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8 Teleconference - Alaska
9 March 21, 2007
10 10:00 o'clock a.m.
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13 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT - VIA TELECONFERENCE
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15 Harry K. Brower, Jr., Chairman
16 Paul Bodfish
17 Gordon Brower
18 John Hopson
19 Lee Kayotuk
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23 Regional Council Coordinator, Barbara Armstrong
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Teleconference, Alaska - 3/21/2007)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I've got five that I know of on line. So it's 10:10 and I call the meeting to order of the North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council at this time.

We have agenda before us. Before getting onto the agenda, I want to make sure we're establishing quorum, and I'll get on to Gordon. You can go a roll call for us.

MR. G. BROWER: Okay. We're going to do a roll call. Harry Brower.

CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Harry Brower is here.

MR. G. BROWER: Lee Kayotuk. Kayotuk, sorry about that.

MR. KAYOTUK: Yes.

MR. G. BROWER: John Hobson, Jr.

MR. HOPSON: Here.

MR. G. BROWER: Julius Rexford is excused. David Gunderson, are you on line?

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Not yet.

MR. G. BROWER: Okay. We'll acknowledge him when he comes in. Gordon Brower is here present. Paul Bodfish.

MR. BODFISH: I'm here, I'm present.

MR. G. BROWER: And Ray Koonuk.

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: He's not called in yet.

MR. G. BROWER: Okay. So he's marked as excused. And Baxter has moved to Chugiak.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, sir.
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3 MR. G. BROWER: Okay. (In Inupiat)
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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We have a quorum
6 of five present.
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8 MR. G. BROWER: We have a quorum.
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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Of five.
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12 MR. G. BROWER: We have five present.
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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Thank you,
15 Gordon. I'd like to acknowledge that we have Carl
16 Nayukok with the Native Village of Barrow here with us
17 in Barrow. And I'm not sure if you would like to --
18 if you're recording this meeting or not, if there's
19 other guests that we need to introduce.
20
21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, we have here at
22 the board room in OSM, we have Pat Petrivelli from BIA.
23 We have Rod Campbell from OSM. We have Dan LaPlant.
24 We have Laura Greffenius. Helen Armstrong. Chuck
25 Ardizzone from the Staff Committee. And Theo
26 Matuskowitz from OSM. And also here assisting me is
27 Michelle Chivers from OSM. And also your coordinator
28 here, Barb. And also we have our court reporter here,
29 Nathan Hile.
30
31 (In Inupiat)
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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And who was before
34 Nathan? Michelle, Nathan and?
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36 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There's Michelle
37 Chivers. She's the coordinator for Northwest, but
38 she's here with me today.
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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There was one more
41 person.
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43 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Nathan Hile.
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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There was Theo,
46 Michelle. And then there's one more person, and the
47 court reporter, Nathan.
48
49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, and there's
50 Chuck Ardizzone. He's from the Staff Committee.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Chuck.
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: With BLM.
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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And you said Theo.
8 Theo Matuskowitz is here, too, from OSM.
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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And Theo. Okay.
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12 MR. DEMATTEO: Don't forget me, Barb.
13
14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, and there's
15 Pete. On line we have Pete DeMatteo who will be
16 presenting the crossover proposals. Then we have Terry
17 Haynes from the State. And we also have Tevis
18 Underwood from the Arctic.
19
20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. I have
21 their names already written down, okay. I didn't get
22 all their last names, but I got pretty much the first
23 names.
24
25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: First names, yeah.
26 Well, whenever they're speaking, too, they'll be saying
27 their names.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Just following the
30 agenda, we have a moment of silence, please.
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32 (Moment of silence)
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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'd like to thank
35 you all for the moment of silence. Normally we have an
36 invocation that would be given in the meeting following
37 our customary practices before holding meetings that we
38 have an invocation, but since we're all on
39 teleconference, I think a moment of silence is proper
40 at this time.
41
42 Then following the agenda again, we're
43 down to Item Number 4, welcome and introductions. I
44 think we've pretty much gone through the introductions
45 of people present for this meeting through the
46 teleconference.
47
48 Again, my name is Harry Brower,
49 Chairman of the North Slope Regional Advisory Council.
50 If there are any further introductions, I would like to

1 ask -- maybe give the other folks an opportunity to
2 introduce themselves or give some more background in
3 terms of introductions.
4
5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I guess not.
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7 MR. REXFORD: Just for the record,
8 Harry, this is Fenton Rexford also here with Lee.
9
10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Thank you,
11 Fenton, for stating your name. That's good to hear
12 that you're on, Fenton.
13
14 MR. REXFORD: Yes, representing NVK,
15 Native Village of Kaktovik. Good morning every one.
16
17 MR. G. BROWER: Good morning, Uncle
18 Miluk.
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20 MR. REXFORD: Good morning, Gordon.
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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Welcome back on
23 line, Fenton.
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25 MR. REXFORD: Yeah, it's been a while,
26 Harry and folks, it's been a while, so I'm happy to
27 join Lee and deal with business today.
28
29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All right. Thank
30 you, Fenton. Any other introductions.
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32 (No comments)
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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If not, we'll move
35 on to Item Number 5, review and adoption of the agenda.
36 We need to take a -- it's an action item, we can get
37 into making a motion and start reviewing the agenda
38 items and see how the Council feels, which direction
39 we'll take in reviewing the agenda.
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41 MR. G. BROWER: Motion to approve the
42 agenda from Gordon.
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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the
45 floor to approve the agenda.
46
47 MR. BODFISH: Second.
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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded by Paul
50 Bodfish.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Gordon. Gordon,
2 you've got to move closer to the mic when you're making
3 your motion. That was Gordon who made the motion.
4
5 MR. G. BROWER: 10-4.
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. And who
8 seconded it?
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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's just three
11 of us sitting around the telephone. We're all
12 scrunching together, so you guys better speak up.
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14 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, we're almost
15 hugging Harry.
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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And who seconded the
18 motion?
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20 MR. BODFISH: Paul Bodfish.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Thank you,
23 Paul.
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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So we're under
26 discussion of the agenda. We have a three-page agenda.
27 It's somewhat overwhelming to try to discuss a three-
28 page agenda over the teleconference. But I think we
29 need to at this time while we're under the discussion
30 of the agenda. I'll ask our coordination to see if she
31 might have some recommendations before Council members
32 indicate anything else. Barb.
33
34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. The only
35 concern that I had is that if you -- you only have
36 eight-member Board right now, if you want to move the
37 election of officers to this fall meeting, that would
38 be nice.
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40 And the other stuff is pretty short.
41 And we just mostly are focusing on the proposals that
42 we have. We have 11 proposals that we need to go
43 through. And everything else is pretty short.
44
45 And that was the concern of -- the
46 election of officers, you have eight Council members
47 right now on board. You have two vacant seats. But
48 that's up to you.
49
50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So that's your

1 recommendation?
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, it would be.
4
5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Any other
6 recommendations while we're under the discussion or
7 suggestions for amending the agenda. We have the
8 agenda before us, which is fairly lengthy, but I'd like
9 to hear from the Council members at this time.
10
11 MR. G. BROWER: This is Gordon Brower.
12 I think we should follow along with the recommendation
13 with Barb.
14
15 MR. HOPSON: How many -- if we had full
16 Council here, how many people would that be?
17
18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That would be 10.
19 Right now we have two vacant seats on the Council. And
20 those won't be filled until -- well, one just got
21 vacant. Those won't be -- you won't have a full Board
22 until winter 2008.
23
24 MR. HOPSON: Well, why don't we just go
25 ahead and move on with elections then since we won't
26 have a full Board until winter of '08.
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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's your choice.
29 It's up to you. It's not me to say that you can't. I
30 just recommended, that's all. But the choice is yours.
31
32 MR. HOPSON: Mr Chairman.
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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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36 MR. HOPSON: I think we should move
37 forward rather than holding back because of two people.
38 Otherwise you're going to have that tendency to do that
39 with all your other agenda items.
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41 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, maybe I better
42 weigh in on that a little bit, too. Yeah, I mean, it's
43 the same kind of condition we have with the planning
44 commission of the North Slope Borough. Re-org didn't
45 happen for about six years, because of having
46 people.....
47
48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Excuse me.
49
50 MR. G. BROWER:missing. And

1 because one or two people are missing, reorganization
2 of some of our own structures up here have been delayed
3 for about five years. But that's just looking at it
4 from the point of view of John. But I have no problems
5 with it either way.

6

7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. I would ask
8 you guys again to please state your name when you're
9 talking. I just have to listen harder to recognize
10 John. And Gordon. So please state your name before
11 speaking, otherwise no one knows who you are. Okay?

12

13 MR. G. BROWER: Okay. That last
14 speaker was Gordon Brower. Just before that was John
15 Hopson, Jr.

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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. We're still
20 under the discussion of the agenda. We have a
21 recommendation by the coordinator, and then we have a
22 suggestion by John Hopson to follow through with the
23 agenda as presented.

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25 I would like to ask if there is any
26 further discussion on the agenda.

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28 MR. REXFORD: This is Fenton. Mr.
29 Chairman. Would someone just review the proposals, the
30 numbers, just so we can follow along or find the right
31 proposal numbers. There were 11.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Under the
34 discussion of the agenda, there's 11 proposals.
35 There's WP07-01, requesting that claws be removed from
36 the Federal definition. I won't get into much detail,
37 we'll get into that in a little bit later.

38

39 MR. REXFORD: Just the numbers.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: WP07-02, requests
42 that enforcement of harvest permitting reporting
43 requirements.

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45 WP07-03, requesting allowing the sale
46 of raw, untanned hides and capes for goats, sheep and
47 resources.

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49 WP07-04, requesting allowing the sale
50 of antlers or horns or goat, sheep, deer, elk, caribou,

1 that request.
2
3 Crossover proposal WP07-34, open season
4 in part of Unit 24A for sheep. It's a cross over with
5 Western Interior.
6
7 WP07-55, require bow and arrow only in
8 the Dalton Highway Corridor Management for sheep in
9 Units 24A and 26B. Again another crossover.
10
11 Another crossover proposal, WP07-56,
12 continue the opening of Red Sheep and Cane Creek
13 drainages to sport hunting.
14
15 Another crossover proposal, WP07-58,
16 bow and arrow hunting only of moose in the Dalton
17 Highway Corridor Management Area.
18
19 Regional Proposal WP07-60, open season
20 for brown bear earlier in Unit 26A.
21
22 Another regional proposal, WP07-61 and
23 62, so this one's containing two proposals. For
24 portions of 26A, remove seasonal restriction of harvest
25 of antlerless moose, open season earlier. That's the
26 crux of the proposal.
27
28 WP07-63, remove the closure to non-
29 Federally-qualified subsistence users in most of Unit
30 26B.
31
32 So those are the 11 proposals that we
33 have before us, Fenton. Did that help?
34
35 MR. REXFORD: Yes.
36
37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Any further
38 question on the agenda.
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40 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, I've got
41 a question. This is Gordon Brower again.
42
43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon, go ahead.
44
45 MR. G. BROWER: What do we do with the
46 recommendation from Barb and the suggestion from John
47 Hopson, Jr. on the agenda for the reorganization?
48
49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'll answer the
50 question. Chairman Brower here. It's up to the

1 Council members to decide, to take the final action on
2 this. It's a recommendation from the coordinator. We
3 can consider it as what Mr. Hopson indicated, follow
4 through with the agenda.

5
6 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah. I would suggest
7 maybe just a roll call to see nay or yeah to include
8 the re-org.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: When we get into
11 the voting section, or is that another amending motion.

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13 MR. G. BROWER: I think just to approve
14 the agenda, I think we need to know whether that's
15 going to be on the agenda or not.

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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That remains. We
18 don't have.....

19
20 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman, this is
21 John.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Maybe John Hopson,
24 go ahead.

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26 MR. HOPSON: The recommendation came in
27 by Barbara, but no action or motion has been made to
28 remove it from the agenda.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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32 MR. HOPSON: So it stands as is the way
33 it was presented until such a motion is made.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Right. Yes,
36 that's the process we're following through. So we're
37 under the -- we've got a motion to adopt the agenda,
38 we're under discussion, so we're at that point.

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40 MR. G. BROWER: Call for the question.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The question has
43 been called.

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45 MR. G. BROWER: From Gordon Brower.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The question has
48 been called on the motion. We're not recommending the
49 agenda. There's been a motion to adopt the agenda as
50 presented. And the recommendation from the

1 coordination, no motion made on that to that effect, so
2 we'll follow through with the agenda as presented. All
3 in favor -- and Gordon asked for a roll call vote of
4 the motion, signify by saying aye.

5
6 MR. G. BROWER: All right. Harry
7 Brower, Jr.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Aye.

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11 MR. G. BROWER: John Hopson, Jr.

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13 MR. HOPSON: Aye.

14
15 MR. G. BROWER: Paul Bodfish.

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17 MR. BODFISH: Aye.

18
19 MR. G. BROWER: Lee Kayotuk.

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21 MR. KAYOTUK: Lee Kayotuk, aye.

22
23 MR. G. BROWER: Gordon Brower, yes.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So the motion
26 passes. We'll go through the agenda as presented.

27
28 Any other comments before moving to the
29 next agenda item.

30
31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Hearing none,
34 review and adoption of minutes, Page 5 on your booklet.
35 If you have your booklet, you have your meeting
36 minutes. Okay. Reading from September 7th, 2006. The
37 meeting took place at ASRC Conference in Barrow,
38 Alaska. The minutes are noted on Page 5 of our
39 Regional Advisory Council booklet. We need a motion to
40 get into discussion of the minutes.

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42 MR. G. BROWER: Motion to accept the
43 minutes from Gordon Brower.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the
46 floor to accept the minutes as presented from September
47 7th, 2006.

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49 MR. BODFISH: Seconded by Paul Bodfish.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded by Paul.
2 Discussion. Questions, comments, concerns.
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4 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I was absent last
5 time. This is Gordon Brower. I'm sorry. I was doing
6 something.
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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I know we did have
9 a lot of -- this is Harry Brower. We did a lot of good
10 comments come in during the concerns from the concerns
11 during the village concerns from Rosemary and I hope we
12 can follow through on some of the items that we
13 identified. But that remains to be seen as to how we
14 can follow through. Some we may be able to, some we
15 may not be able to, because of the limitations under
16 our charter. That's all I have to say.
17
18 Any other concerns, comments regarding
19 the minutes of September 7th, 2006. You all could see
20 it.
21
22 (In Inupiat)
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24 MR. HOPSON: Call for the question from
25 John.
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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The question has
28 been called on the motion to adopt the minutes of
29 September 7, 2006 minutes. All in favor signify by
30 saying aye.
31
32 IN UNISON: Aye.
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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Lee? We're
35 waiting on you, Lee.
36
37 MR. KAYOTUK: Aye.
38
39 (No opposing votes)
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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion passes with
42 no objections.
43
44 The next item we have is -- so the
45 minutes of September 7th passes this Council at this
46 time.
47
48 Election of officers, Item Number. 7.
49 Chair, Vice Chair and secretary. I'll relinquish the
50 floor to the coordinator to conduct the election of

1 officers.
2
3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. This is
4 Barbara. We have election of officers for Chair, Vice
5 Chair and Secretary. The nomination period is now open
6 to elect a chair.
7
8 MR. G. BROWER: I nominate John Hopson,
9 Jr.
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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Your name, please.
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13 MR. G. BROWER: Gordon Brower.
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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Any other
16 nominations.
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18 MR. HOPSON: I nominate Harry Brower,
19 Jr. John Hopson.
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21 (Laughter)
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23 MR. G. BROWER: We've got to have a war
24 here, you know. He can't be silent.
25
26 MR. BODFISH: Paul Bodfish. I move to
27 close nomination.
28
29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Paul.
30 Closing the nominations. And I don't know how we're
31 going to vote here. There's five. But for those of
32 you who will vote for John Hopson, Jr., please say your
33 name and weigh in your vote.
34
35 MR. G. BROWER: Gordon Brower. Yes,
36 since I nominated him.
37
38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Any other
39 votes for John Hobson, Jr.
40
41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: What a way to come
42 between us.
43
44 (Laughter)
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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm sorry, this is
47 a discussion between me and John.
48
49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. If there's no
50 other votes for John, going once, going twice, it's

1 gone.
2
3 And votes for Harry Brower.
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5 MR. KAYOTUK: Lee Kayotuk. Nominate
6 Harry Brower. Sorry.
7
8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Harry Brower
9 for Lee. And who else?
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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Harry Brower is
12 for Harry Brower.
13
14 (Laughter)
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. And.....
17
18 MR. BODFISH: Paul Bodfish for Harry
19 Brower.
20
21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
22
23 MR. HOPSON: (In Inupiat). It sounds
24 good.
25
26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. John.....
27
28 MR. HOPSON: Congratulations, Harry.
29
30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
31 I'm just thanking the two that I can shake hands with
32 right off the bat. Thank you, Lee and Paul.
33
34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Vice Chair.
35 You can take over now, Mr. Chair.
36
37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Who is our vice
38 chair?
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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Vice chair was Ray
41 Koonuk. And he hasn't called in yet at the moment, and
42 Gordon -- I mean David hasn't either. So you still
43 have five.
44
45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And how the
46 election for the vice chair. The Council needs to
47 proceed with the elections.
48
49 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chair.
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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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3 MR. HOPSON: I nominate Gordon Brower.
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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's a
7 nomination of Gordon Brower for vice chair.
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9 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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11 MR. BODFISH: I move to close.....
12
13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: (In Inupiat)
14
15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
16
17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There was an
18 overlap between the two people on -- Gordon was asking
19 to be recognized, and then I heard somebody stating
20 close the nominations. Since there was an overlap, I
21 would like to give the floor to Gordon.
22
23 MR. G. BROWER: Quyaunga, Mr. Chairman.
24 Gordon Brower for the record. I nominate Paul Bodfish
25 for Vice Chair.
26
27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's another
28 nomination for Vice Chair. We have two nominations for
29 Vice Chair at this time.
30
31 MR. BODFISH: I move to close the
32 nominations. This is Paul Bodfish.
33
34 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman, I move to
35 close the nominations. This is John Hopson.
36
37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
38 There's a motion on the floor to close the nominations
39 at this time. We have two candidates. Gordon Brower
40 and Paul Bodfish. How do we proceed to vote on these
41 two candidates?
42
43 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Well, you mention
44 Gordon first, and then ask the voters to say their
45 names in his favor, the ones who are voting for Gordon.
46
47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Let's take
48 it in that order. We'll start with Gordon Brower's
49 nomination. All in favor of Gordon signify by saying
50 aye.

1 MR. HOPSON: Aye.
2
3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Aye, who?
4
5 MR. BODFISH: Paul Bodfish, say aye.
6
7 MR. HOPSON: Aye, John Hopson.
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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
10
11 MR. BODFISH: And then Paul Bodfish.
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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. I got those
14 two.
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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: (In Inupiat) Aye,
17 Harry Brower.
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19 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Harry Brower for
20 Gordon.
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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If there are no
23 other votes, we'll go to our next candidate. Paul
24 Bodfish.
25
26 MR. KAYOTUK: I nominate Paul Bodfish.
27 Lee Kayotuk speaking.
28
29 MR. G. BROWER: Aye.
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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. We have two
32 for Paul, Lee and Gordon. We have five present.
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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That makes it five,
35 so it's Gordon.
36
37 MR. G. BROWER: Thank you for all the
38 votes.
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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Congratulations,
41 Gordon.
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43 MR. G. BROWER: Quyaunga. Thank you
44 for your support.
45
46 (Laughter).
47
48 MR. G. BROWER: Well, the three of us
49 are having a ball in here. We're on one phone and we
50 have to look at each other trying to vote.

1 (Laughter)
2
3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. We have the
4 next election is for the Secretary of the Council.
5
6 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John Hopson.
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10 MR. HOPSON: I nominate Lee.
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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: A nomination for
13 Lee Kayotuk for Secretary to the Council.
14
15 MR. HOPSON: I move to close the
16 nominations at this time.
17
18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiat)
19
20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Harry Brower.
21
22 MR. BODFISH: I second it.
23
24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: You second it?
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26 MR. G. BROWER: I'll call the question.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The question has
30 been called. All in favor signify by saying aye.
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32 IN UNISON: Aye.
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34 (No opposing votes)
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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All right.
37 Congratulations, Lee.
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39 MR. KAYOTUK: Thank you.
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41 MR. G. BROWER: All right. You've got
42 my old job.
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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Now that
45 we're done with the nominations, we have the Chairman
46 is Harry Brower, Vice Chair is Gordon Brower, and
47 Secretary is Lee Kayotuk. Is there any corrections?
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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, Mr. Chair.
50 That's what I have.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Quyaunga.
2 So we'll close the election of officers at this time
3 and go to Item Number 8, village concerns. Do we have
4 any village concerns. We'll start from the east side,
5 starting with Kaktovik. Any village concerns from
6 Kaktovik?
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8 MR. KAYOTUK: No village concerns at
9 this time from Lee Kayotuk.
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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: No concerns at
12 this time. Thank you, Lee. Anybody from Nuiqsut.
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14 (No comments)
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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Nobody's at
17 Nuiqsut. Okay. We have Paul Bodfish at Atqasuk. Any
18 village concerns.
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20 MR. BODFISH: I haven't heard any from
21 the village. No concerns.
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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Paul.
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25 You know, we have these proposals, and
26 we need to be concerned about, but that's all I'm going
27 to say right now.
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29 We're now going to move to Wainwright.
30 John Hopson, do you have any village concerns?
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32 MR. HOPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 The concern I have and I brought it up to you earlier
34 is about the black brant, open and close season. In
35 Wainwright the law enforcement was out there warning
36 people about hunting the brants when they came in. We
37 have about a three-week span when the majority of them
38 are flying by in the springtime, and by the time they
39 had gotten to Wainwright, the season was closed and
40 everybody was being warned for killing them. What I
41 need help on is trying to figure out a way to change
42 the dates so that we can all work together. Regardless
43 of what the laws say, Wainwright has stated that when
44 those black brants comes by they're going to get them,
45 because we only have a three-week span of them. And
46 the birds don't fly by reservation, meaning they don't
47 have a date to come up. They just come up when they
48 do. So we need help in fixing this problem here.
49 Otherwise you're going to have to put some 400 people
50 in jail for breaking the law.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any other
2 concerns, John.
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4 MR. HOPSON: No.
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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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8 MR. HOPSON: Barbara.
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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. John, you
11 need to get ahold of Migratory Birds at the Fish and
12 Wildlife Service, and the person that I think you would
13 be in contact with would be Fred Armstrong at 1-786-
14 3887 regarding your concern. And before spring comes
15 up, you need to get ahold of them kind of right away so
16 they can help you.
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18 MR. HOPSON: I talked to a guy by the
19 name of John Trent. He comes to Wainwright quite
20 often. And he told to ask anybody and everybody to put
21 in their support for help, meaning this organization
22 here, supporting the Village of Wainwright in getting
23 the dates changed through this organization to the
24 right entity that will help us getting that done. So
25 I'm going around, going to organizations and asking for
26 their support.
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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Well, John
29 Trent is working with marine mammals, and the people
30 you need to get ahold of is migratory bird people. And
31 right off the bat right now I can just think of Fred
32 Armstrong and that 786-3887. You need to get ahold of
33 him and talk to him about your concern, and they should
34 be able to help you, he and Doug -- what's Doug's last
35 name? Doug Alcorn is the other person, so they should
36 be able to help you from the migratory bird section
37 over there. Okay?
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39 MR. HOPSON: Okay. Like I said, is
40 what I'm looking for is support from different entities
41 to come to this organization and say, you know, these
42 people will hunt them when they come in, because we
43 only have them in a three-week span throughout the
44 whole year. We don't really care for them in the fall
45 time like other communities might have. But, you know,
46 that's what we're looking for is your guys' support in
47 this so that we have proper backup to move this forward
48 and work together.
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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Thanks, John.

1 I'll also give your name over to them and give them
2 your home phone number or work number.

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4 MR. HOPSON: Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara, this is
7 Harry. I have a comment I'd like to make in terms of
8 the other person that I don't think we've really
9 covered is the law enforcement being in the community.
10 I think we need to seek this Council's advice as to how
11 we can deal with the law enforcement being present in
12 the community indicating that they're going to be
13 watching the community really closely. This practice
14 has been going on for a very long time, and this law is
15 fairly new. I'd like to know how we could help the
16 community in terms of lessening the law enforcement
17 officers being in the community ready to write up
18 citations in terms of how this migratory bird
19 management regulation is being addressed.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. So it sounds
22 like John and you are looking for support -- is John
23 looking for support from this Council?

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25 MR. HOPSON: Yes, from any and all
26 Councils I can get the help from, because one person
27 can speak, but if the whole world speaks against it,
28 you know, it makes a big difference.

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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Harry.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barb.

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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Well, I'm trying to
35 think how we can do this, because we don't deal with
36 mig birds, and we just deal with.....

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Migratory birds?

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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. We don't deal
41 with migratory birds.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I kind of had that
44 impression that we don't normally deal with resources
45 on land, but migratory birds do land on land so we have
46 to have somehow -- it's a subsistence resource. Maybe
47 a relay a message or send a message through this --
48 with the help of the Staff to Migratory Birds Co-
49 management Council that this is a concern being voiced,
50 too, on this resource they utilize for subsistence.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Just for your
4 information, the North Slope Borough Fish and Game
5 Management Committee is holding its quarterly meeting
6 March 28th, 29 here in Barrow, and we're going to be
7 discussing migratory birds. At that time we knew about
8 this regulation and it was not adjusted to the right
9 time frame and that's why we're going to need to get
10 more input on this and working through the North Slope
11 Borough Fish and Game Management Committee maybe
12 supporting that area in regards to the concern coming
13 from John through this Regional Advisory Council being
14 forwarded to the North Slope Borough Fish and Game
15 Management Committee and the Co-management Council
16 seeking support on that might be an avenue to address.

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18 We have an man that needs to recognize
19 here, asking for the floor, Carl Nayukok.

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21 MR. NAYUKOK: Good morning. For the
22 record, my name is Carl Nayukok. I work with the
23 Native Village of Barrow, Wildlife Department. The
24 Native Village of Barrow's motto is to promote and
25 protect subsistence use, so, John Hopson, Jr., you have
26 the Native Village of Barrow's support in this matter.

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28 MR. HOPSON: Thank you.

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30 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We also have
33 Gordon Brower. Gordon.

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35 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah. Mr. Chairman,
36 the letter it sounds like in support of the Village of
37 Wainwright, it seems to me we could put that in the
38 form of some kind of a motion that this letter be
39 support by the North Slope Subsistence Advisory Council
40 to the Migratory Bird people, that we can see that
41 there is a conflict with time lines and closure dates
42 with current subsistence practices on the North Slope,
43 that they be in line to prevent any adverse effect upon
44 the subsistence hunter.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is that in the
47 form of a motion, Gordon?

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49 MR. G. BROWER: That's in the form of a
50 motion.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's a motion
2 before us.
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4 MR. BODFISH: Second that motion. Paul
5 Bodfish.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded by Paul.
8 Any further discussion.
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10 (No comments)
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12 MR. HOPSON: Question called for by
13 John.
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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The question has
16 been called on the motion. All in favor signify by
17 saying aye.
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19 IN UNISON: Aye.
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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So that's five
22 ayes in support of the motion. Any opposed.
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24 (No opposing votes)
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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The motion passes,
27 Council. Thank you. Gordon.
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29 MR. G. BROWER: All right. We have a
30 letter on the way.
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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's right. We'll
33 draft one up for you to review and edit.
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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. I need to
36 ask John, any other concerns from Wainwright?
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38 MR. HOPSON: Not at the moment.
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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
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42 I'll move to Barrow. I'll start with
43 Gordon. Any village concerns from Barrow.
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45 MR. G. BROWER: Just a couple of
46 concerns is that rollagon trail, and I've had a couple
47 concerns from area hunters that they think it might be
48 impacting caribou movements, and we did our helicopter
49 survey of that rollagon yesterday with the North Slope
50 Borough, and the majority of the caribou we saw were

1 south of that rollagon trail near Iyahox (ph) and close
2 in those areas south, so I don't know if that's an
3 effect of lots of activity on that rollagon trail as
4 I'm to the understanding that 200 loads of moving drill
5 rigs and stuff may be affecting subsistence. I think
6 that's the only concern I had.

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8 And the other one that I had voiced
9 some time ago and I don't know if we had ever had a
10 response back was to look at ways to study the fish in
11 the lakes up here so that we can have a better idea of
12 what lakes to protect. A lot of water resources being
13 used for these ice roads and these drilling projects,
14 and it would be real good to survey and conduct studies
15 on these lakes in NPR-A.

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17 I think the only other concern I had, I
18 guess later on when we have a chance to report on our
19 subsistence use or is that the time to do that?

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We're on village
22 concerns. I think we'll be addressing proposals, and
23 agency reports, and we may identify it other business
24 if you wish to do so at that time, but I think this is
25 the opportunity to voice concerns and other issues you
26 would like to bring up.

