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14 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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16 Tom Carpenter, Acting Chairman  
17 Lee Adler  
18 Greg Encelewski  
19 Judy Caminer  
20 Robert Henrichs  
21 Mary Ann Mills  
22 Gloria Stickwan  
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26 Regional Council Coordinator, K.J. Mushovic

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Cantwell, Alaska - 10/4/2011)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: We're going to get ready to go here.

(Pause)

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's 8:40 Tuesday morning. We will resume our action for the Southcentral RAC here in Cantwell. I believe we are on WP12-32 so, Cole, if you would like to start we are ready.

MS. BROWN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council. WP12-32 begins on Page 198 of your Council books and I believe that there was a map also that was put into your packets for, it says dall sheep count areas, Unit 11 and 12.

Proposal WP 12-32 submitted by the Cheesh'na Tribal Council, Chistochina Alaska requests that the season dates for the elder hunt and joint minor/elder hunts in Units 11 and 12 be changed from September 21st through October 20th, to August 1st through August 9th.

The proponent states that the elder hunt provisions were intended to provide a hunting opportunity that is accessible to elders so they can pass their knowledge of traditional sheep hunting customs and practices on to local youth.

The current season has snow conditions that make it difficult for elders to travel and the proposed time changes would be during a time of year when travel conditions are less difficult and have less competition from other users. The proponent also felt that the shorter recommended season would offset any increase in participation in the hunt and thought the shorter time period would make it more likely to be accepted. The season would be shortened from 27 days to nine days.

In 1998 the Federal Subsistence Board created a late sheep season in Unit 11 for a person 60 years of age or older. In 2004 a proposal was adopted

1 to establish a new season in Unit 12 that paralleled  
2 the Unit 11 late season hunt for elders. The Cheesh'na  
3 Tribal Council submitted a proposal in 2005 with the  
4 goal of allowing elders to resume their traditional  
5 practices of teaching their grandchildren how to hunt  
6 sheep. The proposal was adopted by the Board and  
7 established a joint minor and elder hunt with a season  
8 of September 21st to October 20th.

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10 In 2003 and 2007 ADF&G flew aerial  
11 surveys within Wrangell-St. Elias Park and Preserve and  
12 survey data was separated into different count areas,  
13 which is what your map shows, within the Preserve and  
14 Park based on different hunting regulations for these  
15 issues -- for these areas. Excuse me. The count area  
16 23West in 2007 showed 32 rams for 100 ewes. The  
17 Preserve area, count area of 23West in 2007 had 26 rams  
18 to 100 ewes. The Park count area 23East in 2007 had 60  
19 rams for 100 ewes. The Wrangell-St. Elias National  
20 Park and Preserve Staff and joint ADF&G completed sheep  
21 surveys in a number of survey areas in 2011. Count  
22 area 4E showed 68 rams to 100 ewes. In 5E it was 51  
23 rams to 100 ewes. In 7West it was 44 rams to 100 ewes.  
24 7East 47 rams to 100 ewes. And count area 9 showed 43  
25 rams to 100 ewes.

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27 From 2004 to 2010 the elder hunt within  
28 the Unit 11 resulted in 104 permits being issued, 43  
29 reports returned and two sheep harvested. During the  
30 period 2004 to 2010 66 permits were issued for the Unit  
31 12 elder sheep hunt and 20 individuals reported hunting  
32 and no sheep were harvested.

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34 If this proposal is adopted the season  
35 for the elder hunt would be shortened by 21 days and  
36 the season would change from September 21st through  
37 October 20th to August 1st to October 9th. The earlier  
38 timing of the hunt may provide greater accessibility to  
39 elders. If the adopted season -- if adopted, the  
40 season would be nine days prior to the opening of the  
41 hunt for other users, thereby minimizing competition.

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43 Input from the Southcentral Regional  
44 Advisory Council would be appreciated for their  
45 knowledge on whether sheep will be low enough for the  
46 elders to access during this time of year and whether  
47 the timeframe of nine days is sufficient.

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49 The average high and low temperatures  
50 from 2008 to 2010 are similar between the first week

1 and the second week of August.

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3 OSM preliminary conclusion is to  
4 support the proposal, WP12-32, but would like the  
5 Council input regarding whether the sheep will be low  
6 enough and whether the timeframe is sufficient.

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8 To recap, the proponent recommended  
9 shortening the season because they thought it would be  
10 more likely to be accepted.

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12 Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Cole.  
15 Any questions Council.

16

17 (No comments)

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19 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thanks.  
20 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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22 MS. YUHAS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman  
23 and Council members.

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25 The Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
26 supports this proposal with modification. That same  
27 language is listed on Page 197 and 207. We want to  
28 change the -- sorry, fighting the sniffles this morning  
29 -- want to change the language to allow one sheep but  
30 lambs and ewes accompanied by lambs may not be taken.  
31 We also recognize that this is an unprecedent 70 day  
32 season August 10th through October 20th, and support  
33 the proposal as modified.

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35 \*\*No official written comments  
36 inserted/provided by State at this  
37 time\*\*

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39 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
40 questions for the Department.

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42 MR. ADLER: Yes. So your  
43 recommendation is to eliminate the August 1st opener  
44 for the elders?

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46 MS. YUHAS: Correct. To have that  
47 start on September 21st to August 10th [sic], and then  
48 retaining the established season closure date of  
49 October 20th.

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1 MR. ADLER: I think that's the main  
2 reason for having this is to get that early season but  
3 we'll discuss that later.

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5 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Any other  
6 questions.

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8 (No comments)

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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Other  
11 Federal, State agency comments.

12  
13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Tribal comments.  
16 Wilson.

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18 MR. JUSTIN: Good morning and thank  
19 you, Mr. Chairman. Wilson Justin, Cheesh'na Tribal  
20 Council.

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22 This is a fairly straightforward  
23 proposal, we're trying to fit the season -- or put  
24 together a season that will fit the capabilities and  
25 accessibility of elders to sheep [sic]. So far what's  
26 been doing hasn't worked very well due to, not only  
27 weather, but also some of the -- the trails are so bad  
28 into the places where the hunts are being conducted  
29 that most of the elders after the first trip don't want  
30 to go back. So it's a question of getting the machines  
31 in, in the time of the year where it's not as harsh as  
32 you might say in terms of the ride.

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34 We can support limiting the sheep to a  
35 particular animal, but we want to insure that the early  
36 season stays in place because that's -- we think that's  
37 critical, access-wise. We can't say whether or not  
38 that the sheep's going to be low enough during that  
39 timeframe, but it'll definitely be easier to hunt. In  
40 our experience, beginning about the middle of  
41 September, it's just been too harsh, kind of a  
42 punishment routine.

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44 So we were trying to put a season  
45 together that fits what we think will occur and I thank  
46 you.

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48 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.  
49 Any questions.

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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I had one  
4 question. I understand what you're saying about the  
5 late season hunt for the elders. The State has made a  
6 suggestion that instead of starting your season August  
7 1st, would starting your season a little bit earlier  
8 and a little bit later be better than having it all on  
9 the late end as it is now?

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11 MR. JUSTIN: Well, as far as trying to  
12 fit a season together that works, we're absolutely  
13 willing to try a mixture of time for a season to see --  
14 a season or two to see what's best.

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16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Right.

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18 MR. JUSTIN: And right now I don't see  
19 any reason why we couldn't try two separate times like  
20 that.

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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So you're open to  
23 just to try something to see how it works?

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25 MR. JUSTIN: Just to see how it works.

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27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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29 MR. JUSTIN: We have a lot of interest  
30 but after the initial go around we had a lot of  
31 disinterest. Number 1, weather condition, the cold.  
32 Number 2, the trails.

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34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thanks. Any  
35 other questions.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.

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41 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other tribal  
44 comments.

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46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any tribal  
49 consultation comments.

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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: InterAgency Staff.

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6 MR. RABINOWITCH: Good morning, Mr.  
7 Chairman, this is Sandy Rabinowitch.

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9 The Staff Committee discussed this  
10 proposal and came up with a suggestion and I'm just  
11 going to read my comments because we circulate these  
12 around and make sure, you know, the Staff Committee is  
13 kind of all on board.

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15 Some of the Staff Committee suggested  
16 an additional thing be discussed, and that's that we --  
17 while we support moving the season date, as the  
18 proponent has suggested, but would suggest that you  
19 consider letting the season remain about a similar  
20 length. So currently the elder hunt season's about a  
21 month and that's where we're going. Thus, you might  
22 consider moving the beginning date to August 1st, as  
23 suggested, and let it run to the end of August. Just a  
24 different idea kind of thrown up on the table.

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26 So what you do is maintain that longer  
27 opportunity but move the beginning date.

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29 The sheep population's healthy.  
30 Maintaining the length of the season would provide the  
31 elders and youth more flexibility, which might be  
32 useful if changeable weather, which I think we all  
33 recognize is occurring more often, from year to year.  
34 The users would be able to use the Federal registration  
35 permit, which they now have to get, the proponent  
36 sticks with that Federal registration permit, and as  
37 such would follow the existing Federal requirements for  
38 sealing, which are that it does not have to be sealed.

39

40 Okay.

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42 And if you look at the Federal hunting  
43 book, because I thought I might raise an eyebrow when I  
44 said that, in the Federal hunting book, the details are  
45 on Page 18 in the lower left-hand corner. And if you  
46 want to compare it to the State sealing requirements in  
47 the State book, so I know you're all looking now, but  
48 in this other State book, the similar requirements -- I  
49 mean the State requirements, which are not the same,  
50 are on Page 16 in the lower left-hand corner.

1                   So we're not strongly advocating a  
2 particular position, we're just trying to put up on the  
3 table something else to consider.

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5                   If you have any questions I'd be happy  
6 to answer them.

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8                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any questions.

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10                  (No comments)

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12                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: One, is there a  
13 reason why they don't have to seal the horns?

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15                  MR. RABINOWITCH: The way the Federal  
16 regulations interact is that if there's a Federal  
17 harvest ticket or tag, in this case the Federal  
18 registration permit, that supersedes any State  
19 requirements, so the Federal registration permit takes  
20 the place of any State permits when we have multiple  
21 permits.

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23                  And if I didn't explain that right, and  
24 somebody can put a sharper edge on it, I welcome help  
25 from anybody behind me.

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27                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah.

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29                  MR. RABINOWITCH: I think that's it in  
30 a nutshell.

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32                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. And the  
33 other question I had is you said; that the Staff  
34 supported starting the season on August 1st as.....

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36                  MR. RABINOWITCH: The proponent  
37 suggested.

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39                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: .....the proponent  
40 suggests, but maybe making it until the end of August.  
41 Is there not a current Federal sheep season that starts  
42 already on the 10th and goes to September 20th?

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44                  MR. RABINOWITCH: Let me look, yes,  
45 August 10 to September 20 is the current season.

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47                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So really the only  
48 thing that we have to worry about in regards to an  
49 additional is before and after, because there's already  
50 a current Federal season, right?

1 MR. RABINOWITCH: There's a current  
2 Federal season but I'm going to the Federal permit and  
3 the sealing requirements, that's the difference. That  
4 is, if you look at Page 199 of your book, and, Cole, if  
5 I don't get this right help me out, too, the Unit 11  
6 one sheep August 10 to September 20, that hunt does  
7 require the State harvest tag, thus a sheep taken under  
8 that requires sealing consistent with State  
9 regulations.

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11 So it's a little difference around the  
12 edges, whether it's better or worse, we're just  
13 suggesting you all consider it, talk about it. We'd  
14 also be curious to hear what Wilson would have to say  
15 about that.

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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: No, I see what  
18 you're saying now. That we are basically creating a  
19 season that would be a Federal harvest ticket. If we  
20 didn't do that they would have to use the State harvest  
21 ticket for the regular season dates.

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23 MR. RABINOWITCH: Yes.

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25 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right. Any  
26 other questions.

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28 (No comments)

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30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thanks. SRC  
31 comments.

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33 (No comments)

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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Fish and Game  
36 Advisory Committee.

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38 (No comments)

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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
41 public comments.

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43 MS. MUSHOVIC: The AHTNA Tene Nene'  
44 Subsistence Group supports this proposal.

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46 They believe it will give the youth and  
47 elders the ability to hunt for sheep and pass on  
48 customs and practices of sheep uses and hunting sheep,  
49 and it's important for elders to pass on their  
50 knowledge to the younger generation.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Is  
2 there any public testimony.

3  
4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: If there is none,  
7 then a motion to put WP12-32 on the table is in order.

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9 MS. STICKWAN: I'll move to put it on  
10 there.

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12 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been moved by  
13 Ms. Stickwan. Is there a second.

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15 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Second it.

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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Second by Mr.  
18 Encelewski. Council discussion.

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20 Lee.

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22 MR. ADLER: I personally hunted Unit 11  
23 for sheep for 41 years and I killed my first one there  
24 in 1970 so I'm pretty knowledgeable about the area. I  
25 think this is a good idea. I've already hunted three  
26 times on the post season and didn't do any good because  
27 by the time it's late September, you get up in the  
28 morning, it's zero, and there's ice along the creek and  
29 the days are short, so I don't think the elders can  
30 really do much good in the late -- latter part of the  
31 season.

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33 So I very strongly support the August  
34 1st to August 30th subsistence sheep season.

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36 That's my recommendation.

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38 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.  
39 Anything else. Judy.

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41 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair, thank you.  
42 Well, just a comment. Several years ago this Council  
43 and several others became interested in kind of the  
44 effects of climate change and we talked about the  
45 possibility of seasons changing because of that. So I  
46 really appreciate that you've included in this, and at  
47 least one of the other proposals the comparison of  
48 average weather on those various weeks just to give us  
49 a better idea.

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
2 questions. Mary Ann.

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4 MS. MILLS: Yes, I also agree with Lee.  
5 I think your August 1st through August 30th would  
6 probably be a better time because of the weather and it  
7 would be more accessible probably for those elders that  
8 may have a more difficult time, you know, when it does  
9 get colder and icier.

10  
11 Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. I have  
14 one question about something that Sandy said, or maybe  
15 it was something the Department said. Is it currently  
16 legal, under a Federal permit for dall sheep in Unit 11  
17 or 12, to harvest a lamb accompanied by a ewe -- or  
18 excuse me, back, the other way around? It doesn't  
19 specify so does that mean it would be legal?

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21 MS. BROWN: That's correct.

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23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So it would be  
24 legal to shoot a ewe accompanied by a lamb?

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26 MS. BROWN: As written, yes.

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28 MS. STICKWAN: Usually AHTNA people are  
29 against -- they're against taking a ewe.....

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31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: With a lamb?

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33 MS. STICKWAN: It's just not their  
34 practice to do that.

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36 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Right. Well,  
37 that's what I figured but I didn't -- Judy.

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39 MS. CAMINER: Well, I guess just a  
40 follow up and it's not on the registration permit, I  
41 mean maybe Barbara has that, if she can.....

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43 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
44 Member Caminer. Can you be a little more specific  
45 about your question?

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47 MS. CAMINER: Sure, Barbara. The Fish  
48 and Game was concerned about an ewe being taken if  
49 there are lambs present, and I just wondered if there's  
50 any sort of discussion -- or is there part of the

1 permit requirement that would prohibit that?

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3 MS. CELLARIUS: On the permit it  
4 basically says what is in the regulations, which is,  
5 that the harvest limit is any sheep. There might be --  
6 I would have to look at the general provisions about --  
7 there's probably provisions against taking lambs but I  
8 don't think it says -- I think it's silent on the issue  
9 of a ewe with a lamb.

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11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Anything further.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Wilson, can I ask  
16 you a question real quick.

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18 I think there's some interest in some  
19 of the language creating a longer Federal permit.  
20 Would you be opposed to incorporating some language  
21 that, you know, some concerns that I have about that it  
22 be a condition of the hunt that an ewe accompanied by a  
23 lamb not be harvested?

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25 MR. JUSTIN: No, I think that Gloria is  
26 correct, very few -- no elder that I know of would  
27 knowingly shoot an ewe with a lamb or allow it in their  
28 presence, so I'm not opposed.

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30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, real good,  
31 thanks.

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33 MR. JUSTIN: Uh-huh.

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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Mary Ann.

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37 MS. MILLS: Also while you're up there  
38 or almost up there.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MS. MILLS: I was wondering, Wilson,  
43 about the hunt from August 1st through August 30th,  
44 would that be a better time for the elders?

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46 MR. JUSTIN: There's two key  
47 considerations on the difference between August and  
48 September. The first one is not related to the sheep  
49 it's related to the end of the berry season and related  
50 to the fact that it's a fairly good time to get gophers

1 -- or we call them gophers, I'm not quite sure what  
2 they really are, but it's a delicacy. So the August  
3 season coincides with a couple of other activities that  
4 they like to do. The other key feature or difference  
5 between August and September, weather wise, is that the  
6 weather is so volatile in September -- or late  
7 September. You may have several good days but it might  
8 come in and stay socked in for days at a time. And the  
9 biggest problem with September at any given time is  
10 that if you have an overnight freeze it doesn't thaw --  
11 the slopes doesn't thaw out enough to really utilize  
12 until later on in the day. And normally the sheep are  
13 moving by -- or the dall rams are moving by 7:00 or  
14 8:00 in the morning, so they get a head start of  
15 several hours while the elders are waiting for optimal  
16 walking conditions.

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18 So that's the key difference between  
19 August and September on an elderly basis.

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21 For someone like myself, it doesn't  
22 make much difference, but for an elder, like my mother,  
23 she' sin her '80s, it makes a really big difference.

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25 MS. MILLS: What would your suggestion  
26 be? What would the optimum time be, in your mind's  
27 eye?

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29 MR. JUSTIN: In the best of all the  
30 world, from July 15 to October 15.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 MR. JUSTIN: But since we're talking  
35 some rationale tie to the current structure, I would  
36 say that either August -- you have to have August 1,  
37 you need to have a lead -- you have to have a head  
38 start on the normal hunter because they do come in, so  
39 I would say we have to keep the August 1 start date and  
40 if we go to August 31st, that's probably my best choice  
41 because of the complex season. But there's nothing  
42 wrong with splitting the season up in August and late  
43 in September.

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45 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.  
46 Any other questions for Wilson while he's up here.

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48 (No comments)

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50 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right, thank

1 you.

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MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So we've heard  
6 some recommendations from the Department, from the  
7 InterAgency Staff, we have Wilson's proposal, it sounds  
8 like he's flexible, everybody seems pretty flexible so  
9 we have the proposal in front of us as written.  
10 Currently it would only create a Federal season for  
11 this elder hunt from August 1st to August 9th. Does  
12 anybody want to amend this language or do we want to  
13 proceed with the proposal as written?

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15

Gloria.

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MS. STICKWAN: I would like to modify  
18 it to August 30th -- August 1st to August 30th.

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CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So there's an  
21 amendment on the table to change the language to create  
22 an elder hunt and joint minor.....

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MS. STICKWAN: Excuse me.

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CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Excuse me.

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MS. STICKWAN: With the language of the  
29 ewe.

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CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The lamb, okay.

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MS. STICKWAN: Okay.

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CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: An amendment on  
36 the table to change the language from August 1st to  
37 August 30th and that a requirement of the hunt be that  
38 ewes accompanied by lambs may not be harvested. Is  
39 there a second.

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MR. ADLER: Second.

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CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seconded by Mr.  
44 Adler. Would you like to speak to your amendment  
45 Gloria.

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Would you like to make any more  
48 comments?

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MS. STICKWAN: No, I think everything's

1 been said.

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Anybody  
4 else have a comment.

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6 (No comments)

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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Then the.....

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10 MS. MUSHOVIC: Could you read the  
11 modification please.

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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The modification  
14 is to create the elder -- joint minor/elder hunt season  
15 from August 1st to August 30th and that a requirement  
16 of the hunt be that ewes accompanied by lambs may not  
17 be harvested.

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19 Is there a question on the amendment.

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21 MS. CAMINER: Question.

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23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The question's  
24 been called on the amendment. All those in favor  
25 signify by saying aye.

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27 IN UNISON: Aye.

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29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.

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31 (No opposing votes)

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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The amendment  
34 passes.

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36 Okay, we have the original motion as  
37 amended on the table, is there any more discussion?

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39 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Question.

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41 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The question's in  
42 order on the amended proposal. All those in favor  
43 signify by saying aye.

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45 IN UNISON: Aye.

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47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.

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49 (No opposing votes)

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The proposal  
2 passes. Moving on to 12-33.

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4 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
5 Members of the Council.

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7 Proposals 33, 34, 35 and 36 will be  
8 covered jointly. All proposals were submitted by the  
9 Defender's of Wildlife.

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11 Proposals WP12-33 and 12-34 seek to  
12 shorten wolf hunt seasons in Units 11, 12 and 13 by  
13 four months. The proponent states that hides are not  
14 suitable for commercial sale during April and August.  
15 Two years ago the Defender's of Wildlife requested  
16 these same regulatory changes. The Southcentral  
17 Regional Advisory Council and the Eastern Interior  
18 Regional Advisory Council both opposed that proposal  
19 and the Federal Subsistence Board rejected it. During  
20 the Southcentral meeting the Denali Subsistence  
21 Resource Commission reported that early season pelts do  
22 have low commercial value but are a resource for local  
23 subsistence users making crafts and clothing for  
24 personal use.

25  
26 Proposals WP12-35, 12-36 seek to close  
27 wolf hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 14C to  
28 provide for more wildlife viewing opportunities. The  
29 Federal Subsistence Board restricted subsistence to  
30 provide for wildlife viewing once before. In 1996 the  
31 US Forest Service submitted a proposal to close a  
32 portion of Anaan Creek in Unit 1B to brown bear hunting  
33 and to modify a closure to black bear hunting to  
34 provide for wildlife viewing. The change was requested  
35 to align with State regulations and to address  
36 potential safety hazards near a bear viewing area.  
37 There is minimal correlation between these two.

38  
39 The wolf population in Units 11, 12,  
40 13D and 14C are thought to be healthy. The wolf  
41 population i these units is thought to be regulated  
42 more by natural factors than the by the harvest by  
43 hunters and trappers.

44  
45 Therefore, the OSM preliminary  
46 conclusion is to oppose WP12-33, 12-34, 12-35 and 12-  
47 36.

48  
49 Thank you.  
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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Cole.  
2 Is there any questions.  
3  
4 (No comments)  
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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Alaska  
7 Department of Fish and Game.  
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9 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 Jennifer Yuhas with the Alaska Department of Fish and  
11 Game.  
12  
13 The Department is also opposed to this  
14 grouping of proposals. We find it unnecessary.  
15 There's no current conservation concerns. Viewing  
16 occurs in the area concurrent with hunting seasons and  
17 we believe that the hide value depends on the user and  
18 what they want to use that hide for, whether or not it  
19 has commercial value.  
20  
21 \*\*No official written comments  
22 inserted/provided by State at this  
23 time\*\*  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
26 questions.  
27  
28 (No comments)  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
31 much. Other Federal or State agency comments.  
32  
33 (No comments)  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Tribal comments.  
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37 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
38 Wilson Justin, Cheesh'na Tribal Council.  
39  
40 We oppose the proposals. We don't feel  
41 there's any real reason for the proposals to be  
42 forwarded at this point.  
43  
44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.  
45 Any questions.  
46  
47 (No comments)  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.  
50

1 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any tribal  
4 consultation comments.  
5  
6 (No comments)  
7  
8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: InterAgency Staff.  
9  
10 (No comments)  
11  
12 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: SRC.  
13  
14 (No comments)  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Fish and Game  
17 Advisory Committee.  
18  
19 (No comments)  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
22 public comments.  
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24 MS. MUSHOVIC: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
25 The AHTNA 'Tene Nene' Customary and Traditional Use  
26 Committee adamantly opposes WP12-33 because wolves in  
27 Unit 11 are preying on calves of moose and caribou in  
28 Unit 11 and are jeopardizing population of moose and  
29 Mentasta Caribou Herd. Population of wolves in Unit 11  
30 and Unit 12 is not a conservation concern. And Federal  
31 management to attempt to control population of wolves  
32 so that moose and caribou populations can increase for  
33 human consumption is a sound management principle.  
34 Federally-qualified subsistence users do not eat  
35 wolves.  
36  
37 They also commented on WP-34. Opposing  
38 it to reduce the 13D wolf hunting season from August  
39 10th through April to November 1st to March 31st with a  
40 reduced take of wolves because reducing wolf hunting  
41 season is not necessary. Wolf population is not a  
42 conservation concern. And predation upon moose calves  
43 by wolves is a major concern in Unit 13. More wolves  
44 need to be killed to reduce the moose population -- to  
45 reduce the bear population.  
46  
47 Thank you.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Is  
50 there any public testimony.

1 (No comments)  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: If there's none  
4 then a motion to put Proposal 12-33 on the table is in  
5 order.  
6  
7 MR. ENCELEWSKI: I'll so move.  
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9 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Moved by Mr.  
10 Encelewski.  
11  
12 MR. HENRICHS: Second.  
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14 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Second by Mr.  
15 Henrichs. Is there any Council discussion, comments,  
16 justification.  
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18 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.  
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20 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Judy.  
21  
22 MS. CAMINER: We don't have a  
23 conservation concern here so I think we're on good  
24 ground.  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
27 other comments.  
28  
29 (No comments)  
30  
31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's in  
32 order.  
33  
34 MR. HENRICHS: Question.  
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36 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
37 called by Mr. Henrichs. All those in favor of WP12-33  
38 signify by saying aye.  
39  
40 (No aye votes)  
41  
42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
43  
44 IN UNISON: Aye.  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Motion fails. The  
47 next proposal is -- I suppose we can -- can we do these  
48 three together -- we have to do them separately even  
49 though they -- best to do them separately.  
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1 12-34.  
2  
3 MS. CAMINER: Can't we lump the last  
4 three.  
5  
6 MS. BROWN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.  
7 The analysis was for all four proposals, 33, 34 and 35  
8 and 36, all the same conclusion.  
9  
10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you  
11 very much, Cole.  
12  
13 Does the Alaska Department of Fish and  
14 Game have any more comments or.....  
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16 MS. YUHAS: (Shakes head negatively)  
17  
18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: .....likewise --  
19 okay. Is there any Federal or State agency comments on  
20 the three.  
21  
22 (No comments)  
23  
24 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any tribal  
25 comments, any additional tribal comments, Wilson.  
26  
27 MR. JUSTIN: We oppose it.  
28  
29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: InterAgency Staff  
30 Committee.  
31  
32 (No comments)  
33  
34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any SRC comments.  
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36 MR. JUSTIN: I didn't know if she heard  
37 what I said.  
38  
39 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: You can say it for  
40 the record if you'd like.  
41  
42 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you. Wilson Justin,  
43 Cheesh'na Tribal Council. We oppose unilaterally the  
44 three proposals that are lumped together.  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Is  
47 there any Fish and Game Advisory Committee comments.  
48  
49 (No comments)  
50

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
2 public comments.  
3  
4 (No comments)  
5  
6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: You read those.  
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8 MS. MUSHOVIC: (Nods affirmatively)  
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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Is there any  
11 public testimony.  
12  
13 (No comments)  
14  
15 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So seeing none, do  
16 we need to vote on these separately or can we make a  
17 motion to incorporate 33, 34, 35 and 36.  
18  
19 MS. MUSHOVIC: I think it would be  
20 cleaner for the record if you did them separately if  
21 you don't mind.  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. So a motion  
24 to put 12-34 on the table is in order.  
25  
26 MR. HENRICHS: I make the motion.  
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28 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Moved by Mr.  
29 Henrichs.  
30  
31 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Second.  
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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seconded by Mr.  
34 Encelewski. Is there any further discussion.  
35  
36 (No comments)  
37  
38 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Question.  
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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The question has  
41 been called on WP12-34, all those in favor signify by  
42 saying aye.  
43  
44 (No aye votes)  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
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48 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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50 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The proposal

1 fails.  
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3 MR. HENRICHS: I make a motion on WP12-  
4 35.  
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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been moved by  
7 Mr. Henrichs. Is there a second.  
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9 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Second.  
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11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seconded by Mr.  
12 Encelewski. Is there any discussion on 12-35.  
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14 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Question.  
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16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
17 called, all those in favor signify by saying aye.  
18  
19 MR. HENRICHS: Aye -- no, excuse me.  
20  
21 (No aye votes)  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
24  
25 IN UNISON: Aye.  
26  
27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The proposal  
28 fails. And one more.  
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30 MR. HENRICHS: I'll make the motion.  
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32 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been moved to  
33 adopt 12-36.  
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35 MS. MILLS: Second.  
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37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seconded by Ms.  
38 Mills, is there any discussion.  
39  
40 (No comments)  
41  
42 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Question.  
43  
44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
45 called. All those in favor signify by saying aye.  
46  
47 (No aye votes)  
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49 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All those opposed.  
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1 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The proposal  
4 fails. Okay, we're moving on to the crossover  
5 proposals.  
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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.  
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9 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yes.  
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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: If I could suggest  
12 doing a little bit different order than what's there  
13 and doing 68 before we take up 104 -- what is it, 66/67  
14 because that one is the C&T for Chistochina.  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Very well.  
17  
18 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. And if you'll  
19 just bear with me for a second, I decided to shorten my  
20 talking points.  
21  
22 MS. STICKWAN: Which one are we on  
23 then?  
24  
25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We're on 68 and that  
26 one is on Page 243 of your book, and we'll wait a  
27 second, it looks like people are getting refills on  
28 coffee.  
29  
30 (Pause)  
31  
32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: WP12-68 on Page 243.  
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34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.  
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36 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. This proposal  
37 was submitted by the Cheesh'na Tribal Council and it  
38 requests that residents of Chistochina be added to the  
39 Unit 12 caribou customary and traditional use  
40 determination. And if you look at your map you'll see  
41 Chistochina is located in the Unit 13C in Unit 13C and  
42 it's just outside the border of Unit 12, and it's  
43 pretty darn close.  
44  
45 Chistochina residents already have a  
46 positive customary and traditional use determination  
47 for moose, brown bear and sheep in Unit 12. Mentasta  
48 Lake, which is also in Unit 13C has a positive  
49 customary and traditional use determination for Unit 12  
50 for caribou. The Cheesh'na Tribal Council requests

1 that Chistochina be added to the list of communities  
2 with positive customary and traditional use  
3 determinations for caribou in Unit 12 to be consistent  
4 with Mentasta Lake. And as I noted they already have  
5 positive C&T in 13.

