll just keep standing by here,
23 unless.....

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25 I've got some -- I had some suggested, Northwest Arctic
26 area when they didn't have a quorum, they heard reports from
27 the various federal agencies. I don't know what the time
28 schedule is for the rest of you folks here in the room, whether
29 you need to -- are we going to be here the next couple of days?
30 Maybe that's.....

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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We can be here as long as it takes.

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34 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Good. Ray?

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36 MR. KOONUK: How about the other council members, Harry
37 and.....

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39 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah. Harry's out camping.

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41 MR. UPICKSOUN: Benjie?

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43 MR. KOONUK: Benjie?

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45 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Benjie's out.

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47 MR. UPICKSOUN: Frank?

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MR. KOONUK: Frank?

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1 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: And Leonard Lampe -- Leonard Tooklie
2 is our new advisor.

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4 MR. UPICKSOUN: Leonard Tooklie?

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6 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, advisory council, and he's all
7 gone Cross Island whaling.

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9 MR. UPICKSOUN: Okay.

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11 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: They're still whaling over in
12 Nuiqsut, or Cross Island, so I know those three are very well
13 tied up.

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15 MR. A. BROWER: Do you have alternates?

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17 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: No, that's under our subject here.
18 Morning, Geoff.

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20 MR. CARROLL: Fenton.

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22 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: So hopefully we'll work something
23 out here. We'll -- but I have a feeling that we may have to
24 just do some minor reports, or least important ones this
25 morning, maybe for an hour or so, and then break for lunch
26 until 1:30 so maybe Edward will be here, and Terry Tagarook
27 will be here, so we'll have a quorum for action items.

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29 MR. KOONUK: What's our quorum?

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31 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: I think five is our -- five out of
32 nine I think would be our simple majority. So any input from
33 the floor or from the back? Jerry?

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35 MR. BERG: Yeah, I think you can -- as long as you're
36 receiving information, and it's advertised as a public meeting,
37 without a quorum, you're really a subcommittee of the council
38 itself, and if items come up for -- that you would need to vote
39 on later, you can provide a report as a subcommittee to the
40 council once you have more of a quorum, and take a vote even
41 with a -- maybe a short briefing at that point, so I think
42 you're well within.....

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44 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah. What do you think? Gordon
45 has to be.....

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47 MR. UPICKSOUN: I've got.....

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CHAIRMAN REXFORD:excused here at ten o'clock.

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1 MR. UPICKSOUN: I've got a meeting that should be over
2 at noon. By noon. I will.....

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4 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah. Yeah, we'll reconvene at
5 1:30. But maybe just as informally we can introduce ourselves,
6 see who we are, who we work for, and what we do for the benefit
7 of those that we haven't met. I -- this is the first time I've
8 met Jerry. Maybe start from the back there, we can introduce
9 ourselves and see.....

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11 MS. DOWNING: And please speak up so I catch you on the
12 microphone.

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14 MS. MEEHAN: Is there a mike we can pass around?

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16 MS. BUCKNELL: I'll run down. My name is Susan
17 Bucknell, I'm from Kotzebue. And I'm the new regional
18 coordinator for the Board's Division, and I work for Fish &
19 Game there in the summers a little bit, just for the fishing
20 season, for the commercial fishing for some summers. And I've
21 lived there about 15 years. And about two weeks ago I started
22 this Board's job, so I'm just here to kind of learn a little
23 bit maybe.

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25 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: This is with the State?

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27 MS. BUCKNELL: That's right, State Fish & Game.

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29 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: State of Alaska, okay.

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31 MS. BUCKNELL: These guys are just letting me hang
32 around with them.

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34 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay.

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36 MR. CARROLL: Geoff Carroll with the Alaska Department
37 of Fish & Game, area biologist for the North Slope.

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39 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. That was Geoff Carroll.

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41 MS. ANDREWS: Yeah, hi, I'm Elizabeth Andrews, I'm also
42 with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Subsistence
43 Division, and I'm here from Juneau, because I'm the
44 Department's liaison to the Federal program on subsistence, so
45 I do try to get around to see each of the different regional
46 councils and look at ways that we can improve some of our
47 interactions and cooperations with the federal program. Thank

48 you.

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MS. DEWHURST: Donna Dewhurst, the wildlife biologist

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1 for the federal team -- U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service team,
2 working for the North Slope.

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4 MR. ULVI: I'm Steve Ulvi, park ranger and subsistence
5 manager for Gates of the Arctic National Park. I'm glad to be
6 here.

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8 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Arnold?

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10 MR. A. BROWER: I'm Arnold Brower, Jr., and I'm writing
11 a book about myself. I was born in 1947, and I guess I could
12 go day-by-day, since I have all the data on tape. I work at
13 the Mayor's Office. I'm president of the Native Village of
14 Barrow tribal government. I'm on the board of the Yup'ik
15 Natives of the Arctic Slope. I'm a member of the Barrow
16 Whaling Association, and Alaska Whaling Commission. And I'm a
17 member of the native community.

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19 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Thank you, Arnold.

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21 MR. RABINOWICH: I'm Sandy Rabinowich for the National
22 Park Service, and I work -- I'm on the staff committee to the
23 Federal Subsistence Board.

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25 MS. MEEHAN: Rosa Meehan, I'm in the Office of
26 Subsistence Management, and I work with the biologists and
27 anthropologists.

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29 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Helen Armstrong. I'm the
30 anthropologist on the team that supports the North Slope
31 Regional Council.

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33 MR. SOLOMAN: My name is Morgan Solomon, I'm with the
34 Native Village of Barrow, as the Wildlife Department director
35 here.

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37 MR. BEVINGTON: And I'm Dan Bevington, and I work for
38 the North Slope Borough GIS, mapping.

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40 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Jerry?

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42 MR. BERG: My name is Jerry Berg. I got involved with
43 this council meeting -- I basically provide support to the
44 regional council, all ten regional councils, working out of the
45 Anchorage office for Subsistence Management, the federal Fish &
46 Wildlife Service office. And the coordinator is Barb
47 Armstrong, and she had a family situation come up where she

48 wasn't able to attend the meeting, so they called me at the
49 last minute here to get involved, so I'm glad to be here, and
50 I'm glad I got a chance to come up and sit in on your council

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3 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Thank you.

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5 MS. DOWNING: Meredith Downing, I'm the court reporter
6 who will be recording the proceedings, and I would remind
7 people when they do speak and give their reports, to please
8 come up to the microphone.

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10 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay, Meredith.

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12 MR. UPICKSOUN: I'm Gordon Upicksoun. I'm from Point
13 Lay. I've been retired for two years, and I'm happy.

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15 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah. I'm Fenton Rexford from
16 Kaktovik. I've been residing there for a long time. And
17 chairman of the council. And looking forward to working on the
18 projects here, our meeting here the next couple of days.

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20 MR. KOONUK: I'm Ray Koonuk from Point Hope. I just
21 got reappointed another three years to the Council.

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23 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay.

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25 MR. KOONUK: Good to be back.

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27 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah.

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29 MR. A. BROWER: Fenton?

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31 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, Arnold?

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33 MR. A. BROWER: I'd like to identify myself a little
34 bit more. I'm also the NPR-A coordinator for Bureau of Land
35 Management for the North Slope Borough. We've been working on
36 the subsistence issue with the impacted communities, Atqasuk,
37 Nuiqsut, Barrow and Wainwright, and also I'm a subsistence
38 committee member for the summit on behalf of Alaska Intertribal
39 Council for Arctic Slope.

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41 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Now that
42 we know who's who here, I happy to see you here this morning.

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44 Due to lack of quorum, I feel inclined to -- we had the
45 agenda here to follow along, but -- Jerry Berg was saying that
46 Barbara couldn't make it due to a death in her family, or her
47 grand nephew passed away over the weekend, and she's not able

48 to be with us, so I'm glad Jerry was able to fill in and be
49 with us.
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1 What -- I'd rather wait. There's some agenda items to
2 follow, there's in memory of Edgar Ningeulook from Shishmaref,
3 a member of the Seward Peninsula Federal Advisory Council who
4 passed away this year. We wanted to pay respects to him and
5 give some of his testimony as far as hearings during the Alaska
6 Native Review Commission at Shishmaref. Justice Berger did
7 write up some of his words, and I think they're worth listening
8 to, and -- but I'll wait until we -- until the rest of our
9 council be here and hear words from Edgar Ningeulook from
10 Shishmaref.