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28 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I did go fall
29 fishing. Freeze up was super late, later than last
30 year. We finally had our nets under the ice on October
31 11, and we thought we missed the fish run, but I think
32 we caught the tail end of it, and we had that big storm
33 just before that, about a week before that, and what
34 happened on Ikpikpuk was it turned into like a snow dam
35 in the rivers, like it was like a snow dam that freezed
36 up and piled up in certain throughways for the fish.
37 We got -- the big fish were able to punch through these
38 snow dams, but I think that the grayling, because we
39 didn't catch one grayling, and we were thinking that
40 that snow dam, that snow jamming up from that pile,
41 that wind-driven snow pile on the rivers may have
42 jammed up some passage for smaller fish like grayling,
43 because we didn't get any grayling. We tried all over
44 in certain sections where we'd normally get hundreds
45 and hundreds of grayling, and we didn't get that. We
46 report -- we were hearing the same reports from Chipp
47 Six, we were fishing at Chipp Four on Ikpikpuk/Chipp
48 River.

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50 The other concern we had was the

1 caribou, it was just kind of not a very big caribou
2 season for that area. And one of the things that we
3 thought happened, and it's just traditional knowledge
4 is that they must have followed the river, because it
5 had a hard time freezing, and not being able to cross
6 over. So sometimes that will affect migration because
7 of the ice pans and stuff like that, that the caribou
8 have a hard time crossing. So that's maybe -- might be
9 traditional knowledge. But we did get a little bit.

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11 Other than that, we had a pretty good
12 season. Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
15 It's hard to take notes when I'm listening to the
16 reports here. I hope this is being recorded, Barb.

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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, it is.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Oh, yeah,
21 Nathan's on, too.

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23 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's right.
24 Nathan's here.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Anyway. I did
27 write down, I have reviewed the proposals in terms of
28 what we're being presented, and there was phone calls
29 from news media asking to see if we'd made any
30 decisions on the proposals, and I'd indicated, no, we
31 have not made any decisions on them, but there are
32 proposals that may be affecting the subsistence
33 activities that we conduct here on the North Slope. So
34 we need to be considerate of how these proposals may
35 affect us in the long term, so when we get into that
36 time into reviewing the proposals, we need to be
37 considerate of how these changes may impact our
38 subsistence resources or the subsistence users.
39 Hunters themselves.

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41 So that's all the concerns I'm going to
42 share in terms of how we review these proposals and
43 whether we support them or not support them. And we
44 need to be considerate of our practices that we utilize
45 on the North Slope, and that's what I want to be up
46 forward with is, you know, it's taken us a lot of years
47 to get to where we are with our regulations, and once
48 we start making changes to accommodate other users, it
49 starts impacting the subsistence hunters that lived on
50 the North Slope for many years, and those changes, we

1 need to be very considerate of how they and the other
2 viewpoints that we need to be concerned about in the
3 discussion of these proposals.

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5 So I'll stop with that, and I'd like to
6 ask if I missed anybody in terms of village concerns in
7 any of these communities.

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9 Carl, do you have any village concerns?

10 None noted. Barrow.

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12 MR. BODFISH: Harry, Jr., Paul Bodfish
13 here.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Paul.

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17 MR. BODFISH: Yes, it was brought up
18 that it would be appropriate to bring up the fish
19 concerns, what Gordon was stating about the lakes
20 between Ikpikpuk and Mead. To the east of us, I know
21 most of those lakes are all fish-bearing lakes, and,
22 yes, I would like to see a monitoring system placed on
23 all those lakes, because we do get a lot of our
24 whitefish from that area. And I would be in support of
25 what Gordon stated earlier.

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27 And the caribou are all around Atqasuk.

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29 MR. G. BROWER: (In Inupiat) Send them
30 our way, quit hogging them.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All right, Paul.
35 Thank you for your comments.

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37 Any other members coming on while we're
38 under the discussion of village concerns.

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40 MR. KAYOTUK: Yeah, Lee in Kaktovik
41 here. I've got a concerned about it's getting towards
42 the spring here and we need to keep close on aircraft
43 on the North Slope. I know we've got some caribou
44 hanging around on the mainlands, but people try to get
45 out often as much, but other than that, that's another
46 issue to keep an eye on is fixed wing of anywhere from
47 Fairbanks area would be very important to watch out is
48 aircraft flying on the North Slope for private planes
49 or planes coming into the North Slope for hunting.

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1 Other than that, Fenton's got a
2 question on the muskox at this time. Thank you.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Fenton.

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6 MR. REXFORD: Thank you. Yeah, this is
7 Fenton Rexford for the record.

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9 The concern I have is on muskox. I
10 know it's been closed for a couple of seasons now, and
11 today's harvest limit regulations allow for take of one
12 bull and not more than three percent of the number of
13 muskox counted during pre-calving census. The pre-
14 calving census usually occur in April or March, but
15 there's a conflict of -- before the closed season on
16 March 31, there's no census at this time, so we're
17 going to miss another season until next year.

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19 I'm not sure what the latest muskox
20 count is in Unit 26C, but there needs to be an effort
21 by the Refuge in Fairbanks. Their staff needs to do
22 precalving census before the season close so the
23 residents of Kaktovik can have an opportunity for other
24 resources.

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26 We're fortunate this winter there's
27 been some caribou hanging around, but the concern that
28 I have is that the precalving census happened before
29 the close of the season so we can have an opportunity
30 or earlier in the year. Perhaps rather than waiting
31 for aircraft to find clear weather to make the census
32 that the Refuge staff or the Refuge manager or whoever
33 authorizes contracts or use of airplanes to hire locals
34 to do census by land, overland census. I think this is
35 important resource to use. The take might not be much,
36 but it's an alternative resource that we have to be
37 provided to Kaktovik.

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39 So once again, I'll just summarize, Mr.
40 Chairman, that the timing of the precalving census is
41 late. It happens after the season is closed, so that
42 is a concern. And census be given to locals to provide
43 the census by overland or by snow machine, and hire
44 local residents to do a census on muskox so that they
45 can have an opportunity to make a harvest. I think
46 that I make myself clear on the muskox issue.

47
48 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you for your

1 concern, Fenton. I'm sure that there are staff in the
2 Anchorage office that are listening to this, so we'll
3 have them provide a response when they come up for
4 their agency reports at that time. So we'll give them
5 that opportunity and time frame to provide a response.

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7 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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11 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah. Fenton, are you
12 talking about for this spring for precalving census so
13 that prior to the closure of the season that you have
14 an adequate count of those animals for potential
15 harvest modifications.

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17 MR. REXFORD: It would be nice, but
18 it's only like about 10 days left of the year -- I mean
19 of the month. So this consideration needs to be taken
20 in light of using alternative resources. But, yes, it
21 would have helped if they did a survey earlier before
22 the season close, or with something to that effect, or
23 hire, rather than way for clear days for the aircraft
24 from Fairbanks to do an aerial survey.

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26 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon Brower.

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30 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah. Gordon again.
31 Yeah, I think that's a very good recommendation,
32 especially when it effects a village to the point where
33 you need to seek alternative resources, so I would take
34 Harry's advice and wait to hear back from the agencies
35 involved. And if we need to do that in the form of a
36 motion, maybe we'll get advice from them And I think
37 that was a very good concern.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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41 MR. G. BROWER: I had one more other
42 concern, and I think Kaktovik may have brought it out
43 under Lee. Gordon Brower for the record again.

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45 Concerning using of aircraft and for
46 hunters to get to and from. I work in North Slope
47 Borough Permitting with my other hat, and we're working
48 diligently with DNR and we're hopefully going to take
49 on with Fish and Wildlife Service and other people who
50 are handing permits out in these areas to conduct

1 hunting and stuff like that, because 80 or 90 percent
2 of these individuals fail to seek authorizations from
3 the North Slope Borough, and that's a big problem at
4 this point. They need to seek North Slope Borough
5 authorizations for their commercial, recreational
6 hunting activities, and that's an ordinance of the
7 North Slope Borough, even just to park on the Dalton
8 Highway, you need to have a permit, and those are
9 written into North Slope Borough ordinances. So just
10 in case all the other agencies that are listening, you
11 guys need to keep in mind that there are other rules
12 and regulations that you need to forward to your
13 applicants to the North Slope Borough as well. And
14 we're working diligently with DNR at this point.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
17 Let's see. I'm taking notes again as we're conducting
18 this meeting.

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20 So are there any other village
21 concerns.

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23 MR. HOPSON: Wainwright.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, John.

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27 MR. HOPSON: I called the Wildlife
28 Department last summer or last fall, and told them of
29 the problems that we had with the red helicopters that
30 are staging material in the Kaolak River area and along
31 the coast on the south side of town. This fall the
32 Western Arctic Herd did not make it into our rivers,
33 and we honestly believe it's because of the deflection
34 they got from the helicopters. We only got the
35 Teshekpuk Herd that came in from the north and headed
36 back out. A lot of people got some caribou, but not as
37 much as we're used to. Nobody seems to have an answer
38 as to how to solve this problem. It seems to be that
39 BLM is doing whatever they want whenever they want
40 regardless of the subsistence activities.

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42 We had two boats sitting on the beach
43 in July waiting for a herd of maybe 300 caribou coming
44 in. They can see them coming in. It was a nice, clear
45 day, sunshine, and this helicopter flying real low with
46 a sling load, and the sling load had to be no more
47 than 50 feet above the water, scared the caribou away.
48 And on their way back, when they were going to go to
49 Wainwright and land, they found the caribou again and
50 started circling around them. And the caribous never

1 came back.

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3 It's a big problem I'm sure we're going
4 to see more often, but this needs to be put to a stop.
5 We did not get the amount of caribou that we're used to
6 getting. Some people did get some caribou, but the
7 activities that BLM is doing with these red helicopters
8 and the float plane that was involved needs to be put
9 to a limit or to a certain date, given restrictions as
10 to when they can come up and when they can't. I mean,
11 you're doing this to us by putting regulations on when
12 we can hunt caribou and when we can't. We ought to be
13 putting restrictions on when these activities can
14 happen and can't so that they don't conflict with each
15 other.

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17 Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.

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21 Any other village concerns.

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23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If now, we'll move
26 to the next agenda item is number 9, Chair's report.

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28 What is the wish of the Council, does
29 anyone wish to take a break at this time, or continue.
30 I'd like to take a five-minute biological break.

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32 (In Inupiat)

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34 (Laughter)

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: At this time I'd
37 like to call for a five-minute break. We'll just stay
38 on line and I'll put the mute button on. I'll be right
39 back.

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41 (Off record)

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43 (On record)

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Let's seem.
46 Chairman's report, Agenda Item Number 9.

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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I can do that.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Draft 206 Annual

1 Report.

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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I can do that.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Let the record
6 reflect at the December meeting I wasn't able to attend
7 I think two minutes this fall.

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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara.

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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. You didn't
14 attend the last meeting because we didn't have any fish
15 proposals for that Federal Board. And so we just asked
16 all the northern councils, that they didn't have any
17 fish proposals on that meeting.

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19 On the other hand, your annual report
20 for 2006 is on Page 17. And this will be sent in as
21 is. I haven't heard of any new items or corrections
22 that are made to this annual report, or the one that
23 you see on your book right now is going to be sent in
24 as is for you.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you for
27 identifying the page number on this. And just for the
28 record, I'll just read the letter. I think everyone
29 can take a minute or two to look -- to read this thing,
30 to get.....

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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Or just the items.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Some of us don't
35 have all the materials that we have. I'll just go
36 ahead and start reading it.

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38 Dear Mr. Fleagle: This letter
39 constitutes the 2006 Annual Report of
40 the North Slope Subsistence Regional
41 Advisory Council. The Council has
42 permissive authority to submit the
43 report under Title VIII of the Alaska
44 National Interest Lands Conservation
45 Act, 16 U.S.C. 311. At its meeting in
46 Barrow, Alaska on September 6, 2006,
47 the North Slope Regional Council
48 brought forward the following items of
49 concern and for informational items.
50 Please provide the Council with your

1 most recent information.
2
3 Unit 26 moose. Due to the lifting of
4 the ban on aircraft use, the Council
5 requests a report on the status of the
6 moose population in Unit 26 and the
7 various impacts to that
8 population, especially in the Anaktuvuk
9 Pass area.
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11 Unit 26 moose. The Council believes
12 that new regulations, including hunting
13 closures and restrictions for moose,
14 should accommodate the need to harvest
15 subsistence foods closer to home.
16
17 Another one. Unit 26 moose -- muskox,
18 excuse me. Muskox. The Council informs
19 you that muskoxen are no longer hunted
20 in Unit 26 due to their population
21 decline.
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23 Recreational users. The Council feels
24 that communication needs to improve
25 between Kaktovik residents and the
26 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge,
27 because their traditional subsistence
28 hunting practices are being disrupted
29 by recreational users.
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31 The next item, Unit 26 caribou. The
32 Council expressed concern regarding
33 changes of the traditional migratory
34 routes of caribou. The Village of
35 Anaktuvuk Pass has been adversely
36 affected by changing migratory routes
37 of caribou.
38
39 Council representation. The Council
40 continues to support representation by
41 each village on the North Slope
42 Regional Advisory Council. The Council
43 informs you that six of the eight
44 villages are currently represented.
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46 Unit 26 sheep. The Council requests an
47 update on the status of sheep
48 population in Unit 26 and the impacts
49 to that population around the Arctic
50 Village area.

1 The North Slope Subsistence Regional
2 Advisory Council appreciates the
3 opportunity to provide the Board with
4 information and to express concerns
5 regarding regional subsistence issues.
6

7 Sincerely, Harry Brower, Chair of the
8 North Slope Regional Advisory Council.
9 This was a letter dated October 30,
10 2006.
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12 Any questions in regard to the letter,
13 in regards to the annual report as stated in the
14 Chair's report.
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16 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, I've got
17 a question.
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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon Brower.
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21 MR. G. BROWER: Unit 26 muskox, that
22 there is no longer being harvested. Is that a
23 statement or is that due to regulatory restrictions at
24 this point?
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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, it's -- we
27 have regulations that we adhere to in terms of how the
28 muskox are managed within our game management unit.
29 And for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, that hunt has
30 been subject to closure based on the population
31 decline. We have a State hunt that we communicate with
32 John, Caroline and Alaska Department of Fish and Game
33 within 26B. There's been some observation of muskox
34 being drowned in large numbers, so there was that
35 closer to near the community. I'm not sure of the rest
36 of the 26B area. It's under the State management and
37 purview, so that -- coming to that.
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39 In terms of the muskox hunt in the rest
40 of 26A, it's only by authorization from State in
41 coordination with the community requesting for a hunt.
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43 MR. G. BROWER: Okay. I just wanted to
44 identify that, because, you know, my camp area's in
45 26A, NPR-A and we tend to see from time to time large
46 concentration of muskox, and we had some here in Barrow
47 last year. And if they are reaching the Village of
48 Barrow, you know, you tend to believe that there may a
49 larger population in closer proximity maybe in the
50 foothills or in the Ikpikpuk River drainage or

1 something like that, because from time to time we see a
2 large concentration around Chipp Nine and the Chipp
3 River area. And sometime I had a request from Chipp
4 Nine saying that they were bothering him around his
5 camp, and saying what can I do, and he observed them
6 for about three weeks, and then I tried to get ahold of
7 the State, and by that time we finally got an emergency
8 type permit to shoot the muskox, because we weren't
9 getting caribou, kind of because they didn't want to
10 disperse. But I had warned him for so long that he got
11 on his four wheeler and put noisemakers on it and
12 chased them around and chased them away from his camp.
13 But then it's too late.

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15 But anyway just an observation, and I
16 hope maybe a census in NPR-A can take place some time.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh. Thank
19 you, Gordon.

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21 Any other comments or concerns in terms
22 of the annual report from the Chair.

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24 Barb, were you asking for the floor?

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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, it got resolved
27 while you guys were talking about it. Quyaunga.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I was hearing a
30 yes down there, so I wasn't sure are you requesting for
31 the floor or not.

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33 John, did you have a comment or
34 concern?

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36 MR. HOPSON: No.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think I need to
39 ask Barbara a question in terms of the concern that we
40 just heard about the fish that was presented by Gordon
41 last fall. Is that something that we need to add onto
42 this report in terms of the monitoring the withdrawal
43 of the lakes, fish-bearing lakes water withdrawal.
44 Because that was a concern that was voiced by Gordon
45 and others in our -- during our 2006 meeting.

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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, we can add.....

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I don't see that
50 noted in this -- I've looked through the letter a

1 couple times, and I was in support of it, but I wanted
2 to wait until we got into the discussion at this
3 meeting, just what I stated the fish issue that was not
4 reflected in this report.

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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. It's still in
7 draft stage right now. I'll make sure I add that in,
8 and then I'll get it by you and Gordon before I submit
9 it then. That can still be added on.

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11 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I've got one more
12 question.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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16 MR. G. BROWER: Just concerning the
17 fish. Gordon again. If we are having this concern,
18 would it have to be in the form of a proposal to
19 monitor and study these lakes, even some of them it
20 seems to me they're not catalogued. There's no
21 information whether or not they're catalogued enough on
22 the availability of these resources. I know in the
23 Ikpikpuk/Chipp River area there are lakes that are, you
24 know, a little distance away from the rivers, and
25 they're landlocked with lake trout, those big lake
26 trouts.....

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28 (In Inupiat).

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Like whitefish.

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32 MR. G. BROWER: And other forms of
33 fish, and it seems to me we need to make an effort to
34 catalogue them to protect those resources a little bit
35 better. Even I have a hard time, and often have to go
36 to elders to find out if there's going to be something
37 impacted in these resource -- in the subsistence use
38 area, because we don't have a current catalogue of
39 fish-bearing lakes that is comprehensive.

40
41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara.

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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: This will be added
46 on to your annual report, and I will also talk with the
47 people from FIS to see if we can add this onto the
48 needs list under FIS and also they will be the ones to
49 be responding to this fish lake study thing. But then
50 it will have to take a while, but then we'll get an

1 answer and we'll talk back with you. Okay, Gordon?
2
3 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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5 MR. G. BROWER: Okay. Here's John.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John Hopson.
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9 MR. HOPSON: Thank you. This is John.
10 For quite some time I've been going to the North Slope
11 Borough Assembly meetings requesting baseline studies
12 on our subsistence resources in the Wainwright area
13 because of the NPR-A activities with the oil industry.
14 I'm wondering if we can use the North Slope Subsistence
15 Regional Advisory Council as a tool to make that
16 happen. The North Slope Borough keeps telling me that
17 this is going to happen, it's going to happen, it's
18 going to happen for any years now and nothing has been
19 done about, but very little, one or two fish studies.
20 I mean, we don't hunt totally on fish. We have all the
21 caribous and the wolves, and wolverines and so on. I
22 want to see something moving forward. Otherwise we're
23 going to be at a total loss of our subsistence
24 activities if the oil industry overtakes our area
25 without any baseline studies, and we'll just be a part
26 2 of what Nuiqsut went through.
27
28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, John. We can
29 also add that to your annual report, and this would be
30 coming from Wainwright, and then we'll see what kind of
31 response we get from the people that work in your area,
32 and including.....
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34 MR. HOPSON: Thank you.
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36 MS. B. ARMSTRONG:your fish with
37 -- that I'll be bringing over to the FIS section here
38 in Anchorage.
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40 MR. HOPSON: Thank you.
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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And I will be
43 talking to both you and Gordon regarding my add-on.
44 I'll send these to you for your edits before I submit
45 it. Okay?
46
47 MR. HOPSON: Okay.
48
49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: All right.
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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any further
2 discussion on the annual report.
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4 (No comments)
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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If none, what I
7 needed to state with that, I didn't -- like Barb
8 stated, I was not able to attend the fisheries meeting.
9 I had another meeting which conflicting with that time
10 frame.
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12 MR. G. BROWER: Do we need to accept
13 this by motion.
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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon is asking
16 if we need to make a motion to adopt the Chair's
17 report.
18
19 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No. No, you don't
20 need to. It's not an action item. It was just a
21 report.
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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. I
24 don't have no other -- I'm trying to think of what was
25 that other meeting that I didn't attend. The one was
26 on the fisheries. We didn't have any fisheries
27 proposals.
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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, we didn't have
30 any. That was the last one. And then that was the one
31 you would report here if we had any. We didn't even
32 have an .805 letter, so we didn't have nothing at all
33 to do with the fisheries that happened.
34
35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: But now that we're
36 hearing concerns on fisheries and water withdrawal from
37 lakes by oil drilling activity, we'll need some kind of
38 response waiting a decision or the comment by John on
39 the subsistence resource inventory near Wainwright, so,
40 you know, to take any action on that.
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42 If there's no further discussion on the
43 Chair's report, we'll move on to the next agenda item.
44 Item 10, wildlife proposal review and Regional Council
45 recommendations.
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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'd like to ask
50 Barbara if there's anything she needs to provide us

1 before we start with this next agenda item.
2
3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Mr. Chair.
4 I failed to ask earlier when we were on the agenda
5 changes. We have Pete DeMatteo on line, and he just
6 has two crossover proposals to present to you, and if
7 it will be okay with you for him to do his two
8 proposals first, I would appreciate it.
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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is there any
11 objection from the Council.
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13 MR. G. BROWER: No objection from
14 Barrow.
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16 MR. HOPSON: No objection from
17 Wainwright.
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19 MR. G. BROWER: Paul's nodding his
20 head.
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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Lee, objections
23 from Kaktovik?
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25 MR. KAYOTUK: No.
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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So we'll continue
28 with your request, Barb, we'll start with those
29 proposals you identified. If you could identify which
30 ones they are and we'll address them one at a time,
31 please.
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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Pete DeMatteo
34 should be on line. Pete, are you on?
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36 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes, I am.
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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And he will be --
39 he's got the floor now. Thank you.
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41 MR. DEMATTEO: Thank you, Barb. Mr.
42 Chair, members of the Council, my name is Pete
43 DeMatteo. I'm a wildlife biologist with the Office of
44 Subsistence Management.
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46 And the first proposal I'll present to
47 you is Proposal 34, which the analysis of 34 can be
48 found in your books on Page 77.
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50 Mr. Chair, this proposal is being

1 presented to the North Slope Regional Council because
2 it affects the residents of Anaktuvuk Pass who have a
3 positive C&T determination for sheep in Unit 24A. Unit
4 24A is the eastern most portion of Unit 24 that
5 essentially extends from Atigun Pass down to and
6 including the Kanute River drainage, and this includes
7 a portion of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management
8 Area.

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10 Proposal 34 was submitted by Scott and
11 Heidi Schoppenhorst of Wiseman, and they requested that
12 the Federal Board change the Federal sheep season from
13 August 20 to September 30 and change it to August 10 to
14 September 20 for Unit 24A, except that portion within
15 the Gates of the Arctic National Park.

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17 The proposed change would revert the
18 Federal sheep seasons for that area back to the season
19 dates that existed prior to the 2004/ 2005 regulatory
20 year. The intent of this proposal would provide all
21 users equal access to affected sheep population.
22 Before users hunting under State regulations have
23 disturbed the animals during the first 10 days of the
24 State, August 10 through September 20 season. The
25 proponent feels that realigning the Federal and State
26 seasons would provide users with access to undisturbed
27 sheep and a better chance for a successful hunt.

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29 The proponent also stated access to the
30 same limited sheep population in the affected area
31 becomes much more difficult after the sheep have been
32 hunted for 10 days by those hunting under the State
33 regulations.

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35 The intent of the May 2004 regulatory
36 change to a later season was to provide opportunity for
37 Federally-qualified users to harvest sheep after they
38 finish hunting moose during the Federal August 25
39 through October 1 season. As fall moose and sheep
40 habitats generally do not overlap, the later Federal
41 season was asked for, because hunters are preoccupied
42 with moose hunting activities early in the season.
43 During much of the previous August 10 through September
44 20 sheep season.

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46 Mr. Chair, you can see the proposed
47 regulations for this proposal. They can be found at
48 the bottom of Page 77. This proposal is to revert the
49 season back to the old dates.

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1 In addition the community of Anaktuvuk
2 Pass, residents of Unit 24 residing north of the Arctic
3 Circle, Allakaket, Alatna, Hughes, and Huslia also have
4 a C&T use determination for sheep in Unit 24.

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6 At the March 2004 meeting of the
7 Western Interior Regional Council, it was stated by the
8 Council that sheep were important to the subsistence
9 needs of the residents of Anaktuvuk Pass and Wiseman
10 only, and are secondary to caribou to Anaktuvuk Pass
11 and moose for Wiseman residents. And the intent of the
12 proposed additional opportunity was to allow Federally-
13 qualified subsistence users who hunt moose additional
14 time to hunt sheep after the subsistence moose season.

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16 Analysis of results from the 2002
17 through 2006 population surveys conducted on the
18 eastern portion of the affected area and adjacent areas
19 to the east reveal that the affected sheep population
20 has recovered from low levels reported in the early
21 1990s and is presently stable.

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23 According to the Department of Fish and
24 Game, reports from hunters and surveys indicate that
25 large rams were fairly well represented in most of the
26 eastern Brooks Range during the period of July 2001
27 through June of 2004. The sheep population within the
28 Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area is likely to
29 have a better age structure due to more restrictive
30 harvest regime and significantly lower levels of
31 hunting pressure.

32
33 Beginning in 1992, the Bureau of Land
34 Management administered two Federal subsistence hunts
35 within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area.
36 Federal permit hunt number RS424 in Unit 24 was for
37 residents of Unit 24 north of the Arctic Circle and
38 residents of Allakaket, Alatna, Hughes and Huslia. The
39 second Federal subsistence hunt, RS699, was in the Unit
40 26 portion of the Dalton Highway Corridor Management
41 Area. Non-Federally-qualified hunters also were
42 allowed to hunt in a management area under more
43 restrictive State regulations.

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45 The Federally-qualified user group
46 within the management corridor is relatively small,
47 averaging 2.5 sheep harvested per year since 1995.

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49 Most sheep hunters in the eastern
50 Brooks Range -- most sheep hunting in the eastern

1 Brooks Range occurs during August and early September
2 when the weather is most favorable. An estimated 80 to
3 90 percent of the sheep harvest occurs prior to
4 September the 1st. The number of hunters, both
5 subsistence and non-subsistence and the sheep harvested
6 in the survey area is difficult to determine with
7 complete accuracy, because the harvest report
8 information often does not identify the specific areas
9 involved.

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11 The Federally-qualified user groups
12 within the management area is relatively small, and as
13 I mentioned before, that the average harvest within the
14 sheep management area is about two and a half sheep
15 harvested per year since 1995.

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17 So the point is, Mr. Chair, that the
18 total harvest taken by Federally-qualified users is
19 relatively small.

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21 There is little prospect for growth in
22 Federal subsistence hunters numbers since they come
23 primarily from the small community of Wiseman, which
24 has a population of 20 people according to the 2000
25 census.

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27 Also, Mr. Chair, there is no biological
28 reason to adopt the proposed change and revert the
29 existing season back to the August 10 through September
30 20 season.

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32 The Federal Board provided the existing
33 August 20 through September 30 season in May of 2004.
34 This was at the request of the Western Interior
35 Regional Council. The Council stated in March 2004
36 that the local users prefer to hunt sheep after they
37 have finished meeting their subsistence needs for moose
38 in the fall.

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40 Mr. Chair. With that, the preliminary
41 conclusion for Proposal 34 is to oppose the proposal.

42

43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you for your
46 presentation. I guess I'll follow the criteria that's
47 been set before us in terms of discussion of proposals.
48 The introduction of proposal was just given. And the
49 second we listen to would be Alaska Department of Fish
50 and Game's comments on the proposal.

1 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Terry
2 Haynes in Fairbanks. Can you hear me okay?

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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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6 MR. HAYNES: I'm the Federal
7 subsistence wildlife coordinator for the Department.

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9 And our comments on this proposal are
10 on Page 87 of your Council book. You'll note that our
11 proposal comments this year are quite a bit more
12 detailed than they have been in the past. And that's
13 because we've included for some proposals some broader
14 policy issues that the Department has with Federal
15 regulations and proposed changes to Federal
16 regulations.

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18 However, in my comments, I'm going to
19 try to keep them brief and focus specifically on the
20 proposal itself.

21
22 This proposal would involve very little
23 Federal land and at the same time the boundaries
24 between the Federal and State lands would be difficult
25 to distinguish, so having different Federal and State
26 seasons in this area could create problems and
27 complications for some users on the ground.

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29 We don't support this proposal. We
30 believe the current season is providing reasonable
31 opportunity for Federally-qualified subsistence users.

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33 And for those reasons and for the
34 reasons that Mr. DeMatteo gave you in his Staff
35 analysis, we don't support adoption of this proposal.

36
37 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
40 You just indicated you do not support the proposal as
41 presented?

42
43 MR. HAYNES: That's correct.