6  
7 The question really isn't whether or  
8 not Chistochina has customary and traditionally used  
9 caribou, they've already had those uses recognized, the  
10 question is just where. And in looking back in the  
11 regulatory history, trying to figure out why they  
12 weren't included to begin with, at one time they were  
13 proposed and then we had this whole backlog of  
14 customary and traditional use determinations, and I'm  
15 not really sure why Chistochina got dropped out, but  
16 for whatever reason it did and nobody noticed and it's  
17 kind of a mystery to me because it wasn't that it was  
18 reviewed and then there was an active decision to  
19 exclude them, they just were never reviewed.

20  
21 So I'm going to focus, not on all of  
22 the eight factors of customary and traditional uses,  
23 but I'm focusing on the question of where. And you can  
24 see the eight factors listed on Page 244, so the factor  
25 we're focusing on is No. 4, which is the where  
26 question.

27  
28 Historically members of the Upper  
29 Chisana, Upper Nabesna Band, it's a way that we look --  
30 a way that anthropologists look at organizations of  
31 people and they're Athabascans, they occupy the north  
32 area of the Wrangell-St. Elias Mountains, hunted  
33 caribou in the Nutzotin and Mentasta Mountains and  
34 hunted and trapped in the basins of several rivers,  
35 including the White, Nabesna and Chisana Rivers, and  
36 these are all in Unit 12, you can see that on the map  
37 on Page 224 -- oh, I'm not sure, I put Page 24 and that  
38 is not the page it's on.

39  
40 Of these communities -- I'm sorry --  
41 with a shift to village life in the late 19th and early  
42 20th centuries, upper Chisana and Upper Nabesna band  
43 members moved to communities, the communities of  
44 Mentasta, Chistochina, Northway and Tetlin and that's  
45 where their decedents continue to live today.

46  
47 We have recent information from oral  
48 histories that demonstrate the significance of caribou  
49 located in Unit 12 to the people of Chistochina. And  
50 I'm not -- I deci -- I decided there's -- you know if

1 you read it and looked at it, there's a lot of  
2 testimony in there from Justin Wilson and I'm not going  
3 to repeat all what's in the book and I know he's going  
4 to provide some testimony so I will let him do that  
5 because he does it probably more eloquently than I  
6 could. Other people, and there are people in  
7 Chistochina who, today, have ties to the community of  
8 Chisana and Gilliam Joe, grandson of Chisana Joe was  
9 born in Chisana and left the village when he was two or  
10 three years old and he, as a young man, Gilliam Joe  
11 worked as a hunting guide based out of Chisana and he  
12 guided in the area between 196 -- in the area during  
13 the time between 1964 and 1984 and he frequently  
14 returns to Chisana. Joe has guided hunting parties  
15 into the mountains around Chisana and harvested caribou  
16 and other animals. Other outfitters who live in  
17 Chisana, Terry Overly and then another one, I'm not  
18 sure where he lives but Bud Konkle, so there's  
19 definitely a type of with guides as well as with people  
20 who are subsistence hunting hunting caribou in that  
21 area of Unit 12.

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23 If the proposal is adopted the Federal  
24 Board would recognize the customary and traditional  
25 uses of the residents of Chistochina to harvest caribou  
26 in Unit 12 and if this proposal is adopted -- wait, if  
27 Proposal 66 is adopted then it would establish a hunt  
28 for Chisana caribou and Chistochina residents would be  
29 eligible to harvest Chisana caribou as well as other  
30 caribou in Unit 12 under Federal regulations.

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32 For these reasons the OSM preliminary  
33 conclusion is to support Proposal WP12-68.

34

35 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
38 questions.

39

40 (No comments)

41

42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you very  
43 much. Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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45 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
46 Jennifer Yuhas, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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48 The Department does not have a  
49 recommendation at this time for this proposal. And at  
50 the internal Staff Committee meeting we'd been under

1 the impression that it wasn't a simple omission but it  
2 had been considered and rejected and there's some  
3 confusion as to the process. And the Department  
4 recommends consistent application of findings for all  
5 C&Ts. We've been discussing several C&T issues around  
6 the state. We had previously requested rulemaking,  
7 even though we take this holistic approach, it's been  
8 difficult for us to follow a consistency in  
9 application. And those are our comments.

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12 STATE OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

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15 Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
16 Comments to the Regional Advisory Council

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18 Wildlife Proposal WP12-68 (GMU 12 C&T  
19 Caribou):

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21 This proposal seeks to establish a  
22 positive Federal Customary and Traditional Use  
23 determination (C&T) for caribou in Unit 12 for the  
24 residents of the Chistochina.

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26 Introduction:

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28 This proposal requests the federally  
29 qualified residents of Chistochina have a positive C&T  
30 for caribou in Unit 12. The proponent indicates the  
31 federal subsistence program's methodology of making C&T  
32 determinations has changed from making herd-based  
33 determinations to unit-based determination. The  
34 proponent indicates recent interests in the Chisana  
35 herd spurred this proposal and it is appropriate to  
36 re-evaluate the current C&T determinations for caribou  
37 in Unit 12.

38

39 Impact on Subsistence Users:

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41 If adopted, federal subsistence users  
42 who are residents of Chistochina will be granted  
43 opportunity to harvest in the federal subsistence  
44 caribou hunt in Unit 12.

45

46 Opportunity Provided by State:

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48 State regulations limit caribou hunting  
49 in Unit 12 to one bull caribou west of the Glenn Hwy  
50 (Tok Cutoff) and have not provided any opportunity for

1 harvesting Chisana caribou since 1993.

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3 Other Comments:

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5 The department requires further  
6 information before submitting a recommendation  
7 including testimony at RAC meetings.

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9 Recommendation:

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11 The department requires further  
12 information before submitting a recommendation.

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14 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
15 much. Any questions.

16

17 (No comments)

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19 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
20 other Federal or State agency comments.

21

22 (No comments)

23

24 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any tribal  
25 comments.

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27 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
28 Wilson Justin, Cheesh'na Tribal Council. Before  
29 speaking directly to the proposal I'll digress for a  
30 few short moments with the Chair's permission on the  
31 issue of why there's a gap on the C&T process on  
32 Cheesh'na. I can speak directly to that issue. I was  
33 Cheesh'na Council president in 1995 and there had been  
34 extended discussion at Cheesh'na about the issue of the  
35 C&T development through the State process and there was  
36 considerable discussion about challenging the C&T  
37 criteria in 1995. At that time as Council president my  
38 recommendation was let's let part of the C&T process  
39 work in most of the games, let us pick and choose a  
40 particular animal we think that will allow for the full  
41 discussion or dialogue legally to occur on a C&T basis.  
42 That particular animal happened to be the Chisana  
43 caribou and we decided in 1995 that we were not going  
44 to actively seek C&T until such a time as it looks  
45 like, as a legal strategy, it would produce a direct  
46 change or challenge to the C&T process.

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48 Well, things evolve, times change, I  
49 left the position of Council president in 2006 and  
50 other developments, such as an active memorandum of

1 understanding was proposed with the National Park  
2 Service and a lot of InterAgency Staff activity between  
3 Cheesh'na and the National Park began to develop. So  
4 the idea stayed in the background, it was never pursued  
5 but it was always there as part of the overall legal  
6 strategy.

7  
8 In the middle 2000s Cheesh'na Tribal  
9 Council talked about the issue again of whether or not  
10 Cheesh'na should directly challenge C&T criteria. And  
11 at that time it was felt that it would be kind of a  
12 stab in the back to the existing agency MOU that we  
13 had, which one was with the National Park Service and  
14 the other was with the Bureau of Land Management, and  
15 we felt that it would be better to maybe to work the  
16 process as the process existed and if we had issues  
17 that continued to crop up in the C&T we may be better  
18 suited within the process to change, rather than a  
19 direct legal battle.

20  
21 And that's the story of the C&T  
22 process.

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24 Personally, myself, I still think that  
25 legally that the eight criteria challenge of the C&T  
26 process with the Chisana Caribou Herd is probably the  
27 best overall time, place and position in the State of  
28 Alaska to unilaterally change the C&T process in a way  
29 that fits tribal government as opposed to individuals  
30 and communities. But that's my personal opinion and  
31 Cheesh'na has said that at this time we'd prefer to  
32 work along the existing process, the MOU, the Staff  
33 agencies and the draft management plan, so that's where  
34 we're at and that's part of the reason why the switch  
35 to where we're obtaining C&T for the Chisana Caribou  
36 Herd.

37  
38 Now going directly to the proposal.

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40 In reality when you say Nabesna, you  
41 can't just say Nabesna, you have to say Nabesna,  
42 Chisana, Scottie Creek, and those three communities  
43 were part and parcel of the same two clans that  
44 operated in that area -- actually three, the third clan  
45 is a clan that extends over into Yukon Territory, which  
46 Chief Walter Northway's grandfather was a part of.  
47 That particular clan, which I don't know the name of,  
48 we speak of that clan on our side differently than it's  
49 spoken to over there. But for the record it should be  
50 noted that Chief Northway and my father Old John were

1 first cousins. Chief Northway Old John, Chisana Joe,  
2 Scottie Creek Titus and Titus, John, IV, Sr., medicine  
3 people and chiefs were all first cousins. Another  
4 individual called White River Johnny was, through one  
5 process or another, adopted into our family. As a  
6 member of the family he became a Naltsiine but White  
7 River Johnny is the father of Houston Sanford's wife  
8 out of Mentasta. So the interaction between these  
9 communities on a generational basis is very clear in  
10 terms of the family's oral history and the tribal  
11 history.

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13                   The displacement of the decedents,  
14 those of us who are in the modern day Chistochina and  
15 Mentasta did not occur easily or for reasons that you  
16 might be familiar with. They were primarily reasons  
17 related to the fact that this corridor where the  
18 caribou migrate through was the primary bootlegging  
19 corridor that existed in the prohibition days. There's  
20 a lot of economic issues related to who's in control of  
21 the corridor. And following the prohibition days that  
22 corridor which was prime sheep and grizzly hunting kind  
23 of was taken over by big game guides. So the  
24 displacement was forceful. We weren't asked to leave,  
25 we were told to get out. And this last displacement  
26 occurred in the late 1950s. The family from Mentasta,  
27 Johnny Nicholai's family, my family and a number of  
28 other families still smart to this day about the memory  
29 of, what they call the Commissioner, but which I later  
30 found out was the Bureau of Indian of Affairs, flew the  
31 (indiscernible) at Nabesna where I was born and the  
32 Chisana and to Scottie Creek and told everybody they  
33 had a month to get their kids out otherwise they'll be  
34 taken away. So Nabesna closed down overnight. That's  
35 why we're not up there. And there's people that still  
36 get very angry about the memory.

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38                   So a C&T process and determination for  
39 that area, in summary, it's not about the caribou, it's  
40 about the action that happened to the families and the  
41 clans that was in that area. So it didn't really  
42 matter to me or to the rest of Cheesh'na whether we  
43 ever shot a Chisana caribou, it only mattered that we  
44 came in and said we have the right to those caribou and  
45 allow the process to move forward on that request.

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47                   So that's the summary of the C&T issue  
48 that's in front of you today and thank you for the  
49 opportunity to speak to it.

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson,  
2 appreciate it.

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4 Is there any questions for Wilson.

5  
6 (No comments)

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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I'm glad you come  
9 before this Council as much as you do, Wilson, because  
10 you -- I mean you not only tell us stuff that most of  
11 us don't know, and maybe a lot of the Staff hasn't  
12 uncovered, but it's very important and I'm glad that  
13 you're involved with this process as much as you,  
14 personally, may not want to be.

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16 MR. JUSTIN: Well, thank you. It's not  
17 something that I like to do but it's something that has  
18 to be done.

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20 I've mentioned many times, there are  
21 three histories in our region. The sanitized one. The  
22 one that nobody wants to talk about, which involves the  
23 epidemics, the missionaries, the medicine people and  
24 displacement. And kind of the middle one, where  
25 everybody is comfortable with what is said has  
26 happened.

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28 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah. Okay, thank  
29 you very much.

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31 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.

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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Is there any  
34 tribal consultation comments.

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36 MR. BERG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Jerry  
37 Berg with Fish and Wildlife Service.

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39 We didn't receive any comments from  
40 tribes but we did get one comment during our ANCSA  
41 corporation teleconference and that was Gloria called  
42 in on behalf of AHTNA Corporation and she provided  
43 input then that they -- that the AHTNA Corporation does  
44 support the proposal, that this will provide a positive  
45 customary and traditional use determination for  
46 residents of Chistochina for caribou in Unit 12.

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48 And, certainly, if Gloria wants to add  
49 to that, but that's all i have in the report.

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1 Mr. Chair, thank you.  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.  
4 Nothing Gloria.  
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6 MS. STICKWAN: No.  
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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you.  
9 Is there any InterAgency Staff comments.  
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11 (No comments)  
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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: SRC.  
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15 (No comments)  
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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Fish and Game  
18 Advisory Committee.  
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20 (No comments)  
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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
23 public comments.  
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25 MS. MUSHOVIC: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
26 The AHTNA Tene Nene' Customary and Traditional Use  
27 Committee supports WP12-68 to grant customary and  
28 traditional use determination for the Chistochina  
29 community for Unit 12 caribou as the AHTNA people have  
30 historically fished and hunted in all of Unit 12 and  
31 should be given C&T for all species for Unit 12. It's  
32 well documented that the AHTNA people have hunted and  
33 continue to hunt in all of Unit 12 for all species.  
34  
35 Thank you.  
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37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Is  
38 there any more public testimony.  
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40 (No comments)  
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42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seeing none then a  
43 motion to adopt WP12-68 is in order.  
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45 MR. HENRICHS: I'll make the motion.  
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47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been moved by  
48 Mr. Henrichs, is there a second.  
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50 MR. ADLER: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Second by Mr.  
2 Adler.  
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4 Council discussion, rationalization,  
5 recommendations.  
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7 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.  
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9 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Judy.  
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11 MS. CAMINER: Thank you -- go ahead.  
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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Go ahead Lee.  
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15 MR. ADLER: I have personal knowledge  
16 of Justin Wilson and his family and other Natives that  
17 have traditionally used that area and the boundary line  
18 between 11 and 12 didn't mean anything to their  
19 traditional use, they used the whole area. And so I  
20 would very strongly recommend that we change this C&T  
21 to include them.  
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23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Lee.  
24 Judy.  
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26 MS. CAMINER: Thanks. And I appreciate  
27 Lee's point. I mean these boundaries have sort of been  
28 somewhat superficially imposed on where people have  
29 lived and so I believe for this analysis there  
30 certainly has been strong traditional ecological  
31 knowledge and excellent studies and literature and  
32 Staff analysis, so I will support the proposal.  
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34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Gloria.  
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36 MS. STICKWAN: I just think they should  
37 have C&T for this area, and they should have C&T for  
38 all species, I think, not just caribou.  
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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Greg.  
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42 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I support the  
43 proposal and I believe I heard plenty of testimony and  
44 positive testimony of their usage. And being from the  
45 Kenai and knowing about barriers of units and units of  
46 use I definitely support this, I'm sure they used all  
47 the areas.  
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49 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Mary  
50 Ann.

1 MS. MILLS: I also support this as well  
2 and I really appreciate Mr. Justin's comments and  
3 history. And, you know, with the boundaries, we had  
4 our own boundaries and everyone respected ours and I  
5 know some of these lines these days are confusing to  
6 some of our people but, you know, I really appreciate  
7 the history that you provide to this Council.

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9 Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
12 more comments.

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14 MR. ADLER: Question.

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16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
17 called on WP12-68. All those in favor signify by  
18 saying aye.

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20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.

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24 (No opposing votes)

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26 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Proposal passes.  
27 Which -- you want to go to -- are you going to do all  
28 three?

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30 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: The 104 -- we'll do  
31 the presentation, the analysis is done in a -- it's a  
32 unified analysis and then if we could just -- have the  
33 Council vote on each.....

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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, on each  
38 proposal. And Karen and I are doing kind of a tag-team  
39 on this one. She's doing the biological part and I'm  
40 doing the .804 presentation.

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42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Go ahead  
43 whenever you're ready.

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45 MS. HYER: Okay, for the record I'm  
46 Karen Hyer, I'm the statistician at OSM. And we'll  
47 start on Page 224, Proposal 104.

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49 And Proposal 10-104 is a deferred  
50 proposal that was submitted by Leif Wilson on behalf of

1 the Upper Tanana Fortymile Advisory Committee. It  
2 requests a joint Federal/State draw permit hunt for  
3 Chisana caribou to be established in Unit 12 beginning  
4 in the fall, and originally it was the fall of 2011,  
5 the harvest quota would be in accordance with the  
6 recommendations of the draft Chisana Caribou Herd  
7 Management Plan, and the harvest limit would be one  
8 bull, the hunting season would be September 1 through  
9 September 30th and a portion of the permits would be  
10 issued to Federally-qualified subsistence users for a  
11 Federal hunt and the remainder of the permits would be  
12 issued to Alaska residents and non-residents for a  
13 State hunt.

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15 This proposal was deferred until the  
16 2012 regulatory cycle by the Federal Subsistence Board.  
17 The Board decided during their 2010 meeting that it was  
18 premature to adopt a hunting regulation for the Chisana  
19 Caribou Herd until the management plan had been  
20 finalized and supported by the management agencies  
21 involved with the Chisana Caribou Herd.

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23 Proposal 12-65 was submitted by Terry  
24 Brigner on behalf of the Upper Tanana Fortymile  
25 Advisory Committee. It requests that the Federal  
26 registration hunt for the Chisana caribou be  
27 established beginning the fall of 2012. The harvest  
28 quota would be in accordance with the recommended draft  
29 management plan and it would be one bull and the  
30 hunting season would be August 10th through September  
31 30th.

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33 And then Proposal 66 -- WP12-66 was  
34 submitted by the Cheesh'na Tribal Council. It requests  
35 also a Federal registration hunt for the Chisana  
36 caribou and it be established again in the fall of  
37 2012. The harvest quota would be in accordance again  
38 with the draft management plan. The hunt would be  
39 restricted to Federal public lands in Unit 12, which  
40 lie east of the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier.  
41 The harvest limit would be one bull. And the hunting  
42 season would be September 1st through September 30th.  
43 Additionally, this proponent asks that an ANILCA  
44 Section .804 analysis be completed.

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46 All three of these proposals would  
47 establish a hunt in an area and on a population that is  
48 currently closed.

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50 Currently there is no legal harvest of

1 Chisana caribou and there has been no legal harvest  
2 since 1994.

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4 The Alaska range for the Chisana  
5 Caribou Herd is primarily within the Wrangell-St. Elias  
6 National Park and Preserve and it's in a mountainous  
7 region which is difficult to access.

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9 A draft five year plan for this caribou  
10 herd has been in development for some time now and it's  
11 been a cooperative effort between the government of the  
12 Yukon, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the  
13 White River First Nation, the Kluawni First Nations,  
14 the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
15 Service.

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17 Currently this draft plan has been  
18 finalized and it's about to be signed by all parties.  
19 It hasn't been signed yet but it is at the point where  
20 they're ready to sign it. But to this point, and until  
21 that plan is signed, the draft management plan has  
22 provided the framework for monitoring of this herd and  
23 the criteria for implementing a hunt.

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25 As required by the draft management  
26 plan, a 2010 census was completed in October 2010 by  
27 the National Park Service and Fish and Game. The  
28 results of this census showed the herd population to be  
29 stable. The herd size was estimated at approximately  
30 700 caribou. The bull/cow ratio was estimated 42 bulls  
31 to 100 cows. The minimum ratio for establishing a hunt  
32 in the draft management plan is 35 to 100. The number  
33 of calves in the herd has shown an increase since 2009  
34 and the three year average of the calf/cow ratio is 20  
35 to 100 which is above the minimum recommended in the  
36 draft management plan of 15 to 100. Now, those two  
37 recommendations are also in the final plan, it's just  
38 we're referring to the draft plan because the final  
39 plan has yet to be signed.

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41 The draft plan recommends a harvestable  
42 surplus of two percent of the herd if the criteria --  
43 the hunt criteria are made in the census and that two  
44 percent would be split Alaska and Yukon. So it would  
45 result in one percent of the herd being available for  
46 Alaska harvest, which would be approximately seven  
47 animals, given the estimated herd size.

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49 And historically very few of the  
50 chisana caribou have migrated west of the Nabesna River

1 and the Nabesna Glacier. And that's why one of the  
2 proposals refers to hunting east of that area. And if  
3 we restricted the hunt to east of the Nabesna Glacier  
4 and the Nabesna River, it would avoid any interaction  
5 with the Mentasta Caribou Herd while providing for a  
6 subsistence hunt of the Chisana Caribou Herd. And as  
7 was talked about earlier, yesterday, the Mentasta  
8 Caribou Herd has experienced a dramatic decline and  
9 there are approximately 336 animals in that herd right  
10 now and currently that herd is closed to both Federal  
11 and Federal hunting.

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13                                   And so I think we'll move on to the  
14 .804.

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16                                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr.  
17 Chair. Members of the Council.

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19                                   So we did an .804 analysis and for  
20 those people who are newer on the Council, we haven't  
21 actually done too many .804s in this region, some  
22 regions we've done quite a few. I'll just explain a  
23 little bit more about what that means.

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25                                   In ANILCA, Section .804 says that an  
26 analysis shall be conducted whenever a proposal to  
27 change Federal regulations requests a prioritization  
28 for use of a subsistence resource among rural residents  
29 having customary and traditional use of that resource.  
30 So in this case, we would be needing to look at that  
31 prioritization because, as Karen noted, there are only  
32 seven caribou that currently -- the current allocation  
33 for harvest is seven caribou. And for all of the  
34 communities that we have customary and traditional use  
35 determinations there are 10, and that's Chisana,  
36 Nabesna, Northway, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok in Unit 12;  
37 Dot Lake and Healy Lake in Unit 20; Mentasta Lake in  
38 Unit 13; and then if the Board adopts Proposal 68 it  
39 would also include Chistochina. So I'm just going to  
40 go ahead and include Chistochina inhere for the sake of  
41 the analysis.

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43                                   So we have to then look at how do you  
44 decide between those communities which ones might be  
45 communities that there should be some kind of  
46 differentiation between them. ANILCA actually defines  
47 this, unlike other things that they don't define,  
48 although they don't define exactly what they mean by  
49 all of these, but they do give us three criterion.

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1                   Those are:  
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3                   Customary and direct dependence upon  
4                   the populations as the mainstay of  
5                   livelihood.  
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7                   Local residency.  
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9                   Availability of alternative resources.  
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11                  So I'm just going to quickly go through  
12 these.

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14                  So if you looked at customary and  
15 direct dependence as a nutritional element of mainstay  
16 of livelihood, then really none of them have a  
17 dependency because obviously none of them harvested  
18 since 1994 and so -- and they've been managing to do  
19 okay without it. But that's looking at it just purely  
20 as a nutritional element. If you look at it as more  
21 broadly to mean that there are customary -- I mean  
22 cultural and social elements to the people's existence  
23 then there are people for whom this criterion applies.

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25                  In Proposal 68 there was a lot of  
26 discussion about various research that had looked at  
27 the uses of the people of the Upper Chisana and Upper  
28 Nabesna band and who are now residents of Northway,  
29 Mentasta and Chistochina. And it appears that  
30 Northway, Mentasta, Chistochina and Tetlin, where these  
31 decedents live, are the communities whose residents  
32 exhibit the customary and direct dependence on Chisana  
33 caribou in terms of social and cultural elements. And  
34 then based on ADF&G harvest data, between 1977 and  
35 1993, residents of Northway, Tok, Chisana, and Chisana  
36 [sic] hunted Chisana caribou, and so they have also  
37 exhibited customary and direct dependence on Chisana  
38 caribou.

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40                  We don't have any evidence really to  
41 suggest that the residents of Nabesna, Tanacross, Dot  
42 Lake and Healy Lake have a customary and direct  
43 dependence on Chisana caribou, but that doesn't mean  
44 that's not there and I actually look to the Council to  
45 see if you have any additional information that would  
46 indicate that those communities have a customary and  
47 direct dependence.

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49                  So just for criterion one, based on the  
50 available evidence that we have without going to this

1 Council and the Eastern Interior Council, it appears  
2 that the residents of six of 10 communities exhibit a  
3 customary and direct dependence on Chisana caribou,  
4 including Tok, Northway, Chistochina, Chisana, Mentasta  
5 and Tetlin.

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7 Then there's the question of local  
8 residency. And if you look at it from a point of view  
9 of the customary and traditional use determinations  
10 they're all considered to have local residency.

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12 From the point of view of geographic  
13 proximity, which is often how we've looked at these,  
14 but there's nothing in ANILCA that says it has to be  
15 done that way, then, really Chisana residents are the  
16 closest to the caribou herd. But if you look at it  
17 more in the terms of who's the closest then it would be  
18 Chisana, Nabesna, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok, Mentasta Lake  
19 and Chistochina. Dot Lake and Healy Lake are actually  
20 fairly far away. So, you know, you can see this is a  
21 little bit of -- all of these are a little grey so we  
22 sort of have to say, do we include them, do we don't  
23 include them.

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25 And then the third criterion is  
26 availability of alternative resources. If you look at  
27 that based on the consideration of food consumed, all  
28 of these communities under consideration have  
29 availability of alternative resources as well as other  
30 caribou to harvest. But if you looked at it from the  
31 perspective of alternative resources, including  
32 cultural and social considerations then the decedents  
33 of the Upper Chisana, Upper Nabesna band, there really  
34 aren't any alternatives because the decedents of these  
35 people in Chistochina, Northway, Mentasta and Tetlin,  
36 they -- for them the Chisana caribou have a unique --  
37 very unique position to them and they -- and people who  
38 hunted these caribou had a very special status.

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40 For this reason the Board may consider  
41 that residents of these communities have no  
42 alternatives to Chisana caribou, and under the third  
43 criterion of .804, that there should be a subsistence  
44 priority for residents of these four communities, and  
45 then also there are other people who are guides -- we  
46 looked at this rather broadly and for these people who  
47 are guides, who have hunted the caribou, there also may  
48 be no other alternatives. So under criterion three,  
49 the residents of Tok, Chisana should be included with  
50 residents of Chistochina, Northway, Mentasta and Tetlin

1 under that criterion. Those people who guided for many  
2 years, these are really important caribou to them as  
3 well.