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12 So again, I was waiting for a call from Jimmy Nayukok,
13 and we've got to -- we've heard that Terry Tagarook will be in
14 later this morning. That will give us a quorum, if Edward Itta
15 also makes it in at 1:30. We'll have some -- we'll be able to
16 act on items for this council here. So there is a lack of
17 quorum. We have Ray Koonuk, Gordon Upicksoun, and Fenton
18 Rexford at this time. So this will be a very informal session
19 here this morning. I'd rather wait until we have a quorum to
20 call the meeting to order.

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22 MS. MEEHAN: Mr. Chair?

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24 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Rosa?

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26 MS. MEEHAN: This is Rosa Meehan, and I was wondering
27 if you'd be interested in pursuing the agency reports at this
28 time, since they're informational in nature, and that would
29 give all of us a chance to think about some of the information,
30 and you could work with that part of the agenda. It's number
31 nine, old business,.....

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33 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Okay.

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35 MS. MEEHAN: on the agenda in front of you.

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37 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: What is the wish of the committee
38 here? Kookik (ph), I know he's got a ten o'clock meeting.
39 Nine A, 1, 2, 3, 4 and five with.....

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41 MS. MEEHAN: Number five, you may want to wait until
42 the rest of the council is here, because there are items under
43 number five that the council may wish to pass motions on.

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45 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay.

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47 MS. MEEHAN: But the first part.

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CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Thank you, Rosa.

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1 MR. UPICKSOUN: Also, Mr. Chairman, on the agency
2 reports, A.1., I think we should have a quorum when we discuss
3 the muskox management plan.

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5 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. That's what I was going to
6 suggest. Okay. So that leaves the Park Service, BLM and ANWR,
7 and I don't see Mr. Kurth here this morning, so maybe he'll
8 catch up with us. Any word from.....

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10 MS. DEWHURST: Jim Kurth isn't coming, but Pat Reynolds
11 is supposed to be here this morning.

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13 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. What time does that bird
14 arrive? Not Mark Air, but.....

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16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: 10:15.

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18 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. So let's run through the --
19 Mr. Ulvi, let's hear what's going on at.....

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21 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman?

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23 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Gordon?

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25 MR. UPICKSOUN: Regarding Jimmy Nayukok, could you get
26 ahold of Herman or somebody to.....

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28 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, I tried to reach Herman, and
29 he tried to call.

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31 MR. UPICKSOUN: He's going to locate?

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33 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah.

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35 MR. UPICKSOUN: Okay. That's good. Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: So they're actively trying to find
38 Jimmy.

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40 I need a refill here before you get started, Steve.
41 Can we get a cup of coffee real quick?

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43 MR. ULVI: You bet.

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45 (Off record - 9:50 a.m.)

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47 (On record - 9:55 a.m.)

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49 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Steve, let's hear a report from
50 National Park Service.

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1 MR. ULVI: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, I'm
2 Steve Ulvi, a park ranger, subsistence manager for Gates of the
3 Arctic National Park and Preserve. I'm glad to be here again
4 in Barrow and see you. And this report is very short.

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6 Essentially as on the agenda, the one item listed has
7 to do with the National Park Service Subsistence Management
8 Program Review that most of you should be aware of. It's been
9 going on for over two years, and this council as well as all of
10 the other councils in Alaska that have Park Service Units
11 within them have seen various drafts of this document for the
12 last couple of years.

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14 I have what's considered a final version here now, July
15 1997. It's a working document, it's not a management plan or a
16 policy statement or something that's final. It's just more
17 less been brought to that point with much public interaction
18 and close work with our subsistence resource commission, which,
19 of course, Ben Hobson sits on, and unfortunately he's not here
20 to speak to this.

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22 But I have this latest version here available. Fenton,
23 I believe you received one from us, and as well as Barb and so
24 hopefully other members have seen that. I know that it's only
25 of peripheral interest to people who don't reside in
26 communities that are part of the resident zone for Gates of the
27 Arctic, but certainly for Anaktuvuk and Nuiqsut, it's a
28 document with some important issues discussed.

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30 And more or less what it does is it's been an internal
31 document with public participation where we, the Park Service,
32 have thoroughly looked at the background and history of certain
33 issues within Title VIII of ANILCA having to do with
34 subsistence uses and management on park lands. Many of those
35 issues as you know are fairly ambiguous. There isn't much
36 history given. Congress provided us with some words and some
37 mandates, and left it for us collectively to work out, and
38 that's what this document is, is an opportunity to build a
39 foundation for some of these issues for further discussion and
40 action as necessary over time, as some of these issues come up.
41 And these issues, of course, are eligibility, access, some of
42 those kinds of issues having to do with park units and
43 subsistence.

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45 So I think it's kind of a unique and very useful
46 document. Our subsistence resource commission has been
47 involved since the beginning, as well as the other commissions

48 in Alaska. And, again, I wish Ben were here to speak to it.

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50 So I can answer any questions that anyone might have

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1 about these, other than again to reaffirm that it's a
2 beginning, it's a working document, it's a way to just identify
3 some issues that we as park managers and many issues that we
4 know as subsistence users and communities have concerns with,
5 so they're kind of identified, and there are very few action
6 items in this document. It's mostly an open discussion about
7 the way we kind of think the cards lay on the table, and the
8 actions taken from there will be by this council, by
9 subsistence resource commissions, by local communities that are
10 affected, by the State of Alaska or by interested individuals,
11 as well as park managers in the future. So.....

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13 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman?

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15 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Gordon?

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17 MR. UPICKSOUN: Is there a copy of the rough draft in
18 our.....

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20 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: No, I think -- can you.....

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22 MR. UPICKSOUN: Okay.

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24 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: I think he's got some here.

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26 MR. ULVI: I'll hand those out. And, Mr. Chairman,
27 I'll be around until this evening. I have other plans, and
28 need to depart this evening, but I'm certainly happy at any
29 time and will be glad to leave my card. It's easy to get ahold
30 of me, if any of these issues, or anybody in your communities
31 has any questions or concerns about this, we'll get you an
32 answer. We'll get some kind of.....

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34 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay.

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36 MR. ULVI:an explanation of any aspect of it that
37 you need clarification on.

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39 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: So the community -- the folks that
40 reside in the Gates of the Arctic are the commission members or
41 council members that reviewed and went over this?

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43 MR. ULVI: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The nine council members
44 that are on our subsistence resource commission, you have a
45 couple from Barrow here and Anaktuvuk. Raymond Paneak is the
46 chairman, and so those people, that commission, has been
47 involved from the earliest stages, as well as interested

48 members of the public statewide. Native organizations. The
49 State has reviewed, you know, this document and made comments.
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1 And in fact, thank you for bringing that up, but the
2 document itself not only speaks to these issues that we've kind
3 of teased out of Title VIII of ANILCA, but it also speaks to
4 the comments that were received, and the Park Service Response
5 to those comments, so I think it's a good document to kind of
6 understand, you know, what response there was, and how the NPS
7 either factored in that response or decided that the response
8 was in some way not appropriate to the issue or something like
9 that. So it's all laid out there pretty well, I think.

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11 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Any questions for Steve?
12 Gordon?

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14 MR. UPICKSOUN: We're going to reconvene at 1:30?

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16 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: 1:30, yes.

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18 MR. UPICKSOUN: If you guys will you guys excuse me,
19 I'll go.....

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21 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: You're excused, Gordon. Thank you,
22 Steve. Any questions from the audience or from the floor for
23 Mr. Ulvi? Okay. Good work there. So this is a draft or this
24 is a final, is that what you were saying? Or it is a working
25 document?

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27 MR. ULVI: It is final,

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29 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Final, okay.

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31 MR. ULVI:in the sense that it's a working.....

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33 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Working document? Okay.

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35 MR. ULVI:document that we've brought to a place
36 where, you know, it was time to move on, and we figure
37 these.....

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39 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah.

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41 MR. ULVI: issues will all be, you know, come forth as
42 necessary.

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44 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. All right. It sounds like
45 the one we've postponed here about musk ox. A living document.
46 All right. Thank you, Steve.

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MR. ULVI: All right.

CHAIRMAN REXFORD: No questions from the audience.

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1 Do we have somebody from BLM?

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3 MS. MEEHAN: Not yet.

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5 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: No one.

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7 MS. MEEHAN: We heard Dave Yokel's coming on the plane,
8 but.....

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10 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. They're arriving at 10:50,
11 right? Almost 11 o'clock. So I'll entertain -- or I'll --
12 okay. We have a ten-minute break here. Fifteen-minute break.
13 Okay.

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15 (Off record - 10:03 a.m.)

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17 (On record - 10:25 a.m.)