44
45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

46
47 Number 3 on the list is other Federal,
48 State or Tribal agency comments. Do we have any of
49 them present to provide comments on this proposal.
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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Not from here at
2 OSM.
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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: None. We'll go on
5 to number 4. InterAgency Staff Committee comments.
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There is none, Mr.
8 Chair.
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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: No InterAgency
11 Staff Committee comments.
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13 Number 5, fish and game advisory
14 committee comments. Is that the State fish and game
15 advisory committee?
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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. There isn't
18 any advisory committee comments.
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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: No advisory
21 committee comments. Not even the written ones?
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23 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Not even written
24 ones.
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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Number
27 6, summary of written public comments.
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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. This
30 proposal does not have any written comments. Thank
31 you.
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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: No written
34 comments.
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36 Number 7, public testimony.
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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There is none, Mr.
39 Chair.
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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you,
42 Barbara.
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44 Number 8, Regional Council
45 deliberations, recommendations, and justification.
46 We've heard the proposal contents. The proposed change
47 was submitted by a resident of Wiseman. And the
48 Federal agency indicates they do not support the
49 proposal at this time, the State does not support the
50 proposal at this time with the justification that

1 they've identified during their presentations.

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3 What is the wish of the Council.

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5 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, I've got
6 a question.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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10 MR. G. BROWER: If this is a proposal
11 from the Village of Wiseman, and I've heard to the
12 effect that there's no biological reason for making
13 this determination as well, or this proposal, and in my
14 view it seems to me it is to look at the two hunts
15 where one, if you cross over and you get it on the
16 other side, it may be illegal at some point. And on
17 the other side it's a legal. It seems to me that's the
18 conflict I'm hearing is once you -- if you can't
19 identify which side is State and which side is Federal,
20 and that is the reason, whether or not it is a legal or
21 illegal take, then may be subject to enforcement. And
22 that's my understanding of the only reason it seems to
23 me this proposal was brought forward. And if I can get
24 an answer or an opinion from somebody on that.

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26 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Would you state
29 your name, please.

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31 MR. DEMATTEO: Pete DeMatteo from the
32 Office of Subsistence Management.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Pete.

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36 MR. HAYNES: If I may answer the
37 gentleman's question there. Yes, what he said is true.
38 The current season for the affected area does not line
39 up with the adjacent area, because of the two different
40 seasons.

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42 The proposal was first put in, the main
43 intent of the proposal was to align the seasons,
44 because they feel that the caribou -- I'm sorry, the
45 sheep have been disturbed for 10 days before the season
46 opens. So it's a disturbance issue because of the two
47 different seasons. And then the unaligned seasons
48 within the two separate subunits, I'd say that would be
49 secondary.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I just wanted to
2 get a clarification. This is Gordon Brower. Thank you
3 very much. It seems to me that is a pretty good
4 concern, because I often want to hunt caribou that are
5 not disturbed that I can easily pounce on. And it
6 seems to me it sometimes has to do with quality of
7 meat, too, when the meat is flushed from being chased
8 or from being disturbed.

9
10 And what is the primary reason why both
11 agencies would not want to look at this and align the
12 two seasons when they're just adjacent to each other?
13 Is there a -- I know there's no biological reason
14 behind it, but it seems to me there's some good
15 legitimate residents have some concern to align these
16 two. One may be for enforcement, they may be fined for
17 what they're doing on the State side versus on the
18 Federal side. And to also to try to have a good
19 opportunity for the same animals that one side is given
20 a lead time on.

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22 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Pete.

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26 MR. DEMATTEO: Pete DeMatteo again.
27 The best way I can answer that question is that this
28 season was changed in 2004 by the Federal Board in
29 response to what the Council thought the best season
30 for the users. Supposedly the users like to go hunt
31 moose first, take care of their moose activities, take
32 care of the meat and then access the higher elevations
33 for sheep. And those two, of course, don't overlap.

34
35 When we say that this proposal was put
36 in by Wiseman, it was not put in by the community. It
37 was put in by two individuals. The reluctance I should
38 say to change it back to the old seasons, it goes
39 against what the Council feels best for the broader
40 constituency. And because there's no biological reason
41 to change it, the preliminary conclusion, of course, is
42 to oppose the proposal, because there's really no
43 reason to change it back.

44
45 Thank you.

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47 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John Hopson.

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1 MR. HOPSON: Thank you. This is John
2 Hopson.
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4 We have a representative from Anaktuvuk
5 Pass that's not here today. If we approve this, how
6 will it affect Anaktuvuk Pass? If we disapprove it, if
7 we go along with their recommendations, how would it
8 benefit Anaktuvuk Pass or affect them?
9
10 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair. Pete
11 DeMatteo again. How it will affect them is they will
12 basically have two different seasons that they would
13 have to negotiate. One for one side of the ridge for
14 Unit 26 and one for Unit 25. It wouldn't change
15 anything that hasn't been in existence for the past two
16 years. I think that's the best way I could answer your
17 question. It wouldn't limit their opportunity in no
18 means, simply because they have the State season and
19 then they have the Federal season for Unit 25A.
20
21 MR. HOPSON: Going along with your
22 recommendations of not approving it, is not going to
23 hurt them at all?
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25 MR. DEMATTEO: In my opinion, no, sir,
26 I don't think it would hurt them at all. The current
27 existing State and Federal seasons are longer, because
28 -- if you add them together, they're longer because
29 they don't overlap -- or they don't align.
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31 MR. HOPSON: It's basically a benefit
32 then.
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34 MR. DEMATTEO: If one chooses to take
35 advantage of both, yes.
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37 MR. HOPSON: Yeah. Okay. Thank you,
38 Mr. Chairman.
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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
41
42 I'd like to see if we have anything
43 from Gates of the Arctic. Do we have anybody present
44 from the Gates of the Arctic to maybe give a similar
45 answer to the question raised by Mr. Hopson.
46
47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. We don't
48 have anyone from the Gates. Wennona is at Arctic
49 Village attending another Regional Council meeting
50 there. So we don't have anyone from the Gates on line.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.
2 Further discussion from the Council.
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4 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman. I've got
5 a question.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.
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9 MR. G. BROWER: Gordon Brower. Since,
10 you know, we've got a few members missing, one that has
11 the primary area that we're talking about from
12 Anaktuvuk, it would be very beneficial to hear from
13 Anaktuvuk I think, and I would tend to believe that we
14 need to hear from an affected community than trying to
15 second-guess them through the agency opinion at this
16 point. It would be, I think upon us to be diligent and
17 insightful to seek the impacts or whatever that this
18 may create from that affected village. And I would say
19 to propose to table this until such time that Anaktuvuk
20 can represent itself.
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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is that a motion?
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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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26 MR. G. BROWER: I move to that effect.
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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's a motion
29 on the floor to table this proposal until we have
30 proper representation from the affected community.
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32 MR. HOPSON: Second that from John
33 Hopson.
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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded by John
36 Hopson from Wainwright. Any further discussion.
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38 (No comments)
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40 MR. BODFISH: Question called for by
41 Paul Bodfish.
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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The question has
44 been called on the motion. All in favor of the motion
45 to table this resolu -- proposal, not resolution,
46 proposal until proper representation is present to
47 discuss this issue signify by saying aye.
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49 IN UNISON: Aye.
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1 (No opposing votes)

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So the motion is
4 to table that proposal until such time. And it's been
5 passed.

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7 The next proposal, please. Do you have
8 another proposal that you would like to present?

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10 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes, sir, I do, Mr.
11 Chair. This is Pete DeMatteo again.

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13 The next proposal would be WP07-56, and
14 the analysis of 56 can be found on your pages beginning
15 on -- in your books beginning on Page 102.

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17 Mr. Chair. This proposal is being
18 presented to the North Slope Council today, because it
19 affects the Community of Kaktovik within your region.
20 And Proposal 56 was submitted by the Alaska Department
21 of Fish and Game.

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23 The proponent requests the elimination
24 of the closure of Federal public lands in the drainages
25 of the Red Sheep Creek and Cane Creek within Unit 25A
26 Arctic Village Sheep Management Area. And this would
27 be for sheep hunting by non-Federally-qualified
28 hunters.

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30 This regulatory action would allow
31 sheep hunting in these drainages under State
32 regulations during the August 10 through September 20
33 season.

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35 Mr. Chair, Section .815(3) of ANILCA
36 allows restrictions on the taking of fish and wildlife
37 for non-subsistence uses on the public lands only if
38 necessary for reasons of conservation of healthy
39 populations of fish and wildlife, or for reasons set
40 forth in Section .816 that would allow subsistence uses
41 of such populations to continue, or pursuant to other
42 applicable law.

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44 Federal closure regulations for this
45 management area have been in existence since the
46 1991/1992 regulatory year. The management area was
47 expanded in 1995 to include the Cane Creek and the Red
48 Sheep Creek drainages.

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50 Proposal 57 was submitted by the Alaska

1 Department of Fish and Game October 2005. That
2 proposal requested the Federal Board eliminate the
3 closure for the entire Arctic Village Sheep Management
4 Area. The Federal Board rejected the proposal so that
5 information on sheep population and harvest could be
6 collected.

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8 Later Special Action Request WSA06-03
9 was submitted by the Fish and Wildlife Service in 2006.
10 The special action requested that the Federal Board
11 open the Cane Creek and Red Sheep Creek drainages
12 during the August 10 through September 20, 2006 season.
13 The Board adopted the request in July of 2006. The
14 Board's action lifted the closure only for the fall
15 2006 sheep season.

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17 This proposal, Proposal 56, would place
18 into permanent regulation the Federal Board's action
19 that was taken on Special Action 06-03.

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21 Mr. Chair, the proposed regulation can
22 be found in your books on Page 103.

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24 Residents of Arctic Village,
25 Chalkyitsik, Fort Yukon, Kaktovik and Venetie all have a
26 positive customary and traditional use determination
27 for sheep in Unit 25A.

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29 A variety of extensive outreach efforts
30 made by the Arctic Refuge Staff are ongoing with the
31 intent to provide information and to conduct public use
32 monitoring around the Red Sheep Creek airstrip.
33 Outreach efforts are also being made to the public and
34 proprietors of commercial air services.

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36 Public use monitoring was conducted by
37 the Arctic Refuge Staff at the Red Sheep Creek airstrip
38 during the 19-day period between August 7 and August
39 25, 2006. The specific objectives were to document
40 public use at the Red Sheep Creek airstrip and document
41 aircraft traffic in that area. Nine groups of users
42 were documented at the airstrip during that period.
43 Four of these groups hunted within the area affected by
44 the Special Action Request No. 06-03. An additional
45 four hunting parties stopped at the Red Sheep Creek
46 airstrip, but did not hunt in the Red Sheep Creek or
47 the Cane Creek drainages. Because additional users may
48 have accessed the area at other points and during the
49 later part of the sheep hunting season, the documented
50 use data may be minimum estimates of public use for the

1 immediate vicinity of the Red Sheep Creek airstrip
2 only, and should not be applied to the entire
3 management area.

4

5 Mr. Chair, I do want to point out that
6 this area has strong cultural significance, strong
7 cultural importance for the people up in Arctic
8 Village, whether it be for sheep hunting or for other
9 cultural reasons. It's a very important cultural area
10 for them.

11

12 Analysis results from a June 2006
13 survey indicates that the Dall sheep population within
14 the Red Sheep and Cane Creek drainages is 1.7 sheep per
15 square mile. The most recent previous survey in the
16 area was conducted by the Refuge in 1991. The Refuge
17 reported an estimate of 2.25 sheep per square mile. It
18 is unclear whether the differences between the 2006 and
19 1991 density estimates for the area between Red Creek
20 and Cane Creek represent a population decline or
21 differences in sheep distribution. In the 2006 survey,
22 Refuge Staff observed 188 sheep in the Red Sheep Creek
23 and Cane Creek drainages, including 53 rams. Eighteen
24 of these rams were classified as mature, which includes
25 rams with full curl horns as well as large-bodied rams
26 having horns with massive bases and horn tips pointing
27 upwards, but less than full curl.

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29 A similar density was estimated for an
30 area north of Red Sheep Creek and Cane Creek drainages
31 where a population density of 1.8 sheep per square mile
32 was estimated for the Red Sheep Creek to Gilbeau Pass
33 area. In 1990 the Refuge conducted a survey from
34 Gilbeau Pass to Cane Creek, and estimated the density
35 for this larger area was 1.9 sheep per square mile.

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37 Analysis of results from harvested data
38 collected by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
39 revealed a total of nine hunters reported hunting sheep
40 in the management area. Of these nine hunters, seven
41 were successful in taking sheep. Five of the nine
42 hunters are Alaska residents, two are non-residents,
43 and residency for the remaining two hunters is unknown.

44

45 Federal registration permits have been
46 available since the 1995/1996 regulatory year. Limited
47 data is available for Federal hunt RS596. No permits
48 were issued in 2001, two permits to one hunter were
49 issued in 2002, and four permits to two hunters were
50 issued in 2003. No harvest reports have been returned,

1 but verbal reports from one hunter in each year
2 indicate no animals were harvested.

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4 Refuge Staff anticipate gaining further
5 insight into public use levels within the management
6 area from additional sources. Currently there is no
7 complete compilation of sheep harvest for the
8 management area. Although sheep harvest concluded in
9 September of 2006, the main subsistence harvest may
10 occur in late winter and spring 2007. So more
11 information may be forthcoming. Therefore, a more
12 complete harvest estimate may be available after the
13 Department of Fish and Game harvest summaries are
14 compiled, and after Federal subsistence harvest permits
15 are returned in April and May of this year.

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17 Law enforcement activities may provide
18 further information regarding public use of the
19 management area also.

20

21 Commercial air taxi services' client
22 use reports for 2006 are due in January 2007, and these
23 should be compiled here shortly, available for analysis
24 prior the Board meeting. These use reports may provide
25 additional information regarding access to the area at
26 other points.

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28 Finally, a flight-based snow machine
29 track survey is scheduled for spring of 2007 to provide
30 some assessment of area use during the spring sheep
31 hunt, possibly a primary time of subsistence use.

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33 Adoption of the proposed action would
34 provide access to the affected area for non-Federally-
35 qualified users during the State's August 10 through
36 September 20 sheep season. This action would place
37 into regulation the special action decision made by the
38 Board for the Fall 2006 hunt. Because those hunting
39 under State regulations would be limited to taking one
40 full-curl ram in the fall season, sheep hunting by non-
41 Federally-qualified users in these drainages would not
42 adversely affect the sheep population. Removal of some
43 full-curl rams from the population is not expected to
44 reduce reproductive success in the sheep population.
45 The sheep populations in these drainages can support
46 harvest by both Federally-qualified subsistence users
47 and non-Federally-qualified hunters. In fact, because
48 Federally-qualified subsistence users can take rams of
49 any age, the number of rams available to Federally-
50 qualified subsistence users far exceeds the number of

1 full-curl rams available to non-Federally-qualified
2 users.

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4 Mr. Chair. Maintaining the Federal
5 closure to non-subsistence hunting of sheep in the Red
6 Sheep Creek and Cane Creek drainages within the
7 management area is no longer necessary for conservation
8 of a healthy sheep populations.

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10 Again, as I mentioned before Section
11 .815(3) of ANILCA allows restrictions on the taking of
12 fish and wildlife for non-subsistence uses on public
13 lands only if necessary for conservation. A survey of
14 the affected population in the Red Sheep Creek and Cane
15 Creek drainages within the management area conducted in
16 2006 as I said before found a minimum of 188 sheep in
17 the drainages. This included 53 rams of which 18 were
18 classified as mature.

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20 The sex and age ratios of the sheep are
21 within normal ranges, and indicate that the population
22 for this area is healthy.

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24 Removal of some full-curl rams from the
25 population are not expected to reduce reproductive
26 success of this sheep population.

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28 The sheep population in the affected
29 area can support harvest by both subsistence and non-
30 subsistence hunters. In fact, because subsistence
31 hunters can take rams of any age, the number of rams
32 available to subsistence hunters far exceed the numbers
33 of full-curl rams to which non-Federally-qualified
34 hunters are limited. In addition, the opportunity to
35 harvest under Federal regulations extend until April
36 30, providing Federally-qualified users with other,
37 over seen months of opportunity beyond the State's fall
38 hunting season which is used by sport hunters.

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40 And, finally, the existing closure is
41 not justified for reasons of public safety,
42 administration or pursuant to other applicable law.

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44 Mr. Chair, members of the Council. The
45 Staff fully acknowledge that this issue is very
46 sensitive and that the Red Sheep Creek and Cane Creek
47 area is important to the local users who hunt sheep in
48 those drainages. Staff have listened to the residents
49 of Arctic Village who stated that sheep are important
50 to them for different reasons, and that they take

1 sheep, and also that the Cane Creek and Red Sheep Creek
2 are an important area for them as well.

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4 But as Staff whose job is to do a
5 biological analysis of this proposal, within the
6 guidelines of ANILCA, there is simply no evidence that
7 supports the need to leave the Federal closure in place
8 at this time. In other words, the status of the
9 existing population and harvest does not meet the
10 criteria established under Section .815 and Section
11 .816 of ANILCA that would warrant keeping the Cane
12 Creek and Red Sheep Creek drainages closed to non-
13 Federally-qualified hunters.

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15 With that said, Mr. Chair, the
16 preliminary conclusion for Proposal 56 is to support
17 the proposal.

18

19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Pete.
22 Just a couple of questions there.

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24 Before getting into the questions, I
25 would like to follow the processes that we've been
26 identified under the proposal booklet i Item 10. Now
27 that the introduction of the proposal is completed,
28 then after that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
29 for their comments.

30

31 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
32 This is Terry Haynes again.

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34 Our comments appear on Page 109 of your
35 Council book. And Mr. DeMatteo has explained most of
36 the reasons why this proposal should be adopted and
37 placed into permanent regulation the temporary action
38 that was approved by the Federal Board last year.

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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Haynes. Terry.

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42 MR. HAYNES: Yes.

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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I think you're
45 probably on the wrong page. For Proposal 55 it's Page
46 99. Your comments are on Page 99.

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48 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We're on 56.

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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, 56. I'm sorry.

1 I'm sorry. I thought we were on 55.

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3 MR. HAYNES: Okay.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yeah, I think
6 we're on Proposal WP07-56.

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8 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah, he's right.

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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Sorry. My
11 error.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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15 MR. HAYNES: Okay. The Federal
16 Subsistence Board cannot keep an area closed to non-
17 Federally-qualified subsistence users unless it has
18 compelling reasons to do so, and Mr. DeMatteo explained
19 that fairly well.

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21 The Red Sheep and Cane Creek drainages
22 were opened after the Fish and Wildlife Service
23 conducted a survey last summer and determined that
24 there were sufficient numbers of sheep to allow harvest
25 by non-Federally-qualified hunters.

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27 However, because of the sensitivity of
28 this area, because of its cultural importance to the
29 Village of Arctic Village, the Department worked very
30 closely with the Arctic Refuge to develop a map and a
31 brochure that would explain the area that would be open
32 to non-Federally-qualified hunters, that identified
33 native allotments located near the airstrip in the Red
34 Sheep and Cane Creek drainages, and emphasized of non-
35 local hunters to not trespass on these lands if they
36 choose to land their planes and hunt in that area. And
37 we have not heard of any problems that occurred during
38 this hunt last year, and we're encouraged by that. We
39 believe hunters were sensitive to the need to respect
40 private lands and to not cause problems in the hunt
41 area.

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43 So we believe the evidence supports
44 making this a permanent regulation. As Mr. DeMatteo
45 pointed out, the State bag limit is more restrictive
46 than the Federal subsistence bag limit. So non-local
47 hunters who choose to hunt in the Red Sheep and Cane
48 Creek drainages can only harvest full-curl rams. So
49 that limits the opportunity they have for hunting sheep
50 in that area.

1 And so for these reasons, we support
2 adoption of this proposal. Mr. Chairman.
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4 Thank you.
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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
7 Just following the process, we have other State or
8 Federal, Tribal agency comments.
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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I don't think we
11 have any.
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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If none -- did I
14 hear somebody making sounds? I thought I heard
15 talking.
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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, I was
18 saying I don't think we have any.
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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We don't have any.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, sir.
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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Number 5,
25 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.
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27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There are none, Mr.
28 Chair.
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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: None. Fish and
31 game advisory committee comments.
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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There are none, Mr.
34 Chair.
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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: None. Summary of
37 written public comments.
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, there are
40 no written public comments on this proposal.
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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: No written public
43 comments. Public testimony.
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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, there are
46 none.
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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: No public
49 testimony.
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1 Number 8, Regional Council
2 deliberation, recommendation and justification. What
3 is the wish of the Council.
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5 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.
6 Gordon Brower.
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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Continue, Gordon.
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10 MR. G. BROWER: It seems to me this
11 area is -- we should hear from Kaktovik a little bit.
12 If Anaktuvuk was here, I'd encourage to hear from
13 Anaktuvuk, and it would be very nice if we could hear
14 from Arctic Village it seems to me who was the nearest
15 to these areas. These three villages would be very
16 good to hear.
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18 In my view, when I think about ANILCA
19 provisions, the conservation measures, to conserve the
20 herds and stuff, are not to intrude upon the
21 subsistence use. It seems to me there would be some
22 concerns as to from Arctic Village or these other
23 villages. We have not really heard what is the
24 sustainable harvest that these villages need before
25 these areas are opened up to non-Federal users. I
26 would like to hear something like that. If the
27 population is 188 animals, it seems to me that there is
28 a Federal rural preference that's given for the harvest
29 of these animals. That's one concern that I have, and
30 I leave it open to hear from other concerned
31 Councilmen.
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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Did you want a
34 reply from any of the Federal agencies? Or did you
35 want to wait until a later time?
36
37 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman. I think
38 it would be good to hear what I just have said and hear
39 what the agencies, from the State or from Fish and
40 Wildlife Service, because we need to keep up a very
41 good record, a sustainable harvest pattern has to be
42 established that is sustainable for the village users,
43 for the rural subsistence priority. We need to
44 establish that consecutively before you take and say
45 that at this time we should open it to all the guiders
46 and non-Federal users to take up what you feel there is
47 an abundance of. If it's an abundance by only 20 or 30
48 individuals, it seems to me that harvest level should
49 increase for the subsistence of those rural
50 communities.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
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3 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.
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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Terry Haynes.
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7 MR. HAYNES: Thank you. I'd like to
8 respond to the question. As was pointed out in the
9 Federal Staff analysis, for the last 10 years that
10 Federal registration permits have been available for
11 the Federal subsistence hunt, no sheep have been
12 reported harvested in this area. And for this reason,
13 we determined that there was no evidence to indicate
14 that allowing opportunity by other hunters would create
15 conservation issues or conflict with subsistence
16 harvest opportunities. And so we just saw that these
17 lack of evidence of any harvest having taken place by
18 Federally-qualified subsistence users did not warrant
19 keeping the area closed to other hunters.
20
21 Thank you.
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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
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26 There's another question or comment.
27 John Hopson.
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29 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman. I'm going
30 to use the oil and gas activity as an example.
31 Allowing and agreeing with them to move forward with
32 their progress and move westward in one area, when you
33 think about how big the oil companies used to be in the
34 Prudhoe area, now they're crawling all over our land
35 and it's affecting our subsistence hunt. If we allow
36 non-subsistence users in one small area over time we're
37 going to have to allow non-subsistence users in bigger
38 areas, because animals do migrate, and they don't stay
39 in one spot and they're going to ask for more and more
40 and more. The next thing we know, we will be
41 conflicting with subsistence users. And I'm a firm
42 believer that, you know, subsistence comes first and it
43 will always come first, and I live have to live by that
44 thought there.
45
46 Thank you.
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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
49 I need to ask a question in terms of there's a
50 reference to a Section .815 of ANILCA, and I don't have

1 any material right in front of me with the ANILCA
2 provisions written before us. And I'd like to see or
3 ask where can we identify the sections of Section .815
4 or all the other sections, starting for .801 all the
5 way down to the different sections of ANILCA?
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Harry, do you have
8 your handbook with you?
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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.
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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's in the back of
13 it. It's in back of that manual handbook that we sent
14 out to the Councils. I have.....
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16 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG:for
19 limitations, saving.....
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21 MR. G. BROWER: I just want to make one
22 more observation. And this has to do with in light of
23 having no evidence, that was stated of harvest in these
24 areas, by saying there's no evidence of this, and that
25 an opener to open this area would suggest that there
26 would be no impact because there is no evidence to say
27 that harvest is occurring in these area. It may -- you
28 know, that's subject to interpretation in my view.
29

30 It seems to me there is information
31 forthcoming that may not be here for us to look at.
32 One thing I haven't heard from is the Village of Arctic
33 Village and see what their wishes are, and how they're
34 impacted. We often hear about the Gwitch'in from over
35 there and their impacts to the caribou that move up to
36 the Arctic, and their concerns around oil industry
37 impacts and desecration of areas.
38

39 Those are some of the concerns I would
40 like to hear in some of these remarks. It seems to me
41 because there's no evidence in place to suggest that
42 impacts and that it's sustainable, the census alone
43 seems to me that it's not a sustainable amount of
44 animals in these areas, the resources are not
45 sustainable. If you're looking at 188 individuals, and
46 increase the full curl by maybe 20 or something like
47 that, it seems to me you need to preserve this and look
48 ahead, and then establish what is the need for all of
49 these for the subsistence use priority establish the
50 needs of those villages before you go about opening it

1 up to commercial/recreation.

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3 And by the way, if they happen to be in
4 the North Slope side, within the Borough, I would also
5 advise that any guiding activities in these areas that
6 are within the North Slope Borough, they should also
7 advise them to seek permits from the North Slope
8 Borough, because we need to keep track, and we're --
9 about 90 percent of these activities go unseen from the
10 North Slope Borough regulations.

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12 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Identify yourself,
15 please.

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17 MR. LAPLANT: This is Dan LaPlant for
18 the Office of Subsistence Management here in Anchorage.
19 I've got a piece of additional information for you.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Continue, Dan.
22 Continue, Dan.

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24 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. The
25 Eastern Interior Council met on this, they're meeting
26 right now up in Arctic Village, and they discussed this
27 issue yesterday. They haven't been able to hook up
28 telecommunications, so people won't be able to
29 participate through teleconference.

30

31 I talked to one of our Staff members
32 there this morning, and I was told that when this
33 proposal came up before the Eastern Interior Council
34 yesterday, they voted to defer it. And as I understand
35 it, what they intend to do is submit a proposal to the
36 Alaska Board of Game that will be considered in 2008,
37 and that proposal will ask the Board of Game to limit
38 the number of non-Federally-qualified users that could
39 potentially hunt in that area.

40

41 So as I understand it again, they've
42 voted to defer this proposal and instead submit a
43 proposal to the Board of Game to change State
44 regulations first. Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Could you repeat
47 which Council this was?

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49 MR. LAPLANT: That was the Eastern
50 Interior Council.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Eastern Interior
2 Council. Thank you, Dan.
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4 MR. LAPLANT: Currently taking place in
5 Arctic Village.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. I'd like to
8 ask if Lee or maybe Fenton might have a comment to
9 provide to us in terms of the access into this area
10 from Kaktovik, because the proposal identifies Kaktovik
11 as maybe a community which utilizes the resource. I'd
12 like to ask for your input on this.
13
14 MR. KAYOTUK: Yes, this is Lee Kayotuk.
15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
16
17 I believe it's very important to keep
18 up with the animals we get here on the North Slope or
19 in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuges to be very
20 important of what the Village of Kaktovik catches or
21 see towards the spring. I know we had a hard winter,
22 but, you know, it just, you know, 40, 50 below, you
23 can't usually get out on a snow machine like that. We
24 usually have to wait until spring before any spring
25 activity go out, or late fall in November or December,
26 which is pretty hard to get out to. But other than
27 that, I believe they be a subsistence, monthly or two-
28 month report, you know, for the Village of Kaktovik
29 that we could try and do to report of animals or birds
30 or sheep or any big game, that would be very important
31 to keep in record, even a month, two-month basis would
32 be very important to keep up with what's going on
33 between now and 2008. It would be a good thing to do.
34
35 Thank you.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Lee.
38 Just a follow-up comment, Lee. What access route --
39 are you having any problem with access to these
40 resources throughout the season, given the time frame
41 that it's going to be open for the hunts? Is access a
42 problem to the resource is my question during the time
43 frame of the opening season?
44
45 MR. KAYOTUK: At this time, no, we
46 don't have too big of a problem to access to these
47 routes where our hunting grounds are all right, but
48 just that, you know, like fall we don't do very much
49 fall hunting up in the mountains, because we can't get
50 up there during the fall time. And we're -- the only

1 access we can get out mostly is during the spring,
2 because we can't take out machines up there by -- with
3 now snow. So we've got to wait until spring in order
4 to do our moose or sheep or whatever open seasons they
5 have for our area.

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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All right. Thank
8 you, Lee. I take that indication that access is not
9 inconsistent with the community's practice to harvest
10 sheep in this area. So I think that needs to be added
11 on to this discussion in terms of again access being a
12 disadvantage to the subsistence hunter. That would see
13 that this commercial and sport hunting activity having
14 greater access to the resource provided they're being
15 provided a service to get into those areas. And then
16 the community is somewhat at a disadvantage having not
17 -- having that access ability not available to them.