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5 So, in summary, the first criterion  
6 determined that residents of Chisana, Chistochina,  
7 Northway, Mentasta, Tetlin and Tok exhibit the greatest  
8 customary and dependence of the Chisana Caribou Herd.  
9 The second criterion determined that Chisana,  
10 Chistochina, Nabesna, Northway, Tanacross, Tetlin, Tok  
11 and Mentasta should be included. And the third  
12 determined that Chisana, Chistochina, Northway,  
13 Mentasta, Tetlin and Tok should be included and had --  
14 should be granted a subsistence priority over Dot Lake,  
15 Healy Lake, Nabesna and Tanacross. So on balance we  
16 have six communities that we -- we kind of looked at  
17 all three of those, Chisana Chistochina, Mentasta,  
18 Northway, Tetlin and Tok should be provided a  
19 subsistence priority over Dot Lake, Healy Lake, Nabesna  
20 and Tanacross.

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22 We look to the Council to have your  
23 input whether you think those four communities should  
24 not be included and if they should be included, why,  
25 and you may have other information we don't have.

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27 And then the other question is, is if  
28 you have seven caribou, how are we going to divide  
29 those caribou amongst 10 communities, eight  
30 communities, six communities, whatever number of  
31 communities this Council and the Eastern Interior  
32 Council end up recommending.

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34 It's a tough question.

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36 That concludes my part, and then Karen  
37 will continue and summarize.

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39 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Let me ask you a  
40 couple questions before you go on. Before we get too  
41 much information.

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43 MS. HYER: I just want to.....

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45 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Is it quick or is  
46 it.....

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48 MS. HYER: I just want to make one  
49 point.

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.  
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3 MS. HYER: We're referring to seven  
4 caribou now, that's an estimation based on the last  
5 census. That is not a hard number. It will vary  
6 depending on the population but the number's small.  
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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you.  
9 Judy.  
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11 MS. CAMINER: I had a question for  
12 Helen. Yesterday we provided some C&T to residents on  
13 a couple of the road areas, so how we will take them  
14 into account in this?  
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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Actually it is in  
17 the analysis, I didn't put it in the summary. We did  
18 make a comment that there probably are people living  
19 along the road but we have no idea whether they should  
20 be included or not. There's no information, just, as  
21 you know from yesterday's discussion, they will -- it's  
22 really hard to know. So we actually in -- you look to  
23 the Councils to have any ideas about that as well, that  
24 makes it further complicated and do you go ahead and  
25 make some kind of decision and then wait for them to  
26 come forward and say, hey, you forgot us, what about  
27 us, and then how do you decide, I mean what -- what is  
28 -- this reminds me a little bit of the muskox situation  
29 in Unit 22, where we had a limited number of harve --  
30 we still do, of permits and so you might have two  
31 permits for a community, in this case it might be one  
32 or three-quarters and they do a drawing and so maybe  
33 those people who live along the road system have to  
34 decide which community they want to be considered part  
35 of and they're part of that drawing or, I mean I don't  
36 know, I'm just throwing that out. I don't know how the  
37 -- how the Councils -- what the Councils will recommend  
38 to the Board and what the Board would decide.  
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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Mary Ann, and then  
41 we'll get over there.  
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43 MS. MILLS: My question is fairly  
44 similar to Judy's in, you know, my question is what is  
45 the procedure if non-indigenous peoples who have moved  
46 into, you know, indigenous communities or lands do not  
47 meet the criteria of a C&T, and are they excluded on  
48 the customary and traditional, or are the indigenous  
49 communities excluded.  
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1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, I mean maybe  
4 I can try and answer that, but if I'm incorrect, the  
5 way I understand it is that communities have the C&T.  
6 I mean inside the Park boundaries, in like the hard  
7 Park there are individual permits that can be given by  
8 the Park superintendent for an individual C&T, but  
9 generally speaking it's a community based C&T, not --  
10 so really if you live in one of those communities,  
11 indigenous or not, because we're talking about rural  
12 residents versus indigenous people or, you know,  
13 migrants or whoever else, it's a solely a community  
14 based C&T.

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16 MS. MILLS: Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Am I correct.

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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's correct. I  
21 mean ANILCA is about rural people and so we don't make  
22 a differentiation between people who are indigenous or  
23 not. There are -- I think -- you know .804 was set up  
24 and it could be distinguishing between people in a  
25 community, no community in Alaska has chosen to do that  
26 and I think because it's so divisive between people in  
27 communities.

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29 I remember a conversation I had with  
30 people in Kaktovik who were upset that -- I mean they  
31 don't have a hunt anymore on muskox but -- because  
32 population has gone down so much but they had a very  
33 limited hunt, and somebody who had just moved in, had  
34 been there for a year got one of the permits and, you  
35 know, ANILCA is set up where they could say, if they  
36 wanted to do an .804 within the community to show that  
37 you had this direct dependence and you'd had it for a  
38 long time, but the people didn't want to do that  
39 because it's divisive, so we haven't done that.

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41 Dividing between communities could be  
42 divisive as well, so it's a tough situation.

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44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.  
45 Barbara, did you have something to say about what we're  
46 talking about?

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48 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
49 I'm looking at the proposal book so the proposal that  
50 was originally submitted by the proponent and the

1 proponent did make a suggestion about what to do if the  
2 .80 -- if once we'd done the .804 analysis there was a  
3 need to additionally reduce the number of permits, and  
4 so it talks about forming a working group with a  
5 representative from each of the communities identified  
6 in the .804 analysis. So that was the recommendation  
7 that came along with the proposal on that particular  
8 issue.

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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
11 much, appreciate that.

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13 Yeah, when I look at these three  
14 proposals.....

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16 MS. STICKWAN: Are we in deliberations  
17 or what?

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19 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: No, we're just  
20 asking questions. If you have any questions of Helen  
21 or anybody here. Do you have a question or.....

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23 MS. STICKWAN: (Shakes head negatively)

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25 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So does anybody  
26 have any questions for anything right now?

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28 Judy.

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30 MS. CAMINER: I guess just one comment.  
31 I mean I really appreciate the work that's been done  
32 because we had extensive discussion last year, I guess  
33 it was on this topic, and our group certainly strongly  
34 recommended an .804 be looked at and I think it's very  
35 helpful to have had that done and now we know  
36 potentially which communities would be involved.

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38 Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I guess the only  
41 comment maybe I'd have at this time, was I remember the  
42 last time this was brought up, the working group was  
43 being formed and a lot of the information -- because  
44 this is such a broad -- you know, you have the First  
45 Natoins, the Kluwanii's, you have -- there's a large  
46 group of people that basically had to come to an  
47 agreement on if they were going to establish a hunt,  
48 how would it would be divided and it sounds to me like  
49 that's kind of been finalized, but it's before us now  
50 but it hasn't been signed. So are we sitting here

1 debating something that possibly one of these  
2 individuals or groups might not sign and it wouldn't  
3 matter anyway?

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5 MS. HYER: Mr. Chairman. I think  
6 probably the Park Service can speak best to that.

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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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10 MS. HYER: So I'll have them come up  
11 and tell you exactly the situation.

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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You need to tell  
16 them the conclusions.

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18 MS. HYER: I know, but let's let them  
19 answer this question.

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21 MS. PUTERA: Mr. Chair. This is Judy  
22 Putera, wildlife biologist for Wrangell-St. Elias  
23 National Park and Preserve.

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25 The plan -- the process for signing the  
26 plan was to have all the signatures gathered on the  
27 Yukon side first and then we would have signatures on  
28 the Alaska side after that, so the plan is currently on  
29 the Yukon side, and we're just waiting for those  
30 signatures to -- or that process to be completed over  
31 there. And to the best of my knowledge, I can't see  
32 any reason that there would be any change. I mean  
33 everybody committed to signing the plan when we had the  
34 final draft and I can't see any reason why that  
35 wouldn't go forward.

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37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, that's good  
38 enough, thanks.

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40 Anybody else have any questions at this  
41 time for anybody?

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43 MS. STICKWAN: I don't really have a  
44 question.

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46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Do you have a  
47 comment.

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49 MS. STICKWAN: Yes, I have a comment.  
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1                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Go ahead, Gloria,  
2 if you want.

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4                   MS. STICKWAN: I just met with Sue  
5 Entsminger, informally, we did a teleconference call  
6 and she mostly just had a lot of questions about the  
7 process. She wasn't sure about the process of how this  
8 would be done. I tried to explain it to her but she  
9 still had questions afterwards. She was confused about  
10 the .804, I think.

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12                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That meeting, I  
13 think, is happening October 11th and 12th and 13th, I  
14 think, so maybe some of those questions will be  
15 answered when they go up there with her. So -- and we  
16 did -- David Jenkins is the person who wrote the .804,  
17 and he went up and met with people in the AC and talked  
18 to people and got a lot of, you know, information from  
19 people in the area and he spent time with Wilson Justin  
20 and so I -- I mean I think we've done some due  
21 diligence in trying to get a lot of information and so  
22 that's been good, and Sue was good at helping him get  
23 some of that organized, too.

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25                   We do still need to have Karen wrap  
26 this up with the conclusions.

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28                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Sure, go ahead,  
29 Karen.

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31                   MS. HYER: Okay. All right, I'm going  
32 to refer you to Page 237.

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34                   While Proposals 12-65, 12-66 and 105  
35 all have merit, the OSM's preliminary conclusion is  
36 take no action on 10-104 and 12-65 and they support 12-  
37 66, because it's the most conservative approach with  
38 modification. And the modification from the original  
39 proposal is the addition of the .804 and the  
40 communities that they will add to the .804. So that  
41 is, you can see down there at the bottom of the page,  
42 the Federal public land is closed to harvest of caribou  
43 except by those resident communities. So that is the  
44 OSM preliminary recommendation.

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46                   You, again, as you have done with the  
47 previous proposals that are combined, have to vote on  
48 each one individually.

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50                   So that's the end of the analysis.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you.  
2 Any further questions.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thanks.  
7 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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9 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 There's a lot of content here and when Member Stickwan  
11 asked if we were already in deliberations, I thought,  
12 boy, we have been talking about that a lot, you'd think  
13 we'd almost be there already.

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15 The Department supports portions of  
16 each of the proposals before you and we'll just present  
17 our comments the same way the OSM Staff did, all at  
18 once before you take your votes.

19  
20 Support following the guidelines for  
21 limited harvest shared between Alaska and Canada as  
22 laid out in the management plan. A lot of people put a  
23 lot of work into that, a lot of knowledge was brought  
24 forward in making the recommendations for that plan.

25  
26 Support a joint State and Federal  
27 permit to monitor the harvest, you are working with a  
28 very limited population and so monitoring that harvest  
29 is very important.

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31 If the harvest is limited to Federal  
32 subsistence users only, and we should have a  
33 registration hunt and use the -- so that we can close  
34 the season when the quota is met because it's such a  
35 limited population.

36  
37 With regards to the .804 section of  
38 this, we find insufficient information for a complete  
39 .804 analysis. You have listed some communities or  
40 heard there's a possibility of listing some  
41 communities, but we think that further outreach should  
42 be conducted and there should be consistency  
43 established for the outreach efforts for approach. We  
44 know that OSM has said they're looking for information  
45 at both of the RAC meetings and through public  
46 testimony. Because you're the first one to meet, I  
47 don't know that you have all of the same decisionmaking  
48 information that the next RAC and the Board will have  
49 so -- because you're coming in so early in the process.  
50 I know something was mentioned similar to not having

1 enough information on a previous customary and  
2 traditional finding and we just think that the RAC  
3 might want to lay out some suggestions for itself  
4 before the Federal Subsistence Board meeting on what to  
5 do if new information does come forward.

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STATE OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMENTS  
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11 Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
12 Comments to the Regional Advisory Council

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Wildlife Proposals WP12-24, 65, 66, and  
Deferred WP10-104: Chisana Caribou

17 This group of proposals request  
18 different variations of allowing limited harvest of  
19 caribou from the Chisana herd.

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WP12-24:

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Requests approval of a federal  
subsistence bull caribou hunt in an identified portion  
of Unit 11 and Unit 12 remainder targeting the Chisana  
herd. The proposal also recommends permitting, quotas,  
and closures be established by the Federal inseason  
manager following consultation with ADF&G.

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WP12-65:

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Requests in Unit 12 that portion of the  
Nabesna River drainage within the Wrangell-St. Elias  
National Park and Preserve and all Federal public lands  
south of the Winter Trail running southeast from  
Pickerel Lake to the Canadian border 1 bull by Federal  
registration permit only. The proposal recommends the  
hunt be managed in accordance with the recommendations  
in the Chisana Herd Management Plan (Plan). The  
proposal requests closure of the hunt to non-federally  
qualified hunters. Open Season Aug. 10 Sept 30

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The Chisana caribou herd management  
plans sets guidelines for opening a limited hunt on the  
herd while protecting the herd from overharvest.

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WP12-66:

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Requests approval of a federal  
subsistence caribou hunt targeting the Chisana caribou

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1 herd in that portion of Unit 12 east of the Nabesna  
2 River and the Nabesna Glacier, and south of the Winter  
3 Train running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the  
4 Canadian border one bull by federal Registration  
5 permit. This proposal also request no federal open  
6 season in that portion of Unit 12 within the  
7 Wrangell-St. Elias national park that lies west of the  
8 Nabesna River and Nabesna Glacier. The proposal  
9 requests total closure to non-federally qualified  
10 hunters until federal subsistence user needs are  
11 identified and a quantifiably harvest amount is  
12 produced to determine if the federal subsistence priory  
13 is being met (at least three year process).

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15                   Deferred Wildlife Proposal WP10-104:

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17                   Establishes a joint federal/state draw  
18 permit hunt for the Chisana caribou herd starting fall  
19 2011, following recommendations in the draft Management  
20 Plan for the Chisana Caribou, 2010-2015, released April  
21 22, 2010, for public review. The management plans sets  
22 guidelines for opening a limited hunt on the herd while  
23 protecting the herd from overharvest.

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25                   Introduction:

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27                   In the 1980s and early 1990s, an  
28 average of 29 Chisana caribou were harvested annually  
29 with about 60% of the harvest taken by Alaska  
30 residents. Following a decline in the herd in the  
31 early 1990s, hunting in Alaska and Canada was stopped.  
32 Between 2003 and 2006 a captive rearing program was  
33 conducted by the Yukon Department of Environment which  
34 successfully increased the number of calves recruited  
35 into the population during the recovery effort. From  
36 2004 through 2008, the population has been stable and  
37 is estimated at 700-800 caribou.

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39                   The Chisana Caribou herd management  
40 plan, drafted by Yukon Department of Environment, White  
41 River First Nation, Canadian Wildlife Service, National  
42 Park Service (Wrangell St. Elias), US Fish and Wildlife  
43 Service and Alaska Department of Fish and Game was  
44 recently finalized.

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46                   Impact on Subsistence Users:

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48                   Access to the Chisana caribou herd is  
49 difficult and is mostly limited to aircraft. Harvest  
50 by federally-qualified subsistence users in Unit 12

1 averaged less than 2 caribou between 1981-1983 and  
2 1990-1993. Adoption of WP12-24, 65, or 66 may provide  
3 a few federal subsistence hunters the opportunity to  
4 harvest a bull caribou from the Chisana herd.

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6                   Opportunity Provided by State:

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8                   State regulations limit caribou hunting  
9 in Unit 12 to one bull caribou west of the Glenn Hwy  
10 (Tok Cutoff) and have not provided any opportunity for  
11 harvesting Chisana caribou since 1993.

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13                   Conservation Issues:

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15                   The Chisana caribou management plan  
16 recommends a 2% bulls only harvest if the herd remains  
17 increasing or stable, the bull/cow ratio does not fall  
18 below 35/100, and calf recruitment remains above 15  
19 calves/100 cows over a three year average. It is  
20 unlikely a limited harvest would have any negative  
21 impact on the herd.

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23                   Enforcement Issues:

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25                   A drawing hunt for both federally  
26 qualified and non-federally qualified users would have  
27 few enforcement issues. If the Federal Subsistence  
28 Board chooses to limit this hunt to federally qualified  
29 users, all enforcement efforts would be the  
30 responsibility of the respective land managers.

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32                   Other Comments:

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34                   The guidelines set forth for a harvest  
35 in the management plan are based on the 2010 census in  
36 which the herd met the required population level,  
37 bull/cow and calf cow ratios.

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39                   Recommendation:

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41                   Support portions of all four proposals  
42 with modification. We recommend following the  
43 guidelines for a limited harvest of Chisana caribou  
44 shared between Alaska and Canada as is laid out in the  
45 management plan and further recommend using a joint  
46 state/federal permit to monitor harvest in Alaska. A  
47 joint federal/state drawing permit would ensure  
48 continued cooperation between state and federal  
49 managers that work together to develop the herd  
50 management plan.

1                   If the harvest is limited to federal  
2 subsistence users only, a registration hunt should be  
3 used and the season closed if the quota is met. Based  
4 on harvest records since the 1970s, the remote nature  
5 (aircraft access only), the likelihood of harvesting  
6 the quota is unlikely. A short reporting period should  
7 be adequate to ensure over harvest does not occur.  
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9                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
10 questions for the Department.  
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12                   (No comments)  
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14                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: One question I  
15 had, I remember a conversation at the last meeting when  
16 this was brought up and it was deferred on, that in  
17 regards to a joint State/Federal hunt, did the Board of  
18 Game ever take any action in regards to -- because  
19 currently on the State -- the State hunt is closed, I  
20 believe, was there ever any action taken by the Board  
21 of Game in regards to opening this for a joint State  
22 hunt?  
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24                   MS. YUHAS: Mr. Chairman. If you'd  
25 like to move through the other testimony I can get on  
26 my computer and see if there has ever been -- to answer  
27 the question that you just asked, recently I don't  
28 believe that it has.  
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30                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Do you know,  
31 Karen?  
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33                   MS. HYER: Mr. Chairman. Yes, I can  
34 address that.  
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36                   At the last Board of Game meeting,  
37 which I do believe was in 2010, they put in the  
38 structure so if a joint Federal harvest was passed by  
39 the Board, the structure has been created on the books,  
40 but, again, currently the animals reside on Federal  
41 public lands.  
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43                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Right. Okay,  
44 thank you. Thank you, very much. Any other questions  
45 for the Department.  
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47                   (No comments)  
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49                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
50 much. Is there any other Federal or State agency.

1 Barbara.

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3 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
4 Barbara Cellarius, subsistence coordinator for  
5 Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.

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7 The Park agrees with the OSM conclusion  
8 to support Proposal 66 with the .804 analysis.

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10 I would draw your attention to some  
11 language that's, again, in the proposal itself. The  
12 proponent of Proposal 66 suggests that the harvest  
13 quota and number of permits to be issued will be  
14 announced annually by the superintendent of Wrangell-  
15 St. Elias National Park and Preserve. And if that's  
16 something that you support, I don't know if they need  
17 to mention that, I mean it's in the proposal but if  
18 that seems like something that you would agree with.

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20 And then the other thing I wanted to  
21 mention is that the Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence  
22 Resource Commission is going to be meeting in the Upper  
23 Tanana communities at the end of this week. We're  
24 meeting in Northway on Thursday and in Tanacross on  
25 Friday, and this proposal will be discussed -- there'll  
26 be opportunities for public testimony on the proposal  
27 in both of those communities.

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29 So that is some additional opportunity  
30 to collect information about the proposal, and I  
31 believe that Sue Entsminger will be at that meeting as  
32 well as the Eastern Interior meeting next week.

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34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you,  
35 Barbara. Any questions for Barbara.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I guess if there  
40 was ever a time when we had SRC comments before a  
41 proposal this would be a good one, but I understand  
42 that it was just not possible, so, thank you.

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44 Is there any other Federal or State  
45 agency comments.

46

47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Tribal comments.  
50 Wilson.

1 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you. Mr. Chair.  
2 Wilson Justin, Cheesh'na Tribal Council. I'm going to  
3 speak directly to Proposal 66, which is our proposal  
4 but I'd like to preface the remarks by a couple of  
5 comments related to the process.

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7 I'm extremely happy with the process,  
8 the amount of respect and the amount of time and the  
9 amount of research that's gone into the development of  
10 the dialogue on the Chisana Caribou Herd, really,  
11 really is appreciated. It's something that you don't  
12 see very often across cultural context about the  
13 discussion of an item that really doesn't have much to  
14 do with hunting but it's all about the unique  
15 characteristic of the region versus the issue of  
16 whether or not someone's going to shoot something. I  
17 appreciate that context, that's something that ANILCA  
18 had set out to do but somewhere along the line failed  
19 to complete that process.

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21 So I'm happy with the process.

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23 The second comment I wanted to make on  
24 the caribou is that it's difficult for people who do  
25 not live in the area to understand the division that's  
26 occurred in the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s in terms of  
27 not only how the highway communities were relocated and  
28 how the agencies treated each community.

29  
30 The Chisana Caribou Herd has the unique  
31 feature of either providing a bridge to all the other  
32 communities on discussion of the access of that heard,  
33 via work group or the .804 process or it'll widen the  
34 division that already exists. So there's a very unique  
35 chance here for communities that have rarely spoken to  
36 each other in 40 or 50 years, to actually start to talk  
37 to each other again. That's something that was not  
38 anticipated in this process. Cheesh'na didn't think of  
39 the fact that we would be talking to old friends and  
40 neighbors from two generations back on the development  
41 of this issue, and it looks like it's going to occur.  
42 So I really appreciate the fact that somehow or another  
43 the dynamics of this situation has given a chance for  
44 the communities that have not been a part of each  
45 other's lives for generations, to really speak to each  
46 other.

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48 On the tribal side we have our  
49 potlatch, of course, but in terms of everyday  
50 interaction tribal council to tribal councils, almost

1 very -- almost no interaction occurs, so I'm very happy  
2 to see this process.

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4 Now, the Proposal 66, the only comment  
5 I would have on the proposal outside of the fact that  
6 it's pretty well written, pretty well researched and I  
7 had extensive communications in the book on the issue,  
8 is that, we would not be interested in a registration  
9 or a hunt that would incorporate commercial aspects.  
10 We don't think that guiding should be a part of this  
11 hunt. It's really for communities that have had ties  
12 to this herd over the generations or their decedents.  
13 So we would restrict the hunt basically to people who  
14 show their, either community ties, individual ties,  
15 family ties, or tribal ties to that herd. So our  
16 proposal would be as it is written, but we would add  
17 the comment that we don't think there's any reason,  
18 valid or otherwise to add commercial aspects to that  
19 herd and the take of that herd.

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21 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.

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23 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any questions for  
26 Wilson.

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28 Gloria.

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30 MS. STICKWAN: So I take it that means  
31 you don't approve of a joint Federal/State hunt?

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33 MR. JUSTIN: It's very hard to see  
34 where the State would draw the line on any kind of  
35 hunting activities that would be exclusive of guiding  
36 so I would suspect that any State proposal would  
37 include taking caribou, bull caribou under guide  
38 activities and I wouldn't support that.

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40 MS. STICKWAN: Do you support the  
41 working group being formed to distribute -- to talk  
42 about how these permits would be distributed?

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44 MR. JUSTIN: Oh, absolutely. I think  
45 that's a critical piece of this whole discussion, is  
46 having all the representatives in a work group that can  
47 sit at a table like this and speak their minds on the  
48 issue.

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50 MS. STICKWAN: We had Karen Linell (ph)

1 as part of the working group and she was pretty good  
2 about representing Chistochina during the discussion of  
3 the proposal, it was good to have her there.

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5 MR. JUSTIN: I appreciate hearing that.

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7 MS. STICKWAN: Would you suggest in a  
8 working group somebody from Chistochina and Mentasta to  
9 be on the working group?

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11 MR. JUSTIN: I think that's really a  
12 question of whether or not more research and expertise  
13 could be added to the discussion or whether you're  
14 really talking about the issue of take and the issue of  
15 farming out the number of caribou that are going to be  
16 taken. I think in terms of Cheesh'na and Mentasta, we  
17 have provided all the information necessary to show  
18 where we stand in the process and in terms of the  
19 access to the caribou. If there's another step further  
20 where we need to talk about how we're going to parcel  
21 out the numbers in the registration hunts and who is  
22 going to be doing the reporting, I don't know that it's  
23 necessary for us to be a part of it but if we're named  
24 to it we certainly would participate.

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26 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.  
27 For me the hardest thing is not necessarily the idea  
28 behind establishing some sort of harvest. The hard  
29 thing for me is when you look at an .804 analysis and  
30 you have a certain group of communities that reside in  
31 close proximity to where this herd is, I mean there are  
32 definitely some communities, like Chisana that are  
33 quite obvious, but when you have a very small, limited  
34 amount of harvest that could possibly take place, just  
35 for biological sake, it's going to be hard -- it's hard  
36 to pick which communities, in my opinion, you're going  
37 to include. and how you would distribute those, you  
38 know, in a fair-minded manner to the communities.

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40 And I guess I'm curious, from your  
41 perspective, you know, you heard the testimony that the  
42 OSM Staff gave earlier in regards to there was 10 or 11  
43 communities that would qualify for .804 analysis; what  
44 communities would you think if -- would you think would  
45 be the communities that would qualify in your  
46 estimation?

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48 MR. JUSTIN: Before we go to that  
49 question, your first comment about the difficulty of  
50 making determination on the issue of the .804 analysis,

1 I agree with, and I'll tell you why.

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3 One, the characteristic of the caribou  
4 herd is that it represents something, it's not actually  
5 an animal that you take. In the AHTNA clan, there's  
6 eight traditional clans, three associated clans. On  
7 one side of the moiety there's the raven, on the other  
8 side of the moiety is the seagull. Three of the raven  
9 clans and one of the associated clans are directly  
10 related to this Chisana Caribou Herd. The martin, the  
11 furbearing animal, martin, is our national flag, suki,  
12 we use it just like the American flag is used by  
13 Americans. The eagle is the national symbol for  
14 America, worldwide, under all conditions; it has not  
15 legal standing representation to America in terms of a  
16 statute, but it is recognized. This is how the caribou  
17 is viewed by the three AHTNA clans that are closely  
18 related and with the preface that this particular  
19 caribou herd would be much like the eagle. It would be  
20 viewed as something that you would reverie. Sometimes  
21 take. and that's why earlier on, I said what I said  
22 about it didn't really matter to me whether or not I  
23 ever shot a Chisana caribou, ever. But being a part of  
24 that process and being in the proximity and having the  
25 capability and the access and the opportunity is very  
26 important.

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28 Now, on to the question of the .804  
29 analysis. One of the crossover issues on the .804  
30 analysis with regards to the caribou, in my estimation,  
31 is that you have a fairly good start. You have the  
32 communities already named, which, in my estimation  
33 includes Tok, because we do have decedents living in  
34 Tok, so you have a framework of people that you would  
35 look at for .804. All of the above named villages from  
36 the Canadian border, Healy Lake would have a difficult  
37 time showing that they had direct opportunistic past  
38 access to the caribou. They can easily show that they  
39 were invited -- Healy Lake can show that they were  
40 invited by the AHTNA by treaty to participate in the  
41 Nelchina caribou hunt, not in any of the sheep, goat or  
42 moose or Chisana caribou. But in our traditional laws,  
43 by intermarriages, they can show that they were given  
44 permission to have access to the caribou. Now that's a  
45 scope and reach beyond the .804 analysis and that was  
46 the initial reasoning that Cheesh'na Tribal Council had  
47 in terms of the challenge of the C&T process because  
48 one of the AHTNA traditions of recognizing where you  
49 can hunt was by arranged marriages. So we have  
50 numerous marriages in the upper AHTNA area crossing

1 over into Tanada, that, we, as a society would  
2 recognize on an indigenous basis for access to that  
3 caribou herd.

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5 If you were to ask me right now to name  
6 the communities that I would say be part of an .804  
7 analysis you would begin with Chistochina, Mentasta,  
8 Tetlin, Tok, Northway, Scottie Creek and amazingly  
9 Chitina, not because Chitina ever went there but  
10 because Chitina was originally part of the history of  
11 the Chisana Herd. One of the young ladies that was  
12 sent over back in the late 1800s, or two young ladies,  
13 happened to be my maternal great-grandmother and she  
14 married over into the White River Country. So by our  
15 laws and our standards and being who I am I have to  
16 recognize the connection.

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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you  
19 very much. Does anybody else have any questions for  
20 Wilson at this time.

21

22 (No comments)

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24 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.  
25 I'm sure we'll be calling on you again here sometime.

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27 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Is there any  
30 tribal consultation comments.

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32 MR. BERG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
33 think you've heard most of these comments but just to  
34 be faithful to our commitment to report out, we did  
35 hear on the ANCSA Corporation teleconference from the  
36 AHTNA Corporation, from Gloria. All of her comments  
37 are in regards to Proposal 65.