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19 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: After our ten-minute break here,
20 we'll informally reconvene. Let's see, we have a couple of new
21 persons that came in after the introductions. Perhaps those
22 haven't introduced themselves do that at this time for the
23 benefit of our other people here? Dave?

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25 MR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Dave Yokel
26 with the Bureau of Land Management in Fairbanks.

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28 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Patricia?

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30 MS. REYNOLDS: I'm Pat Reynolds from the U.S. Fish &
31 Wildlife Service, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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33 MR. McCLELLAN: Greg McClellan with the U.S. Fish &
34 Wildlife Service, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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36 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Greg?

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38 MR. McCLELLAN; Greg.

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40 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, okay. Nice to meet you, Greg.
41 I'm Fenton Rexford from Kaktovik, and to my left there is Ray
42 Koonuk from Point Hope. Just got reappointed for the next
43 three years to year 2000. How about that. Just around the
44 corner.

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46 Okay. Dave, we've just been hearing some reports. We
47 heard from the Park Service, and perhaps we'll also hear from

48 Helen or Rosa of some sheep update from AKP area. That's in
49 the front page of the agenda. I don't know what else we'd be
50 able to hear this morning. I'd rather wait until we get a

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1 quorum or a majority of our council members here to hear the
2 updates or the reports that's going to be happening. So at
3 this time I'll turn the floor over to Dave Yokel.

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5 MR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What I wanted to
6 talk to you about today was just to give you an update on the
7 planning process for the northeastern portion of NPR-A.
8 Unfortunately the -- of all the villages on the North Slope,
9 Kaktovik and Point Hope are those that would be least affected
10 by this. But anyway I'll run through it quickly. There should
11 be a report in your packet, a brief page and a half that I
12 typed up.

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14 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: I wonder what tab that would be
15 under? F maybe, yeah?

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17 MR. YOKEL: Hopefully it made it in there.

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19 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yep, it is. Right there. August
20 26th.

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22 MR. YOKEL: Yes. I won't -- this just gives you a
23 brief idea of what has been done so far in this planning
24 process for the northeastern portion of NPR-A. We are
25 developing an environmental impact statement for all activities
26 that might occur in that portion of the area. The most major
27 potential activity would be oil and gas development.

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29 I'll just bring your attention to the next to the last
30 paragraph of this report. It begins with although it could
31 change, and it has changed since I wrote the report up. The --
32 just last week or the week before the decision was made to
33 delay the publication of the draft environmental impact
34 statement by approximately one month, so instead of being
35 available to the public by, it says, early to mid November
36 here, it's now scheduled for the first week of December, 1997.
37 Then the public review and comment period would end on February
38 10th, 1998. And we hope to have some meetings in Nuiqsut and
39 maybe other villages to explain the draft EIS in early
40 December, and then, of course, we'll have the official public
41 meetings for comment in Barrow, Nuiqsut and Atqasuk in mid
42 January.

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44 And I briefly went over this plan proposal with you last
45 February, but I brought some overheads today to explain to you
46 a little bit better what's going on. It's kind of hard to see,
47 but you can see Barrow up at the top up there, and you can see

48 the eastern -- or most of NPR-A with the Colville River coming
49 down. And the portion of NPR-A that we're planning for is
50 that, Rosa, I pointed out to you earlier, is a pink line that

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1 -- along the Ikpikpuk River, it's the western border, and then
2 down to the Colville River, and then back up the coast.
3 There's 4.6 million acres there that are going to be involved
4 in this environmental impact statement.

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6 And the other things on this particular overhead showed
7 some old data for subsistence use areas for the Village of
8 Nuiqsut. These are from the early and mid 1970s, before oil
9 development got pretty heavy in Prudhoe Bay, and it prob- --
10 their use area has probably expanded to the west some, more
11 into NPR-A now. That red line there is for caribou.

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13 If we could go on to the next one? It shows the same
14 map, but with subsistence use areas for Barrow. And you can
15 see these include a large portion of NPR-A, and the entirety of
16 what I refer to as the planning area, which is that -- again
17 that northeastern portion of NPR-A. Right.

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19 And then the third overhead is the subsistence harvest
20 areas for Atqasuk. And this shows that that area overlaps just
21 slightly with the planning area, but again these are old data,
22 and there's probably more use within the planning area by
23 Atqasuk residence than this particular overhead shows. But one
24 thing that these three things do show is that all three of
25 these villages definitely use this area for subsistence
26 harvest, and that the entire area is used for subsistence
27 harvest. There are other villages that could be affected by
28 development in this area, because the animals -- although they
29 don't, perhaps use the area itself, animals, especially caribou
30 that those villages like Anaktuvuk Pass and Wainwright, and
31 even Point Lay use, and this last winter even Point Hope, those
32 animals use this area during a portion of the year.

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34 So if we go on to the next overhead? This shows some
35 proposed areas within the planning area that we are referring
36 to as land use emphasis areas. Again, this is the northeastern
37 portion of NPR-A, you can see the Ikpikpuk River on the west
38 boundary, the Colville River on the east boundary, and you can
39 see the Village of Nuiqsut up there in the upper right-hand
40 corner, Teshekpuk Lake up at the top.

41
42 We're referring to land use emphasis areas as any area
43 within the planning area where a certain activity takes place
44 more so than in other areas, or certain resources more valuable
45 there. Along the Ikpikpuk River, there's a land use emphasis
46 area for paleotological resources, and it's also an important
47 area because there are an awful lot of subsistence cabins along

48 the river.

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50 The black dashed line up at the top, which goes from

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1 that line up to the coast, is an area that's important for
2 geese. They use it for molting in the summer.

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4 The green shows an area that is of special important to
5 the Teshekpuk Caribou Herd. Most of the calving and summer use
6 takes place within that green area between there and the coast.
7 The smaller green area to the south is the Pict (ph) Dunes area
8 where some caribou use that for insect relief.

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10 And then over on the -- along the Colville River I
11 think maybe brown in color, or -- anyway, yeah, that. This is
12 an area that's especially important for nesting raptors, the
13 Arctic peregrine falcon, also deer (ph) falcons and rust-wing
14 hawks.

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16 And then there's one more on there that's difficult to
17 see. It's a red line up mostly north and west of Teshekpuk
18 Lake. And that's the area of highest concentrations of nesting
19 spectacled eiders, which are a species that's protected under
20 the Endangered Species Act.

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22 So these land use emphasis areas are areas that we'll
23 keep in mind for specific reasons during the planning process, a
24 nd we'll try to make special rules, say, for oil development
25 that would minimize its impact on the resources in these areas.

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27 Okay. We'll go ahead to the next one. This shows a
28 little bit more about the caribou land use emphasis area. The
29 black dots up there east of Teshekpuk Lake are areas where
30 individual radio-collared caribou have calved in the past. It
31 shows that the calving is concentrated there east of the lake
32 and southeast and northeast.

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34 The areas that are stippled, there's a two-mile wide
35 zone along the coast which is very important for caribou
36 movement in the summer during the insect season. We're
37 proposing that there be no construction within that zone that
38 could impede caribou movement, unless it's something that's
39 absolutely necessary. If there were a salt water treatment
40 plant for an inland oil field, then, of course, the treatment
41 plant would have to be on the coast, and the pipeline from it
42 would have to go through that border.

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44 Also, there -- just northwest of Teshekpuk Lake,
45 there's a small area where caribou have to pass between the
46 lake and the ocean, and then even more important over there
47 east of the lake between Teshekpuk Lake and the Kobru (ph)

48 River, which is that east/west body of water there, these are
49 areas that are very important for caribou movement, so we would
50 place greater restrictions on any oil development in that area

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1 if it should occur, to try to minimize impacts on caribou
2 movement in that area.

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4 And let's go on to the next one.

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6 This -- these lakes in dark blue here are lakes that
7 are surveyed annually by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for
8 molting geese. There's about 200 lakes here. There are about
9 on average over the last 15 years, about 38,000 geese of four
10 different species that use this area between mid June and late
11 August. The geese are flightless during this period, and it's
12 a very important time for them to be gaining enough energy to
13 both replace their flight feathers and to build up some energy
14 stores for migration. So they're especially susceptible to
15 disturbance during this period. We're proposing buffer zones
16 around these lakes to -- so that development will not impact
17 the geese any more than necessary.

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19 At this point let me -- well, go ahead and put up the
20 next one.

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22 But let me backtrack again and say this is all in the
23 planning stage. Some of the alternatives in the environmental
24 impact statement would not even open these areas around
25 Teshekpuk Lake to petroleum development, so this development is
26 not a foregone conclusion.