18

19 I thank you for your comments, Lee, and
20 this time I'd like to continue with the Council's
21 deliberations. Any other comments on the proposal.

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23 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman. I would
24 like to get a clarification on this, too. If we
25 supported it, what are we recommending; if we do not
26 support it, what are we recommending.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Maybe I will ask
29 Barb if she could give an interpretation, please.

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31 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Pete, are you still
32 on line?

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34 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes, I am.

35

36 Mr. Chair, if you do not support the
37 proposal, then you're not supporting opening Cane Creek
38 and Sheep Creek to non-Federally-qualified users.

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40 MR. G. BROWER: Well, if we're not
41 supporting this proposal, we're keeping an advisory to
42 the Federal Game Board that keep this place closed.

43

44 MR. DEMATTEO: That is correct. If you
45 oppose the proposal.

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47 MR. G. BROWER: And we would need to
48 have a fantastic justification for saying that?

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50 MR. DEMATTEO: Well, I don't know

1 exactly how fantastic, but if you would state the
2 reasons you have briefly here in support of opposing
3 it, then I think that would probably suffice.

4
5 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I would like to
6 make an attempt here. This is Gordon Brower for the
7 record. I would oppose this proposal based on that
8 there is no evidence, like you said, in place, until
9 such time that you have reached evidence that it would
10 impact these villages and an adequate census and a
11 justification for each village of Arctic Village,
12 Kaktovik, Anaktuvuk Pass meets a thorough resource
13 needs for those villages and making sure that
14 subsistence has enough resources from this area. That
15 would be my justification. Until such time that it
16 remain closed for collecting evidence and that the
17 animals census in this area is so small that, you know,
18 in my own point of view that it would not support
19 commercial and recreational hunting that are non-
20 Federal subsistence users. And that's where I would
21 leave my justification.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And so this is in
24 the form of a motion?

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26 MR. G. BROWER: If I am supported, I
27 would make that in the form of a motion.

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29 MR. HOPSON: I second that motion.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It's been seconded
32 by John Hopson.

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34 Any further discussion from the Council
35 members.

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37 (No comments)

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39 MR. BODFISH: Call for question on the
40 motion.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Call for the
43 question by Paul Bodfish on the motion. All in favor
44 of opposing the proposal with the language provided by
45 Gordon signify by saying aye.

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47 IN UNISON: Aye.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So that's five.
50 I'm not sure if we have any other Council members

1 present at the time beside the five that have been
2 voting. Opposed, same sign.

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4 (No opposing votes)

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: No opposition.
7 Thank you. So the motion to oppose the proposal passes
8 this Council.

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10 At this time I would like to take off
11 for lunch break. It is now 12:30 by my watch. And
12 we'll reconvene at 1:30. This Council is at recess
13 until 1:30.

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15 (Off record)

16
17 (On record)

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So can Tom Kron
22 begin. We also have on line Terry Haynes and Tevis
23 Underwood from Arctic Refuge, and that's the only ones
24 on line. Here at the office we have Dan LaPlant, Rod
25 Campbell, Tom Kron, Pat Petrivelli, Laura Greffenius,
26 Chuck Ardizzone, Theo Matuskowitz, Michelle Chivers,
27 our court reporter, Nathan Hile and myself, your
28 coordinator, Barb.

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30 Okay.

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32 MR. G. BROWER: Okay, Harry's trying to
33 eat some muktuk here.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MR. G. BROWER: So we'll call the
38 meeting to order.

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40 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Members of
41 the Council. My name is Tom Kron. The analysis for
42 WP07-55 begins on Page 88 in your Council book. This
43 proposal is for sheep but there's a similar proposal,
44 Proposal 58 for moose. I'll go ahead and go through
45 the sheep proposal but, again, much of the information
46 is going to be similar so you may be able to address 58
47 more quickly. So, again, back to Proposal 55, which is
48 on Page 88 of your Council book.

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50 This was submitted by Mr. Jeffery

1 Falkner of Glennallen and would require Federally-
2 qualified subsistence hunters to use a bow and arrow to
3 hunt sheep in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management
4 Area during the period of time when the State of Alaska
5 has an archery only hunting season there.
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7 The proponent described his own sheep
8 hunting experience and observed that he had been on the
9 animal -- if he had been on the animal he would have to
10 be concerned for his own safety. The proponent notes
11 that the archery hunters in an archery only corridor
12 that work to get close to the animal for fair hunting
13 should not have to compete with long range rifle
14 subsistence hunters. The proponent states that
15 Federally-qualified subsistence hunters have access all
16 the rest of the year to animals and can hunt with a
17 rifle at any other time.
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19 Section .802 of ANILCA states that
20 "utilization of public lands in Alaska is to cause the
21 least adverse impact possible on rural residents who
22 depend on subsistence uses of the resource and that
23 subsistence shall be the priority consumptive use. It
24 was the intent of Congress to allow consideration of
25 improvements in weapons, technology and techniques for
26 subsistence harvest on Federal public lands."
27

28 In 1990 the Federal Subsistence
29 Management program regulations paralleled the State
30 regulations for the Dalton Highway Corridor. The
31 Dalton Highway Corridor was an archery only area for
32 Federally-qualified subsistence users in 1990 and 1991.
33 In 1992 the Federal Subsistence Board provided a rural
34 priority by allowing Federally-qualified subsistence
35 hunters to use firearms in the Dalton Highway Corridor.
36 In 1994 the Federal Subsistence Board reduced the
37 number of participants by restricting the use of
38 firearms within the Corridor to residents of Alatna,
39 Allakaket, Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles, Evansville, Stevens
40 Village and residents living within the Corridor.
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42 The biological data for sheep
43 populations within the Dalton Highway Corridor is
44 relatively good. I'd refer you to the information
45 within the analysis. The Federal Management Program
46 established Federal registration permit hunts in Unit
47 24A and the Dalton Highway Corridor portion of Unit 26B
48 in 1992. For regulatory years 1994/95 through
49 2006/2007 for both hunts combined, subsistence hunters
50 reported an average harvest of 2.7 sheep per year with

1 a range of zero to six sheep harvested annually.

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3 The proponents believe that subsistence
4 hunters have access all the rest of the year to the
5 animals and can hunt with rifle at any time other time
6 is not correct. If this proposal is approved, the
7 Federally-qualified sheep hunters in Unit 24A would
8 have 10 days to hunt with a rifle and the Federally-
9 qualified sheep hunters in Unit 26B would have no days
10 to hunt with a rifle. The Dalton Highway Corridor
11 Federal subsistence sheep hunt with a rifle has been in
12 place for 15 years.

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14 This proposal is the first proposal
15 since this regulation was put in place, that is,
16 seeking to require Federally-qualified subsistence
17 sheep hunters to revert to using a bow and arrow in
18 this area.

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20 Rural subsistence hunters are hunting
21 to feed their families, have a limited opportunity to
22 purchase food and the cost of food is prohibitive
23 given where they live. Use of bow and arrows is not an
24 efficient way for subsistence hunters to put food on
25 the table. Taking a legal ram with a bow and arrow is
26 extremely challenging compared with taking one with a
27 rifle. A relatively small percentage of hunters within
28 the Dalton Highway Corridor are Federally-qualified
29 subsistence users. The presence of archers and rifle
30 hunters in the Dalton Highway Corridor during the same
31 time is not unique to the Dalton Highway Corridor.
32 These two types of hunters utilize the same areas
33 during the hunting seasons across most of Alaska. The
34 densities of sheep hunters in the Corridor is
35 relatively low compared to the density of hunters and
36 other hunts in many other areas of Alaska.

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38 The preliminary Staff conclusion is to
39 oppose Proposal WP07-55.

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41 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd be happy
42 to take any questions.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. We
45 need to follow our process again, Alaska Department of
46 Fish and Game comments at this time.

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48 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
49 This is Terry Haynes with the Department of Fish and
50 Game. The Department's comments begin on Page 99 of

1 your Council meeting book.

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3 And in short the Department did not
4 support the Federal regulation that authorizes the use
5 of firearms for hunting on Federal lands in the
6 Corridor when it was first established and, therefore,
7 we do support this proposal, which would prohibit the
8 use of firearms for hunting in the Corridor, in this
9 case, dall sheep.

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11 Hunting with firearms is illegal under
12 State statute and regulations in many portions of the
13 Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. And the
14 Department simply can't support continuation of using
15 firearms because it contradicts State law.

16

17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Terry
20 Haynes. Let's see next set of comments we need to hear
21 from other Federal, State or tribal agencies.

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23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any comments from
26 them.

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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. I don't
29 think there are any.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: InterAgency Staff
32 Committee comments.

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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There are none from
35 the InterAgency Staff Committee.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: State Fish and
38 Game Advisory Committee comments.

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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There aren't any,
41 Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Summary of written
44 public comments.

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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We have one on Page
47 99 of your booklet. And this is from Scott
48 Schoppenhorst of Wiseman Village who opposes the
49 proposal.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And do you want me
4 to read what he said or just hear that he opposed.
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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We'd like to hear
7 the contents of the written public comments, please.
8
9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. We highly
10 value the local fish and wildlife resources and have
11 always hunted the traditional seasons when it is the
12 best time to properly care for the meat and conditions
13 are favorable for safe travel to our traditional
14 hunting areas. He and his son are avid bow hunters.
15 His suggestions for the safety issue part of this
16 proposal was to have bow hunters wear blaze orange to
17 warn other hunters. When his family hunts they wear no
18 form of camouflage and very seldom take a shot at any
19 more than 125 yards and have been as close as 15 yards,
20 well, within bow range. They must be certain the sheep
21 is a seven-eighth curl ram or larger, which requires
22 close observations which eliminates posing danger to
23 other hunters in the field. Hunting in the Dalton
24 Highway Corridor is done by driving the highway and
25 spending hours for glassing for sheep which further
26 eliminates danger to other hunters. He has been able,
27 at different times to locate other hunters progress
28 with a spotting scope or binoculars, once other hunters
29 are spotted he looks for another place to hunt. He has
30 talked with Mr. Falkner, proposal author, about his
31 safety concerns on the day described in this proposal.
32 Both were aware of another hunter in the area in
33 question, and they were between 1.5 to two miles away.
34 No one was in danger from accidentally shooting each
35 other. Mr. Falkner was hunting within five miles of
36 the village and had two days of hunting the same sheep
37 at 50 yards. In his opinion, most bow hunters come to
38 Dalton Highway Corridor because of the lack of law
39 enforcement and do not hunt species specific proven by
40 the amount of arrows found in the woods and in the
41 animals he has harvested.
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43 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you,
46 Barbara. Any public testimony.
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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There isn't any Mr.
49 Chair.
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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It's so
2 unfortunate that we have to have a setting in this
3 nature, having a teleconference and we're not able to
4 get public testimony or any other participants in terms
5 of the listing that we have.

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7 So since we don't have any public
8 testimony I'd like to go to the Regional Council
9 deliberation, recommendation and justification on the
10 proposal. What's the wish of the Council.

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12 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman. I have a
13 concern.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon Brower.

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17 MR. G. BROWER: Gordon Brower, for the
18 record. This concern comes from some of our field
19 inspectors from the North Slope Borough who
20 periodically patrol on the Dalton Highway Corridor.
21 And some of the observations that they've encountered
22 include animals that are walking around with arrows
23 stuck in them and they were hit, animals that escaped.
24 And I know sheep is a pretty hearty animal too. So I
25 tend to believe there's some humane issues on effective
26 killing of these animals to prevent unnecessary
27 suffering.

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29 And that's one concern that I have.

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31 And it seems to me that we've seen some
32 of the effects of these kinds of things.

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34 And also I need for the State to
35 elaborate a little bit on the discharge of firearms
36 within the Dalton Highway Corridor and read verbatim
37 what is the law prohibiting this, the use of firearm.
38 Because we also had concern about four years ago of an
39 individual who took a shot at the TransAlaska Pipeline
40 and put a hole in it and I'd like to find out some of
41 the reasoning on this prohibition and where it -- maybe
42 we need to align ourselves and think a little bit more
43 clear on the issue.

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45 I tend to believe that we need to do
46 everything we can to protect subsistence and the values
47 of the residents, but there are times we need to
48 consider alternative situations for the best interest
49 of the public and to abide by law, that's just my
50 concern, just because of the Pipeline shooting about

1 four years ago in Livengood and also about humane
2 killing along the TransAlaska Pipeline Corridor where
3 we see these animals that have been wounded, have
4 arrows sticking out of them, and that have gone away,
5 they don't immediately die.

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7 If somebody from the State and maybe
8 from any other representative can talk a little bit to
9 that effect.

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11 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. This is
12 Terry Haynes.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, Terry.

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16 MR. HAYNES: I'll reference the Staff
17 analysis for some materials that have been requested.

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19 On Page 91 of the Staff analysis you'll
20 see a section in the middle of the page titled existing
21 State statutes and regulations, and Alaska Statute
22 16.05.789(a) reads that:

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24 Hunting with firearms is prohibited
25 north of the Yukon River in the area
26 within five miles on either side of the
27 highway between the Yukon River and
28 Arctic Ocean.

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30 Then if you look at the State
31 regulatory history on Page 97 in appendix one, you'll
32 see some other provisions that reference what methods
33 and means can be used, specifically:

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35 July 1, 1982, in the middle of that
36 page reads in part:

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38 The TransAlaska Pipeline Corridor
39 closed area, which is the area within a
40 strip five miles on both sides of the
41 TransAlaska Pipeline Corridor alignment
42 from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay is
43 closed to the taking of big game
44 animals by means of a firearm.

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46 So those are two key places where the
47 State prohibition on firearms in this area occur in
48 statute and regulations.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Terry, I'd like to

1 just ask you to restate the last portion of your
2 comment in terms of the prohibition. The reason I ask
3 this is we all don't have the materials in front of us
4 and we are somewhat acting on the comments that are
5 being provided through this teleconference so if you
6 could restate the last portion of your comments you
7 just made in terms of the prohibition in the -- not
8 able to use the firearms within the Dalton Highway
9 Corridor.

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11 MR. HAYNES: Okay, I'll do that, Mr.
12 Chairman. This is, for those of you have the Council
13 book, on Page 97 in the middle of the page:

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15 In 1982, this is part of the State
16 regulations, it reads:

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18 Article 7, Areas closed to hunting. 5
19 AAC 81.260 Interior and Arctic Alaska,
20 Section 8. The TransAlaska Pipeline
21 Corridor closed area, which is north of
22 the Yukon River in Units 24, 25 and 26,
23 and the area within a strip five miles
24 on both sides of the TransAlaska
25 Pipeline Corridor alignment from the
26 Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay is closed to
27 the taking of big game animals by means
28 of a firearm.

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30 However, big game may be taken with the
31 use of a bow and arrow, except that
32 portion of Unit 26B within two miles of
33 the Dalton Highway is closed to the
34 taking of moose.

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36 And that, again, is -- this prohibition
37 was established in State regulation back in 1982.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
40 Having to go through the shuffling of information here
41 and we have maps and some of the language before us and
42 we're trying to identify which portion of 26B that
43 you're considering, we don't have any global
44 positioning systems or references to that to closely
45 identify the area, so the reference on the maps, and
46 that sort of nature, so we're struggling to clearly
47 identify the area you're identifying along the Dalton
48 Highway.

49

50 Gordon.

1 MR. G. BROWER: Okay. I got one
2 question just to be -- on this July 1, 1982, big game
3 may be taken with the use of a bow and arrow except
4 that portion of Unit 26B within two miles of the Dalton
5 Highway is closed to the taking of moose. So that's --
6 you could still take caribou within the two miles of
7 the Dalton Highway Corridor with a bow and arrow,
8 right.

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10 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman.

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12 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. That last
13 part of that regulation I read, that was what was
14 established in 1982 and that section concerning the
15 taking of moose, if you read farther down you see that
16 has been changed. And Mr. Kron might have more to say
17 about that, he put this together and I'm trying to
18 bounce back and forth between this and my regulation
19 book.

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21 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. This is Tom
22 Kron here at OSM.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Tom.
25 You need to speak up a little bit or get closer to the
26 phone, please.

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28 MR. KRON: Yeah, I will speak up a
29 little bit and Barb is pushing the phone over a little
30 closer.

31

32 The current State regulation provides a
33 five mile bow and arrow only restriction under --
34 again, under State regs. The proposal is seeking to
35 have that same requirement be applied to Federal
36 subsistence users. Again, Federal subsistence users
37 within the qualified area have been allowed for some
38 period of time to use a rifle to take their subsistence
39 sheep in this proposal, and then moose in Proposal 58.

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41 Western Interior considered this
42 particular proposal last week and I have the results
43 from their meeting if you'd like to hear those.

44

45 MR. G. BROWER: Yes, that would be very
46 helpful.

47

48 MR. KRON: The Western Interior
49 Regional Advisory Council opposed the proposal. There
50 was discussion about the long history of subsistence

1 use there in that Corridor area around Wiseman, but,
2 again, they opposed the proposal consistent with the
3 Staff recommendation for opposition as well.

4

5 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, thanks, Tom.
8 So I think the last portion you need to restate.
9 Again, not having all the materials in front of us,
10 we're having to shuffle the information. If you could
11 just restate the last sentence again.

12

13 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. This proposal
14 only affects the Corridor area within five miles either
15 side of the Dalton Highway and the Pipeline alignment,
16 and, again, the Staff recommendation was to oppose, the
17 Western Interior Regional Advisory Council last week
18 recommended opposition to this proposal as well.

19

20 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you for your
23 comments. Further discussion. Gordon.

24

25 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah. In saying the
26 Western Interior Council, in opposing this, that means
27 they believe that the use of firearms should continue,
28 is that what I'm understanding?

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30 MR. KRON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, only for
31 Federally-qualified subsistence users within the
32 Corridor. They weren't addressing the State
33 regulations relative to subsistence with bow and arrow.
34 They were just saying that, you know, for more than a
35 decade qualified subsistence users have been able to
36 use firearms for sheep within the Corridor, and they
37 think it's been safe and they'd like to see that
38 continue.

39

40 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Any
43 further comments. We're under Council deliberation
44 now.

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46 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I'd just like to
47 voice an opinion for all the Council, you know, having
48 worked many years with planning department, and this is
49 putting on my other hat, and I try to do this to think
50 for the best interest, and this area in the beginning

1 was not an area identified for subsistence use
2 activities, this was an area identified to make a
3 Corridor for the sole purpose of transporting oil and
4 gas. And, to me, I think they have been conflicted.
5 The Pipeline has been shot about maybe three or four
6 years ago in Livengood with a .300 magnum-type rifle
7 and spilled about 390,000 gallons of crude oil and it
8 seems to me there's a conflict, either by disgruntled
9 or accidental discharge of firearms, you know, I think
10 those are worthy enough to warrant limitation of the
11 use of firearms near this four foot diameter hauling in
12 the tune of about 800,000 -- I think it's 800,000
13 barrels of crude oil a day. It seems to me, you know,
14 we need to consider these things as they come along.

15

16 I have a feeling that Anaktuvuk, in my
17 view, is not going to be heavily impacted, you know,
18 they're a little ways away from this and they may
19 benefit from it by limiting the use and discharge of
20 firearms from there -- it may help with the migration,
21 if there was an undue amount of pressure, hunting
22 pressure by others that are subsistence subsisting on
23 this TransAlaska Pipeline Corridor in this way.

24

25 In the same fashion that I think this
26 concern comes to light, we need to review, the humane
27 killing of animals and think about that, bow hunting,
28 and we've had reports, numerous reports about animals
29 walking around with arrows sticking in them. And there
30 needs to be a much better approach to taking big game
31 on this TransAlaska Pipeline. Either that or
32 discontinue it altogether to discourage any form of
33 hunting on the TransAlaska Pipeline because of humane
34 questions that come across and also for the best
35 interest for the State of Alaska to prevent accidental
36 discharge into the Pipeline.

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38 Those are just my observations and I
39 would like to hear from other Council members, to hear
40 an opinion.

41

42 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Tom.

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46 MR. KRON: Yeah, this is Tom.....

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is that Tom?

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50 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Again,

1 just for clarification, in 26B for the subsistence
2 sheep hunt, the people that are eligible to participate
3 there are the rural residents of Unit 26, Anaktuvuk
4 Pass, Point Hope and Wiseman. And, again, I think at
5 the Western Interior meeting individuals from Wiseman
6 pointed out that they felt like they had been left out
7 of the discussion when the State originally implemented
8 the prohibitions in the early 1980s, you know, they
9 pointed out that they had been subsistence hunting and
10 fishing there for over 100 years and that that was not
11 recognized when the bow and arrow only restrictions
12 were put in place.

13

14 So, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Tom.

17 Mr. Hopson.

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19 MR. HOPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20 First of all we have a representative from Anaktuvuk
21 who is not here and I would really like to hear whether
22 they disagree with this or agree with this proposal.

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24 Second of all, I'm surely a believer of
25 humane killing and that's what we need to keep an eye
26 on. We are monitored in humane killing here on the
27 North Slope and I believe that's what we have to
28 continue to move forward to. Humane killing is a
29 regulatory process that we have on different species
30 and, you know, we just got to make sure we're abiding
31 by all the rules there.

32

33 Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.

36 Any other Council members.

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38 (No comments)

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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: State your name,

43 please.

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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Harry, this is your
46 coordinator. I'd just like to clarify something real
47 quick, is you don't have a representative from
48 Anaktuvuk Pass, that seat is vacant right now.

49

50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Thank you.
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3 MR. HOPSON: But, Mr. Chairman.....
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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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7 MR. HOPSON:that's why I
8 mentioned it, there is a seat available for the
9 community and we need to see if we can get somebody
10 from there to tell us yes or no on some of these and
11 how their community feels.
12
13 I, from Wainwright, don't hunt in that
14 area. And it's kind of hard for me to say yes or no to
15 a proposal that doesn't affect my hunting.....
16
17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.
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19 MR. HOPSON:but it will affect
20 somebody else's. And I sure wouldn't want somebody
21 making decisions without Wainwright's comments based on
22 the area we hunt.
23
24 I think we should have Anaktuvuk here
25 to tell us how they feel about this proposal.
26
27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
28 Any other Council members, we're under Regional Council
29 deliberation, recommendation and justification
30 regarding this proposal.
31
32 MR. G. BROWER: I got just one other
33 comment.
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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.
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37 MR. G. BROWER: This is, again, putting
38 on my other cap and, you know, all the recreational
39 hunting, the camping that goes along the Dalton Highway
40 from within the North Slope Borough boundaries north,
41 you know, the North Slope Borough has fought many times
42 with DNR in trying to get across our concerns about the
43 use of the Dalton Highway. And to this date we have
44 probably one or two, maybe permitted recreational guide
45 outfitters and then the rest of them don't care to come
46 to the North Slope Borough to get their permits. There
47 needs to be some management practices that include the
48 guiding all of these recreational users, and that's one
49 of the beefs that the North Slope Borough has had for
50 some time.

1 And I know it's just one of those
2 things that's not dealing directly with the animal or
3 regulation but it's one of those things that the land
4 managers, Fish and Wildlife Service, ADF&G, however has
5 knowledge of these people hunting on these areas, they
6 need to make sure they get all their regulatory
7 requirements met. That's just one other aspect from
8 it, you know, that I want to try to express.

9
10 You know I do tend to agree with John
11 Hopson, Jr.'s statement, you know, we need to hear from
12 the affected representative, in this case it would have
13 been Anaktuvuk Pass and, you know, that's a very good
14 practice and we've done that almost every time when a
15 proposal is going to affect an area. And at the same
16 time, you know, I like to express my concerns working
17 on the regulatory side of it for the North Slope
18 Borough because we get to go see what's going on out
19 there. We get to see inspection of this area and see
20 these activities going on and injured animals within
21 that Corridor, you know, it's not a pleasant sight.
22 And sometimes we, looking at the area littered with
23 innards and guts and stuff like that or the remains of
24 animals that have been discarded improperly because
25 there's kind of a code of conduct how you use that
26 transportation Corridor.

27
28 So anyway those are my comments and,
29 you know, it would have been very beneficial to hear
30 from Anaktuvuk Pass and I tend to -- you know, I like
31 to protect subsistence myself, but there are times when
32 I think about what's the best interest.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
35 Any other Council member comments.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If there's none
40 from any other Council members I'll just make my
41 comment in terms of my decision on the proposal,
42 Proposal WP07-55.

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44 I think I tend to agree with both
45 Gordon and John's comments that we need to hear an
46 opinion from the affected communities and that would be
47 Anaktuvuk Pass. And, I, too, have expressed many times
48 to this Council and to the managers of the Federal
49 Subsistence Management Program that I'd like to see
50 representatives representing their communities in our

1 Regional Advisory Council. That's been a part of my
2 goal to make sure we do have representation from each
3 of these communities because they are greatly affected
4 from any kind of regulation that we make or change or
5 proposed regulation changes from other interests that
6 we have to deal with in terms of eco-use and -- as part
7 of the United States that we have different opinions
8 that come into play at times to submit regulations,
9 changes for regulations in terms of their conditions
10 and methods that they see that may seem appropriate or
11 not appropriate at times, and we do have those
12 proposals that do come into our region and we have to
13 address them.

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15 Again, not having a representative from
16 Anaktuvuk Pass I am in agreement with John and Gordon
17 that I'm somewhat reluctant not having heard any -- not
18 having any input from that community, the decision we
19 make is going to very well impact that community and
20 the hunters for utilizing these resources. I know in
21 the past we've had a resolution that a community
22 harvest of sheep be provided to that community, I'm not
23 sure if it's still in existence and how that resolution
24 may impact that proposal that was provided to Anaktuvuk
25 to some -- this was in the early '90s that these
26 decisions were made and giving that area -- I don't
27 know how that hunt would be impacted from the changes
28 we propose to make through this regulation, whether we
29 support it or not support it.

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31 Again, those are my comments as the
32 Chairman of this Council. And I'd like to ask, again,
33 at this time whether there are any other comments from
34 the Council in terms of the recommendations and
35 deliberations and justification given whether to
36 support or not support this proposal at this time.

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38 WP07-55 is the proposal that we're
39 considering at this time under Council deliberation.

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41 Lee or Paul, do you have any comments
42 to add to this discussion.

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44 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, Paul Bodfish here.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Paul.

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48 MR. BODFISH: Yes, after hearing you
49 guys, yeah, you know, yeah, I would prefer to defer
50 this for the fall meeting, maybe we'll have a

1 representation from Anaktuvuk then.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is that in the
4 form of a motion.
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6 MR. BODFISH: Yes.
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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So the motion is,
9 coming from Paul Bodfish, is to defer to take any
10 action until we have proper representation from the
11 affected village.
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13 MR. HOPSON: Second that motion, Mr.
14 Chairman, from John Hopson.
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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Second on the
17 motion. Any further discussion.
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19 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I'd
20 like to add a little.
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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.
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24 MR. G. BROWER: Just for consideration,
25 see if this would fly, to defer it until there's a
26 representative from Anaktuvuk Pass and to review the
27 provision for humane killing as part of this proposal.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is that an
30 amending motion.
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32 MR. G. BROWER: To amend Paul's motion
33 to defer it until there is a representative from
34 Anaktuvuk Pass to include a mechanism by which the
35 humane killing with bow and arrow can be addressed.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's an
38 amending motion on the floor.
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40 MR. HOPSON: Second.
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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded by John
43 Hopson, Jr. Any further discussion on the amending
44 motion.
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46 (No comments)
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48 MR. HOPSON: Question called for on the
49 amending motion.
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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question has been
2 called for on the amending motion. All in favor
3 signify by saying aye.
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5 IN UNISON: Aye.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Lee, I don't know
8 if you stated anything on the amending motion. Lee,
9 are you on.
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11 MR. KAYOTUK: Yeah. I just said aye
12 there.
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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, there was an
15 overlap -- there was an echo in the deal and I just
16 wanted to make sure you voiced your vote. So there's
17 no opposition to the amending motion. The amending
18 motion passes this Council.
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20 MR. G. BROWER: Question called for on
21 the main motion.
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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question has been
24 called on the main motion. Not support -- or to table
25 this proposal until we have a representative with the
26 amending language that's been provided by Gordon.
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28 All in favor of the motion signify by
29 saying aye.
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31 IN UNISON: Aye.
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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The main motion
34 passes this Council to defer to take any action until
35 such time that we have a representative from the
36 affected community.
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38 Thank you.
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40 I would like to ask, was it Pete, if he
41 has any other proposals to be discussed at this time.
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43 MR. KRON; Mr. Chairman. This is Tom
44 Kron. My brother's name is Pete but he isn't here.
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46 (Laughter)
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48 MR. KRON: 58 was another proposal.....
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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Excuse me just a

1 second, so we have a change in personnel now.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, Harry, Tom Kron
6 was the one that presented 55.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: How did I get the
9 name of Pete this morning.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Pete DeMatteo
14 presented earlier, 34 and 56 earlier, and then when we
15 started over you were eating your muktuk when Gordon
16 started the one on 56.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you for that
21 clarification.