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39 They felt that this proposal gave them  
40 great concern. They did not feel that subsistence  
41 users should be required to go through a two year test  
42 period to demonstrate their use of Chisana caribou.  
43 They would like to see an analysis conducted that  
44 addresses ANILCA Section .804 criteria to help  
45 determine which Federally-qualified users are most  
46 dependent on the caribou. And then after an .804  
47 analysis is completed, they'd like to have a workgroup  
48 established to help determine how to distribute the few  
49 permits that'd be available.

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1                   And that's all I have. I'd certainly  
2 defer to Gloria if she's like to add anything.

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4                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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6                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Do you have  
7 anything to add, Gloria?

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9                   MS. STICKWAN: I just want to say that  
10 I thought a working group should be formed and that's  
11 the thing that I was trying to stress, not that they  
12 didn't have C&T, but that the working group should work  
13 together to distribute -- to find a way to distribute  
14 the permits and a -- a drawing permit was suggested as  
15 a way of distributing the permits from the working  
16 group, getting together -- communities getting  
17 together, working together to find a way to distribute  
18 the permits and who's on that working group, it would  
19 be the call of U.S. Fish and Wildlife. I do know that  
20 people from Chistochina and Mentasta, two of them told  
21 me they'd be very interested in sitting in on that  
22 group and I personally would like to see two members  
23 from that -- to be on that working group if it's  
24 possible.

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26                   Those were the points I was trying to  
27 stress but not trying to say to exclude anybody but to  
28 -- I guess I didn't make it clear enough that I wanted  
29 to see a working group formed.

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31                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right. Helen.

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33                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr.  
34 Chair. I just wanted to -- I mean I think it's the  
35 will of this Council and the Eastern Interior Council  
36 what they want to do. When we just set up -- we have  
37 had a subcommittee of the three Councils along the  
38 Yukon River to address customary trade issues and it  
39 was determined that it was up to the Councils to decide  
40 how many members they wanted and they selected the  
41 members for that subcommittee and -- because it was  
42 something that came from the Councils and not from us  
43 and we held very faithful to that.

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45                   So that would be my recommendation. I  
46 believe that that's -- the way it's -- and we do them  
47 -- I know we've called them -- we called the brown bear  
48 handicraft one a working group but that was a different  
49 -- that was something that happened out of a different  
50 process, it didn't come from the Councils, it came from

1 a request from ADF&G and it had agency people as part  
2 of it. But this -- what they said at the last meeting,  
3 at the Fish Board meeting, when they set this up, the  
4 solicitor spoke to the fact that we have to call them  
5 subcommittees, and not working groups when they come  
6 from the Councils. It's semantics to me, it's the same  
7 thing but if we could just start this out calling this  
8 a subcommittee and then I would say you guys make your  
9 recommendations of who you -- which communities you  
10 think should be on it and if they are actually people  
11 you want to recommend, I think that is appropriate.  
12 They certainly did that with the customary trade  
13 subcommittee. Some of them were selected at the Board  
14 meeting and some were then selected afterwards.

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16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.

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18 Barbara.

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20 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 Barbara Cellarius from the Park Service.

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23 And if you have a copy of the proposal  
24 book on Page 99 there are some suggestions from the  
25 proponent about management for the hunt and so I'll  
26 just -- if you haven't seen that page in terms that  
27 they had some ideas about the composition of the  
28 working group.

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30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you for

31 bringing that to our attention.

32

33 And when we discuss the working group  
34 in our deliberations we will make sure we reference  
35 that material so we can include that.

36

37 Is there any InterAgency Staff

38 comments.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any SRC comments.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Fish and Game

47 Advisory Committee.

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49 (No comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
2 public testimony.

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4 MS. MUSHOVIC: I was just looking for  
5 some -- do you want all of the testimony lumped in one  
6 report?

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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: That would be  
9 fine.

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11 MS. MUSHOVIC: Okay. The AHTNA Tene  
12 Nene' Customary and Traditional Use Committee deferred  
13 comment on Proposal 10-104 referring the readers to --  
14 their comments on WP12-66. So I'll begin with WP12-65,  
15 which they oppose. Referring to the two year test  
16 period and if a user fails to harvest a caribou quota  
17 within the two year test period then the State would  
18 have an open caribou season so they opposed the test  
19 period. Federally-qualified users do not have the  
20 means to travel to these remote areas to hunt in Unit  
21 12 for caribou and may not be able to harvest the quota  
22 of caribou allotted to them. So a caribou hunt would  
23 then be allowed in Unit 12 for sporthunters and guides.  
24 So they support WP12-66 to allow a Unit 12 caribou hunt  
25 within the Wrangell-St. Elias Park that lies east of  
26 the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier with a  
27 harvest quota and number of permits to be issued by the  
28 Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve and to  
29 open it only to Federally-qualified subsistence users  
30 under these regulations. Unless a good reason is given  
31 for not doing so, successful harvest is to be reported  
32 within three days of harvest and, furthermore, they  
33 agreed that a Section -- an .804 analysis be done and a  
34 working group formed to work out the details of the  
35 Chisana caribou hunt. A drawing permit is a good idea  
36 for a way of distributing permits among equally  
37 qualified -- equally among Federally-qualified  
38 subsistence users.

39

40 Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
43 much. Is there any public testimony.

44

45 (No comments)

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47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, so the next  
48 order of business is the Council deliberation.

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50 Why don't we take a little break here

1 before we get into deliberations. It's probably going  
2 to take a little while, so let's take about 10 minutes  
3 and we'll come back at 10:40.

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5 (Off record)

6  
7 (On record)

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9 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Where's Gloria.

10  
11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, we better  
14 wait for Gloria for a second.

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16 (Pause)

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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, at this time  
19 we've heard all the reports and all the public  
20 testimony. I think probably the way to do this is to  
21 take each one of these proposals individually. So the  
22 first proposal that I would entertain a motion to adopt  
23 would be WP10-104.

24  
25 (No comments)

26  
27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Would anyone like  
28 to make that motion.

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30 MS. CAMINER: So moved.

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32 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been moved by  
33 Ms. Caminer, is there a second.

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35 MS. STICKWAN: I second.

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37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seconded by Ms.  
38 Stickwan.

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40 And just to be clear of what we're  
41 talking about:

42  
43 Proposal 104 requests that a joint  
44 Federal/State draw permit hunt for the  
45 Chisana Caribou Herd be established in  
46 Unit 12 beginning in the fall of 2011.  
47 The harvest quota would be in  
48 accordance with recommendations of the  
49 draft Chisana Caribou Herd Management  
50 Plan, the harvest limit would be one

1 bull and the hunting season would be  
2 from September 1 through September  
3 30th. A portion of the permits would  
4 be issued to Federally-qualified  
5 subsistence hunters for a Federal hunt,  
6 and the remainder of the permits would  
7 be issued to the State to Alaska  
8 residents and non-residents for a State  
9 hunt.

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11 So that's the proposal that we have on  
12 the table before us.

13  
14 Is there any discussion on that  
15 proposal.

16  
17 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yes.

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21 MS. CAMINER: We heard this proposal a  
22 of couple years ago and this Council voiced many, many  
23 concerns, recommendations. I think those  
24 recommendations have been followed quite well and  
25 appear more in Proposal 12-66. I think this Proposal  
26 104 is -- would be detrimental to subsistence users and  
27 I will not support it.

28  
29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
30 other comments.

31  
32 MS. STICKWAN: Where is it in the book?

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34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The proposal is  
35 written on Page 224 at the top, this one right here.

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37 I'll make one comment.

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39 While I wish for my own personal sake  
40 that there was a State hunt, I realize that there is  
41 not enough harvestable surplus and a very vulnerable  
42 population of caribou in this area. I'm quite familiar  
43 with this actually. I've actually participated in  
44 hunts, you know, back in the '90s. But I realize that  
45 from the information that's been presented to us, it's  
46 just not possible at this time to put subsistence --  
47 the subsistence users in the region, it would be  
48 putting them at jeopardy somewhat for the long-term  
49 growth of this herd. So I will not support Proposal  
50 104 either.

1 Is there any other discussion.  
2  
3 (No comments)  
4  
5 MR. HENRICHS: Question.  
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7 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The question's  
8 been called on Proposal WP10-104. All those in favor  
9 signify by saying aye.  
10  
11 \*MR. ADLER: Aye.  
12  
13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All those opposed.  
14  
15 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: There's one -- one  
18 nay [sic], the motion -- the proposal fails.  
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20 MR. HENRICHS: There's one yes and six  
21 no's, correct?  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yes.  
24  
25 MR. HENRICHS: Okay.  
26  
27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yes. The next  
28 proposal that I will entertain a motion to adopt is  
29 WP12-65.  
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31 MR. HENRICHS: I'll make the motion.  
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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been moved by  
34 Mr. Henrichs, is there a second.  
35  
36 MS. MILLS: Second.  
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38 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seconded by Ms.  
39 Mills.  
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41 Discussion.  
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43 Just for the record I will read this  
44 proposal also.  
45  
46 This requests that a Federal  
47 registration hunt for the Chisana  
48 Caribou Herd be established beginning  
49 the fall of 2012, the harvest quota  
50 would be in accordance with

1 recommendations of the Draft Management  
2 Plan, the harvest limit would be one  
3 bull and the hunting season would be  
4 from August 10th to September 30th.  
5  
6 Any discussion.  
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8 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.  
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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yes.  
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12 MS. CAMINER: Again it had been the  
13 Southcentral Council's request that an .804 be done  
14 because of the low population numbers that would be  
15 then available for a hunt and this proposal does not  
16 take that into account and, therefore, I won't support  
17 it.  
18  
19 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
20 comments.  
21  
22 (No comments)  
23  
24 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I would make the  
25 comment that I agree completely with what Judy's put on  
26 the record. I think that as a Council requesting a  
27 certain analysis be done, that this proposal, as  
28 written, doesn't follow the guidelines that this  
29 Council set forward in accordance with opening this  
30 hunt back up so I will also not support it.  
31  
32 Any other discussion.  
33  
34 MR. HENRICHS: Question.  
35  
36 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
37 called on WP12-65. All those in favor signify by  
38 saying aye.  
39  
40 MR. ADLER: Aye.  
41  
42 MS. MILLS: Aye.  
43  
44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All those opposed,  
45 signify by saying nay.  
46  
47 IN UNISON: Nay.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The proposal  
50 fails.

1                   The last proposal that I would move to  
2 approve would be -- or request a motion for approval  
3 would be WP12-66.

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5                   MR. HENRICHS: I make the motion.

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7                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Moved by Mr.  
8 Henrichs.

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10                  MS. STICKWAN: Second.

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12                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seconded by Ms.  
13 Stickwan.

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15                  Discussion.

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17                  I will read this one also into the  
18 record.

19  
20                  This requests that a Federal  
21 registration hunt for the Chisana  
22 Caribou Herd be established beginning  
23 the fall 2012, the harvest quota would  
24 be in accordance with the  
25 recommendations of the Draft Management  
26 Plan, the hunt would be restricted to  
27 Federal public lands in Unit 12 that  
28 lie east of the Nabesna River and the  
29 Nabesna Glacier, the harvest limit  
30 would be one bull and the hunting  
31 season would be September 1 through  
32 September 30th.

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34                  Additionally, the proponent asks that  
35 an Alaska National Interest Lands Claim  
36 Act Section .804 analysis be completed.

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38                  Discussion on this proposal.

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40                  Gloria.

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42                  MS. STICKWAN: One of the things that  
43 was discussed was to have a subcommittee or a working  
44 group to be formed, to talk about how the permits would  
45 be distributed. While we know that there's -- the C&T  
46 analysis has been and we don't -- we would like to see  
47 a working group formed to determine how these permits  
48 would be distributed and we thought Mentasta and  
49 Chistochina, Tetlin and Northway would be the main core  
50 of the communities and then we also agreed that three

1 other spots would be open and it would be open to the  
2 public if there was people from those communities who  
3 would be interested in joining the group. We didn't  
4 want to name any one in any community but left it open  
5 so that whoever's interested would be sitting in the  
6 subcommittee to determine how those permits would be  
7 distributed, through a drawing permit or whatever they  
8 decide. It would be worked out among that  
9 subcommittee.

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11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So you're  
12 suggesting some amended language.....

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14 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: .....that the  
17 proposal include a working group, that incorporates one  
18 member of the Southcentral RAC.....

19

20 MS. STICKWAN: No, we said the  
21 communities of.....

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23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Just the  
24 communities?

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26 MS. STICKWAN: Mentasta, Chistochina,  
27 Tetlin, Northway and then three other communities,  
28 people from the public that choose to -- I guess  
29 somebody from this Council should sit on there, someone  
30 from Eastern Interior might be on there, too, I guess.

31

32 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I think we could  
33 probably recommend to the Board that whoever we want to  
34 be included would, you know, would be fine, so would  
35 you think that we should recommend that one person from  
36 this RAC, one person from the Eastern Interior RAC and  
37 the communities form.....

38

39 MS. STICKWAN: It'd be one person from  
40 the public too be a part of the group.

41

42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: And one person  
43 from the general public.

44

45 MS. STICKWAN: That's what was  
46 recommended, three open spots.

47

48 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. We might  
49 have to -- I don't know if we could -- we might need to  
50 take a second to write this amendment so we can put it

1 on the record formally, so let's -- unless -- do you  
2 have a clear characterization of what Gloria's asking  
3 in the amendment?

4

5 MS. HYER: No, I don't. And I'm  
6 probably going to need Helen's help doing it but -- no,  
7 I'm just taking notes write now so you probably want  
8 something completely written out before you vote on it.  
9 So I don't know, do you.....

10

11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Can I ask it --  
12 before we go any further, can I ask a technical  
13 question. Do we actually have to amend the proposal to  
14 ask the Federal Board that this be done or can we take  
15 action on the proposal as written and then ask  
16 separately that this working group be formed so that we  
17 don't have to amend the language.

18

19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That would be my  
20 recommendation because this wouldn't necessarily go  
21 into the regulation.....

22

23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Right.

24

25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....it would just  
26 be a request to the Board and then the Board would take  
27 up yours as well as the Eastern Interior's request and  
28 figure out how to mesh the two.

29

30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So that would be  
31 more apt that we request that in our letter to the  
32 Board or separately?

33

34 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, you could do it  
35 in the justification.

36

37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

38

39 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We could do -- so  
40 you decide, you know, how you -- I don't know what your  
41 motion is going to be but then in the justification you  
42 can request a subcommittee to address.....

43

44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

45

46 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....the issue.  
47 Now, the question, though, also would be -- I --  
48 whether or not those communities that were recommended  
49 in the OSM preliminary conclusion as modification  
50 should be included or if that's something to be

1 determined by the subcommittee.

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I think that's  
4 still debatable.

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think so too.

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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right, very  
9 good. So I just want to make it clear that what  
10 Gloria's asking for, we want -- at least, I,  
11 personally, the rest of the Council can speak for  
12 themselves, I want to make it clear that we want that  
13 to happen.

14

15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

16

17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
18 discussion.

19

20 Judy.

21

22 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair. I mean I think  
23 there are a few unknowns. We certainly do hope that  
24 the management plan does get signed and if it doesn't  
25 obviously all the timing will depend on that, but it's  
26 been a really commendable effort by everybody involved  
27 to make something like this happen, so, hopefully the  
28 timing will work out and it certainly would be our  
29 understanding as well that the exact names of these  
30 communities may change based on other input that's  
31 received. So I think we can, likewise, clarify that,  
32 our intent is a little bit flexible there, too, that  
33 the communities that do end up being included in .804  
34 absolutely need to be included. One member of our RAC  
35 and two other public members is how I understood it,  
36 Gloria.

37

38 MS. STICKWAN: The -- the -- it  
39 was.....

40

41 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Your mic.

42

43 MS. STICKWAN: It was Chistochina,  
44 Mentasta, Tetlin, Northway and then three other spots  
45 open. That's how it was agreed upon.

46

47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I'm looking at the  
48 OSM modified language, and in the modified language  
49 it's listed Northway, Mentasta. Tetlin, Tok and  
50 Chisana. Of course we've taken earlier action in

1 regards to Chistochina, so I'm sure the Federal Board's  
2 going to take that into account.

3

4 MS. STICKWAN: What page are you on?

5

6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Bottom of 225.

7

8 Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but,  
9 originally, Helen, you gave us 10 communities, I  
10 believe it would be 11 if you include Chistochina in  
11 the analysis, for the .804 analysis, am I right, there  
12 was 10 or 11 communities?

13

14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I thought it was 10  
15 including.....

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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, that could  
18 be right.

19

20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, with  
21 Chistochina.

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23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: But in this  
24 modified language.....

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26 MS. CAMINER: This is it, 226.

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28 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: 226, oh, I'm  
29 looking at -- oh, okay. Okay. There's.....

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31 MS. CAMINER: It's six communities.

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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: There's six  
34 communities, you're right -- okay, that answered my  
35 question.

36

37 Anybody else have anything.

38

39 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.

40

41 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yes.

42

43 MS. CAMINER: I appreciate Barbara and  
44 Wilson's comments about the original proposal. And I  
45 do think, as we have in many, many other regulations,  
46 we ought to include, as they suggested, that the  
47 permits will be issued and the season would be  
48 announced annually by the superintendent of Wrangell-  
49 St. Elias National Park and Preserve and it would be  
50 consistent with the Chisana Caribou Herd Management

1 Plan. And, I guess, we would leave it up to the  
2 permitting group to decide, sort of the time of  
3 reporting, but I heard a suggestion of quick reporting,  
4 and I think that's certainly good given such a small  
5 hunt.

6  
7 MS. HYER: I just want to comment on  
8 that.

9  
10 We, at OSM, have been moving away from  
11 putting that kind of thing into regulation and putting  
12 it into what we call a letter of delegated authority.  
13 So if you want specifics on -- direction given to the  
14 hunt manager we do that through a letter of delegated  
15 authority and that also can be part of your  
16 recommendation here.

17  
18 MS. CAMINER: Well, I understand, I  
19 guess I'm just thinking from the public's point of  
20 view, just so they know. I mean this will be new,  
21 especially, where to go and how to get a permit.

22  
23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
24 discussion on the proposal.

25  
26 (No comments)

27  
28 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I guess the only  
29 comment I would have is I'm glad to see this population  
30 of caribou and the work that has gone on, both on the  
31 Canadian side and the US side, it's a very big joint  
32 effort, this was a very important caribou herd to a lot  
33 of people in this region. I'm glad to see that it's on  
34 the up tick instead of the down tick as it has been for  
35 so many years and hopefully it will get to the point  
36 some day where there'll be sufficient animals to where  
37 we won't have to necessarily be so specific and it be  
38 so hard to choose which of these communities be  
39 included, hopefully someday more communities will be  
40 able to participate.

41  
42 So if there's nothing further, is there  
43 any clarifications that you think we need to make?

44  
45 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: If we could just --  
46 I just want to make sure we have it in -- so we'll put  
47 in the justification that the subcommittee should be  
48 made up of one person from this Council, one person  
49 from Eastern Interior, one person from each of the  
50 communities of Chistochina, Mentasta, Northway and

1 Tetlin and -- no, Judy's.....  
2  
3 MS. CAMINER: Chisana.  
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5 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....shaking her  
6 head.  
7  
8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Chisana.  
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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: There's only one  
11 household in Chisana, too, just so you -- I think -- is  
12 that right, Gloria, I think there's one household. I'm  
13 not saying they shouldn't be included but -- okay. So  
14 Chistochina, Mentasta -- do you want to read who you  
15 have down there?  
16  
17 MS. CAMINER: You have Chisana,  
18 Chistochina, Mentasta, Northway, Tetlin and Tok.  
19  
20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: She's saying -- did  
21 you say and Tok?  
22  
23 MS. CAMINER: Yes.  
24  
25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.  
26  
27 MS. CAMINER: Six.  
28  
29 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. So you want  
30 for the subcommittee, you want a person from each one  
31 of those communities; is that what you want?  
32  
33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: That's kind of  
34 what the idea was, I think.  
35  
36 MS. STICKWAN: Well, we left it open to  
37 the people who would be interested because we didn't  
38 want to be divisive in our choosing of who wants to  
39 join this group because they're just now starting to  
40 talk to each other and we don't want to exclude a  
41 community that's really wanting to be a part of this so  
42 we left it open to the public to decide those three  
43 additional members so -- to prevent that from  
44 happening.  
45  
46 MS. CAMINER: And, Mr. Chair.  
47  
48 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Uh-huh.  
49  
50 MS. CAMINER: Do we -- would it be

1 beneficial for us to name our member, that we would  
2 like on the subcommittee at this point in time?

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4  
5 thinks?

MS. STICKWAN: Can I ask Wilson what he

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7  
8 affirmatively)

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: (Nods

9  
10 MS. STICKWAN: Wilson, could you tell  
11 us what you think, I want to hear what you have to say?

12  
13 MR. JUSTIN: Wilson Justin. And the  
14 discussion was on the make up of the committee?

15  
16 MS. STICKWAN: (Nods affirmatively)

17  
18 MR. JUSTIN: Certainly the .804  
19 communities are prime candidates.

20  
21 Earlier in my remarks I was restricting  
22 myself to -- because the Cheesh'na Tribal Council is  
23 traditional council in representing the traditional  
24 side of the decision. I couch my remarks on the  
25 communities and villages that were most eligible based  
26 on my remembrance and understanding of the strongest  
27 marriage ties, which is not within the scope of ANILCA  
28 or .804 at all.

29  
30 I began on that note.

31  
32 But if you were to ask me specifically  
33 for an .804 committee, I would begin with Chistochina,  
34 Mentasta, Tetlin, Northway and I very much like the  
35 idea that Gloria spoke to about having three additional  
36 or four additional slots. Based on what I'm hearing I  
37 would add to those four communities the Eastern  
38 Interior representative, a representative from here and  
39 two additional slots for public or general interest  
40 community. Eight is a fairly manageable number, and I  
41 know that you're up around 10 or 11 under .804, but you  
42 don't want the committee to get too big and you don't  
43 want it too small, that's a fairly -- a compromised  
44 number.

45  
46 So that's what my recommendation would  
47 be.

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49 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right, thank  
50 you Wilson.

1 Gloria.  
2  
3 MS. STICKWAN: That's what I would  
4 agree with.  
5  
6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.  
7  
8 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.  
9  
10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Helen, the only  
11 question I would have, I mean that seems pretty  
12 straightforward, but how would we offer an invitation,  
13 you know, Wilson spoke of two general interested  
14 communities, how would we offer an invitation, how  
15 would we do that? Would you have any idea?  
16  
17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, I think we'd  
18 have to discuss it and probably talk to people from out  
19 there, talk to Wilson. I -- and I would imagine that  
20 the Eastern Interior might have ideas as well as to  
21 who.....  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Uh-huh.  
24  
25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....so I think it's  
26 -- I think we'll probably -- I don't want to say right  
27 here, right now how we would do it without having some  
28 consultation with people. But maybe Gloria has some  
29 idea how we can do some outreach and I would think  
30 finding people who would be really interested would be  
31 important.  
32  
33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Gloria.  
34  
35 MS. STICKWAN: I think people that were  
36 the most outspoken on this proposal and really pushed  
37 for it would definitely -- if they heard about this  
38 they would step forward and volunteer to be on this, I  
39 would think, because it's important to them. They've  
40 been outspoken about it, and I think those two  
41 additional spots would be filled.  
42  
43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.  
44  
45 MS. STICKWAN: I think -- Eastern  
46 Interior, I think, would definitely have a voice in  
47 saying who those people should be, if they looked at  
48 our -- considered what we have.  
49  
50 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. We may

1 need a quick teleconference with the Council after  
2 Eastern Interior's met. They may have some suggestions  
3 and see whether you're all in agreement of that as  
4 well.

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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah, that would  
7 be fine.

8  
9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I suppose that,  
12 you know, the four communities that were named, along  
13 with the two RACs, I mean there are people that don't  
14 live in one of those communities that live within that  
15 corridor that fall along the road system who might have  
16 interest in bringing forth, so that could be possibly  
17 some of the general community members.

18  
19 So if you're satisfied with that list,  
20 Gloria, and that will work, I guess as a RAC we should  
21 probably name somebody to sit on that committee and I  
22 -- I mean Gloria you probably have the most background  
23 and the most interest in it, so if you're willing to do  
24 it, if nobody has an objection, we could appoint Gloria  
25 to that subcommittee.

26  
27 Is there any objection.

28  
29 (No objections)

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31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. So I think  
32 everything's been pretty clarified, would you not say,  
33 and I think we can take action on the proposal at hand.

34  
35 So is there any more discussion on 12-  
36 66.

37  
38 (No comments)

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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: If none, then the  
41 question is in order.

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43 MR. HENRICHS: Question.

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45 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
46 called by Mr. Henrichs. All those in favor of 12-66  
47 that would include the modified language supplied by  
48 OSM on Page 226, including the subcommittee that has  
49 been mentioned, signify by saying aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
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5 (No opposing votes)  
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7 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Proposal passes.  
8 So it's 11:10, yeah, let's keep going.  
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10 Proposal 12-69.  
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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr.  
13 Chair. Helen Armstrong.  
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15 Let's see, Proposal 12-69 is on  
16 Page.....  
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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: 253.  
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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....253 in your  
21 books.  
22  
23 This is another C&T determination  
24 submitted by the Eastern Interior Subsistence Regional  
25 Advisory Council. And it requests a change to the  
26 customary and traditional use determination in Unit 25  
27 remainder from all rural residents to residents of Unit  
28 25.  
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30 The proponent expresses concern that as  
31 the Fortymile Caribou Herd expands, it may draw  
32 Federally-qualified users from outside of Unit 25.  
33  
34 The regulatory history on this one is  
35 interesting because we don't have very many C&T's left  
36 that are all rural residents, except for some of the,  
37 you know, furbearers and spruce grouse and things like  
38 that, so the large mammals don't usually have all rural  
39 residents. In 1998 the Federal Subsistence Board  
40 adopted a customary and traditional use determination  
41 for caribou in Unit 25D for rural residents of Units  
42 20F, 25D and Manely and then for the remainder of Unit  
43 25 the Board made no specific customary and traditional  
44 use determination which meant that all Federally-  
45 qualified users were eligible to harvest caribou in  
46 Unit 25 remainder. So everybody who's Federally-  
47 qualified statewide could hunt there.  
48  
49 In Unit 25D, it includes residents of  
50 Stevens Village, Beaver, Birch Creek, Fort Yukon,

1 Chalkyitsik, Venetie and Circle, Arctic Village is in  
2 25A and Central is in 25C, there aren't any communities  
3 in 25B.

4  
5 In looking at the C&T, we looked at all  
6 the communities that have harvested in that area  
7 statewide in the 25 remainder and you'll see the tables  
8 on the -- in the book on the -- the harvest tables on  
9 that. We also looked at use areas map for all of the  
10 communities that were in the general vicinity and, you  
11 know, it's kind of a process of you have to look at,  
12 okay, we've got people all the way in Kodiak Island  
13 harvesting in 25D remainder, they probably aren't doing  
14 it on subsistence, it's not really in the -- are in --  
15 they're not really in close proximity, in the general  
16 area, so we had to kind of narrow it down, and that's  
17 why it's coming before this Council because you do have  
18 a common boundary between these units. So in looking  
19 at the customary and traditional use of caribou for  
20 these communities -- and I should actually also mention  
21 that one of the shifts we had -- and this affected that  
22 C&T for Chistochina, too, is that, when we first  
23 started the program we adopted C&Ts the way the State  
24 did them, which was by herd and then our program looked  
25 at it and said that really people out there subsistence  
26 hunting, they're not concerned with what caribou herd  
27 name it has, they just are hunting caribou, so we  
28 stopped doing it by herd, which had some affect on how  
29 these were done. And then herds move and so we  
30 shifted, their migration patterns shift so we shifted  
31 how we do them and started doing them just by caribou  
32 [sic].

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34 So an analysis of C&T, caribou use for  
35 communities in 25D, 20F and Manely found, in the Staff  
36 analysis in proposal one and two, and that analysis  
37 concluded that the historic and contemporary Gwich'in  
38 Athabaskan territories encompassed Unit 25D and  
39 portions were also used by the Koyukon Athabaskan. In  
40 another study by Hoslee indicated that the Gwich'in and  
41 the Athabascans in 25D and 20F took caribou in the  
42 fall. Harvest data collected by the Council of  
43 Athabaskan and Tribal Governments indicated that in the  
44 early 1990s the Gwich'in who had access to caribou  
45 harvested them as available. There were -- there's  
46 adequate documentation on all of the eight factors that  
47 caribou, as we know, are important to all of these  
48 people in this area. We know that meat is shared, the  
49 meat is stored by freezing or drying, you know, all of  
50 the factors that are there they're met in the analysis.