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28 The unfortunate thing about it all, between oil and
29 wildlife is depicted by this map, and remembering where most of
30 the biological resources were in the other overheads. These
31 three zones here show broadly and generally the petroleum
32 potential for the area. The dark brown is the highest
33 potential, and that includes all of the areas that are most
34 important to the molting geese and the calving caribou. Medium
35 potential is the kind of tan at the bottom band, which includes
36 the known oil field at Umiat, and then the lowest potential is
37 that area in the middle there.

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39 I'll just stop at that, and try to answer any questions
40 if you have them.

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42 Oh, let -- I'm sorry, there's one other thing that's
43 very important. And that is that ANILCA, Title VIII, requires
44 us to do an evaluation of the impacts of this activity on
45 subsistence use in the area, and that's Section 8.10 of ANILCA,
46 and it's commonly referred to as an 8.10 evaluation. We are in
47 the process of drafting up that evaluation right now, and it

48 will come out with the draft environmental impact statement.
49 And it's very important to me that all of the residents of the
50 North Slope, and especially bodies such as this council, review

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1 that 8.10 evaluation and provide the BLM with your comments on
2 how correct you think that evaluation is. The evaluation is to
3 determine whether or not any activity would have a significant
4 impact on subsistence harvest and access. And if our
5 conclusion -- if you feel that our conclusion is wrong in this
6 draft evaluation, then your comments could help us improve the
7 evaluation before it comes out as final.

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9 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: And what's the time line on that
10 one?

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12 MR. YOKEL: I would assume that it would be the same as
13 the draft EIS, so it will come out with the draft EIS in the
14 first week of December, and the comments would be due by
15 February 10th, 1998.

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17 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. We may need to schedule a
18 meeting by the Council between then and now then.

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20 MR. YOKEL: Well, comments could also be written. I
21 mean, -- and also we will have those three public meetings in
22 Barrow, Atqasuk and Nuiqsut in January.

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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, we could put that as an
25 agenda item on the next council meeting that you would have
26 before that due date. I think the window frame for that is
27 January/February.

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29 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, we generally meet around March
30 I think, before the Federal Subsistence Board meeting.

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32 MR. YOKEL: February last year.

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34 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think last year we actually met in
35 January. And I think the window this year is -- it's in your
36 book, but it's.....

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38 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. All right. Good. That must
39 be the -- okay.

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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: February is in that window.

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43 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Thank you for that. Any questions
44 for Dave? I would like to bring this up again, Dave, later
45 this afternoon. There may be questions from the other council
46 members,.....

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MR. YOKEL: Okay. Sure.

CHAIRMAN REXFORD:if you could stand by or be

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1 ready to go over this again, wouldn't take very long.

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3 MR. YOKEL: Be happy to.

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5 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: So I know Edward might be
6 interested, and Terry Tagarook might be interested in looking
7 at this or hearing about this.

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9 MR. YOKEL: We do have -- the North Slope Borough is a
10 cooperator in this planning process. They have a person on the
11 mayor's staff, Arnold Brower, Jr., who is working very closely
12 with us on this. Also we're publishing an NPR-A newsletter.
13 This is the third issue of it.

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15 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: All right.

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17 MR. YOKEL: I'm not sure of how the distribution on
18 this works. We try to keep people up to date on what's going
19 on.

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21 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah.

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23 MR. YOKEL: This one features mostly Secretary
24 Babbitt's trip this summer.

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26 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay.

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28 MR. YOKEL: I'll put the rest of these out on the table
29 anyway.

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31 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Any questions for the local
32 Yokel? If not, thank you, Dave.

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34 MR. YOKEL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: I appreciate that. I wouldn't say
37 that if I didn't see Sue doing it when Bruce was over here
38 earlier this summer, so.....

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40 MR. YOKEL: Well, Mayor Nageak said it over KBRW last
41 March in a public meeting, so.....

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43 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Thank you, Dave, very much.

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45 Okay. Helen, if you can help me here, we'll try to go
46 over some other agenda items here real briefly. Perhaps at
47 least we can cover the sheep update?

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49 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Sure. And then we could do the -- I
50 think this (indiscernible).

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1 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Rosa?

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3 MS. MEEHAN: (Indiscernible, away from microphone)
4 Maybe that will be -- but you want to do that afternoon?

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6 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, this afternoon, I feel
7 comfortable to, in case there might be other council members
8 that want to hear anything about ANWR. Do you.....

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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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12 CHAIRMAN REXFORD:want to go over just that one
13 sheep update, and.....

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Sure.

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17 CHAIRMAN REXFORD:then we'll probably have to
18 break early for lunch here and.....

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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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22 CHAIRMAN REXFORD:reconvene at 1:30.

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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: What happened was last year when we
25 developed.....

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27 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Could you.....

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29 MS. DOWNING: Helen?

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31 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Sorry. Excuse me. I should know
32 better than that by now, too.

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34 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: That's under Tab E for those that
35 have the packet or the news release.

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37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: What happened was last year when we
38 did the -- last spring when we voted on the c&t change for
39 sheep for the whole North Slope, Anaktuvuk Pass got left out of
40 26C, and it was just an oversight. It was not something
41 intentionally on my part or the Council's part. I think
42 everybody keeps forgetting that they're not in 26, and they're
43 in 24, because they're right on the boundary. So we have to
44 always remember to say and Anaktuvuk Pass when we -- and we
45 didn't put them in. So we convened with the Board in July and
46 met on that, and they were added in along with Point Hope, the
47 argument being that Anaktuvuk Pass is quite a bit closer to 26C

48 than Point Hope, and Point Hope was included in there. So it
49 was corrected, and that's really, you know, as much as what
50 happened. It wasn't a real big deal. So.....

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1 I might add, too, that we did get some requests for
2 reconsiderations on the proposals from last spring, and we got
3 one in the North Slope for reconsidering that sheep c&t, this
4 was from the State, and so we will be dealing with that in the
5 regular cycle of proposals. We'll have to go back over the
6 testimony that occurred at the board meeting. And in this case
7 -- I mean, the Council meeting. In the case of this Council, I
8 was pretty careful to get Council input at the meeting in the
9 winter, so I don't know that we need to get additional Council
10 input, but we will be -- we will have to take that up once
11 more. And the feeling was, is that it should go back to the
12 councils and let them give additional input, so we'll be
13 dealing with that in the winter meeting when we go over all of
14 the analysis to proposals at that point. So that's coming up.

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16 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Thank you, Helen. Okay.
17 Let's see here. Let me just review the agenda. Just give me a
18 minute here.

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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Fenton, did you want to do the 1996
21 annual report response?

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23 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: No, I'd rather wait on.....

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25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You want to wait on that one?

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27 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, I'd rather wait on that one.
28 Thank you.

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30 Okay. At this time, I hate to say that due to lack of
31 quorum, I'd rather break for lunch here, a late breakfast of
32 something, and reconvene at 1:30. Hopefully Terry Tagarook and
33 Edward Itta will be here to have a quorum for action items, and
34 things to follow up on this afternoon. So does anyone have any
35 comments or questions of what we covered this morning? Or any
36 ideas? Mr. Soloman?

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38 MR. SOLOMAN: Yes, I hope that what they covered here
39 this morning will be said again this afternoon?

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41 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yes.

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43 MR. SOLOMAN: Because I think there are some people
44 (Indiscernible, away from microphone).

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46 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Exactly. That's why I asked Dave to
47 stand by in case there are any questions regarding that,

48 because that's a very important issue today.

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50 MR. YOKE: Well, I apologize for being late, but I

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1 will be here through the end of tomorrow.

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3 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Oh, you were one minute late, yep.
4 That's okay. That's all right. So anyway, I'll just order the
5 Council to reconvene or convene at 1:30 this afternoon.

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7 (Off record - 10:48 a.m.)

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9 (On record - 1:50 p.m.)

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11 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Talking with my friends here, we'll
12 probably hear some reports this afternoon, and we'll try again
13 in the morning for a quorum. A quorum call. I'd like to try
14 and at least we have today, a scheduled meeting tomorrow.
15 Maybe by that time we'll find both Edward and Jimmy Nayukok
16 from Atqasuk. So that's the way it goes here I guess. We
17 can't promise to have a quorum at each meeting. So Edward is
18 ill or sick. And Jimmy we can't seem to find him in Atqasuk.
19 I've had my coordinator out there in Atqasuk trying to track
20 him down, and the village corporation secretary or clerk was
21 also trying to reach him, so -- anyway, I hate to say that we
22 do not have a quorum this afternoon, but we'll try again
23 tomorrow.