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23 (Laughter)

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So I'll give the
26 floor back to Tom to provide us the synopsis on
27 Proposal WP07-60.

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29 MR. KRON: 58.

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31 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: 58.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: 58. Thank you.

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35 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Proposal
36 WP07-58 is found on Page 111 in your Council book.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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40 MR. KRON: The background is similar to
41 the one that you just considered. The Federal
42 Subsistence Board established a Federal registration
43 permit hunt for moose in Units 26B and 26C for the
44 residents of Kaktovik in 2004. This proposal would
45 affect that particular hunt. The proponent is
46 essentially asking that Kaktovik residents be required
47 to use a bow and arrow from September 1st through 14th
48 if they hunt in the Dalton Highway Corridor of Unit
49 26B. We realize that the Kaktovik residents are
50 closing to their own village but they do have the

1 opportunity to hunt in the Corridor if they choose to.
2 So from that perspective this proposal would affect
3 Kaktovik. But again it's the bow and arrow proposal
4 requirement similar to what you just discussed for
5 sheep in Proposal 55.

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7 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Tom.

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11 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. I guess real
12 quickly maybe touch on recommendations. The Staff
13 recommendation is to oppose to the proposal.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Hold on, please, I
16 think we'll follow the process, that's your
17 introduction and analysis of the proposal, is that part
18 of that portion.

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20 MR. KRON: This is part of it, I just
21 neglected to include the recommendation.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, continue
24 then, please.

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26 MR. KRON: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. The
27 Staff recommendation is to oppose the proposal.

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29 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, for
32 that addition. So we have the State Department of Fish
33 and Game comments on Proposal 58.

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35 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
36 This is Terry Haynes. The Department's comments are on
37 Page 123 of your Council books. And as with the
38 previous proposal, the Department supports adoption of
39 this proposal because under current State law we do not
40 authorize the use of firearms for hunting in the Dalton
41 Highway Corridor Management Area.

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43 And if I might, Mr. Chairman, just a
44 comment on your previous action. I recognize the
45 reason that the Council wants input from the affected
46 communities, but, you know, the Board will be taking
47 action on this proposal at its meeting later this
48 spring, so as long as you understand that any action
49 that you might take at a fall meeting might not have
50 any direct influence on the Board. That's all I would

1 have to say.

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3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: One comment,
6 Terry. I would like to ask for clarification in terms
7 of how the Alaska Board of Game is going to be
8 determining this proposal when it's -- when the
9 clarification has not been sufficient to indicate which
10 region they're going to be acting on proposals on. I
11 know there's a process for the State that it utilizes
12 to address proposals that are affected for the State
13 and that they -- in dealing with proposals by region
14 and I would like to ask for that clarification. When
15 are they going to be discussing North Slope proposals
16 at their meeting.

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18 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. This is a
19 proposal that goes before -- these proposals, 58 and
20 the previous one 55, are proposals that the Federal
21 Subsistence Board will be considering at its meeting
22 this spring, not the Board of Game.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The Federal
25 Subsistence Board you indicated.

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27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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29 MR. HAYNES: Yes, sir, that's correct.
30 These are not State proposals, these are Federal
31 subsistence proposals that we're talking about.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I needed that
34 clarification to make sure we were talking about the
35 State or Federal. I just recall we were under State
36 comments so when you provided information I was under
37 the impression you were providing comments on behalf of
38 the State.

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40 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Yes, I'm
41 providing, as I've done for a number of years now, the
42 Department is commenting on Federal proposals, just as
43 we have done every year, but these are proposals that
44 are going to be acted on by the Federal Subsistence
45 Board and the Department is just commenting just as
46 Regional Council's develop positions, Advisory
47 Committees, members of the public can all comment, just
48 as we all can do in the State process.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, thank you

1 for that clarification, Terry. I have muktuk in my
2 mouth and hearing proposals and taking on thoughts from
3 other Council members so I might get a little confused
4 at times, so thank you for that clarification.

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6 So the State's recommendations were to
7 oppose this -- you indicated that you support this
8 proposal.

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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: ADF&G.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Terry.

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14 MR. HAYNES: Yes, sir, that's correct,
15 we support this proposal.

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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, thank you
18 for your comments. We have number 3, other Federal,
19 State and tribal agency comments.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There aren't any,
22 Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you,
25 Barbara. Next agenda item is InterAgency Staff
26 Committee comments.

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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The InterAgency
29 Staff Committee don't have any comments on all the
30 proposals that we'll be hearing today, sir.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Then we
33 have the State Fish and Game Advisory Committee
34 comments.

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36 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There are none.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.
39 Summary of written public comments.

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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We have one, Mr.
42 Chair, and it's the same one as I read previously. And
43 where Scott Schoppenhorst from Wiseman Village opposes.
44 And I've read this comment into the record already, do
45 you want to hear it again.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: To refresh our
48 memories, please.

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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. It's Mr.

1 Scott Schoppenhorst from Wiseman village said:

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3 We highly value the local fish and
4 wildlife resources and have always hunted the
5 traditional seasons when it is the best time to
6 properly care for the meat and conditions are favorable
7 for safe travel to our traditional hunting areas. He
8 and his son are avid bow hunters. His suggestions for
9 the safety issue part of this proposal was to have bow
10 hunters wear blaze orange to warn other hunters. When
11 his family hunts they wear no form of camouflage and
12 very seldom take a shot at any more than 125 yards and
13 have been as close as 15 yards, well, within bow range.
14 They must be certain the sheep is a seven-eighth curl
15 ram or larger, which requires close observations which
16 eliminates posing danger to other hunters in the field.
17 Hunting in the Dalton Highway Corridor is done by
18 driving the highway and spending hours for glassing for
19 sheep which further eliminates danger to other hunters.
20 He has been able, at different times to locate other
21 hunters progress with a spotting scope or binoculars,
22 once other hunters are spotted he looks for another
23 place to hunt. He has talked with Mr. Falkner,
24 proposal author, about his safety concerns on the day
25 described in this proposal. Both were aware of another
26 hunter in the area in question, and they were between
27 1.5 to two miles away. No one was in danger from
28 accidentally shooting each other. Mr. Falkner was
29 hunting within five miles of the village and had two
30 days of hunting the same sheep at 50 yards. In his
31 opinion, most bow hunters come to Dalton Highway
32 Corridor because of the lack of law enforcement and do
33 not hunt species specific proven by the amount of
34 arrows found in the woods and in the animals he has
35 harvested.

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37 Thank you, sir.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you,
40 Barbara. So next we have public testimony.

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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There isn't any.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: No public
45 testimony on the proposal. We now have the Regional
46 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.
47 What is the wish of the Council on Proposal WP58-07
48 [sic].

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50 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John Hopson, Jr.
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3 MR. HOPSON: Based on what Alaska
4 Department of Fish and Game has mentioned is the Game
5 Board going to go ahead and deliberate and make into
6 law even if we table these things until our next
7 meeting, which is in the fall, is that going to happen
8 with or without our comments or recommendation.
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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The Council.....
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12 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.
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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: State your name,
15 please.
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17 MR. LAPLANT: This is Dan LaPlant from
18 OSM.
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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Dan.
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22 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. I just
23 wanted to, again, try and clarify that these proposals
24 are going to the Federal Subsistence Board and they'll
25 be making their final decisions on these at the May
26 meeting. These proposals will not be presented to the
27 Alaska Board of Game, these are Federal proposals. The
28 Federal Subsistence Board will be making their
29 decisions in May and they'll be considering all the
30 comments that they receive.
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32 So by deferring your position on
33 proposals like this until next fall or until you have a
34 representation, additional representatives on the
35 Council, that's not going to provide the Federal
36 Subsistence Board any information for them to consider
37 it in May when they sit down in May to make their
38 decisions on these proposals.
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40 Thank you.
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42 MR. HOPSON: Thank you.
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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John Hopson, Jr.
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46 MR. HOPSON: Based on his comments, Mr.
47 Chairman, I move to oppose WP07-58.
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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the
50 floor to oppose Proposal WP58-07 [sic]. Need a second.

1 MR. G. BROWER: Second.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
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5 MR. G. BROWER: For discussion
6 purposes. Can we read it so I can be -- exactly -- so
7 it will be very clear.
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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I didn't write
10 that motion down so I would ask you to restate the
11 motion.
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13 MR. G. BROWER: And also to read the
14 proposal, it has something to do with Kaktovik being
15 April to hunt in that area with bow, is what I'm
16 understanding. I just want to be absolutely clear.
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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We'll start with
19 the motion or did you want to start with the proposal.
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21 MR. G. BROWER: I wanted to start with
22 the proposal to be absolutely clear. I mean it would
23 be nice to hear from Kaktovik because the presenter
24 stated that this would be affecting Kaktovik.
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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So I would like to
27 ask that Tom give the executive summary, I assume
28 that's what you were reading earlier.
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30 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. The proposed
31 Federal.....
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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Please state your
34 name, please.
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36 MR. KRON: Yes, this is Tom Kron with
37 OSM.
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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.
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41 MR. KRON: The proposed Federal
42 language is found on Page 114 in your Council book and
43 I'll give you a brief summary of what's at the top of
44 that page.
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46 What this proposal would do would be to
47 put into regulation a requirement that bow and arrows
48 may be used during certain periods. And in 26B and C
49 for the Kaktovik, firearms may not be used September
50 1st through September 14th if that Kaktovik hunter were

1 hunting with the Dalton Highway Corridor.

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3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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7 MR. G. BROWER: I got a question for
8 you. You say 26C and that's quite a ways away from 26B
9 where the Corridor is, you're saying that there's a
10 Kaktovik resident hunting in 26B, that residents in 26C
11 will not be able to use firearms in 26C for the hunting
12 of sheep, they have to only go by bow.

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14 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. The
15 registration permit for Kaktovik allows for the harvest
16 of moose sin either 26B or C and, again, I haven't gone
17 into that in detail but what those -- the residents of
18 Kaktovik have the opportunity, if they chose to, to
19 take moose in the Dalton Highway Corridor.

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21 What this regulation is only about, is
22 the Corridor, and it would basically require that if
23 they were in the Corridor trying to get one of their
24 moose by registration permit, from September 1st
25 through September 14th, they would have to use a bow
26 and arrow to do it.

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28 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hope that
29 clarifies things.

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31 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, that does. That
32 clarifies it.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We're still under
35 the discussion of the motion to oppose the proposal as
36 written.

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38 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John, go ahead.

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42 MR. HOPSON: We just got done talking
43 about 55 and humane killing and village representation.
44 It also talks about Anaktuvuk in here and they don't
45 have village representation and it talks about bow
46 hunting and the concern we have with humane killing.
47 And that's my justification for my motion to oppose
48 this.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. We're

1 still under discussion.

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3 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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7 MR. G. BROWER: If we could hear from
8 Kaktovik would be most appreciated at this point.
9 They're saying, in my view, if you have a permit in 26C
10 and wish to use that permit in 26B, you must use only a
11 bow and arrow to harvest it.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Lee, do you have
14 any comments on this proposal, that's what Gordon's
15 asking, he would like your input.

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17 MR. KAYOTUK: My name is Lee Kayotuk.
18 I think it's pretty understandable for bow and arrow in
19 September to September 14, but other changes in bow and
20 arrow without the village of Kaktovik is highly
21 recommended for a village that's not there with the
22 writing and saying in the book with the village not
23 here is important.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.

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27 MR. REXFORD: Mr. Chairman.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Fenton.

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31 MR. REXFORD: Hi, this is Fenton.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'll allow you to
34 comment on this, Fenton, you're a community member.

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36 MR. REXFORD: Thank you, very much, Mr.
37 Chairman. Fenton Rexford for the record.

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39 This should be a stand-alone proposal
40 so I would recommend that this proposal be denied.
41 We're talking about Dalton Highway Corridor and the
42 language that goes with the Dalton Highway Corridor
43 Management Area, that this should be stand-alone and
44 not with 26C.

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46 So that would be my recommendation, is
47 not to approve this proposed regulation and that it be
48 a stand-alone proposal.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Fenton.

1 I would like to now ask if there are any other
2 comments. Do we need to make an amending motion in
3 terms of what Fenton just indicated or do we just.....

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5 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER:continue with
8 what your motion is to do.

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10 MR. HOPSON: My motion so far is just
11 to oppose it. I mean Staff recommended it also and
12 just clean and clear opposition of this proposal.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, thank you,
15 John. Would you state your name, please.

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17 MR. LAPLANT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, this
18 is Dan LaPlant from OSM.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Dan.

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22 MR. LAPLANT: I just wanted to clarify
23 that this is a stand-alone proposal. It does just
24 affect hunting within the Dalton Highway Corridor for
25 moose, 26B, the only way 26C comes into the discussion
26 is that residents of Kaktovik from 26C get their
27 permits and on those permits it allows them to hunt in
28 both 26C and 26B, but this regulation only affects
29 their ability to harvest in 26B in the Dalton Highway
30 Corridor, and it requires that they're only allowed to
31 use bow and arrow during that time period. So it
32 doesn't affect any opportunities in 26C, it's just 26B
33 in the Dalton Highway Corridor.

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35 Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you for that
38 clarification Dan. Further discussion on the motion.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The motion is to
43 oppose the proposal as written.

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45 MR. BODFISH: Call for the question.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question has been
48 called on the motion. All in favor signify by saying
49 aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. We
4 have five Council members present so that's all five
5 indicating supporting the motion provided John to
6 oppose the proposal as written and the motion passes
7 this Council.
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9 We need to continue with the proposals
10 that are before us and I'd like the coordinator to give
11 us an update to where we are.
12 I've been chewing lots of muktuk over here.
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14 (Laughter)
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, Harry -- Mr.
17 Chair.
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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Barb.
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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We have -- we would
22 go to the Regional proposals, we have three and those
23 will be presented by Laura Greffenius, and I will hand
24 it back to you to call on her.
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26 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, this is Gordon
27 Brower.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.
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31 MR. G. BROWER: I just wanted to make
32 some comments on those crossover proposals.
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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.
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36 MR. G. BROWER: And the one that was
37 affected Anaktuvuk Pass. Consider what was said that
38 the Federal Board of Game, they're going to act on this
39 regardless if we defer it to back then and I would
40 really like to have something before the Board of Game
41 even if it's not a decision but maybe just they have a
42 -- the reading of the minutes of the deliberation over
43 here just so they know where we stand in concern to the
44 affected village and also our concern about shooting
45 pipelines and things of that nature that we have major
46 concerns on. If we can't decide to make a
47 recommendation, at a minimum, that our deliberations
48 here would be made known to the Board of Game.
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50 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara.
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Dan LaPlant would
6 like to speak, please.
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8 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
9 Dan LaPlant.
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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Dan.
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13 MR. LAPLANT: I just wanted to remind
14 the Council that when the Federal Subsistence Board
15 meets in May to consider these proposals, that the
16 Chairman of the North Slope Council is invited to
17 participate in that meeting and, normally, Mr. Brower,
18 you are there to present the North Slope positions.
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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.
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22 MR. LAPLANT: So there's an opportunity
23 there to explain to the Federal Subsistence Board your
24 deliberations here and the reasons that you deferred or
25 if you make a recommendation one way or the other. So
26 you have that opportunity to provide that additional
27 explanation to the Federal Subsistence Board at their
28 meeting.
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30 Thank you.
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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Dan,
33 for that input. Do you have any other comments,
34 Gordon.
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36 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, that's good to
37 know. And I'd like to just, you know, make the comment
38 if we can't come to a consensus on what to say about
39 that one proposal, I would like to think that our
40 Chairman will have these comments that we talked about.
41 It seems like our comments are both ways, they go to
42 humane killing, they go to thinking about the
43 TransAlaska Pipeline Corridor, what it's intent is,
44 it's not a hunting field, and the shooting of the
45 TransAlaska Pipeline is an example of what can happen
46 and it seems to me those should be, you know, said to
47 the -- from our representative Chairman, Harry Brower,
48 I'd like to think he'll bring that including the
49 village of Anaktuvuk Pass wasn't heard.
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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara. Just
6 before you start I have one comment I'd like to make in
7 terms of how the Gates of the Arctic Subsistence
8 Resource Commission, if they've met and discussed this
9 issue at all, that's a question I would just like to
10 ask.
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12 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.
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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead.
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16 MR. HAYNES: This is Terry Haynes. The
17 Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource Commission is
18 holding a meeting in Fairbanks next month shortly
19 before the Federal Subsistence Board meeting so my
20 assumption is the Commission will take a look at these
21 proposals and forward its recommendations on to the
22 Federal Subsistence Board.
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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
25 Barb, if that's the case I would like them to -- the
26 Subsistence Resource Commission be forwarded our
27 concerns in terms of our comments provided from this
28 meeting for their consideration. They may take a
29 different action because of having representation from
30 AKP at that meeting.
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32 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
33 Dan LaPlant. Barb just stepped out of the room but we
34 will make sure that the Arctic SRC does receive your
35 comments and your discussions on this issue.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All right, thank
38 you, Dan. Is it that we're needing a break at this
39 time or what is the wish of the Council.
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41 MR. HOPSON: Break, either way.
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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Would we like to
44 take a five minute break. Paul, we need to hear your
45 concerns also.
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47 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, take a break.
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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Break, five
50 minutes, okay. Okay, I'll just put the phone on mute.

1 (Off record)

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3 (On record)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'll call the
6 meeting back to order and we'll give the floor to Barb
7 -- Laura.

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9 MS. GREFFENIUS: Thank you. This is
10 Laura Greffenius, wildlife biologist with the Office of
11 Subsistence Management, and I'll present the North
12 Slope proposals.

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14 So Mr. Chairman and members of the
15 Council, can you hear me all right.

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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Loud and clear.

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19 MS. GREFFENIUS: Okay. All right. So
20 the analysis that I'll start with is No. 60, WP07-60
21 begins on Page 124 in your Council book.

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23 So WP07-60 submitted by the North Slope
24 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council requests that the
25 Federal season for brown bear in Unit 26A be changed
26 from September 1 to May 31, changed to July 1 to May
27 31, which would align with the harvest season under the
28 State's brown bear subsistence regulations in Unit 26A.

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30 Currently the Federal season is from
31 September 1 to May 31 and the proposed change would
32 open the Federal season two months earlier and the
33 current State harvest season dates are new and became
34 effective for the 2006/2007 regulatory year. And
35 primarily the proposed change aligns regulations so
36 Federally-qualified subsistence users could hunt under
37 the same harvest season as the State subsistence
38 regulations for brown bear in Unit 26A.

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40 So for those of you with a book right
41 in front of you, on Page 125 are the existing and
42 proposed regulations plus the current State
43 regulations. In 1992 the Federal Subsistence Board in
44 parallel actions with the State of Alaska Board of Game
45 created the Northwestern Brown Bear Management Area
46 which included Unit 26A and this management area
47 established a standard season of September 1 through
48 May 31. And since 1996 that Federal regulation has
49 been in place for one bear by State registration permit
50 during a September 1 through May 31 open season. And

1 presently the State subsistence regulations in Unit 26A
2 are for one bear every regulatory year from July 1 to
3 May 31 and previously the State's harvest season had
4 been August 20 to May 31. The current State brown bear
5 subsistence season first became effective for this
6 current regulatory year 2006/2007.

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8 The density of brown bears vary widely
9 in Unit 26A with densities highest in the foothills of
10 the Brooks Range and lowest in the northern portion of
11 the unit, and bear populations were reduced during the
12 1960s by hunting bear currently stable or slowly
13 increasing [sic]. The brown bears harvest in Unit 26A
14 has been within the sustainable harvest level and the
15 permit hunt was under-subscribed. The Alaska
16 Department of Fish and Game management goal is to keep
17 the harvest at or below an average of five percent of
18 the bear population during any two year period and
19 under these guidelines the maximum allowable harvest
20 would be approximately 51 bears. Hunters reported 14
21 bears harvested during 2002/2003 and 16 bears during
22 2003/04. This was similar to the number harvested
23 during the previous two years and well below the
24 allowable sustained yield of approximately 51 bears.

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26 If adopted, this proposal would open
27 the Federal brown bear season in Unit 26A two months
28 earlier and this action would provide Federal
29 subsistence users who would like to take bears earlier
30 in the year more opportunity.

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32 So overall this proposed change would
33 align the Federal and State subsistence bear seasons in
34 Unit 26A.

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36 Residents of Unit 26A have indicated
37 they would like to have the option of harvesting bears
38 under the subsistence regulations when they go to their
39 subsistence camps in July. Subsistence users already
40 have this opportunity in most of Unit 26A under State
41 regulations with those dates being the July 1 to May 31
42 time period.

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44 Furthermore, adoption of this proposal
45 would allow for July and August harvest within Gates of
46 the Arctic National Park for qualified users which
47 includes residents of Anaktuvuk Pass and Nuiqsut.

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49 The preliminary conclusion for this
50 proposal is to support the proposal. The justification

1 is that currently there are no brown bear populations
2 or harvest concerns in Unit 26A and also it is unlikely
3 that harvest would increase significantly plus the
4 Federally-qualified subsistence users would have
5 additional opportunity and a season equivalent to the
6 longer State subsistence brown bear season.

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8 So thank you, Mr. Chair and members of
9 the Council. That concludes my presentation for this
10 proposal and I'll answer any questions if you have
11 them.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Laura.
14 We'll follow the process as indicated earlier,
15 presentation and procedure for proposal. So that was
16 the introduction of the proposal and analysis is No. 1.
17 We'll go down to No. 2, Alaska Department of Fish and
18 Game comments.

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20 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21 This is Terry Haynes in Fairbanks. The Department's
22 comments are on Page 129 of your Council book.

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24 You may recall, Mr. Chairman, at your
25 meeting last fall Geoff Carroll asked me to bring to
26 you ideas for proposal that the Council might want to
27 consider based on actions taken by the Board of Game on
28 several North Slope proposal last fall or the previous
29 fall. And so I've provided that information for you,
30 and that led to the development of several of the
31 proposals that you'll be looking at this afternoon.

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33 The comments on this proposal are one
34 example of where the Department has made a policy
35 statement about the linkage between State and Federal
36 regulations. And our policy position on this type of
37 proposal is that when the Federal regulation matches
38 the State regulation then there really isn't a need for
39 a separate Federal regulation. So if the Federal Board
40 did adopt this proposal we would say that it really
41 wasn't necessary to do that because the State
42 regulations provide that opportunity.

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44 But having said that, on a more
45 practical basis, the effect of this proposal is to
46 align the State and Federal seasons and that is
47 something that the Department supports and strongly
48 recommends.

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50 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Terry.
2 The State supports the regulation change. Now, we have
3 No. 3 other Federal, State and tribal agency comments.
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara.
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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There are no
10 comments on No. 2 -- I mean No. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. No
11 comments.
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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.
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15 MR. REXFORD: Mr. President. Council.
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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Kaktovik. Okay, I
18 knew that was going to be coming up, one way or the
19 other.
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21 (Laughter)
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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, Fenton, I'll
24 allow you to provide your comments.
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26 MR. REXFORD: Thank you, very much for
27 the opportunity to comment on your well-thought out
28 proposal, Mr. Chairman. Fenton Rexford from Kaktovik
29 with the Native Village of Kaktovik.
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31 Mr. Chairman and Board members, when I
32 look at the current brown bear regulations in Unit 26C,
33 the dates are different and my only recommendation
34 would be to align the open seasons to be similar across
35 the -- for regulations in brown bear. And that would
36 be my only comment, Mr. President, to, again, the
37 current regulation in Unit 26C, I'm not sure if you'll
38 have to make an amending motion or deliberate with your
39 Councilmen and your Federal agencies to make a change
40 in 26C in the open season dates to make it similar to
41 this, Proposal 07-60.
42
43 Thank you, Mr. President.
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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, for
46 your comments, Fenton. I'm writing notes down and
47 we'll bring this up to make sure we reflect your
48 comment you provided to us.
49
50 Let me just add at this time if there's

1 any other agency, Federal, State or tribal on this
2 proposal.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If there are none
7 we'll go right down to Regional Council deliberation,
8 recommendation and justification. What is the wish of
9 the Council on WP07-60.

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11 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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13 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon Brower.

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17 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I'd just like to
18 say that these are pretty well thought out and it has
19 included some good comments in the past and it's a -- I
20 think it's very good, it's very timely. We often see
21 the brown bears come out and around NPR-A 26, they come
22 out around April so I think this is very good. I think
23 that Fenton has a good point as well, when we're
24 looking to see this opportunity and align it with
25 availability, that we should look at it in a region-
26 wide setting for subsistence purposes. I think that
27 would be a very good practice for the purposes of
28 subsistence.

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30 That's just my comments.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
33 John Hopson.

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35 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman. Based on
36 Mr. Fenton Rexford's comments, what would be the
37 process in including 26B and C into this proposal here,
38 if somebody can answer that.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Maybe I'll refer
41 back to Laura to see if.....

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43 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER:what the
46 Federal representatives have to say.

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48 MR. LAPLANT; Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Laura.

1 MR. LAPLANT: This is Dan LaPlant.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, Dan. I was
4 asking Laura, but go ahead.
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6 (Laughter)
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8 MR. LAPLANT: Okay, well, Laura's
9 sitting right here next to me and she's nodding to me.
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11 (Laughter)
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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.
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15 MR. LAPLANT: I'll just provide some
16 clarification. The Council certainly can present a
17 modification of this if they choose to. But I would
18 recommend that this issue of making changes to 26C and
19 B be dealt with in a separate proposal.
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21 The primary justification for making
22 the change in 26A was to align with State regulations
23 and that what was analyzed by our Staff. If you make a
24 change in 26C and 26B, that doesn't align with State
25 regulation, so that same justification would not apply.
26
27 So, again, Federal Staff hasn't
28 analyzed any action that relates to 26C and B and I
29 would recommend that that be dealt with through a
30 separate proposal.
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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, for
33 your recommendation.
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35 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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39 MR. HOPSON: What kind of changes in
40 the justification would have to happen or what would we
41 be looking at if we included B and C.
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43 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman, this is Dan
44 LaPlant.
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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Dan.
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48 MR. LAPLANT: Again, the Federal Staff
49 hasn't analyzed the impacts that this might have on
50 bear populations in 26C and 26B so we don't have any

1 additional information for use in justification for
2 making changes one way or the other. So it would have
3 to be purely based on Regional Council member's
4 information about the effects that this might have on
5 bear populations.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.

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13 MR. HOPSON: Would you be able to have
14 data and a proposal for us by our next meeting so we
15 may consider this sometime in the year '07.

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17 MR. LAPLANT: This is Dan LaPlant. The
18 next wildlife cycle, we accept proposals in the fall of
19 '07 at your fall meeting, so this would be appropriate
20 to discuss at that time and then we can analyze those
21 at that time and then bring the issue back to you at
22 your meeting for the next wildlife cycle which would be
23 at this time of year next year.

24

25 Thank you.

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27 MR. HOPSON: Thank you. Mr. Chairman,
28 one last comment.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, continue
31 John.

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33 MR. HOPSON: Fenton, based on what we
34 just discussed what do you guys think of putting it on
35 the next agenda item in our next meeting.

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37 MR. REXFORD: That would be fine, the
38 only -- that would be fine we could work that and find
39 the justification and research for that, John.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Fenton.
42 Is that it.

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44 MR. REXFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank
45 you, very much.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Fenton.
48 Gordon Brower.

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50 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I just wanted to

1 add, you know, this talk about aligning with State
2 regulations, you know, it seems to me that a lot of
3 time that the State may have gotten it right in the
4 beginning the statement that there shouldn't be
5 additional regulations or a regulation that say exactly
6 the same, only State or Federal, but you have to
7 realize sometimes that the State has a problem with
8 subsistence. And I see that in the Coastal Management
9 Program, with all of our policies on subsistence being
10 jeopardized by review and changes and stuff at the
11 discretion of the State. So I always like to think
12 that the Federal government, that the provisions in
13 ANILCA, has to be the leaders in all of these kinds of
14 things and happy when things do align, it's a good
15 thing because everybody's on the same page. But there
16 should always be that regulation in there to talk about
17 the Federal because the Federal is managing.

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19 So that's just my little beef on it
20 because I've dealt with regulations and changes that go
21 through the State tend to be jeopardized from time to
22 time. And that's just one little thing I wanted to add
23 on in there.

24

25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
26 We're still under Regional Council deliberation,
27 recommendation and justification of the proposal, let
28 me turn my page and look at my own notes, WP07-60.

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30 Any further discussion.

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara, were you
35 wanting to make a comment earlier, I just faintly heard
36 your voice.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, Mr. LaPlant
41 talked about it so I'm okay with it, thanks.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, thank you.
44 Council recommendation and justification. What is the
45 wish of the Council.

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47 MR. BODFISH: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Paul.