1 I think the question really becomes who  
2 are the people who've actually harvested in this area.

3  
4 So residents from a number of  
5 Federally-qualified rural communities statewide have  
6 hunted caribou with joint State/Federal permits in Unit  
7 25, and as I said a little bit ago, Kodiak, Barrow,  
8 Sitka, very far-flung communities have hunted caribou  
9 in Unit 25 between 2000 and 2009. And these are really  
10 taken as being, you know, significantly -- a  
11 significant distance and we didn't look at those as  
12 being customary and traditional uses.

13  
14 In 24A residents of Coldfoot harvested  
15 caribou in 25, and residents of Wiseman and other 24A  
16 residents also hunted caribou in 25. And so for those  
17 residents we felt it was reasonably accessible and  
18 should be considered for a positive customary and  
19 traditional use determination.

20  
21 The effect of this proposal is that you  
22 would be narrowing the customary and traditional use  
23 determination and we want to make sure that we're not  
24 cutting anybody out so it's before this Council to make  
25 sure that that's not happening.

26  
27 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to  
28 support with modification, Proposal WP12-69, and the  
29 modification would be to include residents of Unit 24A  
30 in the customary and traditional use determination for  
31 caribou in Unit 25 remainder. And for all of the  
32 reasons that are in the analysis, as I stated above.  
33 So I look to this Council, did we leave anybody out  
34 that's from this region that you know of that goes into  
35 25 remainder to harvest caribou.

36  
37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.

38  
39 Any questions for Helen at this time.

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41 Lee.

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43 MR. ADLER: Is this all inclusive or is  
44 there a State regular hunt in the area for caribou in  
45 addition to this?

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47 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Oh, absolutely,  
48 yeah, there's a State hunt.

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50 MS. ADLER: So it wouldn't.....

1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And -- and.....  
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3 MR. ADLER: .....leave.....  
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5 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....all the.....  
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7 MR. ADLER: .....anybody out?  
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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....most -- the  
10 people who've been hunting have been hunting under  
11 State permits who come from, you know, all over the  
12 state so, yeah, there is a State hunt, so anybody who  
13 might be excluded from this under Federal regulations  
14 could still hunt under State regulations. Absolutely.  
15  
16 MR. ADLER: Thank you.  
17  
18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Anything further.  
19  
20 (No comments)  
21  
22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Alaska  
23 Department of Fish and Game.  
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25 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
26 Jennifer Yuhas, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.  
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28 At this time the proposal book that you  
29 have in front of you has a typo on Page 253 saying that  
30 the Department supports the whole proposal. At this  
31 time we only support the portion for Unit 25C and we  
32 intend to ask the proposer's at next week's meeting  
33 whether that was their intent. And in reading the  
34 proposal it seems that their intent was just for 25C  
35 and not the remainder of 25.  
36  
37 \*\*No official written comments  
38 inserted/provided by State at this  
39 time\*\*  
40  
41 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you.  
42 any questions for the Department.  
43  
44 (No comments)  
45  
46 MS. YUHAS: And, we, again, request  
47 your consistent application of C&T findings, given the  
48 testimony between the two proposals we've just heard,  
49 whether there's an importance, versus having taken an  
50 animal, whether having taken an animal is important.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Thank you,  
2 very much. Any questions.  
3  
4 (No comments)  
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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Let's  
7 see, other Federal or State agencies comments.  
8  
9 (No comments)  
10  
11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any tribal  
12 comments.  
13  
14 (No comments)  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Tribal  
17 consultation comments.  
18  
19 (No comments)  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: InterAgency Staff.  
22  
23 (No comments)  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: SRC.  
26  
27 (No comments)  
28  
29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Fish and Game  
30 Advisory Committee.  
31  
32 (No comments)  
33  
34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
35 public comments -- none.  
36  
37 Any public testimony.  
38  
39 (No comments)  
40  
41 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seeing none, then  
42 we are ready for Council deliberation so if there's a  
43 motion to put WP12-69 on the table.  
44  
45 MS. STICKWAN: I make a motion.  
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47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been moved by  
48 Ms. Stickwan, is there a second.  
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50 MR. HENRICHS: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Second Mr.  
2 Henrichs.  
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4 Discussion.  
5  
6 (No comments)  
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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So the Eastern  
9 Interior, I mean they put this proposal in but they're  
10 dealing with this also at their meeting, that's next  
11 week or something?  
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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's correct.  
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15 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.  
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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Judy.  
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19 MS. CAMINER: I guess to the Council,  
20 if there's anybody who is aware of a problem with this  
21 change, now would be the time to speak up but it sounds  
22 like it is a bit removed from the area.  
23  
24 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah, I think the  
25 question Lee asked, there's also a State hunt that  
26 takes place up in the same area so there's both Federal  
27 and State opportunities. A lot of times in the past  
28 we've deferred to the home region in regards to these  
29 proposals. We can do that or we can just, you know, we  
30 can vote on it, too, so if there's no other discussion  
31 I guess -- did you have something Mary Ann?  
32  
33 MS. MILLS: Yes, I did.  
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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Go ahead.  
36  
37 MS. MILLS: I have concern that there  
38 isn't any information from that area and I have no way  
39 of knowing how the people feel about this proposal. So  
40 that creates a concern for me.  
41  
42 Thank you.  
43  
44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.  
45 Anything else.  
46  
47 Judy.  
48  
49 MS. CAMINER: Perhaps along those  
50 lines, it might be most considerate for us to defer to

1 the home region, it was their proposal. And perhaps if  
2 something surprising happens at their meeting next  
3 week, as you say, you could maybe let us know and if  
4 there's a need for us to come up with a different  
5 conclusion I'm sure we could get together by phone or  
6 something.

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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I think that's a  
9 good idea.

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11 Gloria.

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13 MS. STICKWAN: Is this all the  
14 information that OSM could get for these areas?

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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: At this time, yeah.

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18 MS. STICKWAN: I would say maybe you  
19 should just do C&Ts or something to see if they used  
20 the areas.

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22 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Who used the areas?

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24 MS. STICKWAN: These communities, they  
25 seem kind of far away.

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27 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Oh, well, you know,  
28 you have to, at some point make some sort of -- I mean  
29 there were -- I don't know there were -- I can't  
30 remember how many communities there were, 50 or  
31 something, at some point you have to just kind of draw  
32 a line and say -- and so what we did was look at which,  
33 you know, which communities in the surrounding areas  
34 that were in closer proximity, which ones should we  
35 look at. So we looked at those.

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37 And, you know, we all know that that's  
38 part of being a subsistence user, is that, there's  
39 economy and efficiency and effort and when you're  
40 having to fly from Kodiak Island it's no longer  
41 economic and efficient, and so we just made that  
42 determination that it was too far away.

43

44 So -- and -- and, I mean we did look at  
45 -- in areas such as the North Slope, you know, I've  
46 worked in that area for years, I knew that their use  
47 areas didn't come down that far for caribou, and  
48 there's no reason to, they have caribou up there on the  
49 North Slope, so you kind of have to make some judgment  
50 call on that.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Did you have  
2 something Judy.  
3  
4 MS. CAMINER: Well, I think perhaps,  
5 I'm not sure we need to vote up and down on the  
6 proposal or can we amend to say that we would like to  
7 defer to the home region?  
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9 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I think you can be  
10 -- we're more than willing to accept your amendment to  
11 defer.  
12  
13 MS. CAMINER: Okay. Well, I amend the  
14 proposal on the table to say that our recommendation  
15 should be to defer to the home region.  
16  
17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: There's an  
18 amendment on the table to defer to the home region, is  
19 there a second on the amendment.  
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21 MR. ENCELEWSKI: I'll second that  
22 amendment.  
23  
24 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been seconded  
25 by Mr. Encelewski.  
26  
27 Is there any discussion on the  
28 amendment.  
29  
30 (No comments)  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: If there's none  
33 the question's in order.  
34  
35 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Question.  
36  
37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
38 called on the amendment to defer to the home region.  
39 All those in favor signify by saying aye.  
40  
41 IN UNISON: Aye.  
42  
43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
44  
45 (No opposing votes)  
46  
47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Amendment passes.  
48 Is there any discussion on the amended proposal.  
49  
50 (No comments)

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: If there's none  
2 the question's in order.  
3  
4 MR. HENRICHS: Question.  
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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
7 called by Mr. Henrichs on the amended motion. All  
8 those in favor signify by saying aye.  
9  
10 IN UNISON: Aye.  
11  
12 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
13  
14 (No opposing votes)  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Proposal passes,  
17 defer to the home region.  
18  
19 So we are on -- are you going to do 70  
20 and 73.....  
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22 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, Cole's up.....  
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24 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: .....together?  
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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....next, yes, I  
27 believe.  
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29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.  
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31 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.  
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33 (Pause)  
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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Go ahead, Cole,  
36 whenever you're ready.  
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38 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
39 Members of the Council. WP12-70 and WP12-73 are  
40 analyzed together. We begin on Page 277 of your  
41 Council books.  
42  
43 Proposal WP12-70 submitted by the Upper  
44 Tanana Fortymile Fish and Game Committee requests  
45 dividing Unit 11 into two hunt areas, changing the  
46 harvest limits and dates of the fall moose season in  
47 Unit 12 remainder and creating a single joint  
48 Federal/State registration permit to administer the  
49 hunt area along the Nabesna Road in Units 11 and 12  
50 remainder.

1                    Proposal WP12-73 submitted by the  
2 Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource  
3 Commission requests changing the dates of the fall  
4 moose harvest season in Unit 12 remainder and removing  
5 the spike-fork antler harvest restriction during August  
6 14th through the 23rd.

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8                    The remainder portion of Unit 12 is  
9 different under State and Federal regulations.

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11                   Under Federal regulations, the  
12 remainder only includes National Park Service lands  
13 lying to the west of the Nabesna River and Glacier to  
14 the boundary of Unit 11.

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16                   Currently there are two different sets  
17 of moose season dates and harvest limits along the  
18 Nabesna Road, Units 11 and 12, and two permits or tags  
19 required for Federally-qualified users hunting under  
20 Federal regulations. Unit 11 requires a Federal  
21 registration permit and Unit 12 remainder requires a  
22 State green harvest ticket. MilePost 25.2 along the  
23 Nabesna Road is the boundary between 11 and 12.

24  
25                   A moose population census for all of  
26 Unit 11 has never been conducted although density  
27 estimates have been extrapolated from trend counts  
28 beginning in the 1950s. Density estimates have ranged  
29 from .3 to .6 moose per square mile, are between 2,500  
30 and 3,000 moose in all of Unit 11 between 1999 and  
31 2009, bull/cow ratios are high. The Unit 12 moose  
32 population is considered to be low density and  
33 relatively stable, however, in the Nabesna Road area  
34 the density of moose is extremely low and hunting  
35 pressure has been increasing in the past five to seven  
36 years. The long-term average of bull/cow ratios is  
37 around 40 bulls to 100 cows.

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39                   The Federal moose seasons, harvest  
40 limits and permit requirements along the Nabesna Road  
41 and along the trail systems of the Nabesna Road in Unit  
42 11 and adjacent Unit 12 remainder would be aligned to  
43 simplify regulations. The use of a joint Federal/State  
44 registration permit should improve harvest reporting.

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46                   Therefore, the OSM preliminary  
47 conclusion is to support Proposals WP12-70 and WP12-73  
48 with modification to retain a harvest limit of one  
49 antlered bull in all of Unit 11; divide Unit 11 into  
50 two hunt areas; and to make the season dates the same

1 August 20th through September 20th in Units 11 and 12;  
2 and to create a joint Federal and State registration  
3 permit contingent on the Board of Game endorsing a  
4 joint permit at their next session.

5  
6 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Cole.

9  
10 Any questions.

11  
12 (No comments)

13  
14 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you.  
15 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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17 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
18 Jennifer Yuhas, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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20 The Department's appreciative that  
21 OSM's conclusion is to modify only to the 20th of  
22 September. We have a conservation concern with some of  
23 those larger bulls being further into the rut and  
24 increasing their vulnerability significantly if we went  
25 to the 25th as originally proposed in the regulation.

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27 Because you're dealing with a State  
28 entity, and because we have another decisionmaking body  
29 on the State side, we're recommending deferring this  
30 proposal until after the Board of Game meeting in  
31 March.

32  
33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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35 MS. YUHAS: We'd also -- if you go  
36 ahead and adopt things now, we'd like to see the whole  
37 of the area have the same regulations so there's not  
38 confusion in Unit 11, between the regulations, and then  
39 either one bull or one antlered bull so that cows are  
40 not taken, but not one of each.

41  
42 \*\*No official written comments  
43 inserted/provided by State at this  
44 time\*\*

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46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Any  
47 questions for the Department.

48  
49 (No comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.  
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3 Is there other Federal or State agency  
4 comments.  
5  
6 (No comments)  
7  
8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Tribal comments.  
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10 Wilson.  
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12 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
13 Wilson Justin, Cheesh'na Tribal Council.  
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15 We support the changes and the  
16 proposals. Actually anything would be an improvement  
17 over the existing chaotic state as it is today.  
18  
19 Thank you.  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
22 much. Any questions for Wilson.  
23  
24 (No comments)  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.  
27  
28 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.  
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30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Do you have  
31 something, Gloria?  
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33 MS. STICKWAN: Yeah.  
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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.  
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37 MS. STICKWAN: So you support a joint  
38 Federal hunt?  
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40 MR. JUSTIN: I don't think it would  
41 make much difference because of the kind of hunters  
42 that go up there and the kind of take that's occurring,  
43 mostly in Unit 11 along Nabesna Road, so I don't see  
44 any harm in it.  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
47 tribal consultation comments.  
48  
49 (No comments)  
50

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: InterAgency Staff.  
2  
3 (No comments)  
4  
5 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: SRC.  
6  
7 (No comments)  
8  
9 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Fish and Game  
10 Advisory Committee.  
11  
12 (No comments)  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
15 public comments.  
16  
17 MS. MUSHOVIC: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
18 The AHTNA 'Tene Nene' Customary and Traditional Use  
19 Committee adamantly opposes WP12-70. Federal moose  
20 hunting season should be more liberal if there's not a  
21 conservation of the species. They do not support any  
22 joint State/Federal regulation hunts.  
23  
24 They support WP12-73 with an amendment  
25 to have a Federal registration permit hunt only in Unit  
26 12 for moose.  
27  
28 Thank you.  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Is  
31 there any public testimony. Anyone in the audience.  
32  
33 (No comments)  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seeing none, I  
36 believe we -- let's see so Cole if I'm incorrect here,  
37 please correct me. But your modified language -- so  
38 you support both the proposals with your modified  
39 language?  
40  
41 MS. BROWN: Correct.  
42  
43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Can we vote on it  
44 that way since -- we don't have to separate the two, we  
45 can vote on the proposals as a whole with the modified  
46 language; would that be true?  
47  
48 MS. BROWN: Correct.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

1                   So if there's no more testimony, I  
2 would accept a motion to put Proposal WP12-70 and WP12-  
3 73 with modification; is there -- yes, excuse me.

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5                   MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
6 I'm sorry, I was trying to sort through the OSM  
7 proposal.

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9                   I would say that the Park Service,  
10 looking at the OSM preliminary conclusion would prefer  
11 in Unit 12 to have the harvest limit be one antlered  
12 bull, consistent with the harvest limit that's proposed  
13 for Unit 11, rather than having two different harvest  
14 limits. It's something that the State mentioned with  
15 their permit -- with their comments.

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17                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. So explain  
18 that one more time.

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20                  MS. CELLARIUS: So on Page 276, which  
21 is the OSM preliminary conclusion.

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23                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yes.

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25                  MS. CELLARIUS: If you look at what the  
26 language that is there for Unit 12, the Park Service  
27 would prefer to have it say, antlered bull consistent  
28 with what it says in Unit 12.

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30                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Cole.

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32                  MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
33 Yeah, that's an error. On Page 287 it says, to support  
34 the Proposal WP12-70 and WP12-73 with modification to  
35 retain a harvest limit of one antlered bull for both,  
36 in all of Unit 11 and in Unit 12.

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38                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So can we take  
39 that as it's an error that we can take the modified  
40 language and it's quite obvious that there was an error  
41 and we don't have to worry about making an amendment or  
42 anything.

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44                  MS. BROWN: (Nods affirmatively)

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46                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you  
47 for that clarification Barbara.

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49                  So at this time I would accept a motion  
50 to adopt WP12-70 and WP12-73 with modified language.

1 MR. HENRICHS: I'll make the motion.  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Moved by Mr.  
4 Henrichs, is there a second.  
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6 MR. ADLER: I'll second.  
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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seconded by Mr.  
9 Adler. Is there any discussion.  
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11 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.  
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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Judy.  
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15 MS. CAMINER: Well, it was brought up  
16 that one option was to defer until the Board of Game  
17 meeting but because of the timing of the Federal Board  
18 and them not meeting for another couple of years, I  
19 mean I think we can proceed and it would be understood  
20 that there couldn't truly be a joint hunt unless the  
21 board of Game does approve it. But hopefully that will  
22 happen and if not we can deal with it then but I think  
23 these are good changes and it certainly sounds like it  
24 will make life easier for the hunters and that's  
25 probably the best we could do at this point.  
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27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
28 comments.  
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30 (No comments)  
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32 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah, I would just  
33 comment the same, that any time you can have the least  
34 amount of information before you go out into the woods  
35 is a good thing, it's more understandable for all users  
36 and I think that we should go from there.  
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38 So, Gloria.  
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40 MS. STICKWAN: Since we heard from the  
41 public that they want to have a joint Federal/State  
42 hunt in that area -- from the area, I personally think  
43 that the Federal program was set up to be a separate  
44 hunt and to provide a preference for the Federal  
45 subsistence users and I don't approve of the Federal  
46 joint hunt but I'll go along with this.  
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48 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you.  
49 Anything further.  
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1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: If there's nothing  
4 further the question is in order.  
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6 MR. HENRICHS: Question.  
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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The question's  
9 been called by Mr. Henrichs. All those in favor of  
10 adopting WP12-70 and 73 with the modified language  
11 supplied by OSM on Page 276, including the correction  
12 and errors, signify by saying aye.  
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14 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
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18 (No opposing votes)  
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20 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: And we will go on  
21 to WP12-71/72.  
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23 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
24 Proposals 12-71 and 12-72 begin on Page 292 in your  
25 Council books.  
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27 Proposals WP12-71 and 72 are related to  
28 70 and 73, in that, they request changes to the dates  
29 of the fall and winter season dates in adjacent portion  
30 of Unit 12, that portion on Federal lands within the  
31 Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and those lands within  
32 the Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve north and east  
33 of a line formed by the Pickerel Lake winter trail from  
34 the Canadian border to the Pickerel Lake, and  
35 requesting establishing a joint Federal/State  
36 registration permit.  
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38 The Unit 12 moose population is  
39 considered to be of low density and relatively stable  
40 according to ADF&G. The latest moose survey in Tetlin  
41 National Wildlife in adjacent areas in Wrangell-St.  
42 Elias Preserve affected by the proposal was conducted  
43 in 2008. From that survey the moose population was  
44 estimated to be around 1.800 animals at a density of  
45 .62 moose per square mile. Between 2004 and 2008 the  
46 ratio of calves per 100 cows declined from 47 to 24 and  
47 the ratio of yearling bulls per 100 cows declined from  
48 16 to 14. In the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge  
49 portion of the unit, the bull/cow ratio has been high,  
50 with a range of 60 to 90 bulls per 100 cows in surveys

1 conducted in 1990. So management objectives have  
2 consistently been met in the Tetlin National Wildlife  
3 portion of Unit 12.

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5 All hunters utilize a State harvest  
6 ticket for the Federal and State fall moose seasons on  
7 the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. The reported  
8 harvest on the Tetlin average 12 moose per year from  
9 1991 to 2010. The winter moose season is for  
10 Federally-qualified users only. From 2000 to 2009 an  
11 average of 24 permits has been issued per year with an  
12 average of seven people actually hunting per year. To  
13 date there's been no reported harvest of moose in the  
14 winter season.

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16 If the proposal were adopted the fall  
17 seasons would change from August 24th to 28th and  
18 September 8th to 17th to a continuous August 24 to  
19 September 20th, and the winter season dates would  
20 change from November 20th to December 10th to November  
21 1st through March 31st, which would provide an  
22 additional 14 days of harvest in the fall and an  
23 additional 130 days in the winter season.

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25 While all users hunting in the Tetlin  
26 in the northeast corner of Wrangell-St. Elias Preserve  
27 portion in Unit 12 would be required to utilize a joint  
28 State and Federal registration permit on Federal lands  
29 for the fall season instead of a State green harvest  
30 ticket. Similarly if the proposed joint permit were  
31 adopted by the Federal Subsistence Board in January  
32 2012 it would likely need to be contingent upon  
33 positive action by the Board of Game which is scheduled  
34 to meet in March of 2012 for Unit 12.

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36 Federally-qualified subsistence users  
37 would be provided an additional 113 days of harvest,  
38 with more days to hunt without competition from other  
39 users. The ratio of bull/cows in the affected area is  
40 well above the management objective and the population  
41 appears healthy enough to allow for a few more bulls to  
42 be harvested.

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44 Therefore, the OSM preliminary  
45 conclusion is to support Proposal WP12-71 and 12-72  
46 with modification to extend the winter season only to  
47 February 28th, not March 31st, and to create a joint  
48 State and Federal registration for the fall season only  
49 and eliminate the split fall season.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Cole.  
4 Any questions.  
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6 (No comments)  
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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I guess the only  
9 question I'd have is, and maybe someone will speak to  
10 this in a minute, but the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge  
11 submitted this proposal, why did OSM shorten the winter  
12 season, according to their recommendations, their  
13 recommendation was March 31st, I believe, and you  
14 requested that it be shorten to the 28th?  
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16 (Pause)  
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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Did somebody else  
19 do this analysis that's not here?  
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21 MS. BROWN: (Nods affirmatively)  
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23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Barbara.  
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25 MS. CELLARIUS: If you look at Page  
26 299, the last sentence of the first paragraph on that  
27 page -- Barbara Cellarius with Park Service, sorry  
28 about that.  
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30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Which sentence?  
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32 MS. CELLARIUS: The last sentence on  
33 the first paragraph on the top of Page 299.  
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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Oh, okay.  
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37 MS. CELLARIUS: The date modification  
38 is the result of an updated request from the proponent.  
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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, very good,  
41 thank you. I didn't see that.  
42  
43 Okay, any other questions.  
44  
45 (No comments)  
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47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
48 much. Alaska Department of Fish and Game.  
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50 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 Jennifer Yuhas for the record.

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4 This is another proposal where the  
5 Department is deferring to the March 2012 Board of Game  
6 meeting. If the regulation is adopted on the Federal  
7 side and not on the State side, we don't see  
8 conservation concerns but we see significant  
9 enforcement issues and if this happens we would  
10 recommend extremely detailed maps be provided to the  
11 users so they can understand where they're hunting  
12 within bounds.

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\*\*No official written comments  
inserted/provided by State at this  
time\*\*

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
questions.

(No comments)

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Do you -- I mean  
maybe you don't know this answer, but it was like the  
last proposal, do you have any recollection or does the  
Department have any idea if the Board of Game -- I mean  
is -- I mean obviously you can't predict what they're  
going to do but is this something that's possible --  
quite possibly going to happen?

(No comments)

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Is it the  
Department's recommendation to them?

(No comments)

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: That it happen?

MS. YUHAS: Mr. Chairman. I -- I --  
that's not been determined yet.

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Thank you,  
very much.

Any other questions for the Department.

(No comments)

CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
other State and Federal agency comments.

1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Tribal comments.

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5 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 Wilson Justin, Cheesh'na Tribal Council.

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8 In general we support the proposals as  
9 it's written and presented. It's an improvement on how  
10 the seasons are split and how the take is calculated.

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12 The only caveat I would have on the  
13 language of the proposals is that I'm not sure -- I  
14 never really knew what the moose take was in Unit 12.  
15 All of the drainages to the Canadian border, and I  
16 suspect that what I'm reading here, stating that the  
17 winter season is relatively unused and I don't know if  
18 that's because of access, weather, or general public  
19 just isn't interested. Under those conditions I'm not  
20 sure that an extended season in the remainder of Unit  
21 12 for moose in the winter is going to do much -- is  
22 much value to anybody.

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24 Other than that, we generally support  
25 the proposals.

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27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.

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29 Any questions for Wilson.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.

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35 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any tribal  
38 consultation comments.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: SRC.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Fish and Game  
47 Advisory Committee.

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49 (No comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
2 public comments.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Public testimony.

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8 MS. MUSHOVIC: Uh.....

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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Oh, you have some  
11 summary, okay.

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13 MS. MUSHOVIC: Thank you. Yes. For  
14 both wildlife proposals 12-71 and 12-72, the AHTNA Tene  
15 Nene' Customary and Traditional Use Committee referred  
16 to its -- they opposed both for the same reasons as  
17 stated in their comments on WP12-70, which was  
18 adamantly opposed because of the Federal moose hunting  
19 season should be more liberal if there is not a  
20 conservation concern of the species and, again, that  
21 they do not support any joint Federal/State regulation  
22 hunts.

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24 Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Is  
27 there any public testimony.

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29 Would you like to comment.

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31 MS. PUTERA: Judy Putera. Mr. Chair.  
32 I didn't jump in earlier, but I just wanted to point  
33 out in the proposed regulation, they have retained the  
34 one antlered bull, however, if the season is extended  
35 to March 31st there would be a period of time after  
36 December that bulls do not have antlers.

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38 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Hum.

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40 MS. PUTERA: I don't know if that was an  
41 oversight on their part, or very few would, yeah.

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43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah, that's a  
44 possibility.

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46 MS. PUTERA: So I don't know what their  
47 intent was, whether to leave it as is or if they just  
48 overlooked that.

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50 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, I mean the

1 only thing I can foresee is if the regulation says one  
2 antlered bull, I mean obviously, I mean there's ways to  
3 determine if an animal's a bull or not, but I'd hate to  
4 see somebody, you know, get a ticket for, you know,  
5 something that's pretty obvious. That's an interesting  
6 you caught that, I didn't think about that at the time.

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(Off record comments)

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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I would assume  
11 most bulls -- I mean I'm assuming most bulls in that  
12 area are losing their antlers in December, the first of  
13 January, you know, at the latest, I mean I'm sure  
14 there's some small ones that don't, but -- did you have  
15 something Cole.

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17 MS. BROWN: Well, just to point out  
18 that the conclusion was to modify to February 28th, not  
19 March 31st, and the understanding that there are very  
20 few bulls that would still -- young bulls that may or  
21 may -- may have their antlers. We had a similar  
22 proposal like this in the Seward Peninsula and while  
23 most bulls shed their antlers much sooner than that  
24 there are young bulls that will maintain them. So it's  
25 an understanding that it's not going to create a lot of  
26 opportunity but it would create some.

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CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Jerry.

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MR. BERG: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair.

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I have not talked to the Tetlin Refuge  
34 folks about this proposal but we do have other similar  
35 regulations in Interior Refuges where we have antlered  
36 bull hunts in the winter and it's because, you know,  
37 there are very few bulls that can be taken and they  
38 want to make sure that they are bulls. Realizing that  
39 it really is only the smaller bulls that retain their  
40 antlers sometimes and almost all the larger bulls drop  
41 their horns, but like I said I haven't talked to these  
42 guys about it but we do have other hunts in the winter  
43 that do the same thing. But it's because of a  
44 conservation concern for a limited number of bulls.

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CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Thank you.

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clarify the intent of the proponent.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I appreciate you  
2 doing that.  
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4 MS. PUTERA: Thank you.  
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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Sure,  
7 would you like to come back up Jennifer.  
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9 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 Jennifer Yuhas, ADF&G. I just wanted to place on the  
11 record that if there was a change made to any bull then  
12 we would have a conservation concern where we stated  
13 previously that we wouldn't. We do have antler  
14 restrictions in the area and a change to any bull would  
15 change our position.  
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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So currently in --  
18 you have a spike-fork 50 is it four brow tine or --  
19 four brow tine?  
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21 MS. YUHAS: Four, Mr. Chairman.  
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23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Four. Judy.  
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25 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair. So even  
26 though there's a conservation concern, perhaps on the  
27 Refuge, taking the young bulls would not be a concern,  
28 I mean if that's what's offered?  
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30 MS. BROWN: The State is saying if they  
31 have a conservation concern?  
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33 MS. CAMINER: No, I'm going back  
34 to.....  
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36 MS. BROWN: If it were to be any.....  
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38 MS. CAMINER: .....Jerry's.....  
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40 MS. BROWN: .....bull?  
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42 MS. CAMINER: Excuse me. I'm going  
43 back to Jerry's previous comment.  
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45 So if the only animals that will still  
46 have antlers, might still have antlers would be the  
47 young bulls, you know, it sounded like, yesterday,  
48 that's what we were trying to protect on the Kenai, so  
49 maybe there's reasons to be different here, I'm not  
50 clear.