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25 For the information for Terry and Gordon, this morning
26 we went over a couple of items this morning. And they were the
27 National Park Service, they gave us -- Steve gave us a hand
28 out, maybe you could provide them a copy of the working
29 document called the National Park Service Subsistence
30 Management Program, which they'll be using in the Park Service
31 or the Gates of the Arctic. Steve will provide you and Terry
32 copies of that. He gave us a brief report on how that thing
33 happened like that. I think they sent them out, too.
34 Anyway.....

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36 MR. TAGAROOK: We got one.

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38 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: I don't know what the protocol is as
39 far as the first day of meeting, and calling this meeting to
40 order. We do not have a quorum. I can just say that -- any
41 suggestion from Rosa or Jerry on what the protocol is, or what
42 procedures we will have to do for today?

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44 MS. MEEHAN: I think, Fenton, the best thing for right
45 now would be just to sort of all agree that this will be an
46 informational meeting. It's still public noticed, and so carry
47 through with the items that you're comfortable just talking

48 about that you're not going to do motions on. And then go as
49 far as we can, just work through the agenda, and just pull off
50 items that you're comfortable treating as informational only.

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1 When we run out of items, then just wait until tomorrow and
2 begin.

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4 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. For your information, Terry
5 and Gordon,.....

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7 MR. UPICKSOUN: That light's right on my eye.

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9 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah. We also heard from BLM
10 regarding the activities, and there is a report -- let's see,
11 no there wasn't -- there is, under Tab F, a brief report on the
12 activities regarding BLM and the planning process, where most
13 of that activity is oil and gas development related. The next
14 to the last paragraph, he did note that the draft EIS was to be
15 ready by mid/early -- early to mid November. That has been
16 moved to the first week in December, 1997, and there is public
17 review and comments deadline by February 10. And there will be
18 some town meetings in Atqasuk, Nuiqsut and Barrow?

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20 MR. YOKEL: Atqasuk, Barrow, Nuiqsut, Fairbanks and
21 Anchorage.

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23 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. So there will be some town
24 meetings going over the draft EIS about mid January, starting
25 in mid January. I'd like to try and have a meeting scheduled
26 sometime maybe in January, before the deadline, for the review
27 comments. I know this is a very important topic for this
28 committee to also make some comments on the draft EIS for NPR-A
29 activities that's going on near Nuiqsut. So under 8.10 ANILCA
30 evaluation. That is a separate thing from the EIS.

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32 Dave, can you just go over that real quick, 'cause I
33 know Wainwright and Gordon's on part of the -- Gordon?

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35 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman. Do you have a specific
36 date when you may have that draft available? I know it's been
37 moved one month later than what you thought, and then everybody
38 knows that they -- nobody was happy with the 18-month schedule
39 that we're on on that one, and now you've moved one month
40 ahead, and that will affect how we schedule our next meeting.
41 Do you have a date that you can -- for us, so we can set our
42 next meeting date?

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44 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Mr. Yokel?

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46 MR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Upicksoun.
47 Dave Yokel with the BLM.

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49 The information that I have, Gordon, is that the draft
50 will be out the first week of December. I don't have a day in

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1 that week. I suppose there is one, but that information didn't
2 get to me. So in other words, the publication of the draft has
3 been delayed I think twice now. However, the end date, which
4 makes that 18-month schedule has not yet changed, nor have I
5 been given any indication that it will change. So.....

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7 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman, I just mentioned the fact
8 that nobody's happy with the 18-month date, I didn't say that
9 the 18-month date was expired. I just said for the record that
10 nobody was happy with the 18-month window that we're trying to
11 operate on.

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13 MR. YOKEL: I understand, and that's the most frequent
14 comment that we have heard in all of the meetings that we've
15 had, and that information has definitely been heard at the
16 highest levels. However, to the best of my knowledge, that
17 frequent comment has not yet affected that end date.

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19 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: So February 10th is the final day or
20 the deadline?

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22 MR. YOKEL: As the schedule stands now, the.....

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24 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay.

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26 MR. YOKEL: There's a minimum 60-day comment period
27 that the public is entitled to under the National Environmental
28 Policy Act once the draft is published. And it will probably
29 be a little bit more than 60 days between that first week in
30 December and February 10th, 1998.

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32 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Any further questions?

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34 MR. UPICKSOUN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Gordon?

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38 MR. UPICKSOUN: When will you be scheduling your
39 meetings like say in the most affected community of Nuiqsut,
40 for instance?

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42 MR. YOKEL: I don't know when those dates will be
43 announced, although I would imagine they would be at the
44 latest, you know, when the draft EIS comes out, those dates
45 should be announced. Right now as it's tentatively scheduled,
46 those meetings will happen in the middle of Novem- -- or middle
47 of January.

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49 MR. UPICKSOUN: When you say those meetings, you can't
50 be specific about the one in Nuiqsut? The reason why I'm

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1 asking is the community of Nuiqsut was quite specific in
2 inserting their wishes in the rough draft when you had your
3 meetings there about three weeks ago, and any changes that you
4 make in there will bring in a lot of comments I'm quite sure,
5 and -- but you can't say when those meetings may be in Nuiqsut?
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7 MR. YOKEL: I'm not involved personally in scheduling
8 the meetings.
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10 MR. UPICKSOUN: Okay.
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12 MR. YOKEL: And I don't believe the exact schedule has
13 been set up yet, but the intent is for Nuiqsut at least to have
14 at least -- or to have two meetings after the draft comes out.
15 We hope to have one early meeting to introduce the draft EIS to
16 the people. This is going to be a big, complex document, well
17 over 200 pages I would guess, and it's not easy for anybody to
18 just sit down and read the thing and understand what all's in
19 it. So we hope to come up at least to Nuiqsut well before the
20 comment period ends, and go over, just have an informal working
21 session with anybody that wishes to come, and go over the draft
22 and introduce, you know, how the EIS is constructed, what the
23 different sections mean, and help people understand the
24 document. Then we would come back in mid January and have a
25 formal public meeting to take people's comments on that draft
26 EIS. And those formal meetings will also be held in Barrow and
27 Atqasuk, but I don't know if the informal work shops will take
28 place in Barrow and Atqasuk. Again, I'm not directly involved
29 in planning those.
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31 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair?
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33 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Mr. Koonuk?
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35 MR. KOONUK: How much copies will be distributed as far
36 as, you know, individually on the EIS? Because you're.....
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38 MR. YOKEL: That's another question that I can't
39 directly answer, but I believe in that newsletter that I gave
40 you this morning, there is a mail-in form in there, I think
41 that's where I saw it. And you can, if you want a copy, and
42 you don't know already that you're going to get one, you send
43 that in and -- it's on page four, the back of that NPR-A update
44 newsletter. It says, sign up now for copies of the plan and
45 EIS. So.....
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47 MR. KOONUK: Well, I'm just looking at the most

48 impacted villages, and, you know, how many of the individuals,
49 you know, will need copies of the EIS, and who would like to
50 testify as far as, you know,.....

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1 MR. YOKEL: Well, the best I can tell you is that again
2 the North Slope Borough is a cooperater in this planning
3 effort, and I'm sure that the Mayor's office will have a lot to
4 say in how many and where copies are distributed throughout the
5 North Slope, and if you're concerned that Point Hope may not
6 get enough copies of it, then you can either fill out this form
7 and mail it in, or you can talk to Arnold Brower, Jr., in the
8 Mayor's office.

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10 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Go ahead, Gordon.

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12 MR. UPICKSOUN: The analyst that were at the last
13 meeting regarding NPR-A in Nuiqsut, those panelist will be
14 receiving the draft EIS?

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16 MR. YOKEL: I don't know. That's a good question. I
17 can ask that question when I get back. You did -- you should
18 have already received a draft proceedings from that workshop to
19 look through and comment on by next week. Did you get that?

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21 MR. UPICKSOUN: I've been out of my.....

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23 MR. YOKEL: Okay. Well, I got my copy, I know that,
24 but.....

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26 MR. UPICKSOUN: Okay. I'm sure it must be in my mail
27 then.

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29 MR. YOKEL: Well, I will ask if they intend to send
30 copies to those panelists, and I assume that you want one, or
31 you want ICAS to get one or.....

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33 MR. UPICKSOUN: Uh-hum.

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35 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair?

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37 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, go ahead.

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39 MR. KOONUK: Will this EIS be translated to the elders
40 as far as meeting with communities?

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42 MR. YOKEL: What we for that is when we have the public
43 meetings, we have a translator present. Now, I don't think
44 BLM.....

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46 MR. KOONUK: I meant before.