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1 MR. BODFISH: Paul Bodfish here.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yeah, go ahead,
4 Paul, you have the floor.
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6 MR. BODFISH: I move that we support
7 this proposal.
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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the
10 floor by Paul to support the proposal, Proposal WP07-60
11 as presented.
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13 MR. G. BROWER: Second.
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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded by
16 Gordon. Further discussion on the proposal.
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18 MR. HOPSON: Question called for.
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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question's been
21 called by John Hopson, Jr. All in favor of the
22 proposal as presented signify by saying aye.
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24 IN UNISON: Aye.
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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That's five again.
27 There was a little overlap there so I think I heard
28 five voices there so the proposal has passed this
29 Council.
30
31 So we need to move on to the next
32 proposal, please. The next proposal, I think it would
33 be WP07-61 and 62.
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35 Laura.
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37 MS. GREFFENIUS: Okay, Mr. Chair, this
38 is Laura Greffenius again. Mr. Chair and members of
39 the Council, the analysis, both of them WP07-61 and 62
40 can be found in your books beginning on Pages 130 and
41 131.
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43 WP07-61 submitted by the North Slope
44 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, your Council,
45 requests a Federal subsistence regulation align with
46 the State regulation to allow the harvest of antlerless
47 moose or cows throughout the July 1 to September 14
48 season in the northwest portion of Unit 26A. And since
49 these were very similar, they've been analyzed
50 together, WP07-62 also submitted by your Council

1 requests a Federal subsistence regulation align with
2 the State regulation for the moose harvest seasons in
3 comparable portions of Unit 26A.

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5 For those of you with your books right
6 in front of you I'll refer you to the Unit 26A maps on
7 Pages 133 and 134, just this be helpful as references
8 to view while I'm presenting. These have geographic
9 descriptions -- the geographic descriptions in the
10 regulations with the seasons are all outlined right
11 here in the maps. So I would encourage you to look at
12 both maps for comparison as we go along.

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14 The current State regulations for this
15 portion of Unit 26A became effective for the present
16 regulatory year 2006/07. And the proposed changes
17 would have the restriction on antlerless moose harvest
18 removed which stated they may only be taken July 1 to
19 August 31. Also the proposed changes would utilize the
20 same description for one of the portions of Unit 26A in
21 effect making the Federal regulations more closely
22 align with the State regulations. In the Proposed Unit
23 26A remainder the season would begin one month earlier
24 on August 1st. In addition a portion of Unit 26A would
25 include a two month winter season in the proposed
26 Federal regulation. And these dates and the areas that
27 are covered as I said are on the maps on Pages 133 and
28 134 and all this is written out on the existing Federal
29 regulation, the proposed Federal regulations and the
30 current State regulations and what's written out, you
31 can visually see on the maps. And also as you know the
32 bold portions and the strikeouts are the changes and
33 the bold portions are the new parts.

34
35 About one and a half years ago during
36 the November 2005 meeting the Alaska Board of Game
37 adopted regulation changes for moose hunting seasons
38 and bag limits in some portions of Unit 26A due to the
39 improved status of the moose population. Unit 26A
40 lands managed by the State continue to be closed to
41 hunting by non-residents and the State hunting season
42 and bag limits for Unit 26A moose that went into effect
43 on July 1st, 2006 are listed on the bottoms of Pages
44 136 and the top of Page 137. Most of what's listed
45 there, one through four, that's summarized on the map,
46 the geographic descriptions and the dates, so that's
47 what was currently -- went into effect last July.

48
49 In Unit 26A by the late 1990s the moose
50 population, including the number of calfs began to

1 improve and this increase has continued. The increased
2 moose abundance is probably due to a combination of
3 lower adult mortality and greater calf survival. The
4 percentage of younger bulls has also gradually
5 increased which improves the chance of sustaining a
6 bull only harvest.

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8 Moose winter census counts cover all of
9 Unit 26A drainages south of the coastal plain and
10 provide an estimate of the total moose population. And
11 on Page 139 the bar graph there, Figure 2, illustrates
12 the increase in the moose population in reaching the
13 population goals. The census counts show an increased
14 population count of moose and improved calf production.

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16 In the past regulatory changes affected
17 hunter participation and harvesting of moose. Prior to
18 1996 most moose hunters reporting harvest in Unit 26
19 were not Alaska residents, while those who were Alaska
20 resident hunters mainly lived outside of Unit 26A. But
21 after 1996 all hunters were Alaska residents and most
22 reporting harvest were residents of Unit 26A.

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24 During these years from the period of
25 1996 to 2005, there are 27 moose reported to have been
26 harvested and of these, 24 were taken by Unit 26A
27 residents, including Nuiqsut, Barrow, Anaktuvuk Pass,
28 Wainwright and Atkasuk residents.

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30 The proposed changes will have little
31 -- the proposed change from these -- the proposed
32 changes will have little effect on the moose
33 populations in Unit 26A. Hunters can already harvest
34 antlerless moose under a State regulation during July
35 and August and the proposed change will result in
36 alignment with State regulations regarding the open
37 season dates but it would not align with a change by
38 the Board of Game regarding one of the unit area
39 descriptions. The proposed change would also provide a
40 Federal winter season, that was shown on the maps that
41 we referred to earlier. A Federal winter season for
42 that part of the Colville River drainage up stream from
43 and including the Anaktuvuk River drainage where a
44 Federal winter season does not currently exist. It
45 also begins the season one month earlier for that part
46 of Unit 26A that was previously referred to as
47 remainder, resulting in an August 1 start date for all
48 but the northwest portion of the unit, which has a July
49 1 start date.

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1 In addition these proposals outlined in
2 this analysis will allow the Federal season and harvest
3 changes to be effective within Gates of the Arctic
4 National Park for qualified users, which includes
5 residents of Anaktuvuk Pass and Nuiqsut.

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7 The preliminary conclusion is to
8 support WP07-61 with modification and that modification
9 would be to amend the hunt area description to match
10 the change made by the State and on Page 142, for those
11 of you looking at the books the modified regulation
12 would read, and it outlines it there, and primarily
13 what it's doing is making the geographic description
14 for the western and northern part of 26A match with
15 what the State geographic description is and that would
16 be making it according to Map 2, the one that has the
17 current State proposed Federal regulations.

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19 Also the preliminary conclusion is to
20 support WP07-62 as well.

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22 The justification is that the moose
23 population is considered healthy and will likely not be
24 subject to additional harvest as a result of these
25 proposed changes. And the proposed changes will more
26 closely align the Federal regulations with the State
27 regulations. The effect being that comparable rather
28 than more restriction conditions apply to Federally-
29 qualified subsistence users.

30
31 Thank you, Mr. Chair, that concludes my
32 presentation for these analysis and I'd be happy to
33 answer any questions.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you,
36 again, Laura. I think we'll continue and give the State
37 of Alaska Department of Fish and Game provide its
38 comments on Proposal WP07-61 and 62.

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40 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 This is Terry Haynes. The Department's comments are on
42 Page 144 of your Council book and the Department
43 supports 07-61 as modified by the Federal Staff because
44 that uses the same area description as we currently
45 have in State regulations and would reduce any
46 confusion that there might be regarding whether the
47 descriptions match up.

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49 And the Department supports 07-62 as
50 proposed in the original proposal.

1 Our comments, you'll note again,
2 recommend that we don't believe there is a need for
3 Federal regulations when the State regulations provide
4 the same opportunity. But the important point here is
5 that we do support action to make sure the State and
6 Federal regulations are aligned in this area.

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8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Mr.
11 Haynes. We'll follow up with our other Federal, State
12 and tribal government agency comments.

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14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara.

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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Again, for No. 3,
19 No. 4 InterAgency Staff Committee comments, Fish and
20 Game Advisory comments, summary of written public
21 comments, and public testimony, we do not have any
22 comments for those.

23
24 Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you,
27 Barbara. That leaves us down to Item No. 8, Regional
28 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.
29 What's the wish of the Council.

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31 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John Hopson.

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35 MR. HOPSON: I didn't quite get the
36 part about the limit there and when I look at the map
37 on 133 and 134, it talks about one moose July 1 to
38 September 14 and on both pages, now, am I allowed to
39 get only one for that year or is that one per trip or
40 one per household. I mean I got six people in my
41 family, can I go out and kill six of them or what.

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43 (Laughter)

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Other Council.

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47 MS. GREFFENIUS: Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.

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1 MS. GREFFENIUS: This is Laura
2 Greffenius.
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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, go ahead.
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6 MS. GREFFENIUS: Yeah, as the regulation
7 reads, it would be one moose per hunter for that
8 season, July 1 to September 14th.
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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Mr. Hopson, does
11 that help answer your question.
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13 MR. HOPSON: Yes, that does, thank you
14 very much.
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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We're still under
17 Council deliberations.
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19 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.
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23 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I have a concern
24 and a lot of the areas around here, it seems like you
25 get an enforcement officer, you know, with permits and
26 stuff like that, it seems to me this can be simplified
27 for reporting, you know, we have the subsistence
28 hunters that the permitting and licensing, sometimes
29 when you want to get a permit they force you to buy a
30 license. It seems to me that's -- you know, you don't
31 need to a license to be a subsistence hunter. And it
32 seems to me that's something that should be a little
33 bit more clarified because there's people in other
34 villages that will want to hunt and it should be clear,
35 you know, as to how do you do this. And currently we
36 don't need a license, you're just a subsistence hunter
37 from villages and you just know your bag limit and know
38 what time of the year to get it.
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40 That's my only comment at this point.
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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
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44 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.
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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead and state
47 your name, please.
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49 MR. LAPLANT: This is Dan LaPlant. I
50 just wanted to clarify for the record that Federal

1 subsistence harvest regulations do require that hunters
2 obtain a State hunting license before they harvest
3 under the Federal subsistence hunting regulations so
4 that is a Federal subsistence regulation that hunting
5 licenses are required.

6

7 MR. G. BROWER: If that's a
8 requirement, do you make those available at the time
9 when you're -- when they're opened, from the day that
10 it opens. Let's say it opens July 1, will you be in
11 those villages that are affected to hand those licenses
12 out.

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14 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
15 Dan LaPlant, yeah, we recognize that.....

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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Dan.

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19 MR. LAPLANT:there are problems
20 in obtaining licenses, these are State licenses that
21 are required and so the Federal agencies don't have the
22 primary responsibility for issuing those licenses.
23 Again, we recognize there's problems in getting
24 licenses available for users but that's the current
25 regulation and there are vendors in many of the
26 villages. I don't know what specific villages you're
27 referring to but we will do our best if you let us know
28 -- identify where the closest vendor is or where the
29 vendor is for that specific village and do our best to
30 make those licenses available.

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32 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.

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36 MR. HOPSON: If you go to Wainwright
37 about 70 percent of the people don't have the money to
38 get a license from Fairbanks or Anchorage. And you
39 require us to get a license like that, a moose comes to
40 town, you know, or even near town, what do we do, just
41 let it be and then go home and fly down to Anchorage,
42 that's going to cost me a thousand dollars just to do
43 that and not including the hotel stay, get a 15, \$25
44 license come back up and hope nobody else shot it
45 before I get the chance at it or what.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MR. HOPSON: I mean it's pretty hard to
50 get a license in the villages. If it's required they

1 ought to be mandatory in the communities throughout the
2 state saying I'm here from the time it opens until the
3 time it ends and then be available to get those
4 licenses.

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6 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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8 MR. HOPSON: And then a lot of the
9 people who do the hunting are elders and they're on a
10 fixed income that could barely make them survive
11 because of the rising cost of freight and fuel.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
14 I didn't recognize the person behind asking for.....

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16 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman, this is
17 Terry Haynes in Fairbanks. The Department of Fish and
18 Game recognizes that vendors, licensed vendors are not
19 available in every village and that is a concern and it
20 is a problem in some cases. I know that Geoff Carroll
21 does sell licenses when he visits villages. State
22 licenses can be obtained on the internet. And then
23 there are vendors in some villages. But that doesn't
24 solve the entire problem. So if there are situations
25 where people have been unable to obtain a license, I
26 would recommend you initially call Geoff Carroll in
27 Barrow -- in our Barrow office to see if he might be
28 planning to visit your community or if he has other
29 mechanisms set up so you can purchase a license if
30 you're not able to get to Barrow or some other
31 community where licenses are available.

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33 Again, the Department recognizes this
34 is a problem and we do the best we can but we don't
35 have a perfect solution yet.

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37 Thank you.

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39 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.

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43 MR. HOPSON: My wife's family goes up
44 the river all the time and so does many other and all
45 they do is sit there and wait for game to come or look
46 for them, they're going to get into trouble with the
47 State if they get themselves a moose because if that's
48 the only thing that pops up, you know, they're going to
49 want to eat. You got to make it easy for them to get
50 your requirements or don't do it at all. It's one of

1 those unfunded mandates that we see all the time.
2
3 Thank you.
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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
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7 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
8 Dan LaPlant.
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10 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Dan.
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12 MR. LAPLANT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, just
13 a couple other points related to licenses that haven't
14 been discussed yet and if I'm not correctly on point
15 here, Terry, help me out here, but I believe there are
16 low income licenses available through the State, I
17 think they cost \$5. So for many people in remote
18 villages, licenses may not cost any more than \$5. And
19 for residents 60 years old and older those licenses are
20 -- there is no charge for those licenses. And I don't
21 know, Terry, if those have to be renewed every year or
22 if you're a resident 60 years old, if you get a license
23 that way, if it's good for a number of years, maybe you
24 could help me out with that, please.
25
26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I think it's a
27 lifetime license.
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29 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, John.
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33 MR. HOPSON: I completely support the
34 WP07-61 and 62. But just come out and offer it to the
35 people who don't have it in their community, otherwise
36 you're pushing unfunded mandates on people who can't
37 afford it. It may cost \$5 for low income to get a
38 license but it's a \$200 round-trip to Barrow. And it
39 may be free to an elder but that's \$200 out of their
40 pocket just for a round-trip ticket and that's not
41 including hotel costs. So what needs to happen here is
42 the State needs to step up and do their part, we're
43 trying to work with you and you got to meet us halfway.
44
45 Thank you.
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47 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I maybe just got
48 a little addition.
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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

1 MR. G. BROWER: I'm right there with
2 John Hopson, Jr., I mean I do support these two
3 alignments of policy with the State, these regulations
4 and that concern is a very good concern. And it seems
5 to me that you can maybe deputize people in the village
6 or some kind of cooperative agreement, maybe with the
7 corporation or the tribal organization in each village
8 to be the permit issuant and to monitor and to be the
9 recipient of the report that would be forwarded.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.

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13 MR. G. BROWER: That would end my
14 comment.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'd like to make a
17 comment in terms of the discussion on these two
18 proposals. I do support the Proposals 61 and 62 also.
19 I just have a little bit different thought on how we
20 may be able to address the issue of the licensing.

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22 Maybe it could be that the Federal and
23 State agencies could consider putting an exemption,
24 just like the Marine Mammal Protection Act, to be able
25 to hunt without a license, you know, we're here to
26 subsist on the resources that area available to us and
27 when you place an unfunded mandate on subsistence
28 hunters, that just creates more of a problem for them
29 and make them illegal hunters.

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31 I think that, you know, just to have an
32 open mind and maybe State and Federal agencies
33 representatives can take that into consideration when
34 they bring it up to their different levels of meetings
35 that you have to go through in discussing these
36 proposals.

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38 So I just offer that as a suggestion
39 maybe for consideration for both Federal and State
40 resource managers.

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42 We're still under the Council
43 deliberation, recommendation and justification. What's
44 the wish of the Council.

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47 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: I would make a motion
2 to accept these two policies -- or these two
3 regulations WP07, what was it.....
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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: 61 and 62.
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7 MR. G. BROWER:61 and 62 with a
8 provision to visit the licensing requirements to make
9 it very accessible to all villages involved in these
10 two areas due to the type of unfunded mandate situation
11 that exists and the remoteness of the villages.
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13 MR. HOPSON: I strongly second that
14 motion.
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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's been a
17 motion provided by Gordon Brower with the language
18 indicated and seconded by John.
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20 Any further discussion on the motion.
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22 MR. BODFISH: Call for the question.
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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Paul.
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26 MR. BODFISH: Paul Bodfish calling for
27 the question.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Paul Bodfish, I
30 think he just called for the question. I think.....
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32 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.
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34 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER:we keep
35 overriding each other from our teleconferencing --
36 Paul, did you just call for the question.
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38 MR. BODFISH: Yes, sir, I did.
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40 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Paul.
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42 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.
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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: All those in favor
45 of the motion as provided by Gordon signify by saying
46 aye.
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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Harry.
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50 IN UNISON: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So that's five.
2 Motion passed this Council with the language provided
3 by Gordon. I hope that's being recorded.
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, it is.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you.
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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Did you want to
10 say.....
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12 MS. GREFFENIUS: Are you going to say
13 something.
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15 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.
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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG:something.
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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Just
20 double-checking to make sure we get all this stuff
21 recorded and documented.....
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23 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.
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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER:in proper
26 fashion. I thank you again.
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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, Mr. Chair --
29 Harry.
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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara.
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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Dan LaPlant
34 was trying to get into speak with you, he's got the
35 floor now, thanks.
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37 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
38 Dan LaPlant. We just need some clarification on your
39 last vote. The Staff recommendation was support with
40 modification for Proposal 61 and I don't know if that
41 was included in your decision that you just made or
42 not.
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44 The amendment in 61 was to modify that
45 boundary of the hunt area displayed on the maps, I
46 don't know if that was part of your recommendation or
47 not, would you clarify that please.
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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, I'll have
50 Gordon speak to that.

1 MR. G. BROWER: Yes, it was supporting
2 61 and 62 with that modified language about the
3 licensing.
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, no, he's.....
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7 MR. LAPLANT: Yes, Mr. Chairman, but
8 how about the modification related to the boundary
9 area, the hunt area that's displayed on the maps.
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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think we were in
12 support of that -- there's two modifications as
13 indicated, one by the motion and one by the proposal so
14 we're in support of both of them. Does that clarify
15 your.....
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17 MR. LAPLANT: Okay, thank you, Mr.
18 Chairman.
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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. Barbara.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.
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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Next.
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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, next is
27 Proposal 63 by Laura Greffenius.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. So continue
30 Laura.
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32 MS. GREFFENIUS: Okay, thank you, Mr.
33 Chair, members of the Council. This is No. 63, you can
34 find it beginning on Page 145 in your Council book.
35 WP07-63 was submitted by the Office of Subsistence
36 Management and it requests the removal of the closure
37 of Federal public lands in Unit 26B except the Canning
38 River drainage to the taking of moose except by
39 Kaktovik residents.
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41 Under this proposal the closure of
42 Federal public lands in the Canning River drainage of
43 Unit 26B as well as Unit 26C would still remain.
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45 Just for clarification I'll refer you
46 right away to see the map on Page 150 for those of you
47 with the books right in front of you, and it just shows
48 visually the hatched area would be remaining closed in
49 26C and the Canning River drainage is that portion in
50 26B at the very southeast corner.

1 There was a review of this closure,
2 which I presented to your Council last September at
3 your meeting in Barrow and it's Federal wildlife
4 closure review for Units 26B and 26C moose seasons.
5 Our office recommended in 2006 that a proposal should
6 be initiated to modify or eliminate the closure. Due
7 to low moose numbers in Unit 26C the recommendation was
8 to maintain the closure of Federal public lands in Unit
9 26C as their continues to be a conservation concern.
10 OSM recommended to modify the existing closure of
11 Federal public lands to apply only to Unit 26C in the
12 Canning River drainage portion of Unit 26B. The
13 Federal public lands in the remainder of Unit 26B would
14 be open to non-Federally-qualified subsistence users.

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16 So the regulatory language and the
17 written version of it is on Pages 156 and 147.

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19 Again, looking at the map on Page 150,
20 since we're talking about Federal public lands, in Unit
21 20 -- in the southern portion of Unit 26B, about a
22 third of that unit is Federal public lands and these
23 are managed by the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the
24 Bureau of Land Management and also by Gates of the
25 Arctic National Park and Preserve. And Unit 26C is
26 almost solely composed of Federal public lands, 98
27 percent is managed by the Arctic National Wildlife
28 Refuge.

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30 Based on a moose population decline
31 first documented in 1996 the Federal Subsistence Board
32 closed the Federal moose harvest in all portions of
33 Unit 26 except for Unit 26A. The moose season was
34 closed in 1996 in Unit 26C due to the low population of
35 moose. And for Unit 26C Kaktovik is the only community
36 there in that unit.

37
38 The current Federal subsistence
39 regulations for Units 26B and C have been in effect
40 since the 2004/05 regulatory year and at that time the
41 Board adopted measures to close Federal public lands to
42 the taking of moose except by a Kaktovik resident
43 holding a Federal registration permit for a July 1 to
44 March 31 season. The combination of low moose numbers
45 and low recruitment were direct indicators of a
46 continuing conservation concern which limited this hunt
47 with a small quota to only the residents of Kaktovik.

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49 And now I want to direct your attention
50 to current events involving this moose for Units 25B

1 and C. The current State regulations, which are at the
2 top of Page 147, the current State regulations are new
3 for the 2006/07 hunting season. There was a September
4 season from September 1 to September 14th, last fall.

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6 For Units 26B and 26C there has been no
7 open season for a general hunt since the 1996 to 1997
8 regulatory year when the season was closed because of a
9 decline in moose numbers. In Unit 26B, excluding the
10 Canning River drainage, the Alaska Board of Game
11 authorized a limited hunting season on non-Federal
12 lands for 15 bull moose by a drawing permit during the
13 2006/07 regulatory year, which really was only for that
14 two week period in September of 2006.

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16 Overall in the area the larger
17 concentrations of moose are found on the Canning River
18 and in the vicinity of drainages west of the Canning
19 River. The moose populations in Unit 26B have now
20 recovered to levels at or above management objectives
21 which prompted the State to reestablish a limited fall
22 harvest of moose in the area. The numbers of moose in
23 the Canning River drainage have increased, you can see
24 at the top of Page 149, just giving some of the survey
25 data information, yet the numbers of moose are not
26 sufficient to allow a hunt at this time, so this area
27 continues to be closed under State regulations.

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29 Kaktovik is the only subsistence
30 community in the area and residents took from two to
31 six moose annually prior to the season closure in 1996.
32 Since 2004 Kaktovik is the only community in the area
33 eligible for the Federal subsistence harvest. And on
34 Page 149 I'll refer you to the Federal registration
35 permit, the moose harvest information for 2005/05 and
36 2005/06, this harvest summary on Page 149 indicates one
37 bull was harvested that first year and then three bulls
38 were harvested in the fall of 2005. I just wanted to
39 point out it was in error, as far as the September 2006
40 block on that chart, was intended to be separated and
41 it got combined, it's not part of the Federal
42 subsistence regs, so where it says September 2006, the
43 State drawing permit hunt, which was in September 2006
44 for Unit 26B excluding the Cannon River drainage, that
45 was the 1st through the 14th, total harvest of seven
46 bulls for 15 permits issued and that was the new State
47 hunt. The general hunt harvest, which occurred during
48 this new September season under State regulations is
49 intended to be limited and closely monitored so at the
50 very first time there were 15 permits issued.

1 If adopted, the closure on Federal
2 public lands in Unit 26B excluding the Canning River
3 drainage or the Unit 26B remainder will be lifted and
4 hunting would be open to other users. Again, I'd refer
5 you to the map on Page 150 so those Federal public
6 lands to the west of the Canning River drainage area is
7 what we're talking about would be open to other users.
8 Federal public lands in this area would be open to non-
9 Federally-qualified subsistence users on a limited
10 basis hunting under State regulations and the area
11 would also be open to all Federally-qualified
12 subsistence users, such as other Unit 26A residents, or
13 just other Unit 26 residents, right now only the
14 Kaktovik residents under the regulations hunt on those
15 Federal public lands. There is a potential for
16 increased harvest in Unit 26B remainder, depending on
17 the number of State permits issued in future years and
18 the number of Federally-qualified users who choose to
19 hunt in this area but the harvest is not expected to
20 exceed sustainable levels.

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22 The preliminary conclusion is to
23 support Proposal WP07-63 with modification to identify
24 a season and harvest limit for Unit 26B remainder that
25 matches the State regulations. So on Page 151 the
26 modified regulation would be as its -- similar to what
27 it appeared at the beginning of the analysis, but at
28 the bottom Unit 26B remainder, one bull for September 1
29 to September 14, that line should be in bold so that
30 would be a new item that will be corrected in the next
31 version of this, just to note that then the rest of 26B
32 remainder would parallel the State season from
33 September 1 to September 14.

34
35 The justification is that in Unit 26B
36 there has been an increasing trend in moose numbers
37 since 2003 and the population of percent of calfs in
38 spring surveys meet the Alaska Department of Fish and
39 Game management objectives. And according to Section
40 .815 in ANILCA, the closure of Federal public lands to
41 non-Federally-qualified subsistence users is allowed if
42 there is significant conservation concerns for the
43 resource and for continued subsistence uses. Since the
44 moose population in 26B has increased the justification
45 for the continued closure in Unit 26B remainder is no
46 longer valid. The closure in the Canning River
47 drainage of Unit 26B remains in effect for the
48 continued subsistence use of Kaktovik residents.

49
50 Thank you, Mr. Chair. That concludes

1 my presentation and I'll answer questions as they
2 arise.

3

4 Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Laura.
7 We'll proceed with the process that we've been doing.
8 We have the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
9 comments.

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11 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 This is Terry Haynes. The Department's comments are on
13 Page 152 of your Council book.

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15 And the Department supports this
16 proposal as modified in the preliminary conclusion on
17 Page 151. This would result in opening an area that
18 has been closed under the Federal regulations but an
19 area that can support some hunting by non-Federally-
20 qualified subsistence users and the State is keeping a
21 close limit on hunting opportunity in this area by
22 making it a drawing permit hunt and only 15 permits
23 were issued last year and only 15 permits will be
24 issued during the next hunting season. So we believe
25 it provides some hunting opportunity for other hunters
26 and we don't anticipate that there will be any
27 conflicts with Federally-qualified subsistence hunters
28 in Unit 26.

29

30 Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Mr.
33 Haynes for the comment from Alaska Department of Fish
34 and Game. No. 3, other Federal, State or tribal agency
35 comments.

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37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman.

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39 MR. UNDERWOOD: Yes, this is Tevis
40 Underwood with Arctic National Wildlife.....

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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Tevis Underwood.

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44 MR. UNDERWOOD: Could I speak, Mr.
45 Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Under the -- which
48 agency are you representing?

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50 MR. UNDERWOOD: I'm with Arctic

1 National Wildlife Refuge.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead.

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5 MR. UNDERWOOD: I guess I have a
6 concern, there seems to be a change in the harvest --
7 total harvest number within 26C. The current
8 regulation is three moose, two in 26C and one in 26B or
9 perhaps it's the other way around under the preliminary
10 conclusion on Page 151, increasing the moose harvest by
11 one. And that doesn't seem to jive with the lower
12 statement that only three Federal registration permits
13 will be issued so I guess I have a concern maybe the
14 OSM people can clarify that.

15

16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Tevis.
17 Do you have any other comment.

18

19 MR. UNDERWOOD: No, I don't, thank you,
20 Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you. Any
23 other Federal, State or tribal agency comments.

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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, they're
26 discussing it right now and you're going to get an
27 answer here in a few seconds.

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29 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
30 Dan LaPlant.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So.....

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34 MR. LAPLANT: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman,
35 this is Dan LaPlant, if I could answer Tevis' question.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead then.

38

39 MR. LAPLANT: The recommended language
40 on Page 153 for Units 26B and C would be Unit 26B
41 within the Canning River drainage and 26C, that
42 regulation is the same as what it has been, we just
43 carved out the Canning River portion of Unit 26B. And
44 that harvest of three moose and only two bulls, and one
45 of either sex and so on, all that language is the same
46 as what is in current regulations.

47

48 What's new there is a piece down below
49 it where it says Unit 26B remainder one bull and that
50 applies to all that area of 26B that's west of the

1 Canning River drainage.

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3 So the end result is, yes, it would be
4 more than just three moose harvested in 26B and C
5 combined. But for the residents of Kaktovik it'd still
6 remain three bulls -- or excuse me, three moose and
7 then for the remainder of that area west of the Canning
8 River drainage area it would be opened up to all
9 Federally-qualified residents of Unit 26 with a harvest
10 limit of one bull.

11

12 So hopefully that clarified things. If
13 you have any questions please let me know.

14

15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, we do, is you
16 could just stay near the phone there, Dan.

17

18 Gordon.

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20 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I have a
21 question, where does the harvest of 15 moose come in,
22 where did we hear that language.

23

24 MS. GREFFENIUS: The State.....

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26 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: State your name,
29 please.

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31 MS. GREFFENIUS: Yes.

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33 MR. HAYNES: This is Terry Haynes. Mr.
34 Brower may be referencing the 15 drawing permits that I
35 indicated would be issued in the State hunt which is
36 not something that you're considering right now but I
37 was just trying to emphasize that if this proposal is
38 adopted, you know, that the State is going to continue
39 to carefully monitor moose hunting activity in the
40 area.