1 MR. BERG: So what's the question?

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3 MS. CAMINER: Well, the question is it  
4 seems to be -- this would propose taking young antlered  
5 bulls in January and February, those most likely are  
6 the only ones that would still have antlers, and that  
7 is not a conservation concern? Is that a conservation  
8 concern?

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10 MS. BROWN: On the Tetlin National  
11 Wildlife Refuge portion of the unit there is no  
12 conservation concern. They have high bull/cow ratios  
13 of 60 to 90 bulls per 100 cows, so on the Tetlin  
14 portion there is not, on the State land there may or  
15 may not be. That's, I think, the difference  
16 between.....

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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Jerry.

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20 MR. BERG: Yeah, I just wanted to  
21 clarify. I mean my comment was -- I'm not saying that  
22 there was a conservation concern on this Refuge, I was  
23 just saying that in other Refuges we do allow bull  
24 harvest in the winter and they are antlered bulls but  
25 we do that because there are conservation concerns in  
26 those areas. I was just trying to clarify that we do  
27 use antlered bull regulations in the winter in other  
28 areas and there's reasons for it. And I don't know  
29 enough about this Refuge to really say but, you know,  
30 like Cole clarified, I think, that it's really not an  
31 issue for the Refuge per se, but if it's going to be a  
32 joint hunt, you know, maybe it is more of an issue, I'm  
33 not sure.

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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, I mean it's  
36 apparent to me that the State has some concern about,  
37 you know, they have antler restrictions and I think  
38 they're a little concerned that, you know, if -- I mean  
39 maybe this won't pass the Board of Game so, I mean, in  
40 regards to this joint permit, so I mean it's hard to  
41 say, I guess, we can only look at the merits right now  
42 of what we think is pertinent and if the Federal Board  
43 and the Board of Game decide to do something else, then  
44 that's up to them.

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46 But I can understand the State's  
47 concern there.

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49 So does anybody else have any  
50 questions.

1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So let's see, did  
4 we do public testimony -- no public testimony.  
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6 (No comments)  
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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, at this time  
9 we're ready for Regional Council deliberations, so I  
10 would accept a motion to approve Proposal 12-71 and 12-  
11 72 with the language as modified by OSM.  
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13 Is there a motion.  
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15 MR. HENRICHS: I'll make the motion.  
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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Moved by Mr.  
18 Henrichs, is there a second.  
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20 MR. ADLER: Second.  
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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Second by Mr.  
23 Adler. Is there any further discussion.  
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25 Judy.  
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27 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair. Well, this  
28 sounds like it certainly would provide additional  
29 subsistence opportunity and it sounds like there's not  
30 a conservation concern, so dependent on how the Board  
31 of Game acts, it could be a joint registration and if  
32 they do not approve it then I'm sure the Federal  
33 Program will set up the separate system.  
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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
36 comments.  
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38 (No comments)  
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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seeing none, the  
41 question is in order.  
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43 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Question.  
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45 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
46 called by Mr. Encelewski on WP12-71 and 72 as modified  
47 by OSM, all those in favor signify by saying aye.  
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49 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
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3 (No opposing votes)  
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5 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The proposals  
6 pass.  
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8 All right, it's noon, we got one more  
9 proposal and we have some agency reports and some  
10 business that we need to deal with so I'm assuming that  
11 it's going to take a couple hours, do we want to just  
12 take a short break and go on or do we want to go have  
13 lunch or what do we want to do?  
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15 MR. ADLER: Take a short break and go  
16 on.  
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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Excuse me.  
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20 MR. ADLER: A short break and go on.  
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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Take a 10 minute  
23 break and then keep going.  
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25 MR. ADLER: Just stay here.  
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27 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yeah.  
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29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, that's what  
30 we're doing then.  
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32 MR. ENCELEWSKI: That's consensus.  
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34 (Laughter)  
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36 (Off record)  
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38 (On record)  
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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, it's 12:15,  
41 we're going to come back on the record, if everybody  
42 could take a seat and I think Lee will be here  
43 momentarily. Gloria had to step out because as she  
44 forg -- she had to go return her moose harvest ticket  
45 to the post office, so she could mail it, she'll be  
46 right back.  
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48 So as soon as Judy gets in here you can  
49 start Cole.  
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1 (Pause)

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Alrighty.

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5 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 WP12-75 begins on Page 301 of your Council books,  
7 submitted by the Upper Tanana Fortymile Fish and Game  
8 Committee requests that the fall moose harvest season  
9 be changed from August 24th through September 25th to  
10 August 20th through September 30th in a portion of Unit  
11 20E to match the existing season in another portion of  
12 the unit and that the end date of the season and the  
13 remainder portion of the unit be extended to September  
14 30th.

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16 The proponent is requesting that the  
17 dates of the Federal fall moose season for Bureau of  
18 Land Management administered lands in Unit 20E drained  
19 by the middle fork of the Fortymile River upstream from  
20 and including the Joseph Creek drainage be changed from  
21 August 20th to September 30th to match the season dates  
22 in the portion of Unit 20E within the Yukon-Charley  
23 Rivers National Preserve.

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25 The proponent states that the adoption  
26 of the proposal would benefit Federally-qualified  
27 subsistence users by providing an additional nine days  
28 to hunt moose in the affected area and would also align  
29 fall season dates in the portions of Unit 20E off the  
30 road system on Federal lands.

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32 The bull/cow ratio has been  
33 consistently above the management objective of 40 bulls  
34 to 100 cows between 1998 and 2009. Twining rates in  
35 2006 were about 47 percent in that southern portion of  
36 Unit 20E. The fall seasons would become uniform for  
37 Federally-qualified subsistence users in those portions  
38 of Unit 20E off the road system. Federally-qualified  
39 subsistence users would be provide an additional nine  
40 days of harvest opportunity in the affected portion of  
41 Unit 20E outside the Preserve and more than five days  
42 to hunt in Unit 20E remainder without competition from  
43 non-subsistence users.

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45 The population appears healthy enough  
46 to allow for a few more bulls to be harvested.

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48 Therefore, OSM preliminary conclusion  
49 is to support WP12-75.

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1 Thank you.  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
4 much. Any questions.  
5  
6 (No comments)  
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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: 20 is in the  
9 Eastern Interior, right?  
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11 MS. BROWN: Correct.  
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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Did they submit  
14 the same proposal to them?  
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16 MS. BROWN: Yes.  
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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Any  
19 questions.  
20  
21 (No comments)  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Alaska  
24 Department of Fish and Game.  
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26 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
27 Jennifer Yuhas for the Department. The Department also  
28 supports this proposal. We believe that the  
29 liberalization in the increased harvest would be  
30 sustainable. And we just want to put on the record  
31 that we recommend close monitoring of the harvest over  
32 the next several years. Heard that before. We always  
33 want to know what's happening with the population so we  
34 can make adjustments.  
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36 \*\*No official written comments  
37 inserted/provided by State at this  
38 time\*\*  
39  
40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you,  
41 Jennifer.  
42  
43 Any questions.  
44  
45 (No comments)  
46  
47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
48 other State or Federal agency comments.  
49  
50 (No comments)

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any tribal  
2 comments.  
3  
4 (No comments)  
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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Tribal  
7 consultation.  
8  
9 (No comments)  
10  
11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: SRC.  
12  
13 (No comments)  
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15 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Fish and Game  
16 Advisory Committee.  
17  
18 (No comments)  
19  
20 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Summary of written  
21 public comments.  
22  
23 (No comments)  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any public  
26 testimony.  
27  
28 (No comments)  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Seeing none,  
31 seeing that this proposal is dealing with an area  
32 outside of the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council's  
33 area.....  
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35 MS. CAMINER: But people have C&T  
36 for.....  
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38 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: But people do have  
39 C&T.  
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41 MS. CAMINER: Yes.  
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43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. So we can  
44 either defer the proposal or we can vote on it. There  
45 are people that have C&T so whatever anybody wants to  
46 do.  
47  
48 Excuse me, Greg, did you have  
49 something?  
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1 MR. ENCELEWSKI: No.  
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3 MS. MUSHOVIC: Excuse me, I just -- I'm  
4 not sure if you can vote right now without your quorum.  
5  
6 Thank you.  
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8 MR. HENRICHS: Then we'll have to defer  
9 that.  
10  
11 (Laughter)  
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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: But technically I  
14 think we can because we started the meeting with a  
15 quorum.  
16  
17 MS. CAMINER: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.  
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19 MR. HENRICHS: Yeah, we can.  
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21 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: But we'll just  
22 wait just a second.  
23  
24 (Pause)  
25  
26 MR. HENRICHS: You're probably going to  
27 lose your bet then.  
28  
29 (Laughter)  
30  
31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah, I don't  
32 know, but it wouldn't be my fault though.  
33  
34 (Laughter)  
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36 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Could we have  
37 discussion while we're waiting.  
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39 (Laughter)  
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41 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Mr. Chairman.  
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43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Greg.  
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45 MR. ENCELEWSKI: I think I'll support  
46 this proposal and I'd like to go on record as  
47 supporting it. We do have people with C&T in there and  
48 there doesn't seem to be a conservation concern,  
49 therefore, I think we should support it.  
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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, very good.  
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3 (Pause)  
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5 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So when Lee gets  
6 back we're going to vote even though Gloria's not here  
7 because she had to go mail something before the post  
8 office closed, but, technically if we started the  
9 meeting with a quorum we can take action if there's an  
10 absence.....  
11  
12 MS. CAMINER: Uh-huh.  
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14 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: .....so I don't  
15 feel a problem doing it. So Lee we are on 12-75, we've  
16 been given the analysis, and we are actually -- there  
17 was no public comment, there was no written public  
18 comment, the Department's view was that they supported  
19 this proposal, there's no conservation concerns. It's  
20 outside of our area but there are people within  
21 Southcentral that have a C&T for this area. So Greg  
22 made the comment that he supported it because we should  
23 support the people with C&T.  
24  
25 So I guess at this time I'm looking for  
26 a motion to put WP12-75.  
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28 MR. HENRICHS: I'll make the motion.  
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30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Moved Mr.  
31 Henrichs.  
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33 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Second.  
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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Second Mr.  
36 Encelewski.  
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38 Any further discussion on WP12-75.  
39  
40 (No comments)  
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42 MR. HENRICHS: Question.  
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44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
45 called on WP12-75, all those in favor signify by saying  
46 aye.  
47  
48 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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50 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.

1 (No opposing votes)

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The proposal  
4 passes.

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6 Okay, that is all of the proposals. I  
7 want to thank all the OSM Staff and everybody else  
8 involved with all the work they did to put this book  
9 together and to answer all of our crazy questions that  
10 we come up with during the meeting and really  
11 appreciate the help. Also to the Department and all  
12 the other Federal agencies. Also the public that  
13 participated, we really appreciate when we get  
14 participation from the different user groups.

15

16 So where do we want to go next.

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18 I guess next on the list is a review  
19 and make recommendations on the draft '12 Southcentral  
20 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan, Page 334 in your  
21 book.

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23 Whenever you're ready.

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25 MS. HYER: For the record I'm Karen  
26 Hyer with OSM. And there's a lot of information in  
27 this book so I'm just going to briefly take you through  
28 it and as Mr. Carpenter said it starts on 334.

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30 If you look at 335, we have outlined  
31 the valuation process for projects submitted to us for  
32 consideration. The first one is strategic priority.  
33 The project must address an information need relating  
34 to Federal subsistence management. The next thing that  
35 these proposals are reviewed on is technical and  
36 scientific merit. The project is evaluated for its  
37 scientific rigor and clarity and purpose. The third  
38 thing it's evaluated for is investigator's ability and  
39 resources. The investigator must have the ability to  
40 complete the proposed work. And then the final thing  
41 these projects were evaluated on is partnership and  
42 capacity building. And it must have participation of a  
43 local organization or support of a local organization.

44

45 Now, if you go to your packets that KJ  
46 passed out, you'll find that there's a bunch of tables  
47 in there and those are the FRMP tables, and they're the  
48 ones that replace the tables that are in the back of  
49 this.

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1                   But for this region there were two  
2 proposals that were submitted and of those two  
3 proposals, both of them were recommended for funding by  
4 the Technical Review Committee. And those two  
5 proposals that were recommended; the first one is:

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7                   The Copper River Chinook Salmon RFID  
8 feasibility, which stands for radio frequency ID. And  
9 if you turn to Page -- let's see, I didn't bring my  
10 handout up with me, but it's the last table in the  
11 handout, Table No. 5, you can see the list of the two  
12 projects that we're recommending for funding.

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14                   And the second on is:

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16                   The Upper Copper River Changing  
17 Environment in Subsistence. And this is a two year  
18 research project that will collect information on the  
19 various of factors affecting subsistence harvest of  
20 salmon and non-salmon in the Upper Copper River. And  
21 this information will be used to compare contemporary  
22 harvest to historic harvest and to address the changes  
23 in subsistence harvest of both salmon and non-salmon  
24 and changes in participation rate.

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26                   So these two projects were put forward  
27 for funding and the recommended total funding is  
28 \$158,00, and so this is an action item and so I need a  
29 motion to recommend these two projects for funding.

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31                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Karen.  
32 Is there any questions or comments about some of the  
33 projects that are scheduled to be.....Mr. Henrichs.

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35                   MR. HENRICHS: Yeah, I support these  
36 projects but I probably won't vote on the Copper River  
37 one because it's put in by my tribe, but I will say  
38 this, the funding of these research projects has  
39 completely changed the way the Copper River has been  
40 managed and everything that our tribe's said all along  
41 turned out to be true. It was amazing, I still marvel  
42 at those sonar tests we were running and it turned out  
43 the sonar they had used for years was counting 20  
44 percent less fish than the one we used.

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46                   So -- but I will support both these  
47 projects but I probably won't vote on the one that our  
48 tribe put in.

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50                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Anybody else.

1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I would just make  
4 the comment that I do support the Monitoring Program.  
5 I'd echo what Mr. Henrichs said, some of the projects  
6 that have been funded over the years through the Native  
7 Village of Eyak to monitor salmon escapement and things  
8 like that on the Copper River have proved to be pretty  
9 incredible management tools. It's always good to have  
10 a comparison when you're managing something as vital as  
11 salmon stocks.

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13 So I think these projects are  
14 worthwhile. I think they're vetted pretty well from  
15 the Staff and I will also support these projects.

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17 Gloria.

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19 MS. STICKWAN: I support the one from  
20 Eyak too because there's a shortage of chinook. I mean  
21 we're having -- it's low, they're not meeting their  
22 objectives. And the other project as well, I would  
23 support that one, too, to do surveys. I think they're  
24 both good projects to support if it's possible to  
25 support both of them.

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27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Anything further.

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29 (No comments)

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31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So you just need a  
32 general motion to recommend that the projects -- draft  
33 projects be funded.

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35 MS. HYER: Right.

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37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Is there a  
38 motion from anyone to do so.

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40 MS. MILLS: So moved.

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42 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been so moved  
43 that the Southcentral RAC recommend that the Draft  
44 Fisheries Projects be funded as presented to us in our  
45 packet. Is there a second.

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47 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Second.

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49 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Second by Mr.

50 Encelewski.

1 Is there any more discussion.  
2  
3 (No comments)  
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5 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question is in  
6 order.  
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8 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Question.  
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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Question's been  
11 called, all those in favor signify by saying aye.  
12  
13 IN UNISON: Aye.  
14  
15 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
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17 MR. HENRICHS: I'll abstain.  
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19 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: One abstention.  
20 Thank you. Thank you, Karen.  
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22 All right, we're on to agency reports.  
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24 Helen gave us some of the tribal  
25 consultation protocol and, you know, Jerry and Steve  
26 throughout the meeting presented us with all the  
27 information, did you have anything else or.....  
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29 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, only since we  
30 then got the power back on, I didn't know if there were  
31 any questions about what we're up to or not.  
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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Judy.  
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35 MS. CAMINER: Just a quick comment. I  
36 really found it valuable to have those tribal  
37 consultation comments given to us with each proposal.  
38 And I know it's really early in the process and so it's  
39 probably hard to -- not everybody's quite on board or  
40 in the system yet, but I'm sure it will grown and  
41 expand and become even more valuable to us. But I  
42 thought that was a very useful tool for us, so, thanks  
43 for making the effort.  
44  
45 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you.  
46 Anybody else have any questions.  
47  
48 (No comments)  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I did want to say  
2 that these comments are going back to the tribal  
3 consultation working group. Crystal Leonetti from --  
4 not from OSM, but from Fish and Wildlife Service, who's  
5 heading that up, and she was quite interested to hear  
6 comments from the Seward Peninsula Council on the  
7 process and she's getting transcripts and reading them  
8 so your comments will be heard.

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10 MS. CAMINER: Thank you.

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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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14 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So I guess we will  
15 go on to update on the Secretarial Review,  
16 recommendations.

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18 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr.  
19 Chair. Helen Armstrong. This is on Page 353 in your  
20 book.

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22 And as you all are aware we've had this  
23 Secretarial Review that started in December of 2010  
24 ongoing and I mean -- I mean actually I'm sorry, the  
25 Review the started in 2009, in 2010 the Secretary of  
26 Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture announced the  
27 results of the Review and some of these are things that  
28 are ongoing, some have actually resulted in actions.

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30 The first one, KJ talked a little bit  
31 about in the beginning of the meeting but I'll just  
32 emphasize, there was a request to add two rural members  
33 to the -- or two Board members, subsistence users or  
34 people knowing something about subsistence to the  
35 Board, and the final rule was published in the Federal  
36 register, and the final recommendation -- and this was  
37 after this went to all the Councils for Council input  
38 and then it went to the two Secretaries, so the voting  
39 members are two public members representing rural  
40 Alaskan subsistence users who possess personal  
41 knowledge of and direct experience with subsistence  
42 uses in rural Alaska to be appointed by the Secretary  
43 of the Interior with the concurrence of the Secretary  
44 of Agriculture. So we're currently seeking  
45 applications for those positions and we hope --  
46 crossing our fingers that we can get those on the Board  
47 by January. But when you're dealing with the Federal  
48 government, sometimes things don't go as quickly as you  
49 might want.

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Hum.

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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But that's the goal,  
4 we're hoping that that happens.

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6 Any questions on that?

7

8 (No comments)

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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: There is a handout,  
11 I believe, KJ, right, about that, about, you know, if  
12 anybody here is interested or you know somebody who  
13 might be interested to be on the Board.

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15 No. 2 was about expanding deference to  
16 the Regional Advisory Council recommendations that --  
17 in addition to giving deference to the taking  
18 decisions, that there would be deference in C&T and the  
19 Board's still in the process of considering expanding  
20 the deference on C&T as well as on rural  
21 determinations. They're still trying to understand  
22 what that all entails and understand the process. We  
23 do have a fairly young Board -- I mean, young, no, we  
24 have a fairly new Board that hasn't been involved in  
25 the subsistence issues for very long, so there's a fair  
26 amount of just educating them as to how all of this  
27 works. So that's ongoing.

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29 And then you may all recall that there  
30 was a -- last -- I think it was last winter, the  
31 Memorandum of Understanding with the State came before  
32 you for recommendation, and the Council comments were  
33 summarized and they were reviewed by the Board in 2011  
34 in the summer and the Board's directed that the changes  
35 recommended by the Councils be examined by a work group  
36 and this is made up of both State and Federal members,  
37 and they're hoping for a report back to the Board and  
38 final action by December of 2011. So that's in the  
39 works.

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41 And No. 4, the review with the Regional  
42 Advisory Council input, the customary and traditional  
43 use determination process. All 10 Councils were asked  
44 for their perspectives on the existing process during  
45 the winter 2011 meetings. Those comments were  
46 summarized and reviewed by the Board. Mostly the  
47 comments were generally supportive, but the Board is  
48 right now focusing on other things so that one is, I  
49 would characterize, as being put a little bit back on  
50 the burner. So nothing has moved forward on that.

1                   No. 5, review with Regional Advisory  
2 Council input rural/non-rural determination process and  
3 present recommendations for regulatory changes. The  
4 Board held a work session in April of 2011 to learn  
5 about the rural process and they're continuing to learn  
6 the intricacies of the regulations and the process.  
7 And they'll be exploring whether or not it can delay  
8 the implementation date for the review of rural -- and  
9 if they're -- and right now they're just evaluating how  
10 to proceed in that rural determination process.

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12                   Then No. 6, they were asked -- the  
13 Board was asked to review the written policy on  
14 executive sessions and minimize the use of executive  
15 sessions to those cases specifically prescribed, and  
16 the Board has revised its executive session policy and  
17 it -- the policy notes that it intends to keep its  
18 business transparent and that they will provide a  
19 summary of executive sessions when they occur. They  
20 adopted that revised policy in May of 2011.

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22                   So that's a change that has happened.

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24                   No. 7, at the request of the Director  
25 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and under  
26 departmental procedures, review and submit  
27 recommendations for departmental consideration of the  
28 annual budget for the Federal Subsistence Program. And  
29 under this the elements that have been recommended as a  
30 focus.....

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32                   7A hold Federal Subsistence Board  
33 meetings in rural areas;p status on  
34 that is pending additional funding.

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36                   As I think you're all aware Federal  
37 funding is being cut back significantly and we will be  
38 affected by it I am sure, everybody is being affected.  
39 And so a lot of these are funding issues.

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41                   Increased training and support to the  
42 Regional Advisory Councils. And we'll implement that  
43 when funding and staffing allow.

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45                   Implement a wildlife monitoring studies  
46 program. That's also pending additional funding.

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48                   Increase tribal consultation. We've  
49 already seen that, that's in progress.

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1                   Increase the capacity within OSM for  
2 research and implementation, and that's pending  
3 additional funding.

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5                   And reinstate the annual regulatory  
6 cycle. The Board sees the value of every other year  
7 cycle, but they may be open to reinstating the annual  
8 cycle if the funding should allow.

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10                  The things they are not yet working on  
11 are the changes in Subparts A and B of the Federal  
12 regulations. In order to insure that it's -- that  
13 Federal authorities are fully reflected and in accord  
14 with subsistence priorities provided for in Title VIII.

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16                  Insure the Secretaries are informed  
17 when non-Departmental rulemaking entities develop  
18 regulations that may adversely affect subsistence  
19 users.

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21                  And to the extent practical, utilize  
22 contracting and use of ANILCA Section .809 cooperative  
23 agreements with local tribes and other entities in  
24 their review and approval of proposals for fulfilling  
25 Subsistence Program elements.

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27                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Judy do you have a  
28 question.

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30                  MS. CAMINER: I do, thank you, Mr.  
31 Chair.

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33                  For No. 5, Helen, on the rural/non-  
34 rural determination, I guess it was the meeting in July  
35 where it was said that there'd have to be a publicly  
36 noticed meeting to, sort of officially do what the  
37 Board did in July, and there is a timeframe that's  
38 running out, right, for the implementation of those  
39 changes from four years ago. So I mean hopefully the  
40 Board is developing a schedule by which they can do the  
41 publicly noticed meeting and kind of put in abeyance  
42 those decisions from a few years ago.

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44                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I hope so. I mean  
45 as you know our summer has been rather difficult at OSM  
46 with Pete's injury and Polly was on a detail and left,  
47 we lost some key leadership team positions, Larry  
48 Buklis retired, Ann Wilkinson retired, we had medical  
49 issues with one of our other leadership team members so  
50 it's been a rough summer. Gary Goldberg left, he was

1 the policy coordinator. So I don't -- I can't answer  
2 -- I don't know the answer to that question but I will  
3 bring it to Pete's attention.

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5 MS. CAMINER: Thank you.

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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Make sure it's on  
8 the list.

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10 MS. CAMINER: And then one other  
11 question on No. 6, particularly executive sessions,  
12 summary of executive sessions will be provided. Was  
13 there one ever done or do you know, from July.

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I can't answer that  
16 question either, but I can find out.

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18 MS. CAMINER: Okay, thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Greg.

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22 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I also wanted to  
23 comment on No. 6, and it's along the lines of Judy's.  
24 You know, keep business transparent and so forth,  
25 provide executive summaries; I think they need to work  
26 on that one a little more.

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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, I'll note  
29 that.

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31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
32 questions on the Secretarial Review.

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34 Gloria.

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36 MS. STICKWAN: The ones they're not  
37 working on due to -- do you have a time on when they're  
38 going to work on it, timeline or something?

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40 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I don't know the  
41 answer to that question.

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43 I'm sure we'll have an update at the  
44 next meeting as to what's happening. Maybe we'll have  
45 a timeline by then.

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47 If there are any of the Staff Committee  
48 people who know the answers to any of these questions  
49 since they're more privy to some of what goes on than I  
50 am, I would welcome that they come up and assist.

1                   They're shaking their heads, no, okay.

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3                   (Laughter)

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5                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: You're more privy  
6 to things than you know you are.

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8                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, right.

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10                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, well, if  
11 there's no other questions on that, we'll go on to the  
12 update on Gulf Alaska chinook bycatch.

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14                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. And before I  
15 jump to that, there was a paragraph on budget  
16 implications on Page 356, which I already noted, but we  
17 are pretty concerned about our funding and what's going  
18 to happen as is -- I mean all Federal agencies are, but  
19 we're waiting to hear what our budgets will be like.  
20 The briefing is informational on Page 357. It's short.  
21 I don't know if you want more information on it.

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23                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I don't know, I  
24 think Gloria had a question.

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26                  MS. STICKWAN: I don't know if you can  
27 answer my question but do you know how many people  
28 applied for that Federal Subsistence Board seat so far?

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30                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Oh, I have no idea,  
31 it just opened. No. I only know that there were a few  
32 people at the Seward Peninsula Council meeting that  
33 were interested but that's as much as I know.

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35                  And I don't believe we'll ever be told  
36 how many people apply. We certainly -- it doesn't --  
37 it's kind of like a job application but I don't know  
38 that. I mean we didn't hear how many applied for the  
39 Board Chair.

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41                  I do know that if you know people who  
42 are interested in applying for those positions, that  
43 there were people who were not -- who they were quite  
44 interested in who had some wildlife citations, who they  
45 then wouldn't consider for the Board Chair, so people  
46 need to have very clean records on all accounts in  
47 order to be -- because they do background checks.

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49                  MS. STICKWAN: Counts, what do you mean  
50 -- what do you mean by all counts?

1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I mean in all  
2 manner. All -- they just need to have a clean criminal  
3 background check for everything, you know, I don't -- I  
4 don't think traffic violations probably count. But --  
5 yeah.

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7 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Speeding's okay.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I really don't know,  
10 actually maybe Judy knows, she used to be on the Board,  
11 whether that would be.....

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13 MS. CAMINER: I mean I think you're  
14 correct, that certainly any kind of a fish or wildlife  
15 violations would not be good for an applicant to have.

16  
17 MS. STICKWAN: Any criminal violation  
18 is not good?

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20 MS. CAMINER: Right.

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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Probably.  
23 Alrighty, did you want to say anything else about the  
24 budget or.....

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm done with that.

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28 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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30 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I don't know if  
31 anybody has any questions about the bycatch in there.

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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Anybody have any  
34 questions about the bycatch information.

35  
36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The Ninilchik  
39 request for reconsideration.

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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We only just wanted  
42 to let the Council know that the Board did not support  
43 the State's request for reconsidering that decision.  
44 So now the only -- the only action that they can take  
45 at this point is if they wanted to pursue legal action.

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47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you on  
48 that.

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50 I guess we're up to B, Fish and

1 Wildlife Service, 2011 Cook Inlet annual harvest  
2 summary.

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4 MR. PALMER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My  
5 name's Doug Palmer, I'm with the Fish and Wildlife  
6 Service and also the Federal fisheries manager for the  
7 Cook Inlet area.

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9 Actually I'd like to report on the Cook  
10 Inlet area harvest for 2011 and then also following  
11 that the Forest Service has asked us to report on the  
12 update on the Kenai/Russian River collaborative public  
13 process to reduce human/bear conflicts. That's listed  
14 as Item G on the agenda.