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48 MR. YOKEL: intends to have a translated version
49 of the EIS, to the best of my knowledge.
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1 MR. KOONUK: So how will you work this out if, you
2 know, the elders would like to see what the EIS is all about?
3 You know, how.....

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5 MR. YOKEL: Well, there's two ways that that could be
6 done. On the BLM's part, when we have this workshop in
7 Nuiqsut, and perhaps Atqasuk and Barrow, I'm not sure on that
8 yet, I'm sure that we will have translation abilities at those
9 times so that interested folks would come in and participate in
10 that work shop in a bilingual fashion. The other way that that
11 could occur would be for local residents to take the initiative
12 themselves to talk about the document with one another, and
13 share that information with the elders who speak primarily
14 Inupiat.

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16 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Any more? Thank you, Dave. I'm
17 glad that you standing by to take some additional questions on
18 this very important issue.

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20 Again, Gordon and Terry, we also heard from the Gates
21 of the Arctic. That's pretty much what we covered this
22 morning.

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24 There was a sheep, AKP sheep update. As you're aware,
25 it's in tab E, they were inadvertently left out, since they
26 were in Unit 24. We included all of the villages to hunt and
27 continue as traditionally had been going on for ages, is to
28 hunt most of the animals in Unit 26, or all of 26C, and since
29 they were not in 26, they were not included as the other
30 villages were in Unit 26C. So the Federal Subsistence Board
31 met in July and reconsidered that proposal, and it did pass as
32 the news release stated.

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34 However, there was an error saying that Ben was the
35 mayor of Anaktuvuk Pass, which his wife is the mayor of
36 Anaktuvuk Pass. So the husband of the mayor of Anaktuvuk Pass
37 would have been good.

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39 So with that, let us see here. Rosa, Barb -- Helen and
40 Jerry here, I'd like to hear -- I know Jim Kurth was supposed
41 to have been telling us -- I'd go ahead and entertain or hear
42 from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Patricia Reynolds.

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44 By the way, I think most everybody here knows each
45 other. Okay. Let's -- I'll just introduce Terry Tagarook. He
46 is from Wainwright. And I'm happy that he's able to make it
47 here. And I think Taqulik Hepa from the North Slope Borough

48 Wildlife Department. I think pretty much everybody introduced
49 themselves there this morning.
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1 So with that, Patricia, we'd like to hear a brief
2 report on what's going on in ANWR.

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4 MS. REYNOLDS: I'm Patricia Reynolds from the Arctic
5 National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Jim
6 Kurth, the refuge manager, was unable to be here today, because
7 he's out of town.

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9 I just mostly wanted to tell you few things we've been
10 doing recently on the refuge, and then if anyone has any
11 concerns or questions or issues they'd like me to take back to
12 the refuge manager, that's why I'm here.

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14 We've recently completed snow goose surveys on the
15 refuge, last week. We haven't been able to do that for a
16 number of years, and so that was one of the activities we've
17 been involved in the last two weeks.

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19 This year the Porcupine Caribou census which was being
20 conducted primarily by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game,
21 but with assistance with the refuge staff, was unable to be
22 completed, because the animals didn't group up into large
23 enough groups to be able to be photograph, so that effort will
24 be done next year, or attempted next year for the Porcupine
25 Caribou Herd.

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27 Last week we issued the musk ox permits for this year.
28 Or we didn't issue them, we attended the drawing where the
29 permits were drawn in Kaktovik, 15 permits for Kaktovik.

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31 We're also involved currently in a moose migration
32 study, looking at moose on the south side of the refuge, moose
33 that are moving between southern portions of the refuge -- or
34 southern Brooks Range over to Old Crow Flats and back. These
35 animals live in both Canada and Alaska, summering in Canada and
36 then coming to Alaska to winter. So that's another activity
37 we've been involved in.

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39 So if anyone has any questions or issues or concerns,
40 I'd be happy to try to address them, or take them back to
41 Mr. Kurth, who perhaps can answer them at a future time.

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43 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Taqulik?

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45 MS. HEPA: Yes.

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47 MS. DOWNING: Could you come up to a microphone where

48 we can hear you? I can get you on the tape? Thank you.

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MR. KOONUK: There's one here.

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1 MS. HEPA: I just wondered if you knew what was the
2 number of -- for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, what was the
3 number, the last number you gave when you did a survey?
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5 MS. REYNOLDS: Well, the census from I don't know how
6 many years, three, four years? I think it's close to 185,000.
7 That's a guess, but that's the number that sticks in my mind.
8 But the census was not done this year, so we don't have a real
9 current figure.

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11 MR. UPICKSOUN: I have a question.

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13 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Mr. Upicksoun?
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15 MR. UPICKSOUN: Yes. You're saying that in effect that
16 there is no census, 'cause you can't depend on the numbers that
17 you've got now? There is no census done at all?
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19 MS. REYNOLDS: There was.....
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21 MR. UPICKSOUN: I mean, there was an effort, but you
22 can't use the numbers?
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24 MS. REYNOLDS: There wasn't a good count made this
25 year, because the animals -- in order to get a very accurate
26 count, the animals need to form large groups after the calving
27 period. This year they never formed those large groups, so
28 they're unable to photograph them, and then count them from the
29 photographs. So by the time that -- they also were back into
30 Canada fairly early this year, in late June, so that they
31 weren't able -- Fish & Game was not able to photograph and
32 count animals this year. So we'll have to -- yeah, we don't
33 have current numbers, that's correct. But next year, they will
34 attempt the census again next year.
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36 MR. UPICKSOUN: One more question, if I.....
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38 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Gordon.
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40 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman, how has that effected
41 your coming January -- in regards to your caribou hunts so far
42 this summer?
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44 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, we -- I don't know if anyone
45 got any of the Porcupine caribou this summer, but there were a
46 few I think that came in from the Prudhoe Bay area. But I
47 don't think anyone caught any Porcupine, but they did catch a

48 few from the Central. I'm not sure where they -- where the
49 caribou were from, but I think late or mid July they did catch
50 a few.

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1 MS. REYNOLDS: So you were able to catch animals in mid
2 July,.....

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4 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah.

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6 MS. REYNOLDS:from the Central Arctic.....

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8 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: I think so, yeah.

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10 MS. REYNOLDS: Or coming from the west?

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12 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah.

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14 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair, yeah, as far as the census, we
15 lost quite a few caribou around Point Hope, between Cape
16 Thompson and Cape Lisburne. And I think it averaged from like
17 maybe three or 4,000. And I think you should count, you know,
18 get a census count here on the caribou. We lost quite a bit
19 last year, and who knows where else.

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21 MS. REYNOLDS: I don't know, was a census done on the
22 Western Arctic Herd this year, do you know, Geoff?

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24 MR. CARROLL: Not this year. It was done two years
25 ago.

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27 MS. REYNOLDS: Two years ago.

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29 MR. CARROLL: We're going to do it again next year. We
30 try to do it every three years.

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32 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: So this was just a survey and not a
33 study of why they didn't stick around, or why they were in and
34 out early?

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36 MS. REYNOLDS: Oh, this year?

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38 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah.

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40 MS. REYNOLDS: For the Porcupine? Again it's just a
41 guess, but the weather in late June in the mountains was -- it
42 seemed like it was very cold at the time that they were moving,
43 and there were winds and instead of being -- having that hot
44 weather in late June, when the animals often go to the coast
45 for insect relief, that warm weather was not present in late
46 June this year, and that may be one reason why they moved up
47 into the mountains and never formed large groups as well.

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CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Mr. Tagarook?

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1 MR. TAGAROOK: I have a question. The wildfires they
2 had this summer, you know, we could smell the smoke in
3 Wainwright. And would that have an effect on the caribou?

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5 MS. REYNOLDS: Maybe on the Western Arctic Caribou, but
6 not the Porcupine caribou, at least in the Point Hope area.
7 Maybe Geoff could respond to that.

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9 MR. TAGAROOK: We sure could smell the smoke this
10 summer.

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12 MS. REYNOLDS: Really? And where were the fires, do
13 you know?

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15 MR. TAGAROOK: Interior.

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17 MS. REYNOLDS: Oh, Interior.

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19 MR. TAGAROOK: It was pretty heavy for a while, then it
20 cleared up.

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22 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Leg-hold traps. Anything on
23 that part there? 'Cause I think we made some comments or have
24 written some letters to -- in regards to opposing being in the
25 budget for leg-hold trap. Anything, any word on the leg-hold
26 trap issue in the refuge?