41

42 MR. G. BROWER: It seems to me that,
43 you know, our regulations in 26C and the population at
44 one time being described from one of the biologists, I
45 think maybe Sverre Pedersen and Geoff Carroll at one
46 point, talked about the population dynamics in that
47 area. That 26C population is a transient population,
48 it's not a real resident, it moves in from time to
49 time, it seems to me that we should be proposing some
50 changes to the State regulations ourselves to marry

1 what we've got in 26C or change 26C to marry 26A.
2
3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Is that you Gordon.
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5 MR. G. BROWER: That was Gordon.
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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9 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.
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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Is that you Terry.
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13 MR. HAYNES: Yes.
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15 (Laughter)
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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead.
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19 MR. HAYNES: Just a follow up comment.
20 The State does not have a moose hunting season in Unit
21 26C. The only season open in Unit 26C is a Federal
22 season.
23
24 MR. G. BROWER: I understand that
25 absolutely clearly. This is Gordon again. And we were
26 involved in that. Because we see the need for Kaktovik
27 residents and we had advocated for five and then we had
28 three as a compromise. Now, that population dynamics
29 comes from the whole region, from 26B, 26C. To my
30 understanding that was the advice we had got from the
31 Fish and Game biologists. Now, how could it be that
32 26B in the State side has these kind of very different
33 view of the hunts when we have to limit to the maximum
34 for Kaktovik.
35
36 Seems to me that's not subsistence
37 priority, that we should be mandated to have a rural
38 subsistence priority. We need to be making sure that
39 the population level in 26C is sustainable and it seems
40 like 26B is eating them all up.
41
42 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
43 Dan LaPlant again.
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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Dan.
46
47 MR. LAPLANT: Yeah, I'd just point out
48 what this recommended language does is it will provide
49 additional opportunity for residents of Kaktovik, all
50 residents of 26 to hunt in that area 26B remainder,

1 talking about the area west of the Canning River
2 drainage, so this will give residents of Kaktovik
3 opportunity to harvest more moose if they choose to go
4 to that area west of the Canning River drainage.

5

6 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.

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10 MR. HOPSON: Based on the statistics of
11 the permits that were issued, how many were given to
12 the local subsistence hunters and how many were given
13 to other hunters.

14

15 MS. GREFFENIUS: Terry. State.

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17 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Terry.

20

21 MR. HAYNES: If the question is
22 directed to the allocation of the State drawing permit,
23 I can't tell you that, I don't have that information.
24 I doubt that any of those permits went to local
25 residents because the area 26B that's open in the State
26 regulations is pretty far removed from local
27 communities up there and the opportunity would be
28 available to them under the Federal regulations closer
29 to home. I don't have the specific details in front of
30 me.

31

32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, Terry, I'm
33 sorry, I'm kind of having a discussions here. John, go
34 ahead.

35

36 MR. HOPSON: Why -- I'm trying to get
37 the idea here as to why me in Wainwright and our
38 community can get so much and Kaktovik can get almost
39 nothing based on population, on -- it just seems unfair
40 to the subsistence hunter where they can't subsistence
41 hunt, yet, you let other hunters in that have no
42 residency up here. It seems all wrong to me. These
43 are our resources. These are our food that we're
44 debating on for our communities and that's the focus
45 that we should be looking at, our resources, our food
46 for our communities.

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48 Once we address those then we can think
49 about other hunters. But we need to feed our people
50 first.

1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.

4 We're still under the Federal, State and tribal agency

5 discussions. Are there any other.....

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7 MR. REXFORD: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Fenton.

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11 MR. REXFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 This is Fenton. Let's see how should I present this,

13 my thoughts on the moose. We know that these are

14 transient and we also, too, have a concern about

15 limited -- harvest limits, it's always been a concern,

16 we know that these moose are migrating from 26B on over

17 this way and the number could be increased that would

18 be good, that -- it -- I'm not sure why they would be,

19 without any number of limit for the area submitted by

20 OSM and we're only allotted two in 26C and one in 26B,

21 I'm not sure what the number would be on this new

22 proposal. So we do have a concern that these are

23 transient and we've waited many years to have this

24 opportunity for other resources and it would be good

25 for us to be just left 26A.

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27 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Fenton

30 for your comments. Those are very valuable comments to

31 us, we need to keep them in mind. So at this time

32 we're following the process that we've been following

33 and we're under the Federal, State and other tribal

34 agency comments.

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36 I would like to ask if there's any

37 other comments from these three organizations.

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39 (No comments)

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If not, we'll move

42 on to the next set of comments that we need to hear

43 from. No. 4 InterAgency Staff Committee comments, are

44 there any from InterAgency Staff Committee.

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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. There

47 are no Staff Committee comments or Fish and Game

48 Advisory Committee or written public comments or public

49 testimony at this time.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Barb.
2 Now we're down to No. 8 again, Regional Council
3 deliberation, recommendation and justification. What
4 is the wish of the Council.
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6 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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10 MR. HOPSON: I need an explanation
11 here. What's going to happen to the hunters in
12 Kaktovik if I approve this. What's going to happen to
13 the hunters of Kaktovik if I disapprove this.
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15 Help me out here.
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17 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman, this is Dan
18 LaPlant. I'd like to answer that question, please.
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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Continue Dan.
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22 MR. LAPLANT: Well, Mr. Chairman, this
23 regulation or this proposal doesn't change the
24 regulation that applies to Unit 26C where Kaktovik
25 residents hunt. That regulation doesn't get changed.
26 If you look on the map on Page 150, that cross-hatched
27 area, that's the area where the closure will remain and
28 the regulation that applies to Kaktovik residents will
29 remain unchanged. Instead of that closure applying to
30 all of 26C and 26B, if this proposal is passed, it will
31 only continue to apply to 26C and that small portion of
32 26B by the Canning River.
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34 So for the most part of the area that
35 the Kaktovik residents hunt, the regulation will not
36 change. But what it will do, it will is it will
37 liberalize the opportunities in that other part of 26B
38 so Kaktovik residents can go over there and harvest
39 more moose if they choose, I know that's quite a ways
40 from Kaktovik but they have customary and traditional
41 use determination for that area as well. So it would
42 liberalize the season for everyone that's eligible to
43 hunt in that portion of 26B. But the area that's
44 cross-hatched on the map, there will be no changes to
45 the regulations so it won't affect Kaktovik residents,
46 the current regulations will apply.
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48 Thank you.
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50 MR. HOPSON: Okay, thank you. And then

1 the next question would be, what is going to happen to
2 the hunters in Nuiqsut if I approve it and what's going
3 to happen to the hunters in Nuiqsut if I disapprove it,
4 for their subsistence hunting.

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6 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
7 Dan LaPlant again. Currently that area in 26B and
8 we're talking about the Federal lands in 26B those are
9 closed to hunting by anybody except Kaktovik residents.
10 So if this is passed it will remove that closure in
11 that part of 26B and the residents of Nuiqsut will be
12 able to hunt moose under Federal subsistence
13 regulations in that area as well as non-Federally-
14 qualified users would also be able to hunt there under
15 State regulations. So it will provide additional
16 opportunity to residents of Nuiqsut.

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18 Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Dan.

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22 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.

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26 MR. HOPSON: My little brain is telling
27 me here that I've got to help the subsistence people
28 before I can pursue any other options. This is a North
29 Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and
30 subsistence is my main priority. And if Kaktovik is
31 not happy with what they're getting, I just can't
32 support this until I can find a solution to help
33 Kaktovik and Nuiqsut for that matter and Anaktuvuk.
34 This Board is here to help everybody but our number 1
35 priority is subsistence and based on that I just cannot
36 support this until we can come up with a solution to
37 help our local subsistence hunters.

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39 Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.

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43 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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47 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, Gordon Brower,
48 for the record. I wholeheartedly agree with John
49 Hopson from Wainwright and we've heard a little bit
50 from Kaktovik and three moose for the entire village

1 and you want to open a section of this to other
2 hunters, such as guides. And I've stated over and over
3 again from the North Slope Borough standpoint that
4 about 80 percent of those guides that you want in
5 there, they don't come to regulation compliance with
6 the North Slope Borough. They never come in, and, in
7 fact, avoid us. And I've heard that from one person
8 that we've permitted from Delta Outfitters, Ralph
9 Miller. He said he's talked to those other guys and
10 say, I'm doing the right thing and then they replied to
11 him, well, we're going to avoid the Borough, we're
12 going to just turn the other cheek and go about our
13 business, we got our State permit and our Federal
14 permit, that's good enough. And that's the kind of
15 attitude we have from these hunters. And we're
16 fighting tooth and nail to get them into compliance.

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18 And from some of the observation and
19 testimony given from biologists, very, very notable
20 biologists, whose works are cited in many, many
21 literatures concerning the moose in that area, the
22 transient nature of their movements, they move through
23 the 26C area, they come in and out from 26B. And the
24 hunting pressure you're about to put on this group
25 potentially could devastate the population potential in
26 26C is looming.

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28 At this point I have a very hard time
29 approving this and, in fact, would put a counter
30 proposal that we enter into the State Board that they
31 should marry the subsistence rural preference and limit
32 for the sake of the population in 26C to those in 26B
33 to subsistence hunts only.

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35 That's my comment at this point.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
38 We're still under Council deliberation, recommendation
39 and justification. Any other comments from Council
40 members.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Paul or Lee, do
45 you have any comments.

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47 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, I'm in support of
48 what John Hopson and Gordon Brower have said. This is
49 Paul Bodfish.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Paul.
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3 MR. KAYOTUK: Yeah, this is Lee. I
4 support the -- on -- in Kaktovik, you know, it's hard
5 to get a moose but, you know, we got to go by our
6 hunting regulations and, you know, some other different
7 times and we can't hunt that because we don't have a
8 permit or license in order to do that and so we just
9 have to let it be, but that's another question to
10 consider that's very important.
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12 Thank you.
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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Lee,
15 for your comments. So after hearing the rest of the
16 Council member comments we're going on to the
17 deliberation and we need to take an action whether to
18 support this proposal or not to support this proposal,
19 Proposal WP07-63.
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21 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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25 MR. HOPSON: I move to oppose WP07-63.
26 And the justification would be based on the comments,
27 myself, Gordon and Kaktovik has made.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Motion on the
30 floor.
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32 MR. G. BROWER: Second that motion, Mr.
33 Chairman.
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35 MR. BODFISH: Second.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded by
38 Gordon. Further discussion.
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40 MR. G. BROWER: Further discussion, Mr.
41 Chairman.
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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.
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45 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I would like to
46 add to all of that, that in opposition to it, that we
47 include that a counter proposal be made to -- proposed
48 to the State Board to look at the transient nature of
49 these moose and limit 26B to hunts to subsistence hunt
50 for the moose.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That's amending
2 the proposal.
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4 MR. HOPSON: I second the amendment.
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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any further
7 discussion on the amending proposal.
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9 MR. BODFISH: Call for question.
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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question's been
12 called on the amendment. All in favor signify by
13 saying aye.
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15 IN UNISON: Aye.
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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We had five in
18 support of the amending proposal by Gordon. Now, we're
19 back to the main motion opposing Proposal 63.
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21 MR. HOPSON: Call for the question on
22 the main motion.
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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question has been
25 called on the main motion opposing Proposal WP07-63.
26 All in favor signify by saying aye.
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28 IN UNISON; Aye.
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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So the opposition
31 of this Proposal 63 has passed this Council. I'll ask
32 Barb where we need to pick up, we just completed 53 --
33 or 63, excuse me.
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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'll ask for
38 Barb's help here in terms of where we're going to go
39 with these.
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, Mr. Chair, I
42 would suggest that you go to 11 and do your action
43 items starting with 11, I'll just announce right now
44 it's call for proposals to change 2008/09 Federal
45 subsistence fisheries regulations. The Proposal period
46 ends March 23 2007 for any fisheries proposals.
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48 And then from there to go to 12. And
49 that briefing will be given to you by Dan LaPlant.
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1 13, we only have two people here to
2 give short reports and one will be with the Fish and
3 Wildlife letter to AFN regarding OSM budget, that was
4 that Julie Kitka had written to us and that's the
5 response, it's on Page 162 of your book. And then I
6 think Tevis from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arctic
7 Refuge also will be giving a short report. Were you
8 planning on doing that Tevis.

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10 MR. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Barbara, if
11 possible I'd like to respond and provide some
12 information based on the comments of today's meeting.

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14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So we'll give you
17 your opportunity when it arises, we'll follow the
18 process that's just been indicated by our coordinator.

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20 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Then you'll
21 go to your next meeting part to establish a new date
22 and place for your winter 2008 meeting and whatever
23 leftover time that you might have, you can go back to
24 your State proposals, if need be. So I give the floor
25 back to you, Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you,
28 Barbara. So we will start with agenda Item 11, call
29 for proposals to change 2008/09 Federal subsistence
30 fisheries regulations, Page 145.

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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, that's just a
33 call. It just calls to see if there's any fisheries
34 regulations that you might have.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It's just asking
37 if any proposals have been submitted, are there any
38 from the Council.

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40 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman. I have a
41 question.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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45 MR. G. BROWER: We've stated many times
46 and I think Atqasuk and Barrow have been concerned with
47 many lakes and the undocumented nature of some of these
48 lakes, if that can be a proposal, to conduct lake
49 studies to determine whether or not they're fishbearing
50 and the types of fish.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.
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3 MR. G. BROWER: It seems to me that we
4 talk about this over and over and over again and
5 there's not very much action taken to determine on
6 Federal public lands the catalog nature of these lakes
7 that we subsist on. That that would have to be
8 eventually forced upon them through a proposal of some
9 sort to conduct these studies.
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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. I have
12 Tom Kron to respond to Gordon's question.
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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Could you restate
15 the name, please.
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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Tom Kron.
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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Tom Kron, you have
20 the floor.
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22 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. This is a
23 call for regulatory proposals. The research aspects
24 that were being discussed would be the sort of thing
25 that could be proposed to the Fisheries Information
26 Services for their money and funding. A number of
27 projects up in your region have been funded with those
28 resources in the past, but, again this is a call for
29 regulatory proposals.
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31 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, for
34 that clarification, Tom.
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36 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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40 MR. HOPSON: All of that can amount
41 down to what needs to be done. It's a domino effect,
42 by the time it becomes a part of what we need to
43 discuss it will be too late so I think the start is
44 now, and including the traditional knowledge in aspects
45 of this study. These studies will help us and you guys
46 make decisions on what needs to be done in the future.
47 So don't -- don't shy away from it based on what you
48 have in front of you and what we're proposing. You
49 ought to be listening to us and taking our advice
50 seriously and moving forward with them because we will

1 end up ultimately dealing with them in the future.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
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5 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.
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9 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I would just like
10 to restate. Yeah, I know this was a regulatory call.
11 I'm just saying, and we don't have a fish proposal at
12 this point that I know of, we rarely have any
13 proposals, but I'm just saying that we've asked for
14 these kinds of studies for quite some time. Maybe we
15 have to put something in the form of a proposal, I
16 don't know, maybe we got to do it somewhere, sometime,
17 somehow.
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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Excuse me, Mr.
22 Chair.
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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Barbara.
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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: These are the ones
27 that came up earlier that we were going to include into
28 the annual report.
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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead.
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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: What John and Gordon
33 had brought up earlier on the studies and that I was
34 going to bring these to the FIS down here to put into
35 -- include them into your -- you know, when the FIS
36 come up, they also ask for informational needs and
37 stuff like that, and then to put.....
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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG:any -- whatever
42 request that you put in, then I was going to bring
43 those to them and put those in their suggestion box.
44 So these two items will be in your annual report and
45 someone will answer to you.
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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. I think
48 that's the process we're going to begin with in terms
49 of getting the concerns addressed. They're valid
50 concerns and we're continuing to voice the concerns to

1 try and find ways -- I know we've tried submitting
2 proposals through -- I mean research proposals through
3 FIS and they've been rejected because of how the
4 proposal was presented. I'm not sure if there has been
5 any follow up proposals from the organization that had
6 wished to conduct fisheries research on the North
7 Slope, I haven't had any follow up on that.

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9 So I think it was too oil industry
10 related, that's why it got rejected before, if I recall
11 some of that information indicating that, it needed to
12 be subsistence oriented and not so oriented into the
13 industry activities. But we also need to keep in mind
14 all this industry activity has an impact to our
15 subsistence resources.

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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That's where we
20 need to start mixing in the two because we don't see no
21 other approach of conducting research on these
22 resources and not knowing what kind of impacts have
23 been impacted to the resource without the research.

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25 You know we've been shown some of the
26 seismic operations and the methods that are currently
27 utilized are not harmful to fish but that's language
28 coming from an outsider and we don't have, how do you
29 say, built up trust on somebody's say so without, you
30 know, credibility, so to speak. So that remains an
31 iffy question for us.

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33 I just wanted to comment on this while
34 we're still discussing the call for proposals to change
35 subsistence fisheries, so I'll stop at that and I think
36 at this time we do not have a proposal to be submitted
37 before March 23.

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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I mean that's only
42 two days away.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. So we don't
49 have a proposal at this time, but one may be
50 forthcoming.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So we'll move down
4 to 12, Council composition briefing, action item.
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6 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman. This is
7 Dan LaPlant with the.....
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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, Dan.
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11 MR. LAPLANT:Office of
12 Subsistence Management. I'll provide the briefing for
13 you on this issue, this, as you said, is an action item
14 so we're going to be asking for your recommendation or
15 comments at the conclusion of this briefing. The
16 briefing is a written briefing, it's on Page 153 of
17 your book and I'll just go through it here to explain
18 what this is about.
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20 It's on Council composition, it's a
21 request for a Council recommendation.
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23 The Federal Advisory Committee Act in
24 Section 5, paragraph B(2) it requires that membership
25 of Advisory Committees be fairly balanced in terms of
26 the points of view represented and the functions to be
27 performed by the Advisory Committees. Therefore the
28 Regional Advisory Council membership must include
29 points of view other than subsistence but be balanced
30 that allows the Council's to perform their functions.
31
32 In short, the function of the Councils
33 is to advise the Federal Subsistence Board on matters
34 relating to subsistence uses and needs within each of
35 the 10 regions and to provide a public forum for
36 expression of opinions on any matters pertaining to
37 subsistence uses of fish and wildlife. A more detailed
38 description entitled the Regional Council powers and
39 duties is included in this briefing and let's see
40 that's a few pages back here on Page 157, so that's a
41 more complete description of the duties and powers of
42 the Councils.
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44 But in 2003 the Secretary of Interior
45 amended the Council charters to stipulate that Council
46 members would represent either subsistence or
47 commercial/sport users and he set a goal of 30 percent
48 representation by commercial and sport users on each
49 Council. And as you may recall that was implemented
50 starting in 2003 and Council members applying for

1 positions at that time had to state whether they were
2 representing subsistence users or if they were filling
3 one of the seats that represented commercial or sport
4 users. But in August of 2006 the court concluded that
5 the Board had not provided a sufficient administrative
6 record of rationale to show that the 70/30 composition
7 was the appropriate way to implement this diversity on
8 the Councils. The court ordered the Board to stop
9 using the 70/30 system after the 2006 Council
10 membership appointments process and to promptly begin
11 developing a plan for a balanced membership that will
12 meet ANILCA and FACA requirements. The court stated
13 that while the 70/30 method is one way of FACA
14 requirements the Board should consider other ways of
15 balancing or achieving balanced membership on the
16 Councils. So on October 12th of this past year,
17 October 12th, 2006, the Federal Subsistence Board -- or
18 the Office of Federal Subsistence Management published
19 in the Federal Register a request for public comment
20 and a rationale for using the 70/30 measure to obtain
21 balanced points of view on the Councils. OSM also sent
22 out news releases requesting public comment, and a
23 summary of the comments is included in this document,
24 and that's on the following pages here, all the
25 comments that we received to this point.

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27 The Board now seeks Council
28 recommendations regarding Council membership, so we're
29 asking each Council to provide us with their comments
30 on this issue.

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32 The Board will consider those Council
33 recommendations and the written public comments
34 including pertinent testimony given at Council meetings
35 and the Board will review all the suggested
36 alternatives and modifications and develop
37 recommendations to the Secretaries. So, if necessary,
38 the Departments of Agriculture and Interior --
39 Secretaries in the Departments of Interior and
40 Agriculture will then begin the rule-making process.

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42 So, Mr. Chairman, we're asking for your
43 input, the Council input and any public comments on
44 this issue and that's all I have.

45

46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Dan.
49 Do we have -- I could see a couple of my Council
50 members raising their hands already, the only ones in

1 front of me.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'll start with
6 John, John go ahead.

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8 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman, thank you.

9 I have to oppose this, this moving to 30 percent
10 representation. We are a North Slope Subsistence
11 Regional Advisory Council and putting commercial in
12 there, you're going to have to change your name and
13 title and so all this and that. Our main priority up
14 here is subsistence. And I could not support it. If
15 the other Council members feel differently, I'm telling
16 you I would not support it, I couldn't support you. We
17 have to stay the way we are. If a commercial hunter
18 wants to come in or sporthunter or a user of any sort
19 and wants to come in and sit in on a Council they have
20 the option of moving to a community, and say for
21 instance, if they want to get my seat in Wainwright,
22 wait until my seat expires and then put in for it and
23 hope they get appointed.

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25 That's the process that works fairly
26 for everybody here. And we have to live in these
27 communities.

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29 The way I see this being handled now,
30 is you want 30 percent representation from people who
31 doing even live up here, for instance, Anchorage,
32 Wasilla, Palmer, Juneau, they would not like it if I
33 went down there and started dictating their subsistence
34 hunting. First of all I don't live down there. Second
35 of all I don't even know what they hunt or how they
36 process their food. It's not fair. And I believe this
37 is how we are and this is how we should stay.

38

39 Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
42 Gordon.

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44 MR. G. BROWER: Gordon Brower for the
45 record. And these are my comments.

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47 The mix, you know, there's some really
48 passionate feelings about this thing because mainly,
49 probably 90 percent of commercial activities for
50 hunting on the North Slope are undocumented and outlaw

1 renegade hunters that don't come to the Borough to get
2 their permits. They only seek their permits from Fish
3 and Wildlife Service and DNR. And fortunately right
4 now we're having some working relationships with DNR to
5 get some of these guys to acknowledge that they need to
6 follow all regulatory requirements on the North Slope,
7 be it the Federal government, the State or the local
8 Borough. And those are some of the reasons behind this
9 that my opposition. I think there should be a very
10 minute, minority in here if it needs to represent
11 commercial activities just because of the outlaw nature
12 of these guys.

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14 That's my point of view.

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16 And if it's going to be a commercial
17 representative for the North Slope, he better darn well
18 reside in one of the Arctic villages up here and being
19 a North Slope guider and not be guiding up here as a
20 representative and representing Fairbanks or some other
21 major city or out of town or out of the region.

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23 Those are my concerns and I think
24 they're very valid.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
27 Any other Council members.

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29 MR. LAPLANT: Mr. Chairman.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Would you state
32 your name please.

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34 MR. LAPLANT: Yeah, this is Dan
35 LaPlant. I just wanted to clarify for the record, that
36 the regulations that require Council members to be
37 residents of the region that their representing is not
38 being considered for change, this wouldn't change the
39 fact that to be on the North Slope Regional Advisory
40 Council you have to be a resident of the North Slope.
41 That's not being considered for change. It's just who
42 from the North Slope region would be represented on the
43 Council, whether there would be some individuals that
44 would be specifically identified as representing
45 commercial and sport and a certain amount specifically
46 representing subsistence. But no one's proposing that
47 representatives from outside the Council area be on the
48 Council.

49

50 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, for
2 that clarification. And yet we still do have our
3 concerns to voice in regards to the language that's
4 provided.
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6 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.
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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon, continue.
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10 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, if you were
11 proposing for somebody to be a resident, I could be one
12 of those being their representatives because I know
13 they're outlaws, and I'll tell them that right to their
14 faces until they get their permits.
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16 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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20 MR. HOPSON: The Inupiat way of life is
21 not to waste food, it's to share for free.
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23 When we catch a whale, the whaling
24 captain bears the cost on his own and he gives it away
25 free to anybody who wants it, regardless of where you
26 come from in this world, it's free.
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28 When we were taught to hunt and fish
29 and catch caribou, we were taught never to go out and
30 catch 50 just to say we got 50 or shoot that big bull
31 because it has big antlers, we saw food and we only got
32 what we needed. Commercial and sport users are
33 completely what our elders have taught us generation
34 after generation after generation and that's why we
35 still have the animals that we still have today. If we
36 hunted like they wanted us to hunt in the Lower 48
37 they'd go extinct. We're not that way and we cannot be
38 that way. If you want to keep managing subsistence
39 resources you've got to allow us to do it the way we've
40 done it for years. You only catch what you need and
41 you don't take anything just for trophy or money. And
42 that's our way of life and it will never change for us
43 as long as I can make that, you know, if it was up to
44 me we'd never change and that's how I want it to be.
45
46 Thank you.
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48 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.
49 Any other Council members.
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1 MR. BODFISH: Mr. Chairman, Paul
2 Bodfish here.
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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Paul.
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6 MR. BODFISH: Yeah, I say the same
7 things. We've never had commercial hunters or
8 fisheries up here. And when people have asked me I've
9 told them that very thing, you know we don't want to
10 change. It's the way of our life, you know, we don't
11 waste.
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13 And that's my comments. We don't want
14 any representation
15 from outside, only we represent ourselves up here in
16 the north.
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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you for your
19 comments, Paul. If there's no other comments, I'd like
20 to make a brief comment in terms of this has been in
21 place since 2003 and we've never really been approached
22 from these other groups, either the sport users or
23 commercial users because we don't have any of them
24 residing on the North Slope, and I could say we're very
25 fortunate to be in that position but, yet, we still
26 oppose the amended Council charter by the Secretary of
27 Interior. We would rather to see that ANILCA provide
28 for subsistence preference and that we follow that
29 process.
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31 And when this change came about it was
32 on account of the State's implementation or State
33 advocacy from the -- the State wanting to somehow
34 further deteriorate the representation to these
35 Councils. So I'd like to keep that in mind that we
36 continue to hold the current membership being
37 represented from the North Slope, and, again, I state
38 that we are very fortunate that we don't have
39 sporthunters and commercial users residing on this
40 North Slope, although there may be but I don't see them
41 presently, they're transient people that come up from
42 outside the North Slope to utilize our area and that's
43 a growing problem and concern that we continue to voice
44 within each of our communities because we see and
45 observe the people that do come and utilize the areas
46 and the resources and sometimes they are good and
47 sometimes they are not good, and so we have to make
48 those observations and do the best we can.
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50 I'm kind of -- I was very saddened at

1 the time this came about and I had objected to it and I
2 still do today, and as the Chairman of the Regional
3 Advisory Council I still object to this change that was
4 stipulated to us by the Secretary of Interior.

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6 So we need to take an action. From the
7 majority of the comments I've heard we're in opposition
8 of this request but I'd like to hear it in the form of
9 a motion.

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11 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.

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15 MR. BODFISH: I so move.

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17 MR. HOPSON: I second his motion.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Paul motion that
20 we're in opposition to this request.....

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22 MR. BODFISH: Yes.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER:in terms of
25 the composition of the Council and John seconded the
26 motion.

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28 MR. HOPSON: Discussion.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Further
31 discussion.

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33 MR. HOPSON: Just for your guy's
34 information and I want you to remember this, come up
35 here, any one of you, come up here, go visit any one of
36 us and you ask for any kind of Native food we get up
37 here, we will gladly put it in front of you for free,
38 no second guess, no second thoughts, it's there. And
39 always remember this, I am Inupiat and no one will
40 change me and that comes from Paul Bodfish's
41 grandfather.

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43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.

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47 MR. G. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: In that further
2 discussion I'd like to also add to this motion that our
3 discussion surrounding this composition concerning
4 commercial uses, that 90 percent of these commercial
5 users on the North Slope fail to abide by other
6 regulations such as the North Slope Borough permitting
7 requirements. That they do not come into compliance
8 and we have to seek them out. And it seems to me that
9 the land managers are not working to fix this and needs
10 to make a correction on it. As part of this opposition
11 and one of the reasons being that these operators,
12 commercial users are not from the North Slope, they
13 don't attain residency up here.

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15 That should be included in the
16 opposition.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
19 Any further discussion.

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21 MR. HOPSON: Question called for.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question has been
24 called on the motion to oppose the Council composition.
25 All in favor signify by saying aye.

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27 IN UNISON: Aye.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So that's five in
30 opposition for the Council opposition. Any further
31 action do we need to take on this recommendation.

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33 MR. LAPLANT: No, Mr. Chairman, I
34 believe we've taken notes on your comments and noted
35 your motion and I think that's all you need to do on
36 this item.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Dan.
39 We'll go down to Item 13, agency reports, it's a
40 quarter to 5:00 by my watch and I think we're wanting
41 to stop at 5:00. And I'd like to ask, Barb, is there
42 going to be another opportunity for us to meet or is
43 this going to be the end of the day for us.