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16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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18 MR. PALMER: So I think Refuge Manager  
19 Loranger will report on that.

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21 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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23 MR. PALMER: Looking at the Cook Inlet  
24 area Federal subsistence fisheries in 2011, we really  
25 have three communities that have C&T there. We have  
26 Cooper Landing and Hope that have C&T for the Kenai  
27 River, and then Ninilchik has C&T for both the Kenai  
28 River and the Kasilof River.

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30 You should have this information in  
31 front of you, I'm not sure if you do or not.

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33 But we issued a total of 130  
34 subsistence permits during 2011. 81 percent of those  
35 permits were for the Kenai River. There is a winter  
36 ice fishery on Tustumena Lake, there were no permits  
37 issued this year for that fishery, just over half of  
38 the permits were issued to residents of Cooper Landing.

39

40 As far as subsistence harvest, the  
41 information that was on the original report is a little  
42 -- is about a month out of date and we've had a lot of  
43 harvest reports that have come in in the past month so  
44 that's slightly updated. We've had just short of 1,000  
45 fish harvested as far as the reports, what has been  
46 reported through the end of September. Only one fish  
47 from the Kasilof River. This level of harvest is  
48 fairly similar to what we've seen in the past. The  
49 majority of harvest comes from the Russian River dipnet  
50 fishery, 45 households from Cooper Landing and Hope

1 participated in this fishery during the past year.

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4 You heard from Council member  
5 Encelewski, that the Ninilchik community has been  
6 working on -- or experimenting with fishwheels on the  
7 Kasilof River. Last year was a larger wheel they used,  
8 this year they used a smaller year, they're still  
9 trying to work out the bugs to have that fishery be  
10 productive.

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12 This really marks the fifth year since  
13 C&T determinations were made. I think in 2006, the  
14 first year was 2007 where we had these fisheries. One  
15 of the tables that's been provided, kind of -- since  
16 sockeye is kind of the bread and butter of this  
17 fishery, I just wanted to give the RAC members an  
18 overview of what's transpired over the past five years.  
19 Total harvest over that five years has been just over  
20 5,000 fish, and, again, the Russian River Falls is an  
21 important fishery, important component to that fishery.  
22 There's dipnet fisheries at four different locations,  
23 three on the Kenai River, one on the Kasilof River.  
24 There's also rod and reel fisheries on all Federal  
25 waters.

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27 So that concludes that report. I guess  
28 we could take questions before we jump into the next  
29 report, if there are any.

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31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Any  
32 questions on the fisheries summary?

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34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right. I  
37 don't see any so if you want to go ahead and -- so  
38 you're going to give the Forest Service update?

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40 MR. PALMER: Well, yes, I was, I  
41 thought Andy was going to come up for that but I don't  
42 see him, so I guess I can ad lib it.

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44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. All right.

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46 MR. PALMER: I believe there was a  
47 report on this at the last RAC meeting in the spring.  
48 There were public meetings that took place in the  
49 spring. There are some more scheduled for this fall.  
50 I think everybody's familiar with the intensive  
recreational fishery and subsistence fishery that's now

1 taking place in this area. Because the intense nature  
2 of this fishery there has been a lot of, you know,  
3 human/bear conflicts and that's the task of this  
4 Russian River cooperative -- collaborative public  
5 process.

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7 There he is. Do you want to -- I just  
8 got started, so if you want to take over.

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10 MR. LORANGER: The InterAgency group  
11 charged with dealing with management of that area  
12 includes the U.S. Forest Service, Chugach National  
13 Forest, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Kenai Refuge,  
14 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, other members  
15 of the collaborative -- or InterAgency group include  
16 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Kenaitze Indian  
17 Tribe are represented, Alaska State Parks. It's an  
18 area that has intensive recreational use and includes  
19 Federal subsistence fishery at the Russian River Falls.  
20 And it's an area that has had, you know, a long history  
21 of human/bear interactions and some of them, you know,  
22 escalating to conflicts over time.

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24 In the 2000, mid-2000's it was obvious  
25 that there needed to be a process to look at ways to  
26 reduce human/bear conflicts in the area and this  
27 InterAgency effort took shape at the time.

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29 The collaborative public process that  
30 is ongoing now is meant to help develop a five year  
31 action plan some time over the course of the next year,  
32 to deal with human/bear conflicts in the area. And a  
33 series of public meetings were held in April in Cooper  
34 Landing, Soldotna, Anchorage and Wasilla. A second  
35 series of public meetings to report back to the public  
36 on questions that they had on comments on, you know,  
37 potential strategies for dealing with some of these  
38 issues are scheduled in October, the week of October  
39 23rd. I think the dates are on the information that  
40 were provided. So October 25th, 26th and 27 in  
41 Soldotna, Cooper Landing and Anchorage are the next  
42 series of meetings.

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44 You know, the potential -- some of the  
45 potential strategies have, you know, have potential  
46 implications on the Federal subsistence fishery and we  
47 think it's very important that subsistence users be  
48 involved in the collaborative public process.

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50 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any questions for  
2 either gentlemen.

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4 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Greg.

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8 MR. ENCELEWSKI: I just got a question.  
9 Do you have any -- could you tell us the potential  
10 strategies?

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12 MR. LORANGER: Well, we're looking at  
13 ways probably first and foremost to manage fish waste  
14 generated by the sportfishery in the area. And those  
15 include everything from strategies to basically provide  
16 onsite facilities, but remove the fish waste from the  
17 river which is one of the major attractants for bears  
18 to the area. We're managing, currently managing but we  
19 probably need to expand management through education  
20 and enforcement efforts relative to other attractants  
21 -- wildlife attractants, including food in coolers and,  
22 you know, backpacks and those kind of things that are  
23 happening.

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25 So those are some of the things that  
26 are being looked at specific, you know, to fish waste.

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28 Some of the other suggestions from the  
29 public and things that will be evaluated includes the  
30 spacial closures, temporal closures. We've had some  
31 temporary access closures in areas already that are  
32 areas that are basically utilized heavily by bears  
33 attaining human generated fish waste and to protect the  
34 public and minimize the potential for human/bear  
35 conflicts, these areas have been closed on a temporary  
36 basis.

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38 So those are the kind of things that  
39 are being looked at.

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41 Thank you.

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43 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
46 questions.

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48 (No comments)

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50 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very

1 much. Appreciate the update.

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3 Let's see moving on to C, we have  
4 tribal and non-governmental organizations.

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6 Native Village of Eyak, do you have  
7 anything for us Mr. Henrichs?

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9 MR. HENRICHS: Just that the research  
10 projects went real well this year. That's about all I  
11 got.

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13 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Any other  
14 tribal organizations?

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16 MR. JUSTIN: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Wilson.

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20 MR. JUSTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
21 Obviously I don't have a report for you on any of the  
22 activities that's listed here but I have an observation  
23 and a comment I wanted to share with the Council here  
24 on one of the items on the list here, which is the  
25 Nabesna Road Final EIS, due to be, I think, taken care  
26 of this fall.

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28 Previously we had -- Cheesh'na had  
29 written about its disappointment in the EIS process and  
30 the disappointment in the way the EIS was put together  
31 and we'd also commented other times on some of the  
32 shortfalls. But one of the comments that I made at  
33 Slana and I think also in Tok about two years ago, I  
34 wanted to speak to that comment on the record here.

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36 The major issue with the EIS process in  
37 our estimation conducted on those trails is that they  
38 did not speak to multiple generational use. The trail  
39 always speaks to the here and now and damage in terms  
40 of ATV use today or this week. And even though these  
41 are new trails or some of them are relatively new  
42 trails put together last 30 years or so, we still feel  
43 the same characteristics of our other trails which were  
44 all subject to multi generational activities and use  
45 should be applied to the trails that were in question  
46 on the Nabesna.

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48 My adopted granddaughter lives in  
49 Anchorage, her family comes from the Nondalton area  
50 across the Inlet and it's important to me that some day

1 somewhere down the road, whether I'm long gone or not,  
2 that she knows about the fact that she can use the  
3 trail when if she wants and it will be there when she  
4 gets there. And that's the type of activity we wanted  
5 to see addressed through the EIS process, but  
6 unfortunately was not. And I wanted to express at this  
7 Council meeting that in all future EIS activities  
8 within the Park or perhaps even BLM land, that multi  
9 use of -- multi generational use of trails is every bit  
10 as important a component as impact in terms of the here  
11 and now.

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13 And that's all I wanted to say.

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15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, Wilson.

18 Is there any questions or comments to Wilson.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very

23 much.

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25 Does the Alaska Department of Fish and

26 Game have any more comments or have a report?

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28 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

29 Jennifer Yuhas with the Alaska Department of Fish and

30 Game. And it looks like we made it through an awful

31 lot of proposals here the last couple of days, and I

32 really just wanted to extend a thank you to the RAC,

33 and then also to the other members who were testifying

34 the last couple of days. I got a chance to have some

35 side bar conversations with some of the members and

36 some of the tribal representatives.

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38 And we all have different roles when we

39 come to these meetings, we have to put different

40 positions on the record, different conclusions,

41 sometimes even different opinions and I really

42 appreciate this RAC and the people who have been

43 testifying here, sticking to the issues. And the

44 personal conversations have been positive and

45 encouraging of one another rather than tearing each

46 other apart on the record as some processes tend to do.

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48 So thank you for welcoming me to the

49 meeting and taking my comments the last couple of days.

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1                   With regards to the question that  
2 Member Caminer asked yesterday, there are, in fact, 17  
3 different proposals coming before the Board and the  
4 specific question was whether they would be addressing  
5 predators, other than wolves, and they do, they address  
6 trapping seasons, hunting seasons and black bears,  
7 specifically baiting regulations. So if there's any  
8 follow up to that I'd be happy to do my best to answer  
9 that.

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11                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Judy.

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13                   MS. CAMINER: Well, thanks for  
14 researching that. So that's in 15 then, that's in Unit  
15 15, yes?

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17                   MS. YUHAS: My apologies, the question  
18 that I was asked yesterday.....

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20                   MS. CAMINER: Oh.

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22                   MS. YUHAS: .....was whether the Board  
23 of Game would be considering different proposals with  
24 regards to predators, I did not limit that to 15 only.

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26                   MS. CAMINER: Okay.

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28                   MS. YUHAS: Several of the proposals  
29 are statewide including bear baiting regulations.

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31                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
32 other questions for Jennifer.

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34                   (No comments)

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36                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
37 much. Appreciate your cooperation and everything  
38 you've added to the meeting.

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40                   Bureau of Land Management.

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42                   MR. SHARP: Good afternoon. My name's  
43 Dan Sharp. I'll be very brief.

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45                   First off, generally Merban Cebrian is  
46 here to discuss BLM issues with you, I don't know if  
47 you're aware he's taken a job in Fairbanks. He's in  
48 pursuit of his Ph.d., there and a position at BLM  
49 opened up, it was close to the University up there.

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1                   Also Geoff Byersdorf, the subsistence  
2 coordinator for the Anchorage District Office has taken  
3 a job in Montana, so we won't be seeing his face.

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5                   With respect to action before this  
6 particular RAC right now I guess the Unit 13 caribou  
7 hunt, I don't know if you've had discussions thus far,  
8 Tom, but I think we're going to have to announce the  
9 sex for the winter hunt. I believe the cow quota was  
10 being approached. There'll be some discussions then  
11 with the Eastern Interior Chair, yourself and the  
12 Department and BLM as to how we want to handle the  
13 remaining quota, if there is any. That will probably  
14 lead to the discussion of -- my understanding, talking  
15 to Elijah Waters was that a -- of the cows taken only  
16 about 50 of those have been Federal cows. I think we  
17 need to initiate, or at least continue the dialogue  
18 with the Department of Fish and Game, to try to  
19 maintain some of that cow quota for the winter hunt.  
20 It sort of -- if we harvested heavy it leaves a lot of  
21 subsistence folks without that option of a cow harvest.  
22 So that discussion is probably in the near future there  
23 for the Chair. I think we're still getting hunt  
24 reports in from the first hunt.

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26                   But that's about all I had, if folks  
27 have any questions.

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29                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any questions for  
30 Mr. Sharp.

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32                   (No comments)

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34                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
35 much.

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37                   National Park Service.

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39                   Does Denali Park have a report.

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41                   MS. CRAVER: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair  
42 and Council members. I'll keep this real brief.

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44                   I've provided the Council with -- Pat  
45 put together, along with Tom, our wildlife biologist, a  
46 report -- wildlife report and so I'm passing that  
47 around and if anybody has any specific questions  
48 related to wildlife, I urge you to direct those toward  
49 Pat.

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1                   And just to give you a brief update  
2 about -- in terms of our Federal subsistence moose and  
3 caribou hunt in GMU 13A in the Park additions, we had  
4 36 permits that were issued to residents in Cantwell  
5 and as of the end of the month we had seven people that  
6 actually were hunting in the Preserve -- or in the  
7 additions and then we had four moose that were  
8 harvested. And then in terms of caribou we issued 69  
9 permits, five people have participated in the fall hunt  
10 and we've had three caribou that were harvested in the  
11 additions.

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13                   And then KJ asked me to provide the  
14 Council with an update. We just finished completing  
15 our EA for the Denali Park Road Draft Vehicle  
16 Management Plan. And unfortunately the public comment  
17 period ended on September 30th, but I provided you just  
18 sort of the executive summary, sort of what the  
19 objectives of the EA are, and then also the three  
20 alternatives that they're considering for the EA.

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22                   So if there's any questions we'd be  
23 happy to answer them.

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25                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any questions.

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27                   Gloria.

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29                   MS. STICKWAN: Will it affect the  
30 subsistence in any way, this plan?

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32                   MS. CRAVER: Excuse me.

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34                   MS. STICKWAN: Will it affect  
35 subsistence in any way?

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37                   MS. CRAVER: No. We don't have --  
38 well, actually I shouldn't say no because we do have  
39 some -- we have probably, on average, maybe about three  
40 people from Cantwell that do hunt in the Kantishna area  
41 and they do access the Park road but we're just talking  
42 about maybe three or four people and their access to  
43 Kantishna wouldn't be impacted by any of these  
44 alternatives.

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46                   MS. STICKWAN: Okay.

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48                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any one else have  
49 any questions.

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1 MR. ADLER: I do.  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yes, go ahead,  
4 Lee.  
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6 MR. ADLER: Are the wolf and moose  
7 populations fairly stable over the last few years in  
8 the Park?  
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10 \*\* PAT: Yeah, the moose pop -- or excuse  
11 me, the wolf population had experienced a little bit of  
12 a drop in the past couple of years but it seems to be  
13 coming back up. The last time that we did a moose  
14 survey was in 2008 and we're do to conduct another  
15 survey this fall so we'll have updated numbers but the  
16 numbers seem to be fairly consistent, yes.  
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18 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.  
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20 MR. ADLER: Thank you.  
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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Mr. Henrichs.  
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24 MR. HENRICHS: I'm just curious, the  
25 trains around here, how many moose do they kill?  
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27 MS. CRAVER: You know, that's an  
28 interesting question. We get that question a lot  
29 especially from local subsistence users and my brother  
30 happens to work on this area of the railroad and  
31 apparently the railroad does not -- there's no -- they  
32 don't record the numbers of moose that they hit because  
33 we have a lot of people that are interested --  
34 especially in the Park, how many moose are hit by the  
35 train, but apparently the railroad doesn't keep a  
36 record.  
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38 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Hum. Any other  
39 questions.  
40  
41 (No comments)  
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43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you, very  
44 much. And thanks for the handouts, we will look at  
45 those real closely.  
46  
47 Thank you.  
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49 Wrangell-St. Elias.  
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1 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
2 Barbara Cellarius, subsistence coordinator for  
3 Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. I have  
4 one action item for you and then a couple of updates.

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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.

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8 MS. CELLARIUS: So if you look at Page  
9 360 of your book, it discusses the Southcentral RAC  
10 appointment to the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park  
11 Subsistence Resource Commission.

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13 So under the provisions of ANILCA,  
14 Southcentral, Eastern Interior and Southeast Regional  
15 Advisory Councils appoint one member each to the  
16 Wrangell-St. Elias SRC. Eligible candidates must be  
17 members of the RAC or the local Fish and Game Advisory  
18 Committee in the region, and also engage in subsistence  
19 uses within the Park.

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21 The current Southcentral RAC appointee  
22 is Gloria Stickwan, her term expires in November of  
23 this year. To my best of my knowledge Lee Adler and  
24 Ralph Lohse would also meet those eligibility criteria.  
25 I've contacted the ACs about whether any of their  
26 members were interested in serving as candidates and  
27 received no response. So I would ask that you would  
28 take some action on your appointment, either a  
29 reappointment or.....

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31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, we can do  
32 that.

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34 Mr. Henrichs.

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36 MR. HENRICHS: Well, if Gloria likes  
37 doing it, why don't we put her back on there, I mean  
38 the rest of us aren't even eligible.

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40 MS. STICKWAN: I'm on the SRC again,  
41 yeah. I don't know if my seat's -- I don't know if  
42 I'll get appointed or not.

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44 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, that's what  
45 we're kind of talking about now, would you like to  
46 continue.....

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48 MS. STICKWAN: Yeah.

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50 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: .....in that role?

1 MS. STICKWAN: Yeah. Yeah, if I -- if  
2 my seat's -- if I get my seat again. Yeah. No, I'm  
3 talking about the SRAC, the seat here.  
4  
5 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Oh. I don't think  
6 you have to worry about that, do you?  
7  
8 MS. STICKWAN: I don't know.  
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10 (Laughter)  
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12 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I think you'll be  
13 all right.  
14  
15 So is that in the form of a motion, Mr.  
16 Henrichs.  
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18 MR. HENRICHS: Yes.  
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20 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been moved to  
21 reappoint Gloria Stickwan to the SRC, is there a  
22 second.  
23  
24 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Second.  
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26 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's been  
27 seconded. IS there any discussion.  
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29 MS. CAMINER: I think Gloria's done a  
30 great job, we appreciate her efforts and we'd really  
31 appreciate it if she continues.  
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33 MS. STICKWAN: Thank you.  
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35 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah, thanks for  
36 all you've been doing on there, Gloria, it's good.  
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38 If there's nothing else, the question's  
39 in order.  
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41 MR. ADLER: Question.  
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43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The question's  
44 been called, all those in favor signify by saying aye.  
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46 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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48 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Opposed.  
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50 (No opposing votes)

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, Gloria. Do  
2 you have anything else for us Barbara.

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4 MS. CELLARIUS: I do, Mr. Chair, I've  
5 got a couple updates.

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7 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right.

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9 MS. CELLARIUS: So in the materials  
10 that KJ gave you there should be a press release about  
11 Nabesna Offroad Vehicle Management Plan and  
12 Environmental Impact Statement, and I'll let you read  
13 the press release but I did have a couple of things I  
14 can add to that.

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16 We had a 30 day period following the  
17 release of the final that had to pass before we could  
18 issue the record of decision with the final decision of  
19 the agency about this planning process, and during that  
20 period we received comments from the Wrangells SRC as  
21 well as a couple of other parties. So we're now  
22 working on finalizing that record of decision or ROD.  
23 We hope to have that done by maybe the end of October  
24 or early November, something like that. We'll let you  
25 all know when that happens.

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27 We have received -- we have been able  
28 to get some funding to get started with the work on the  
29 trails this coming summer. Part of that was  
30 reprioritizing our recreational fee funding and we've  
31 also had some proposals being put in for various Park  
32 Service hunting sources. So we're going to get started  
33 this next summer on some of the things that were listed  
34 in the plan.

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36 We had a successful volunteer effort  
37 doing some work on the Copper Lake trail in August and  
38 we'll probably do some similar volunteer efforts next  
39 summer and those volunteer, sort of opportunities for  
40 the trail users to help with the trails was one of the  
41 recommendations that came out of the planning process.

42  
43 So that's what I have to say on the ORV  
44 plan, but I'll stop and see if there's any questions.

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46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any questions for  
47 Barbara about the ORV plan.

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49 MR. ADLER: I have a question.

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Lee.

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3 MR. ADLER: I used to use the Tanada  
4 Lake trail, I haven't used it for a number of years,  
5 what's the status now? I know they were putting up  
6 plastic matting in the bad spots and how is it coming?

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8 MS. CELLARIUS: So that is one of the  
9 trails that is addressed in the plan and I can  
10 certainly get you some more detailed information.

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12 With the final -- with Alternative 6,  
13 which was the preferred alternative in the Final EIS,  
14 the trails in the National Park would remain open for  
15 subsistence but they would not be open for recreational  
16 ORV use and there has been some discussion of a reroute  
17 of that trail to avoid some of the bad spots.

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19 But I think the best thing would be for  
20 you to actually look at what's written up rather than  
21 me trying to describe it.

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23 MR. ADLER: Thank you. There are some  
24 very wet bad boggy spots there. But fortunately  
25 nothing that can probably be dealt with.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Any other  
30 questions for Barbara on the ORV use.

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32 Okay.

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34 Gloria.

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36 MS. STICKWAN: I don't really have a  
37 question I just want to say that Wrangell-St. Elias  
38 Staff really helped the SRC in working out the comments  
39 and working with the public really well and it was a  
40 good process.....

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42 MS. CELLARIUS: Thanks.

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44 MS. STICKWAN: .....a public process  
45 that was working.

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47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Good.

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49 MS. CELLARIUS: And just one other  
50 quick thing that I have.

1                   Our superintendent Meg Jensen retired  
2 in June and we have just learned the last week or so  
3 who has been appointed to replace her, and it's a --  
4 his name is Rick Obermeiser. He comes -- he's been in  
5 Washington, D.C., for the last three years where he  
6 served as deputy chief of law enforcement and emergency  
7 services and he's been chief ranger at a couple of  
8 different Parks and served as a law enforcement ranger  
9 in several other Parks. We're expecting him to move up  
10 here in December, we'll have him on board, although he  
11 will be at the SRC meeting on Thursday. He's making a  
12 quick visit to Alaska this week and I was able to  
13 invite him to come to the SRC meeting.

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15                   And so that's what I have.

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17                   We have passed out to you a fisheries  
18 report from Molly McCormick, our fisheries biologist  
19 and a wildlife report from Judy. We're happy to answer  
20 any questions, and I'm not sure if Judy has anything  
21 else she wants to add.

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23                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Anything Judy.

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25                   MS. PUTERA: (Shakes head negatively)

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27                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Nothing. Okay,  
28 thank you, Barbara. Any final questions for Wrangell-  
29 St. Elias.

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31                   (No comments)

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33                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Thanks  
34 for being here to answer a lot of questions during the  
35 proposal cycle.

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37                   So I think that's it.

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39                   Mr. Henrichs.

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41                   MR. HENRICHS: You know we're meeting  
42 in Cantwell, which is remote rural location and I kind  
43 of miss those guides and sportsfishermen and  
44 sportshunters, they're not here to yell at us.

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46                   (Laughter)

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48                   MR. HENRICHS: And I was looking  
49 forward to getting into it with them, you know, too, so  
50 there's something to be said for having these meetings

1 in rural areas because they don't feel very comfortable  
2 here, I guess.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I'm sure we'll get  
7 back to the Kenai eventually, Mr. Henrichs.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Excuse me, I  
12 believe the Forest Service also has something, I'm  
13 sorry.

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15 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman  
16 and Council. Steve Kessler with U.S. Forest Service  
17 with Milo Burcham from the Chugach National Forest, and  
18 we just have a couple things. I know they weren't  
19 listed on here. But just to give you a couple of  
20 updates.

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22 First one I'll give you is just a  
23 little bit of a budget update because I think that I've  
24 been sort of providing it at each meeting, sort of  
25 where the Forest Service side or the Department of  
26 Agriculture side is on funding.

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28 I know that there was a short report  
29 for Office of Subsistence Management. From the Forest  
30 Service side, I think I let you know at your last  
31 meeting that the President's budget request for the  
32 Forest Service for subsistence management was zero'd  
33 out. And with language saying that the funds would  
34 come from other sources instead of the subsistence as a  
35 line item. The House Appropriations Committee didn't  
36 agree with that and they took what was \$2.5 million in  
37 fiscal year '11 and turned that into two million in  
38 fiscal year '12, although we're on continuing  
39 resolutions and we have no idea where that's going to  
40 go. But there also seems to be commitment of the  
41 administration to bump that up to 4 million from other  
42 funds. So we have no idea where that's going to go,  
43 we're on continuing resolutions in the indefinite  
44 future.

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46 Personnel update.

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48 Melinda Hernandez, who is a social  
49 scientist who's been working with us on the Tongass  
50 National Forest has just recently transferred to

1 Anchorage where she'll be working with me, and as soon  
2 as she transferred to Anchorage we detailed her over to  
3 the Office of Subsistence Management to be the  
4 coordinator for the Western Interior Council, so she's  
5 going to be doing that for at least 120 days, after  
6 which she'll be coming back up here and I think you're  
7 going to start seeing her here at some of your  
8 meetings.

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10                   And I think with that I'll pass it on  
11 to Milo.

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13                   MR. BURCHAM: Thank you. Milo Burcham,  
14 Chugach National Forest wildlife biologist. I'll try  
15 to be as brief as I can but I have a handful of things  
16 I'd like to update you guys on and I appreciate you  
17 guys attention and ability to, you know, keep you  
18 abreast of what we're doing.

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20                   The first thing I want to talk about is  
21 the Chugach Forest has undergone a little bit of a  
22 reorganization. And that's meant a promotion for me  
23 but also more responsibility, not just -- I now have  
24 subsistence responsibility, not just for the Cordova  
25 area in Prince William Sound, but also the Kenai, Unit  
26 7 is where Forest Service lands are so we'll be  
27 providing service, or more service, I should say for  
28 the communities of Hope and Cooper Landing.

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30                   With that reorganization we've hired a  
31 position, an 18 and 8, which is a six month position, a  
32 subsistence person based in Moose Pass who will be, you  
33 know, a presence or a face for those communities of  
34 Hope and Cooper Landing to deal with, issue permits and  
35 be abreast of issues that are going on there. So I  
36 think that'll improve our service on the Kenai  
37 Peninsula, both with the dipnet fishery at Russian  
38 River and also with our moose and caribou hunts that  
39 are going on there.

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41                   Also I think that's going to improve  
42 cooperation with Fish and Game and possibly improve  
43 monitoring of -- well, I'm thinking mostly of wildlife  
44 populations, moose and possibly caribou and fish down  
45 the line. We've opened up conversations with Jeff  
46 Selenger and, anyway I look forward to more cooperation  
47 on that side, kind of like I have done in Cordova with  
48 Dave Crowley with Fish and Game, which has been a  
49 positive relationship.

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1 I'll skip through the harvest summary  
2 for the Russian River since Doug Palmer basically went  
3 over that.

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5 But we had meetings in Hope and Cooper  
6 Landing to issue permits for the dipnet fishery. I  
7 believe that was in late May or, I think it was early  
8 June actually, and then we had meetings later in the  
9 summer to issue moose and caribou permits, which Hope  
10 qualifies for in those same communities, Cooper Landing  
11 and Hope. Anyway, it was a good chance, not just to  
12 issue permits but also just to have some presence with  
13 those communities, hearing local issues and, you know,  
14 just kind of keep abreast of what's going on there.

15  
16 With moose, 82 permits were issued  
17 between those two communities, 28 to Hope, 23 to Cooper  
18 Landing, they have the same problem that we're hearing  
19 -- that we've heard throughout these meetings in not  
20 being able to harvest moose because of the special  
21 action, not being able to harvest spike-fork moose.

22  
23 In the meetings in those communities I  
24 have to say that issue was overshadowed though by  
25 another issue that came up and I'll just summarize that  
26 briefly.