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28 MS. REYNOLDS: I don't have any information -- I don't
29 have any information on the leg-hold trap issue, but I could
30 certainly find that out and get that information back to people
31 who are interested in what the current status of that situation
32 is. Or perhaps someone else in the audience knows more about
33 it.

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35 MS. MEEHAN: I've got a copy of the report sitting on
36 my desk.

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38 MS. REYNOLDS: Okay. Sure.

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40 MS. MEEHAN: Rosa Meehan with the Office of Subsistence
41 Management. Mr. Chairman, I've got a copy of the report that
42 was sent to Congress on the leg-hold trap issue, and what it
43 contains is surveys from all the refuges all across the United
44 States on how leg-hold traps are used on refuges. And the very
45 strong recommendation of the Fish & Wildlife Service is that
46 leg-hold traps or trapping in general is a management
47 technique, and it is a very -- in Alaska it's a very important

48 part of the subsistence and rural lifestyle, and that it should
49 be allowed to continue in its current form. That's the report
50 that went to Congress. We have not heard any more from -- we

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1 have not heard any feedback from Congress on that report, and
2 so we'll have to wait and see. But if you or anybody else is
3 interested in this report, I will be glad to have it copied and
4 sent to you.

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6 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. That would be good.

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8 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman?

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10 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Mr. Upicksoun?

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12 MR. UPICKSOUN: When you say you sent this report to
13 Congress, who in Congress did you send this report and
14 recommendation to?

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16 MS. MEEHAN: It was, as I recall the issue, and I'm
17 really reaching back in my mind here, but as I recall, the
18 issue came out of Senator Murkowski's office, and it was
19 through one of the committees that he was sitting on, and so
20 the report went back to him. But that information is covered
21 in the cover letter, and when an agency sends a report to
22 Congress, it generally goes to a specific committee, so I can
23 get that information to you.

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25 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: It would be helpful.

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27 MR. UPICKSOUN: Yeah.

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29 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Anything -- any other
30 questions from the audience or council members on ANWR? If
31 not, thank you, Ms. Reynolds and Rosa.

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33 Okay. I'm kind of pick and choosing here, so any
34 council members looking at the agenda want to hear anything?
35 There are some action items that requires.....

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37 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chair?

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39 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Ray?

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41 MR. KOONUK: Geoff Carroll?

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43 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Geoff Carroll on the musk ox?

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45 MR. KOONUK: No, on other issues.

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47 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Other issues on -- Geoff?

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MR. CARROLL: On musk ox?

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1 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah -- no, not musk oxen, but other
2 issues maybe related to ADF&G? Did you have specific questions
3 or.....

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5 MR. KOONUK: Yeah. Just.....

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7 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, there's some.....

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9 MR. CARROLL: (Indiscernible, away from microphone)

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11 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah.

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13 MR. KOONUK:a couple of questions I guess, or
14 maybe one question.

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16 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Go ahead.

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18 MR. KOONUK: A couple of weeks ago there was a report
19 on some murrets that died off, probably three or 400, maybe
20 more, right around the same area where the caribou died, these
21 murrets were washed ashore right around Cape Thompson area. Do
22 you know what's going on with that issue there? And why?

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24 MR. CARROLL: Well, I haven't personally had much to do
25 with it, but I had spoken to Jim Dau, the area biologist in
26 Kotzebue, and Tod O'Hara from the Bureau Wildlife Department,
27 and they both examined the carcasses, and from the examination,
28 the birds had no fat reserves, and no fat even around their
29 hearts. They apparently starved to death. The thinking is, is
30 that we've had all this warm water move up the coast this year,
31 that the surface water is much warmer than it usually is, and
32 that some of the small fish that are usually close to the
33 surface that these birds like to feed on have either moved to
34 other areas, or they're deeper, and they were -- they just
35 weren't accessible to the birds.

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37 MR. KOONUK: Well, it's just the murrets, right, but we
38 have a lot of seagulls out there that are okay. And they, you
39 know, feed in the same grounds there,

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41 MR. CARROLL: Well,.....

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43 MR. KOONUK:a lot of seagulls and puffins and
44 what not, but, you know, why the murrets only? I mean, that's
45 strange.

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47 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, I -- Yeah, I just.....

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MS. MEEHAN: I might have (Whispered conversation).

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1 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

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3 MS. MEEHAN: With your indulgence, Rosa Meehan again.
4 I could add a little bit to this. There has been a wide spread
5 die off of sea birds all along the west coast and down along
6 the Alaska Peninsula. And there have been birds washing
7 ashore. And it's more than just murre. And the.....

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9 MR. KOONUK: Well, I'm just talking about this one
10 area.

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12 MS. MEEHAN: Well,.....

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14 MR. KOONUK: I understand the other areas, but one area
15 here in Point Hope, Cape Thompson area,.....

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17 MS. MEEHAN: Uh-hum.

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19 MR. KOONUK:and you have just made a statement
20 that they died of probably starvation, no fat, and we're
21 talking about like how the caribou died off, you know, no fat.
22 And so there's a coincidence there between, you know, the
23 caribou and the murre. But I'm talking about, you know, the
24 seagulls, the murre, the puffins hanging around together in
25 the same area and feeding in the same area, but why only the
26 murre?

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28 MS. MEEHAN: Well, the pattern that's been observed,
29 and we don't, you know, we're just sort of speculating on it,
30 but the pattern that we've seen is the birds that are feeding
31 at a certain depth are having problems getting to food, and so
32 birds that can either fly further or go deeper, or in the case
33 of gulls, can eat other things, like they could scavenge on
34 carcasses or whatever, are not having the same problems. And
35 so it could be part of this wider phenomenon. And so it's just
36 -- I just wanted to share with you this observation that we've
37 got.

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39 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Do you want to get up?

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41 MS. BUCKNELL: Just real quickly to Ray, I was there
42 when they were putting some of those birds in the bags that
43 they sent down from Kivalina, and there was one other kind. It
44 was two kinds of murre, the crow-billed ones, and the other
45 ones. And also kittiwakes or shearwaters or something else.
46 There was one other kind right there. So it was a little more
47 than just that one kind.

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49 MR. KOONUK: Well, on the report, it was -- it just
50 mentioned murrees. It didn't mention any other birds.

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1 MS. BUCKNELL: Yeah.

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3 MR. KOONUK: And that's why.....

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5 MS. BUCKNELL: There was some that came to Kotzebue of
6 other kinds. And along that whole beach, out of the 800 or
7 more that they actually counted, I don't know how many was
8 murre, and if there was some other things. But at least I
9 know that it was a little bit more than just the murre.

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11 MR. KOONUK: What was the total?

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13 MS. BUCKNELL: Kivalina people counted more than 800,
14 and, you know, they know there was a lot more than what they
15 counted, or some more than what they counted, but at least, you
16 know, individual birds that people actually counted, it was
17 more than 800, and that's both sides of the village, up the
18 beach and down the beach, too. And I guess that's all I know.

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20 MR. KOONUK: Well, just looking at this newspaper you
21 have, and the Bering Sea, that's ill.

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23 MR. TAGAROOK: It's a report on the Bering Sea is ill,
24 it's in today's paper.

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26 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: That would be interesting.

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28 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Any -- were you done?

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30 MR. KOONUK: I don't know. I'm not getting anything.

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32 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Geoff. Yeah. Okay. While you're
33 there, do you have anything you want to add on or -- briefly to
34 the group here? Geoff?

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36 MR. CARROLL: Well, we've been getting a lot of reports
37 in about caribou that were sick and not in very good condition,
38 particularly in Point Lay area, and it's kind of interesting,
39 because I was just -- I just returned from the Kobuk River
40 where we were working with the Western Arctic Herd animals that
41 were migrating south and crossing river, and we were handling a
42 lot of animals. And the Western Arctic Herd animals were in
43 much better condition than we've seen for years. They were
44 fatter, they -- and even the antler growth was greater. You
45 know, they obviously had been doing quite well for the last
46 year. But we still -- and a lot of the hunters around Barrow
47 have told me that they saw, you know, a lot of big, fat bulls

48 from the animals that were around here this summer. I think --
49 But we've also heard that the ones that came from the west are
50 fat, and the ones that came from the east are skinny. I think

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1 that what we're having around here is that the Teshekpuk Herd
2 caribou that made, you know, that long trip last year didn't
3 seem to come through it very well. They seem to be in pretty
4 bad condition, and that the Western Arctic Herd seems to be in
5 very good condition this year. So, you know, it's just been
6 kind of confusing all year, because I've been getting reports
7 from some people that they're in great shape, and other people
8 that they're in real bad shape, so I think we've got two
9 different herds doing differently this year.