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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: This will be the end
46 of the day for it and if you want to leave off the
47 statewide proposals, that's at your call. And right
48 now we have the 13a, is Fish and Wildlife letter to
49 AFN, and I don't know who's giving that -- oh, it's
50 just informational item and then Dan is here.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.

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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's just an answer
4 from OSM to Julie Kitka who had written to the
5 Honorable Dirk Kempthorne. I know her letter -- her
6 response -- OSM's response is in the booklet, but her
7 letter was not included and I can send that to you if
8 you want it. I'll be also sending some notices out to
9 you anyway so I will include that with your letter so
10 you'll see the whole picture of why OSM responded in
11 that way and this was regarding the budget.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That will be
14 sufficient for the Council members that we -- I think
15 we need to see both sides of what the situation is to
16 be in coordination with the correspondence.

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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. So we'll --
19 you can go now to 13c and listen to Tevis for a short
20 while.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay. 13c.

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24 MR. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chairman, thank
25 you. I just wanted to respond with some information
26 based on some comments and requests from that this
27 meeting, in particular, I'd like to talk about the
28 moose on 26C and muskox and those issues and then the
29 permitting that have been discussed. I'd be happy to
30 take any other questions but no guarantee I could give
31 a coherent answer, but, if not I'll get back with the
32 Chairman an answer to any other questions.

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34 Regarding the moose permits in 26C,
35 we've been working with the Native Village of Kaktovik
36 and this last year tried to be responsive by working
37 with Fenton and others and provide a community permit
38 as one of the permits, where the Native Village of
39 Kaktovik reserves a permit for community use and then
40 issue the other two. I guess we're looking forward to
41 hearing how that worked and whether that strategy needs
42 to be modified and we'll be working with the Native
43 Village of Kaktovik when we get some comments back to
44 see how that program worked.

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46 There's a lot of concern about the
47 number of permits issued. Surveys are conducted every
48 other year and we're ready to do another muskox and
49 moose survey in 2007. I can give some numbers here if
50 people want to get their pencils ready.

1 In 2003 the total number of moose in
2 the survey for 26C was 52 and in 2005 the total number
3 of moose in the survey was 47. We consider this
4 essentially a flat line, there's no statistical
5 difference but that's in comparison to moose in 26B.
6 In 2003 that number was 224. 2005 in Unit 26B east was
7 288. So you can see the comparison between 26C and
8 26B, the number of moose are substantially different
9 and hence the number of permits of allowable harvest in
10 26C has continued to be low. The other difference
11 between the two areas in 26B and 26C we've seen huge
12 increases in the number of moose, the abundance has
13 been trending upward substantially in those units. But
14 in 26C we haven't seen that increase in abundance yet.
15 When we do or if we do see that increase in abundance
16 we will certainly consider more harvest than that.

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18 Again, we're planning to do another
19 survey this spring in April.

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21 Any questions on that.

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23 MR. G. BROWER: I got a question, this
24 is Gordon Brower, Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Gordon.

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28 MR. G. BROWER: In your surveys on the
29 moose, do you believe that the population in 26C and
30 26B are one in the same and I've heard from two notable
31 biologists that the recruitment in 26C occurs from 26B
32 and are transient in nature.

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34 MR. UNDERWOOD: I believe the
35 biologists would say there's two different things going
36 on in different parts of 26C. Near the Canning River,
37 certainly there is movement back and forth across the
38 line from 26B to 26C. We have not seen a large
39 increase in the Canning River drainage, it remains the
40 -- the trend remains more like 26C than the rest of 26B
41 where we've seen these huge increases.

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43 The other thing going on is farther
44 east on the Kongacut River where some moose do cross
45 the Continental Divide and go into the upper Kongacut
46 River from 25, Unit 25. And so there is limited amount
47 of movement between 26C and the other units but it's
48 not a cycle or a pattern that can be -- that we can say
49 it's directional.

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1 MR. G. BROWER: Okay, just to follow up
2 to this again. Since you're saying that a dramatic
3 increase occurred in 26B and you saw that observations
4 on your future calculations or.....

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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Surveys.

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8 MR. G. BROWER:surveys in 26C
9 substantially increase, could you make a correlation to
10 the effect that the possibility that the transient
11 recruitment is occurring where the high level of
12 increase is occurring.

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14 MR. UNDERWOOD: Well, I think that's a
15 difficult question. That might require a telemetry
16 study to document the directional movements from 26B to
17 26C. That's about all I can say, based on my
18 knowledge, I can't really fully answer that question.

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20 MR. G. BROWER: Okay, thank you.
21 That's what I wanted to hear. I mean there's been some
22 conflicting talk about these animals and their
23 movements and their isolated nature, that this is
24 different than the other. And some biologists say that
25 these are transient animals, they recruit from other
26 areas to populate this area, so -- and also the numbers
27 in 26B of having 288 seems hardly enough to support
28 commercial hunting activities. I mean that, to me, is
29 a very low number, and would keep it at a perpetual
30 small state of increase by allowing hunts to occur on
31 these things. So I think we need to intervene in the
32 State side to that effect. Because what we're doing in
33 26C is exactly that.

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35 MR. UNDERWOOD: Well, I think we'd be
36 ready to work with some sort of working group or task
37 force to certainly discuss those issues.

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39 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Tevis.

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43 MR. HOPSON: When you look at that
44 letter in the book here on 162 and 163, from the Acting
45 Director, it talks about subsistence being so vital
46 numerous times, I want to just say that we need to take
47 care of our subsistence before we can take care of any
48 other hunting. And if you're willing to allow 15
49 permits a year for other uses maybe we ought to give
50 those 15 permits to Kaktovik and let them have their

1 chance at their moose first.

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3 MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah.

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5 MR. HOPSON: Regardless of whether 26B
6 or 26C. When you're out hunting you don't see these
7 boundaries in front of you, there's nothing and the
8 animals don't know of any boundaries so they go where
9 they want to go, where they can eat. And we should be
10 allowing the subsistence lifestyle first and then worry
11 about other hunting later, other types of hunting,
12 whether it be sport or commercial. And the Acting
13 Director from D.C., is telling us that in the second
14 paragraph:

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16 When I visited Alaska this summer I had
17 the good fortune of spending time at a
18 subsistence camp and learning first-
19 hand how vital subsistence is in
20 Alaska.

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22 That should be telling you that we need
23 to make sure our subsistence is taken care of first and
24 then we deal with commercial and sport hunting later.
25 And if we can't satisfy our own subsistence needs, we
26 should never be debating whether to allow more
27 commercial and sport hunting and that's coming from
28 Washington, D.C., how much more do you want.

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30 MR. UNDERWOOD: Well, I can't really
31 respond to that because you may not realize that I'm
32 representing Arctic National Wildlife Refuge there and
33 one of the priorities is opportunity for continued
34 subsistence use. I believe the 15 permits is a State
35 issue permit, not a Federal government program. Please
36 correct me if I'm wrong.

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38 MR. HOPSON: Yeah, I didn't realize you
39 were with that other agency, I thought I was talking to
40 the State of Alaska.

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42 MR. UNDERWOOD: No. No.

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44 MR. HOPSON: The guys that were really
45 pushing for these -- supporting these commercial use
46 and opening up these other areas before subsistence is
47 either dealt with -- I mean I've got to help these
48 people out, that's what I'm here for and I've got to do
49 everything in my power to make sure we take care of our
50 people and that's what I'm trying to do.

1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, John.

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5 MR. UNDERWOOD: You're quite welcome.

6 If I can go on, to keep it short, I'm going to talk

7 about muskox this year.

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9 We did a survey in 2006 and that survey

10 was in conjunction with Department of Fish and Game and

11 with the Canadians and the survey area included 26A,

12 26B and the northwest Yukon Territory. In 26A the

13 census results -- 26A and 26B included 216 muskox on

14 the North Slope, Arctic Refuge there was a total of one

15 counted on the North Slope. In the New Yukon Territory

16 there was a total of 79 counted. We presented this

17 data at both our annual meeting in Kaktovik and at the

18 North Slope Borough Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

19 The number on Arctic Refuge being one, it leaves us

20 very little flexibility in issuing a permit. If that

21 number changes, again, the agreement, I believe, there

22 had to be 33 animals so we could harvest one animal so

23 that's currently why there has not been a permit issued

24 for muskox in 26C.

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26 Any questions I can answer on that.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We're just down to

29 the number of animals that grew from zero to one in

30 26C, hey, we got a population back in 26C, we've got

31 one animal.

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33 (Laughter)

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35 MR. G. BROWER: We better find it a

36 wife or something.

37

38 (Laughter)

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40 MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah, it's a little bit

41 sad unfortunately.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes, that's been a

44 sad dilemma over there in terms of the population

45 declining, at least we got a number coming out of there

46 now, one.

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48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.

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3 MR. HOPSON: I just want to know how
4 that's possible you only found one, is it because it
5 had moved to the Canadian side or is it because it came
6 here. I mean I remember a few years ago people telling
7 us that there was quite a few in Kaktovik area, along
8 the mountains and going back and forth to Canada.
9 These animals do migrate. Maybe you're doing your
10 census at the wrong time of the year, they come and go
11 just like the caribou.

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13 I would suggest that you seriously
14 consider tagging them. The caribou tagging program
15 worked marvelously, it really helped us out. Maybe
16 that's what you need to do with the muskox and the
17 moose.

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19 MR. UNDERWOOD: This survey that was
20 done last year in conjunction with State Fish and Game
21 and our partners in Canada was made up of flight lines
22 that were three miles apart and it included the entire
23 North Slope, so the transects are three miles apart and
24 you can imagine how far you can see on either side of
25 that and it was all done in a relatively short time.
26 The thing that this doesn't show you is that there were
27 some muskox somewhere around 96 that had moved to the
28 far east side of Northwest Territories and those were
29 out of the previous census areas. We've also been made
30 of a group of about 14 that have crossed the
31 Continental Divide and are on the south side of the
32 Brooks Range. But in terms of missing them, with
33 flight lines three miles apart it seems fairly unlikely
34 that we're missing them.

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36 MR. HOPSON: Okay, that makes sense
37 there. I mean I just thought, you know, if you tagged
38 them then you'd know which way they're actually going
39 or how many -- you'd be able to know where they're at.
40 They usually don't travel alone so if you can tag one
41 per group, you know, you'd know where they are and
42 you'd know where to fly, you wouldn't waste so much
43 fuel.

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45 MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah. And in the past
46 they have had some tagged and I'm not sure of the
47 details of that but I could look into that though.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Tevis, it was
50 collaring, they're not tagging these animals.

1 MR. UNDERWOOD: That's right.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: They put a collar
4 on the animal.
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6 MR. UNDERWOOD: That's right it's a
7 satellite radio collar.
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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yeah, there you
10 go. Yeah, I didn't want to get that confused, I don't
11 want them to be harpooning them when they don't need to
12 be harpooned.
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14 (Laughter)
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16 MR. UNDERWOOD: You're quite right.
17 The last issue I wanted to talk about is the permitting
18 on the North Slope of recreational people.
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20 We've been working with.....
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22 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I have a comment
23 that needs to be made from Gordon here, he's just
24 asking before you move on to your next subject.
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26 MR. UNDERWOOD: Okay, sure.
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28 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Gordon.
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30 MR. G. BROWER: What percentage of that
31 200 some odd animals in 26 is in 26A, because from Chip
32 River, from time to time, you know, we see large
33 congregations on Ikpikpuk River.
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35 MR. UNDERWOOD: Okay, I don't have that
36 data in front of me right now, I just have a summary
37 slide, but I can find that out and respond.
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39 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, it's just one of
40 those things that seems to me when you have a general
41 shift in population that went elsewhere, it seems to me
42 an opportunity can arise, you know.
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44 MR. UNDERWOOD: Okay.
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46 MR. G. BROWER: Where maybe we need to
47 set up a regulation or proposal.
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49 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Opportunistic
50 hunting.

1 MR. UNDERWOOD: Okay.
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3 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, are you done
4 Gordon.
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6 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, I'm done.
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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If there's no
9 other comments or concerns I'll give the floor back to
10 Tevis.
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12 MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah. The Refuge
13 manager and I visited the North Slope for the North
14 Slope Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting in
15 December. We had been talking with Martha Faulk (ph)
16 of the planning and permitting and have been working
17 with her and providing her information on recreational
18 guides. The Federal government and the Fish and
19 Wildlife Service is quite conservative in staying
20 within their jurisdictions for enforcement so we're
21 limited and cannot enforce Borough ordinances or
22 documents but we have been trying to provide
23 information and send information to our permit holders
24 and permit applicants for the need of a Borough permit.
25 We sent out letters this year and we'll continue to
26 work with Martha to modify the letter to provide that
27 information to our permit applicants.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, a response
30 from Gordon.
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32 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, thank you very
33 much. Martha works in my office and I had assigned her
34 to be our task force in working with agencies to
35 identify commercial, recreational users in State and
36 Federal land and hopefully we can start a database. We
37 used to have one but it was mainly a Borough one which
38 consisted of about maybe three applicants.....
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40 MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah. Yeah.
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42 MR. G. BROWER:but when you look
43 on the internet you have a lot of people saying that
44 they're hunting and guiding in the Arctic National
45 Wildlife Refuge, in other areas of the North Slope that
46 need to come and seek their Borough permits. I know
47 you can't enforce other jurisdictional areas, like
48 Borough and other areas because we have the obligation
49 and we enforce our own rules, and we do have that
50 enforcement mechanism. It's a matter of communicating

1 and access to the database and frankly I'd like all
2 your database of all the permits that you've issued,
3 copies of those sent to the Borough so we can start our
4 file so we can say, you have your Borough permit, you
5 have your State permit, you have your Federal permit.
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7 MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah, currently all our
8 permit holders, recreational guides, air taxis and I
9 believe the exclusive hunt guide permits are on the
10 internet and can be pasted anywhere you want, they can
11 be copied and pasted anywhere you want.
12

13 MR. G. BROWER: Right. Even when we
14 did approach them, they -- on purpose in some cases
15 tell us, oh, they're not doing this anymore, you know,
16 they're not doing it on the North Slope anymore but yet
17 they've obtained their permits either from you or other
18 State agencies, DNR. Right now we're currently holding
19 hands with DNR to work on stuff that DNR's been issuing
20 and we're finding areas where there's lodges and stuff
21 like that that have never been permitted by the Borough
22 and those may even be subject to tax evasion.
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24 MR. UNDERWOOD: Well, on our website,
25 the only people that will be -- by the time June rolls
26 around, the only people that will be on the website
27 will be current permit holders.
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29 MR. G. BROWER: Okay. I'll expect
30 Martha to be working more closely with you guys as well
31 and I hope we can, at some point, with the North Slope
32 Borough, with all these land managers, maybe have a
33 little summit, get together, get the State involved,
34 get the Feds involved, get the Borough involved and
35 have a pow-wow, we all meet in Anchorage or somewhere,
36 or some kind of retreat and talk about these things.
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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Good idea, Gordon.
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40 MR. UNDERWOOD: Well, we'd be willing
41 to participate.
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43 MR. G. BROWER: Thank you.
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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We are looking to
46 the Federal government to set this up.
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48 (Laughter)
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50 MR. G. BROWER: Yeah, we'll put one of

1 those unfunded mandates on the Federal government so
2 they have to fund it. Unfunded by us but funded by
3 them is a complete turnaround.
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5 (Laughter)
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Any other
8 subjects, Tevis. It's after 5:00 and I'm starting a
9 new day now.
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11 (Laughter)
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13 MR. UNDERWOOD: That's all I have
14 unless there's specific questions I can try to address.
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16 (No comments)
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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think we'd like
19 to move on to our next agenda items, if there's no
20 questions.
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22 (No comments)
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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That was 13c. I
25 don't know if we have any other agencies to report at
26 this time.
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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, you don't, Mr.
29 Chair.
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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Number 14, other
32 business.
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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There's none there.
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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We were indicating
37 something this morning in terms of other business,
38 Gordon, do you recall what it is you wanted to bring up
39 when we were discussing under the agenda this morning.
40 I didn't write it down because I tried keeping the
41 booklet clean but I didn't write anything down and I
42 remember Gordon indicating that we needed to discuss
43 something under other business this morning.
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45 MR. G. BROWER: I've said so much today
46 I.....
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48 (Laughter)
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50 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That's true.

1 MR. G. BROWER:my mind's kind of
2 erased.
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4 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I didn't write it
5 down either, I didn't hear him.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I know it.....
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9 MR. G. BROWER: It may have been
10 something to the effect on the Haul Road concerning the
11 guides and stuff like that.
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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Permitting.
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15 MR. G. BROWER: The permitting needs,
16 even just to be camping on the Haul Road. All agencies
17 need to realize there is a requirement because we're
18 the North Slope Borough and our boundaries and they go
19 from different private land owners, from the State to
20 the Feds to the Borough's own lands and we're in there,
21 too, our jurisdiction is inside all lands, and we've
22 permitted and done land management work in NPR-A and
23 any other place, so I don't see any difference where
24 all these guides and activities, they need to come in
25 and get their permits from the Borough.
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27 And this summer we're planning to be
28 very, very active in the transportation Corridor area,
29 you know, we're going to have our enforcement agents
30 outside patrolling just because of last years
31 encounters on the Haul Road.
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33 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Gordon.
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35 MR. HOPSON: Mr. Chairman.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John.
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39 MR. HOPSON: I read somewhere that we
40 have meetings only twice a year.
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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.
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44 MR. HOPSON: With all the activities
45 and all the proposals that are being proposed, is it
46 possible to have it like three times a year, every four
47 months.
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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.
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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: It's up to the
2 coordinator to respond. I think we need to hold the
3 orientation again during the fall, is that something
4 that's going to be coming up, Barb, discussion on the
5 orientation for the new members.
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. I will redo
8 the orientation for this fall for Lee, he's the only
9 new member that we have but I guess I will include John
10 to be there with us, too, since I haven't -- I haven't
11 even met John.
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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That's what I was
14 just going to say, John, hasn't been through an
15 orientation.
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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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19 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I've been to these
20 meetings quite a bit and I haven't sat with him to go
21 through an orientation process, I think once we get
22 through that process, at times we could learn where and
23 when we could amend our processes in terms of maybe it
24 could be identified during the orientation.
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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Well, this is
27 the first.....
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I know on our
30 charter, too, which dictates what the processes of our
31 meetings are going to be and how many meetings are
32 subjected to that, maybe it would be at that time we
33 could.....
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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Discuss it more.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER:discuss it
38 further in terms of an agenda item to address the
39 concern.
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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43 MR. HOPSON: And one more question,
44 when these type of proposals come out, let's say for
45 instance that affected Anaktuvuk and we tabled it, I
46 think it was No. 55, and we had no comment, I'm
47 wondering if it's possible if a proposal comes before
48 we have our meeting, can you all go have a public
49 hearing in the affected area so that we may have
50 sufficient public information and that would help us a

1 lot if we can -- in making decisions. I mean I don't
2 know what they hunt in Kaktovik today. I don't know
3 what they hunt in Anaktuvuk today. But a rule we
4 decide on will affect their hunting and I want to know
5 more based on their public testimony, too. I don't
6 want to hinder any type of subsistence hunting for
7 anybody. I want to help them out to the best of my
8 ability and in order to give them that help I got to
9 know what they think of these things.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Uh-huh.

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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Well, every fall,
14 every time the nomination period opens I just work,
15 trying to work with Anaktuvuk to get anyone to apply.
16 And I haven't found anyone who is interested to apply
17 since Raymond Paneak resigned this year. And then I've
18 been trying to fill this seat -- or help seek and then
19 you Council members are representing the whole North
20 Slope region and you also have that right to talk to
21 Anaktuvuk Pass to see how they are, and see if there
22 are any proposals. And I've tried to talk to Ray about
23 some proposals and he just has no comment on any one of
24 them. But that part is also open to talk with the
25 Anaktuvuk people, you know them, you know who they are
26 and you know who you can talk with up there and if we
27 can find anyone interested to apply on the Council it
28 would be appreciated.

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30 MR. HOPSON: Okay, that helps me out.
31 I mean I didn't realize I could be doing that. Now, if
32 I know if a proposal comes across my mailbox again I'm
33 certainly going to give them a call because I believe I
34 have an impact on what they'll be doing for the rest of
35 their lives based on what we talk about here in these
36 meetings.

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38 MS. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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40 MR. HOPSON, JR.: And I want to make
41 sure I'm doing the right thing for the people.

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43 MS. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, you have that
44 right to talk with them and discuss anything that goes
45 on in your meeting booklet and then you have that
46 operations manual to use as a guide on what you can do
47 on your.....

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49 MR. HOPSON, JR.: Okay, that helps me
50 out a lot.

1 Thank you, very much.
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you.
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5 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And we're under
6 the discussion of other business. In terms of probably
7 the comments that I just heard, the only communities --
8 the other two communities that we don't have
9 representation for since the two Council members
10 resigned was Rosemary.
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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: She didn't reapply.
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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And then Raymond
15 Paneak from Anaktuvuk. Rosemary was from Nuiqsut and
16 then Raymond was from AVK, and now Baxter Hopson was
17 from, again, another representative from Barrow. So
18 now we have three, am I correct, Barb, three vacant
19 seats.
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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Two. We have two
22 vacant seats as of right now. Two of them will be
23 filled by this year. But the one vacated by Raymond
24 might be filled the following year. But we'll see how
25 many -- we only had very few applicants for the North
26 Slope for the panel members to work with. I think, in
27 fact, we only had three applicants.
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.
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31 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So we need some
32 encouragement to get some more applicants every time
33 the nomination period opens and we do send out a lot of
34 information. I sent these informations out to all the
35 Council members, I sent them out to all the
36 corporations, the tribal offices, the postal offices
37 and everywhere. I think this is the least that we've
38 received in a very long time, just receiving three
39 applicants and I think one or two were incumbents.
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41 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I think one of the
42 concerns that we've voiced for many years is the amount
43 of -- what was that, not the per diem but the.....
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45 MR. BODFISH: Honorarium.
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47 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER:honorarium
48 received for attending these meetings needs to be
49 considered because it has an effect as to the Committee
50 members taking time away for their busy schedules and

1 subsistence activities, you know, if the compensation
2 is not sufficient it has a hinderance on to their
3 livelihood. So maybe just keeping that in mind and
4 passing it on to our higher level people for them to
5 consider. You know, cost of living has changed here,
6 we're paying \$5 a gallon for gas around here and that
7 needs to be considered and factored into the amount
8 being received by these members to the Council.

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10 MR. HOPSON: And that's in Barrow, you
11 know, the villages are.....

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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: The villages are
14 at \$6 and more a gallon.

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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: And that's just
19 for gas and that's not even considering their heating
20 fuel. So I think these are valid concerns but I don't
21 know if this is the right time to be discussing this,
22 we're under other business.

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24 If we're done with other business I'd
25 like to go on to the next item is the next meeting
26 date.

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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, establish the
29 date and place for your winter 2008 meeting and the
30 window is in the back of your book.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm recommending
33 Florida.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Where the sun is
40 hot and the ocean is not frozen.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MR. G. BROWER: What's the window.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Winter 2008
47 Regional Advisory Council meeting, February -- it looks
48 like those first two weeks are already booked unless we
49 meet over the weekend, Saturday February 23, Sunday
50 February 24.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We have to be kind
2 of distant from Seward Penn because a lot of your Staff
3 from here goes also to attend the Seward Penn meeting,
4 which I do.
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6 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I got to go back,
7 this is our fall Regional Advisory Council meeting, is
8 that something we need to consider or is that already
9 established.
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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's already, you
12 can confirm that fall meeting would be August 28 and 29
13 at Barrow this fall, fall meeting.
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15 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: That's right in my
16 busiest time for caribou hunting but I'll try.
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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Those are the dates
19 you guys gave me.
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21 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Anyway winter 2008
22 Regional Advisory Council wildlife meeting window. Lee
23 or Paul, any suggestions, Gordon, John, they've
24 included Saturday and Sunday in the calendar so we'll
25 have to consider those dates too.
26
27 (Laughter)
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29 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: There's Southeast,
30 Sitka, there's BB, Bristol Bay Dillingham, Seward Penn
31 Nome -- Southeast is Sitka and then from March 1 to
32 March.....
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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: 21.
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36 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER:the meetings
37 close on March 21. So we basically have two weeks.
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39 MR. KAYOTUK: Earlier in the month
40 because everybody's going to start getting ready for
41 whaling -- 6th and 7th.
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43 MR. BODFISH: I agree with.....
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45 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I wanted to be out
46 hunting today but I couldn't even go because I had a
47 meeting today.
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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: March 6 and 7.
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1 MR. KAYOTUK: Or 5 and 6 during the
2 work week.
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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Right in the
5 middle of the week, I think we're going to have our
6 mini-convention, the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission
7 mini-Convention to reallocate the quota this year and
8 it's going to be right in that same timeframe, February
9 -- couldn't we have it February 28 and 29 in 2008,
10 we're going to have one extra day in February.
11
12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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14 MR. KAYOTUK: February 28, 29.
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16 MR. BODFISH: February 28, 29th.
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18 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: February 28th,
19 29th, Barrow.
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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. And if you
22 want, you know, before confirming -- Harry -- hello.
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24 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Go ahead, Barb.
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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Right now you have
27 the time -- if you want to change your fall meeting of
28 2007, you can change it right now before confirming it
29 if you want to.
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31 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Well, just let it
32 be.
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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, February 28th,
35 29th at Barrow.
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37 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yes.
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39 MR. HOPSON, JR.: My birthday, March
40 1.
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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We got to get
43 ready for John's birthday.
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45 (Laughter)
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47 MR. G. BROWER: Well, you'll be in time
48 for (In Native) most likely anyway.
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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: All right.

1 MR. G. BROWER: If we have it at that
2 time.
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4 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Yeah.
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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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8 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: If it's good with
9 everybody we'll maybe have a (In Inupiat) at that time.
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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiat)
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13 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: (In Inupiat)
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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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17 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: February 28, 29,
18 2008 motion on the floor.
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20 MR. HOPSON, JR: So moved.
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22 MR. G. BROWER: Second.
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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Who moved.
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26 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: John Hopson, Jr.,
27 moved to hold the 2008 meeting February 28th, 29th,
28 seconded by Gordon. Any further discussion.
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30 MR. BODFISH: Question.
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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question has been
33 called on the motion, all in favor signify by saying
34 aye.
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36 IN UNISON: Aye.
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38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Opposed.
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40 (No opposing votes)
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42 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay.
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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. (In Inupiat)
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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We'll table the
47 statewide proposals until our next meeting.
48
49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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1 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'm supposed to be
2 at home and I'm supposed to be cooking dinner for my
3 family.
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No. 16.
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7 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: We put in another
8 how many hours of meeting today already.
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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No. 16.
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12 MR. BODFISH: So moved.
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14 MR. HOPSON, JR.: So you're going to
15 pay us 1,500, right.
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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Who said so moved.
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19 MR. BODFISH: Paul Bodfish of Atqasuk.
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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Thank you.
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23 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: So are we moving
24 on.
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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, 16.
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28 MR. BODFISH: Item 16.
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30 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Did you hear that
31 Barb.
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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (In Inupiat)
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35 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Paul moved and
36 John indicated the motion was to pay us \$1,500 for the
37 day.
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, then Paul
40 seconded.
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42 (Laughter)
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44 MR. HOPSON, JR.: (In Inupiat)
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46 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Okay, we're down
47 to the adjournment.
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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.
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1 MR. BODFISH: Move to adjourn.
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3 MR. HOPSON: So moved.
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5 MR. G. BROWER: So moved.
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7 MR. HOPSON, JR.: I moved.
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9 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Well, I'm getting
10 confused, let's start all over.
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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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14 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: I'll just
15 communicate that I'm confused. We're down to Item 16,
16 adjournment, need a motion.
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18 MR. BODFISH: I move to adjourn.
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20 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Paul moved to
21 adjourn.
22
23 MR. G. BROWER: Second.
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25 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Seconded by
26 Gordon. Further discussion.
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28 (No comments)
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30 MR. HOPSON, JR.: Question.
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32 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Question's been
33 called on the motion. All in favor signify by saying
34 aye.
35
36 IN UNISON: Aye.
37
38 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Aye. Aye. Okay,
39 that's seven.
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you.
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43 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you to you
44 all for taking time away from your busy schedule to
45 conduct this North Slope Regional Advisory Council
46 meeting, and I thank all you Federal and State agency
47 people. Fenton, thank you very much, Lee, Paul,
48 Gordon, and John.
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50 MR. REXFORD: Okay, thank you very

1 much, Mr. President and to let you know, Mr. Chairman,
2 that we work very closely with the Refuge out of
3 Fairbanks and really appreciate that so working well
4 with them. We might not see eye to eye once in awhile
5 but we're working together.

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7 Thank you, Barbara, and good to hear
8 everyone there.

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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. BROWER: Thank you, Barb.

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14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You bet.

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16 (Off record)

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18 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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