27  
28 Last year the State took the  
29 Resurrection Creek closed area off the books, which is  
30 a small hunting closure, moose hunting closure right  
31 outside the community of Hope. Well, I thought it was  
32 a no-brainer, seeing that the State took that off the  
33 books, and opened it up to State hunting, that we would  
34 do the same in Federal regulation, you know, just to  
35 serve, you know, rural residents, well it wasn't as  
36 simple as I thought it was going to be. The residents  
37 of Hope, in particular, had real strong feelings about  
38 this closure and were hoping to keep it in place, were  
39 real disappointed in what the State did and are hoping  
40 to go back to the State and try and get it closed. And  
41 so what I thought would be a no-brainer action, you  
42 know, to get a special action and open up that for  
43 Federal users, they decided not to do this. And this  
44 is a bottom up process, or we try to keep it that way,  
45 not a top down, so we did not put in a proposal to open  
46 it up. I opened it up to them, or, you know, said to  
47 them, if you guys want it throw in a proposal we can  
48 open it up, it'll be an easy process, but they were  
49 adamant in not wanting to get it opened up, they don't  
50 want to open up the door any more and they're going to

1 see what kind of progress they can get with the Board  
2 of Game. I think it's going to be an uphill battle  
3 but that's their attempt at this point, is to try to  
4 keep that Resurrection Creek area closed. They've  
5 expressed safety reasons. They've expressed  
6 conservation reasons and, you know, just that it's  
7 right there in their backyard, they've kind enjoyed  
8 that opportunity of having a small closed area, visible  
9 moose near the town and things like that and, you know,  
10 keeping it a little safer for recreation possibly.

11  
12 So, anyway, that was an interesting  
13 issue and I think that overshadowed the fact that the  
14 spike-fork hunting was closing this season for the  
15 conservation concerns and they more or less rolled with  
16 that, but they were, you know, up in arms about this  
17 Resurrection Creek closure.

18  
19 The community of Hope has a caribou  
20 season, 28 permits were issued and like with the moose  
21 none have been harvested so far. That's a difficult  
22 hunt, it's very remote and it requires a great deal of  
23 physical effort, I think, to get to where the caribou  
24 are. Anyway so far we have not heard of any caribou  
25 harvested.

26  
27 Copper River Delta, going back to my  
28 home, you know, in Cordova. We have a freshwater  
29 subsistence fishery permit that's good for freshwater  
30 streams on the Delta but excluding the Copper River.  
31 This year we've issued more permits than we have in the  
32 past, 65. We've not -- last year we had 54 but we  
33 rarely exceed -- well, we've never exceeded 50 before  
34 last year. The harvest has averaged -- we don't have  
35 harvest results yet this year, so I can't give you a  
36 report on how many fish have been harvested, but the  
37 harvest has averaged around 250 fish, mostly coho  
38 salmon, some sockeye, and a lot of it's dipnet -- some  
39 of it's dipnetting but a lot of it's rod and reel  
40 harvest. And I noticed something happened late in the  
41 season this year, late August, early September we had a  
42 rush on permits. A segment of the community, which has  
43 not participated in this fishery kind of found out  
44 about it and came in for permits and that brought us to  
45 this higher total of the freshwater fish permits than  
46 we've had in the past, brought us up to 65, and a  
47 little red flag went off in my head and I alerted  
48 people around me and I talked to the fisheries  
49 biologist at Fish and Game just to give them a head's  
50 up. The group that became aware of these permits, I

1 think are serious and efficient harvesters and I think  
2 we have the potential for an increase in harvest on the  
3 freshwater streams on the Delta. There doesn't seem to  
4 be a conservation concern. Escapement on, you know,  
5 local streams like Ibek Creek seem to be pretty good,  
6 even this year they seemed to be pretty good, but  
7 anyway I think everybody needs to be aware that there  
8 might be an increase in harvest. One permit has come  
9 back and they harvested 60 fish on their permit, which  
10 was their legal limit, and, you know, that alone, you  
11 know, just from one harvester is greater than, I think,  
12 we've ever seen from a single harvester in the past.  
13 So that'll be worth keeping an eye on and keeping Fish  
14 and Game abreast of as well.

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16                   Then the moose hunt. The infamous  
17 moose hunt that I think we've all heard plenty of over  
18 the years, we have the drawing permit for moose in Unit  
19 6C on the Copper River Delta, it's as popular as ever,  
20 in fact, we went to an earlier draw. The draw that  
21 takes place in the winter rather than in the summer for  
22 a couple of reasons and it lines up with when the State  
23 is doing their drawing now. I thought that was going  
24 to decrease the number of applicants because you're at  
25 a period where you only have the yearround residents in  
26 town, well, we had more than we've ever had before in  
27 the drawing this year, 928 applicants applied for 25  
28 permits this year.

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30                   I think -- it's my thought that the  
31 number of applicants will decrease. I had to advertise  
32 like crazy about this change in the drawing dates  
33 because I didn't want to leave anybody out or catch  
34 people off guard so I think I raised awareness for the  
35 drawing. I suspect that'll go down. But anyway we'll  
36 see -- anyway these are all legitimate users that are  
37 applying.

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39                   And the hunt is ongoing so I don't have  
40 results. I've heard of, I think just eight moose so  
41 far that have been taken.

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43                   And as far as the moose population  
44 goes, we have our own bull/cow ratio problem. We've  
45 overhunted bulls on the Delta, on the west Delta and  
46 are trying to fix that, so for this year and last year,  
47 we've had greatly reduced numbers of permits and I  
48 think we're already starting to see an improvement.  
49 Just anecdotally it sounds like hunters and pilots are  
50 seeing more bulls than they've seen in the past and so

1 I think we're pretty rapidly coming out of that and,  
2 anyway, we're looking forward to, you know, continue  
3 the monitoring and checking on that bull/cow ratio and  
4 try to get it back to what we -- or something close to  
5 what we had before.

6  
7 Mountain goats. That's a small hunt, a  
8 subsistence hunt in Prince William Sound, Unit 6D.  
9 There are 17 goats reserved for subsistence users  
10 around Prince William Sound, that includes Tatitlek and  
11 Chenega, Whittier. It includes some people who live at  
12 canneries -- or I'm sorry, hatcheries in the Sound and  
13 also Cordova residents. There's just been five  
14 permits issued and one mountain goat harvested that I  
15 know of so far this year.

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17 And then the last two things I want to  
18 talk about are visits I pay annually to Tatitlek and  
19 Chenega, mostly to issue mountain goat permits, but  
20 also subsistence ceremonial deer permits. My visits  
21 this year sort of uncovered some problems, I guess you  
22 could call them, that I think need some fixing and I  
23 just want to alert the Council that they might be some  
24 issues that you could possibly hear about or act on in  
25 the future.

26  
27 First of all my visit to Tatitlek, we  
28 were going to issue the five deer permits for their  
29 Cultural Heritage Days, which they hold in May and I  
30 was going to give them the permit and we started  
31 talking about Federal lands, where they can use the  
32 permit and I gave them a Forest Service map and this  
33 permit's relatively new but I showed them the map and  
34 where Federal lands were and David Totemoff said that,  
35 wait a minute, we don't -- you know, most of us have  
36 open skiffs, we don't make long trips to hunt deer, we  
37 don't go to Naked Island or Montegue or Hinchinbrook,  
38 we do most of our deer hunting on Bligh Island, which  
39 is all private land, it's non-Federal, so he was  
40 basically saying that these five permits that we issue  
41 to them aren't very valuable. And, anyway, my first  
42 thought on how to fix that is to go to the State, the  
43 State issues cultural heritage permits, I don't think  
44 there'll be any objection to that but their permits are  
45 valid on any land ownership and so I'll be working with  
46 David to try to get some State permits, and Dave  
47 Crowley has issued no concern about something like that  
48 so that should be an easy fix, a way to, you know,  
49 serve them.

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1                   The second issue that came up in this  
2 visit, and this is something that I've overlooked in  
3 the 10 years that I've been here. I just mentioned the  
4 17 mountain goats that are available for subsistence  
5 users in Prince William Sound, well, they're broken  
6 down into little subunits and one of the subunits, 244,  
7 occurs right behind the village of Tatitlek, right  
8 around the village of Tatitlek, it has a quota of two  
9 mountain goats. And when we were talking about, you  
10 know, where they could harvest mountain goats, we took  
11 this same map that shows Federal lands, you know, in  
12 Prince William Sound, I realized there's really not any  
13 Federal land in this unit and we've been issuing them a  
14 permit, not that it's been used very much, that's  
15 another problem that we have, is getting use of this  
16 mountain quota, but, anyway, we're not issuing them a  
17 very valuable tag. I talked to Dave Crowley about  
18 this, there's another unit, 245, just north of there  
19 which does not have a subsistence Federal Subsistence  
20 quota and it could be a really good substitute for 244  
21 but it will take Federal action and I don't know the  
22 exact process. I'll be talking to somebody at the  
23 Office of Subsistence Management on how to get that  
24 changed. But I think we need to fix that in our books  
25 because it's probably not responsible to be issuing  
26 them permits in an area that doesn't have any Federal  
27 land, or I should say very little Federal land.

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29                   So the third issue that came up was  
30 when I was visiting in Chenega Bay, I used them the  
31 five deer permits for their Chenega Days Celebration,  
32 their celebration for the Old Chenega Village and  
33 Michael Vigil, the former IRA president popped into the  
34 office while I was paying my visit, he's not the  
35 president now, but anyway we were talking about that  
36 and he expressed interest in liberalizing the language  
37 for those permits. And he was wondering if that permit  
38 could -- those permits -- the deer harvested under  
39 those permits could be used in other ceremonies besides  
40 the Chenega Days Ceremony. Anyway I've talked to them  
41 about it and helped draft language for a proposal for a  
42 special action, it's their hands right now and I  
43 haven't heard anything. I don't know that OSM has  
44 heard from them yet but that's something that could be  
45 coming up in the near future.

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47                   So that's what I have to say. Sorry if  
48 that was long-winded, but thanks for your attention and  
49 we're happy to answer any questions.  
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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Thank you. Any  
2 questions.

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4 Mr. Henrichs.

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6 MR. HENRICHS: Well, Milo, with that  
7 program we got going with Alaska Moose Federation we  
8 may have to bring some bulls down there, but, don't  
9 worry, we'll just release them on State lands.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 MR. BURCHAM: Okay.

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15 (Laughter)

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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Anything else.

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19 (No comments)

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21 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I think I have  
22 only one comment, Milo, it's not question it's a  
23 comment, and it has to do with the Federal fisheries  
24 permit.

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26 And it occurred to me this summer, and  
27 I don't know who did it in your office, but it's very  
28 specific where you can dipnet and use that Federal  
29 fisheries permit.

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31 MR. BURCHAM: Uh-huh.

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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, three people  
34 had come to me and said we're going to do this and I  
35 said you can't do that and they said, we were just told  
36 at the Forest Service that the permit was valid there  
37 and they were going to Clear Creek. So I'm just --  
38 maybe a conversation should be had with whoever hands  
39 out those permits that it's important to maybe tell  
40 people exactly where they can go because I'm not so  
41 sure it was getting across this year. Because I'd hate  
42 to see somebody get a ticket, you know, from the Forest  
43 Service about information that was given to them by the  
44 Forest Service. But that's all I have.

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46 If you have a comment, that's fine.

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48 MR. BURCHAM: Yeah, thanks. That's  
49 good information for me to be aware of, that you've  
50 heard of this in your shop or, you know, around town.

1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Uh-huh.

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3 MR. BURCHAM: We have a new person  
4 working at our front desk and I think he tries to be  
5 very helpful but on occasion this year I think he has  
6 passed out some bad information that we've had to  
7 correct and we are already aware of that and I think  
8 we'll just do our best to make sure we get out the good  
9 information.

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11 With the permits is a summary of all  
12 pertinent regulations including where they can fish, so  
13 they do have literature that says exactly where they  
14 can fish. If it's not on the back of the permit, the  
15 back of the permit has become quite cluttered with  
16 regulation and there's only limited space with the new  
17 permit -- the automated -- or the online issuing system  
18 that we have. But anyway I issue a supplement that has  
19 all that information on it too.

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21 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right, thank  
22 you.

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24 MR. BURCHAM: And I appreciate your  
25 help in spreading good information.

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27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah. Yeah,  
28 thanks a lot.

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30 Okay, well, if there's no other  
31 questions, thank you for the reports.

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33 So we're to other business. What other  
34 business do we have?

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36 MS. MUSHOVIC: Yes, Mr. Chair. I was  
37 going to say I have three issues on the list for your  
38 annual report so far and you are going to revisit that  
39 topic at some point in the meeting.

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41 Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: All right. So I  
44 guess it's appropriate that we discuss what we want in  
45 our annual report. Could you specify what you have  
46 written down currently and maybe we'll add to that.

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48 MS. MUSHOVIC: Of, course, Mr. Chair.

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50 Issue No. 4 from your 2010 report

1 relating to predator control. There was a request that  
2 that be reiterated, revisited.

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4 Suggested openings in areas where take  
5 will be inconsequential, as was discussed in WP12-29.

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7 And, third, not being given deference  
8 in the matter of the special action on the Kenai.

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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay, thank you.

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12 Does anybody have anything else they'd  
13 like to add.

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15 Gloria.

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17 MS. STICKWAN: I just want to respond  
18 to the proposal that Eastern Interior RAC put into the  
19 Board of Fisheries. I don't know how to -- just a  
20 response in a letter to the Board of Fisheries if we  
21 can.

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23 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Is that -- which  
24 proposal are you talking about?

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26 MS. STICKWAN: It's fisheries proposals  
27 to the Board of Fisheries that was.....

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29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Oh, I know, yeah.

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31 MS. STICKWAN: .....submitted by the  
32 Eastern Interior.

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34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So you'd like us  
35 to comment as a RAC on that?

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37 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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39 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I'm trying to  
40 think of when the Board of Fisheries meeting is, it's  
41 in December.

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43 MS. STICKWAN: It's December 2nd  
44 through the 7th.

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46 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: And I don't know  
47 how we'd be able to comment on that without the  
48 proposal right here. Do you have a copy of the  
49 proposal by any chance, anybody? You don't happen to  
50 know what number it is, do you, Gloria?

1 MS. STICKWAN: Unh-unh. (Negative)  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.  
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5 MS. STICKWAN: I just know the general  
6 content of the proposal. The way I understand it is  
7 they're asking for customary and traditional use for  
8 the personal use, granted C&T.  
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10 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Oh, right.  
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12 MS. MUSHOVIC: You want that one, you  
13 want the Chitina one?  
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15 MS. STICKWAN: The one -- the Eastern  
16 Interior.  
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18 MS. MUSHOVIC: Well, they submitted  
19 three, so.....  
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21 MS. STICKWAN: The one that grants C&T.  
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23 (Pause)  
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25 MS. STICKWAN: I'm just -- saying  
26 something that we oppose that.  
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28 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah, we could do  
29 that without going through the proposal.  
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31 MS. STICKWAN: Okay.  
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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The basic genesis  
34 behind the fisheries proposal, it's to the Board of  
35 Fish, it's this December and it all has to do with the  
36 classification of Chitina. You know there's been an  
37 ongoing battle for -- forever, but typically pretty  
38 seriously for the last 10 or 15 years about; is the  
39 Chitina dipnet fishery a personal use fishery or a  
40 subsistence fishery. Well, three years ago at the  
41 Board of Fish meetings it was overturned again and it  
42 was found that the Chitina dipnet fishery is a personal  
43 use fishery. Now, we're talking about the State  
44 fishery, not the Federal fishery. It actually went to  
45 court and I think -- never that a court case is a final  
46 court case, but it's actually been resolved in the  
47 courts, so our position, as a Council in the past, has  
48 been, that we have supported the fact that the State  
49 run dipnet fishery at Chitina be classified as personal  
50 use, not subsistence.

1                   So if the rest of the Council feels  
2 that that should still be our position, we could  
3 include that in our letter so that our point be  
4 stressed once again.

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6                   If there's no objection we'll include  
7 that.

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9                   (No objections)

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12                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Judy.

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14                  MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair. I certainly  
15 don't have an objection. I'm just trying to figure out  
16 if this is the right vehicle to do it. I mean I guess  
17 what we want it to do is to make sure that the Board's  
18 representative from OSM who's at the Board of Fisheries  
19 meeting have our comment.

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21                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Right.

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23                  MS. CAMINER: So that it can be  
24 transmitted. So, KJ, what's the best way to make sure  
25 that gets done?

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27                  MS. MUSHOVIC: Through the Chair. It  
28 would help if you told me exactly what you wanted to  
29 say.

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31                  MS. STICKWAN: Just what he said.

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33                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, basically we  
34 would like to uphold our past position that the Chitina  
35 dipnet fishery, State run Chitina dipnet fishery be  
36 classified -- continue to be classified as personal  
37 use.

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39                  MS. MUSHOVIC: Well, it's just when I  
40 heard you saying that you were telling it to the  
41 Council and I hadn't heard the agreement from everyone.

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43                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Oh.

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45                  MS. MUSHOVIC: And that that was what  
46 you all wanted, that everybody -- that that's what  
47 everybody wanted.

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49                  Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. So we'll  
2 include that. And hopefully we'll get that to the  
3 liaison.  
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5 Anything else anybody wants to put in  
6 our -- Judy.  
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8 MS. CAMINER: Well, I kept a few notes.  
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10 Building on what Gloria said, that we  
11 would like the Board to provide deference, Gloria said  
12 on the special action on the Kenai, but I think it  
13 would be good to just in general say that. That the  
14 Board -- we'd like the Board to provide deference to  
15 RACs on special actions.  
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17 And we also talked about having a  
18 briefing or receiving more information on the Mentasta  
19 Caribou Plan. So we're just a little bit more aware of  
20 it.  
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22 MS. MUSHOVIC: You want that in the  
23 annual report, or I had it for your next meeting,  
24 which?  
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26 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: If anybody doesn't  
27 object we can do it in both.  
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29 (No objections)  
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31 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay.  
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33 Judy.  
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35 MS. CAMINER: A couple other things we  
36 talked about was encouraging the Board, or OSM really  
37 to evaluate other communities near Unit 11 with respect  
38 to their use of goat.  
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40 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Uh-huh.  
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42 MS. CAMINER: And we were hoping that  
43 there could be more information on moose at Kings Bay  
44 Drainage.  
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46 (Teleconference interruption)  
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48 MS. CAMINER: So, you know, encouraging  
49 Forest Service or others to get information on the  
50 Kings Bay Drainage and population numbers.

1 I don't know if we need to say anything  
2 about our wish to form the subcommittee of the RAC on  
3 the Chisana Caribou Herd discussion, or whether we've  
4 covered that already.

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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, I think that  
7 that working group, it's pretty well noted in our  
8 comments that we were pretty emphatic that that working  
9 group be formed to try and come up with a rationale as  
10 to how to distribute those animals if there was a  
11 harvest.

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13 MS. CAMINER: Okay. And the last  
14 comment was that we would like to see summaries of  
15 executive sessions in a timely manner.

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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Those are good  
18 ones.

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20 Anybody else have anything they'd like  
21 to add in our letter.

22  
23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Do we need  
26 a motion to do that or.....

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28 MS. CAMINER: (Shakes head negatively)

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30 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. Is there  
31 anything else under other business that we need to do  
32 KJ?

33  
34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: What about --  
37 well, we have under other business, we have to confirm  
38 the date and location for our winter meeting, and we  
39 actually did that already, it's going to be in  
40 Anchorage. And one thing that KJ did mention, that the  
41 dates that we picked, the BP Center, which we used last  
42 time that was a real nice place for a meeting wasn't  
43 available and I believe you said that it was the two  
44 days prior to the ones we picked were available?

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46 MS. MUSHOVIC: Mr. Chair. The Council  
47 had originally identified March 14th and 15th and it is  
48 not available on the 15th, but it is available on the  
49 13th and 14th.

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1 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So we're just  
2 moving it up one day, is that good for everybody?  
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4 MR. ADLER: Is the 13th a Monday?  
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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The 13th is a  
7 Tuesday.  
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9 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Tuesday and Wednesday.  
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11 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So it'd be Tuesday  
12 and Wednesday, so that sounds like there's no objection  
13 there.  
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15 (No objections)  
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17 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: And then we need  
18 to select a date and location for our fall meeting next  
19 year.  
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21 You know one thing we were talking  
22 about, maybe Judy and I were talking about it, it's too  
23 bad we don't know what the proposals are going to be,  
24 because if we did, if there was a majority of proposals  
25 that dealt in a certain area we could try and move our  
26 fall meeting closer to an area so more people could  
27 participate but unfortunately we don't know that. So  
28 it is a fishery proposal meeting, am I correct, so I  
29 guess we can anticipate where a lot of them might be.  
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31 (Laughter)  
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33 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I don't know,  
34 where, Judy?  
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36 MS. CAMINER: Well, I'm just wondering  
37 if we do have a little flexibility in terms of  
38 location, can we wait until that proposal book comes  
39 out and does that give you enough time to plan? I mean  
40 it should be at least six months before the meeting I  
41 would hope.  
42  
43 (Pause)  
44  
45 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think the most  
46 important part is picking dates, because we're trying  
47 to not have -- the recommendation is not to have two  
48 Council meetings at the same time. The location can be  
49 adjusted with adequate notice. This year we had a  
50 particular difficult time because we were shifting to a

1 new financial system so we had to do it way in advance.  
2 But I think you could pick something -- I'm looking at  
3 KJ and see if she's going to clobber me, but pick  
4 something tentatively and maybe by -- I mean by the  
5 next meeting you're going to have proposals, perhaps,  
6 coming out of this Council.....

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8 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah.

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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....so you might  
11 know a little bit more. Certainly many Councils have  
12 changed, you know, at their winter meeting have changed  
13 the location of their fall meeting so it's not unheard  
14 of.

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16 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Can we tentatively  
17 just pick the dates and say pick Anchorage and at our  
18 next meeting if we have 30 proposals from the Kenai, we  
19 could move it to Kenai and keep the same dates? I mean  
20 obviously it's probably easier, the larger the  
21 community you pick the more options you have to hold  
22 meetings and rooms and such.

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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's correct.

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26 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I mean is that --  
27 I noticed on this, there's no -- is the week, is it all  
28 open?

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30 MS. MUSHOVIC: No, Mr. Chair. In fact  
31 Mr. Kessler's reminded me more than once during this  
32 meeting that the Southeast RAC has chosen the dates of  
33 September 25, 26 and 27 and there's evidently some sort  
34 of a historical policy not to schedule your meetings  
35 that same week. So that week would be out. Seward  
36 Penn is October 3rd and 4th. YK-Delta is October 10th  
37 and 11th. Kodiak/Aleutians is September 5th and 6th.  
38 And it's not unheard of for some Council meetings to  
39 overlap but the more that pile up during any given  
40 point in time affects the ability of OSM Staff to  
41 support a particular meeting.

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43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: How come we always  
46 got to pick last.

47

48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, exactly.

1 (Laughter)  
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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's -- you're not  
4 last. North Slope, Northwest Arctic are last.  
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6 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: It's too bad we  
7 can't do it in November when all the hunting seasons  
8 are over, it really is. It's unfortunate. But.....  
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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We need -- I mean  
11 the January -- the Board meeting's in January so  
12 we.....  
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14 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I know.  
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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....have to have  
17 time to prepare.  
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19 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So that's kind of  
20 the schedule, so we got the week of September 10th  
21 through 14th; 17th through 21st that are wide open. So  
22 we probably need at least two days, right, two days.  
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24 MS. CAMINER: 12/13 or 19/20.  
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26 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Mr. Chairman.  
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28 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: I am never  
29 available between September 15th and the 20th, so.....  
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31 MR. ENCELEWSKI: That was my comment  
32 too.  
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34 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: That's bad for me.  
35 But the week before, well, like the 11th and 12th would  
36 be okay.  
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38 MS. MILLS: Yeah, that would be okay.  
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40 MR. ADLER: Of September?  
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42 MS. MILLS: Uh-huh.  
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44 MR. ADLER: Not too good.  
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46 MR. ENCELEWSKI: September's no good.  
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48 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: No, I mean.....  
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50 MR. ADLER: How about the same in

1 November -- I mean October that we've got right now,  
2 didn't you say early October?  
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4 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Well, we could  
5 possibly do it on -- there's a holiday on the 8th, we  
6 could do it on the 1st and the 2nd of October.  
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8 MR. ENCELEWSKI: That's good.  
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10 MS. CAMINER: That's kind of where we  
11 are now.  
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13 MR. ADLER: Well, I move that we have  
14 it in Glennallen on the 1st and 2nd of October.  
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16 MR. ENCELEWSKI: We're going to do  
17 fisheries we're going to have to fight Cordova or  
18 Kenai.  
19  
20 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah.  
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22 MS. MILLS: I might have a resiliency  
23 project in Anchorage on the -- on September 29th and  
24 October 1st, so if we could move, you know, if it's not  
25 on October 1st, maybe later on in the week.  
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27 MS. CAMINER: 2nd and 3rd.  
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29 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: That's an overlap  
30 on the Seward meeting but.....  
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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It can overlap the  
33 Seward -- it's -- I don't have it in front of me, but  
34 there aren't any other meetings that week?  
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36 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: No, just that one,  
37 3rd and 4th was Seward Penn.  
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39 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, that's fine.  
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41 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: How about the 2nd  
42 and 3rd of October, would that work better for you?  
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44 MS. MUSHOVIC: I think we need to.....  
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46 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We can overlap two  
47 meetings but not three.  
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49 MS. MILLS: If it's in Anchorage, yeah.  
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1 MS. MUSHOVIC: Oh.  
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3 MS. MILLS: That would be fine.  
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5 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: The 2nd and 3rd?  
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7 MS. MILLS: Yes.  
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9 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. You're more  
10 than willing to make that recommendation that it be in  
11 Glennallen, Lee, I'm not trying to -- but like I was  
12 saying earlier, with the fisheries proposals they  
13 become more complex and more of them and kind of like  
14 -- I'm suspecting that most of the proposals are going  
15 to come from the Kenai, that's my guess.  
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17 MR. ADLER: Well, if you have it in  
18 Glennallen you won't get as much flack.  
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20 (Laughter)  
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22 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: That's true. Mr.  
23 Henrichs did make that observation earlier.  
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25 (Laughter)  
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27 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: So I don't know  
28 it's up to the Council. I would prefer that we pick  
29 Anchorage for the time being and then after we saw --  
30 maybe there won't be a lot of proposals, we could have  
31 a conference call or at our next meeting we could  
32 decide to move it to Glennallen or wherever else.  
33  
34 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I just want to  
35 make a comment. I have nothing against Glennallen  
36 either, we were there not too long ago and we were in  
37 Cordova and been in Anchorage, we haven't been on the  
38 Kenai for quite awhile that I know of, so, I think  
39 you're -- you know that's probably coming up in the  
40 schedule, just as a comment.  
41  
42 Anyway October 2nd and 3rd in Anchorage  
43 works great.  
44  
45 No meetings during hunting season, even  
46 if they take away our season.  
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48 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah. So do we  
49 need a motion to do that?  
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1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Okay. So we'll go  
4 with the 2nd and 3rd of October and we'll tentatively  
5 schedule it for Anchorage and then we'll look at how  
6 the proposals come in and we'll make a final  
7 determination from there.  
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9 Let's see is there anything else we  
10 need to know, travel, everybody has all their travel  
11 and everything taken care of.  
12  
13 Judy.  
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15 MS. CAMINER: I guess just a reminder,  
16 we're all supposed to try to recruit new RAC members if  
17 maybe somebody from this area, perhaps.  
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19 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Yeah, one thing I  
20 would like to do, Mr. Lohse did want to make the  
21 comment that there are several people that have been on  
22 the RAC that are going to be leaving. Tricia Waggoner  
23 is not going to be on the RAC anymore. And I believe  
24 Mr. Kompkoff also. And then we do have a couple people  
25 whose terms are up. Mr. Lohse and myself. I plan on  
26 reapplying for a seat. And I haven't talked to Mr.  
27 Lohse about it. I'm trying to talk him into something  
28 else but I don't know if he's going to go for it or  
29 not.  
30  
31 But anyway, any final comments from  
32 anybody.  
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34 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Just a question,  
35 Tricia?  
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37 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: She called me on  
38 the phone, you know, before this meeting and said that  
39 she's -- well, she had a medical problem, issue this  
40 time, she says she just can't commit to being at the  
41 meetings and she felt that she didn't want to do that,  
42 she'd rather somebody else who could be there all the  
43 time be on the RAC.  
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45 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Okay.  
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47 CHAIRMAN CARPENTER: Anything else.  
48  
49 (No comments)  
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1                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER:  If we have nothing  
2 else then a motion to adjourn is in order.  
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4                   MR. ENCELEWSKI:  I so move.  
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6                   CHAIRMAN CARPENTER:  It's been moved,  
7 is there a second.  
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9                   MS. MILLS:  Second.  
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11                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER:  Moved and  
12 seconded.  All those in favor.  
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14                  IN UNISON:  Aye.  
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16                  MS. CAMINER:  Until next time.  
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18                  CHAIRMAN CARPENTER:  Karen owes me a  
19 steak.  
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21                  (Laughter)  
22  
23                  (Off record)  
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25                  (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