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11 MR. TAGAROOK: Geoff, any sightings of musk oxen in the
12 western find? Any musk ox?

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14 MR. CARROLL: Well, not where we were.

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16 MR. TAGAROOK: Maybe that's why they're healthier.

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18 MR. CARROLL: Well, there are, you know, I mean,
19 they're all through that Cape Thompson area that they travel
20 through, and that area, so.....

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22 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman?

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24 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Ray?

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26 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, I'd like to request a report as far
27 as a full report on the caribou and the murre, and if they're
28 being analyzed, I'd like to see the results, you know, because
29 we haven't seen anything here as far as the Council. We
30 haven't see anything in black and white.

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32 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, I think we asked that a couple
33 of.....

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35 MR. KOONUK: Yeah.

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37 CHAIRMAN REXFORD:a couple of meetings ago. What
38 agency would be responsible for giving -- or getting the
39 scientific reports or analyses of the condition or the
40 specimens that were brought in?

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42 MR. KOONUK: Yeah, who analyzed them, and why they
43 analyzed them.

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45 MR. CARROLL: Tod probably wrote up a report on that,
46 didn't he? Could you.....

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48 MS. HEPA: Yeah. Tod, and then I guess some of the
49 samples that they collected, they were able to -- they will be
50 able to take some -- they took samples to test for contaminates

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1 and stuff on a few of the birds that they received. And he
2 will be waiting for the results to come back on that. And then
3 when he gets that back, he'll make a report.

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5 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Of the caribou and murre. Okay.

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7 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman?

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9 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah?

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11 MR. UPICKSOUN: Was she addressing the samples taken
12 from the caribou die-off also? Ray was asking specifically
13 that this council receive reports.....

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15 MR. KOONUK: Have not.

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17 MR. UPICKSOUN:regarding the caribou die-off and
18 the murre, the scientific report.

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20 MS. HEPA: If I remember when I was talking to Tod, I
21 think that he had the report done, and he was going to bring it
22 back to the community, it's in a draft form, to review. Back
23 to Point Hope, to review with the community sometime here.

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25 MR. KOONUK: I would like to have, you know, make sure
26 the Council gets it here, too.

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28 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Maybe we can get copies from
29 Tod.....

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31 MS. HEPA: Okay.

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33 CHAIRMAN REXFORD:for the Council here.

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35 MS. HEPA: Okay.

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37 MR. KOONUK: And another one is that I think the
38 Department of Defense took some samples out in the Arctic
39 Ocean. I'd like to see if we can get some copies of that, too.
40 Got over 11,000 samples. I don't know if they've been, you
41 know, analyzed yet, any reports. I'd sure like to get a copy
42 of that from Senator Stevens' office, 'cause he was the senator
43 that appropriated some money to the Department of Defense.

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45 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman?

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47 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Gordon?

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49 MR. UPICKSOUN: That's the first I've ever heard of
50 these 11,000 samples taken. What kind of samples were they

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1 taking, Ray?
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3 MR. KOONUK: Water samples.
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5 MR. UPICKSOUN: Uh-hum.
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7 MR. KOONUK: Out in various areas, to check.....
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9 MR. UPICKSOUN: Around.....
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11 MR. KOONUK:for contaminants, radio active
12 wastes.
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14 MR. UPICKSOUN: Around Cape Thompson area?
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16 MR. KOONUK: The whole Bering Sea. The Bering Sea.
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18 MR. UPICKSOUN: Uh-hum.
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20 MR. KOONUK: Because the, you know, we have the current
21 flowing, and the Russians dump a lot of waste out in the Arctic
22 Ocean,.....
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24 MR. UPICKSOUN: Uh-hum.
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26 MR. KOONUK:and it might be coming this way, or,
27 you know, who knows what's going on with that, so.....
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29 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Any other things on your mind
30 there, Geoff?
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32 MR. CARROLL: No, nothing for me.
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34 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. I know just real briefly that
35 we were working on some proposals for Point Lay area for musk
36 oxen to go in front of the Board of Game in October?
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38 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. Well, we can go into that if you
39 want. I thought.....
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41 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, maybe.....
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43 MR. CARROLL:you wanted to hold off on that,
44 or.....
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46 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: What is the wish of the Council? Do
47 you want to hear something on that or do you want to wait until

48 tomorrow? We can wait till.....

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50 MR. KOONUK: Is there any action that needs to be taken

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1 on musk ox?

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3 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, I think there might need to be
4 some action on those. And we can probably wait for a quorum on
5 the musk oxen issues. Okay. With that, I'll call for a brief
6 break here, and we'll see where we can rehash things here and
7 see what else we might need to cover this afternoon.

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9 (Off record - 2:31 p.m.)

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11 (On record - 3:00 p.m.)

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13 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: I'd like to try and take care of
14 today's business, or whatever business we've got in front of
15 us, but before I proceed, I just want to put in the record of
16 our little -- not mishap, but misunderstanding or some screw up
17 in the Anchorage office for the reservations for our members
18 here. We're having difficulty in trying to stay at the Arctic
19 Hotel. I'm not saying that it's bad or anything, but we feel
20 very uncomfortable in being booked there, so I want to make it
21 known in the record that somebody in the Anchorage office
22 screwed up and canceled our reservations, and we ended up
23 staying at the Anchorage (sic) Hotel, so if anyone here want to
24 volunteer their American Express for four of us guys here, that
25 would be very appreciative in taking us up at the Top of the
26 World Hotel for the next two nights, because we won't be going
27 home until Thursday morning. And to get it out of our own
28 pockets, it's a very heavy endeavor where Ray is not working,
29 Gordon is retired, and Terry's working at the school district.

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31 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman? You know,
32 we go to the trouble of scheduling our meetings far in advance.
33 With that information, the staff should be able to ensure that
34 we do get proper hotel accommodations here in town. We -- you
35 ask us when shall we have our next meeting, and we schedule it,
36 we give you the dates. With that amount of time to secure us
37 proper accommodations, that in my book is time enough where
38 proper accommodations can be gotten for the Council members.

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40 MR. KOONUK: Mr. Chairman?

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42 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Mr. Koonuk?

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44 MR. KOONUK: And also transportation coming in and out
45 of the airport, 'cause, you know, that's something we need,
46 too. I don't want to be walking around in the rain out there,
47 you know. I think the Government has a car out here that we

48 could use to run around with.

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50 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Yeah, that is a problem. In fact, I

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1 had to wait for my breakfast money or lunch money, or skip
2 breakfast this morning. So anyway, that's -- we're just
3 venting our frustration here, putting it into the record. The
4 time that we spent -- in fact, we have some compensation or
5 stipends update, that we feel that we really need to act on to
6 take care of our expenses here. It is rather expensive on the
7 North Slope, and for -- I don't know of any other words to
8 write it up, but I think it was a screw up from the Anchorage
9 office to have us ended up staying at the Arctic Hotel rather
10 than where we prefer to stay, at the Top of the World, hotel
11 accommodations. So with that -- maybe before -- maybe at the
12 end of the meeting here, we can -- someone can make some phone
13 calls into the Anchorage office and use their American Express
14 and call the Top of the World to put four of us up tonight at
15 the Top of the World Hotel would be very appreciative, would be
16 more than -- we'd be real happy to stay at the Top of the
17 World, so either call Pospahala or Tom Boyd or one of those
18 guys that has a Government American Express or something to put
19 us up for the next two nights, or Tuesday/Wednesday night, and
20 check out on Thursday. Would be very, very helpful.

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22 MR. UPICKSOUN: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that
23 we do not have a quorum, and we're trying to kill time here, I
24 move that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

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26 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay.

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28 MR. KOONUK: Second that motion.

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30 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Moved and seconded to adjourn or
31 recess?

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33 MR. UPICKSOUN: Recess, excuse me. I move that we
34 recess until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning, and hopefully we
35 will have a quorum so we can act on some action items in the
36 morning.

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38 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay.

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40 MR. UPICKSOUN: By tomorrow morning hopefully we will
41 know whether we will have a quorum or not.

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43 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Okay. Very well.

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45 MR. UPICKSOUN: Move that we adjourn until -- I
46 mean,.....

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48 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Move that -- recess?

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50 MR. UPICKSOUN: Recess until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow

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1 morning.

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3 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: It's been moved to recess. Any
4 further discussion? Until nine.

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6 MR. KOONUK: Question.

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8 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: All in favor of recessing until
9 nine, do so by saying aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Those opposed, same sign?

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15 (No opposing votes.)

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17 CHAIRMAN REXFORD: Recessed.

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19 (Off record - 3:04 p.m.)

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(MEETING RECESSED)

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