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Anchorage, Alaska  
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8:30 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Ralph Lohse, Chairman
  - Judy Caminer
  - Greg Encelewski
  - Andrew McLaughlin
  - Mary Ann Mills
  - Herman Moonin
  - Michael Opheim
  - James Showalter
  - Gloria Stickwan
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Anchorage, Alaska - 2/19/2015)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: We're going to call  
8 the spring meeting of the Southcentral Subsistence  
9 Regional Advisory Council back into session. At this  
10 point in time, do we have any public or tribal members  
11 who wish to make any testimony or on nonagenda items.

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13 MS. MILLS: Yes. I would like to  
14 report that the Kenaitze Indian Tribe have passed a  
15 resolution in support of Ninilchik for their one net  
16 and I am waiting to get the resolution signed and then  
17 they're going to fax it here. But I did want to go on  
18 record saying the Kenaitze Indian Tribe does support  
19 Ninilchik on this action.

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21 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Mary Ann.

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25 Do we have any other testimony.

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27 Mark.

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29 MR. KING: I don't have a card.

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: You don't have a card,  
32 but you can still get up here and testify. And then  
33 fill your card out later.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MR. KING: All right. Yeah. I just  
38 want to thank the support that we've gotten for the  
39 king salmon and river monitoring -- that slide  
40 presentation that was given yesterday.

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42 And I was on the Tribal Council when it  
43 started years ago. And I told the Tribe. I said we're  
44 going to find out a lot more than we know about king  
45 salmon in the Copper River, you know, since -- you  
46 know, since the beginning. You know, we're going to be  
47 genetically -- we're going to be taking genetic  
48 samples. We're going to get the run timing. Where  
49 they go. How many goes here. Where they're turning  
50 off.

1                   And I said -- back then I said but  
2 there's going to come a time when we're going to need  
3 to do some enhancement. Because there's too many users  
4 of the king salmon with the -- even back then we were  
5 aware of the trawlers, the pollock fishery, and the  
6 sole fisheries. The bottom -- hard bottom fisheries in  
7 the Bering Sea, where these fish go to. That we're  
8 going to have problems.

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10                   And after that presentation today -- or  
11 yesterday, I think it's time that we start looking at  
12 enhancement. And I don't remember Mr. Robertson's  
13 first name, but.....

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15                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Ken.

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17                   MR. KING: Ken Robertson. And he did a  
18 lot of the early studies on salmon in the Copper River  
19 system and the basin there. And at one time he said  
20 they did some king salmon enhancement with egg boxes.  
21 And the rearing area for king salmon is in the river  
22 systems themselves, not in the lakes. And he said that  
23 he thinks it's at capacity. And back then we had a lot  
24 of king salmon.

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26                   So if he felt it was at capacity then,  
27 it obviously isn't at capacity now with the numbers  
28 that we're seeing. So I think it's time to look at  
29 doing some enhancement work in the area of all these  
30 systems in the Copper River. By Batzulnetas, Mentasta  
31 -- I personally went up there myself. And I'm just --  
32 I'm no expert, but looking at that habitat up there, I  
33 think it could handle a lot more king salmon.

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35                   And I'm not sure that this group -- you  
36 don't do any enhancement work, but I think it's time  
37 that we look in that direction of doing some sort of  
38 king salmon enhancement. And thank you.

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40                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Mark. It's  
41 kind of interesting when we look at the return was on  
42 the Columbia River last year on king salmon. And that  
43 was all enhanced fish. Because of all the dams.

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45                   Okay. Are there any other tribal or  
46 individuals who wish to make any testimony on nonagenda  
47 items at this time.

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49                   MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Donald.

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3 MR. MIKE: I think you might want to  
4 ask the public participating, if any, online.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Are there any online  
7 participants who wish to make comments at this time.

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9 MR. GEASE: Yes. Hi, Ralph. This is  
10 Ricky Gease. And hopefully the connection is better  
11 today.

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13 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Much better.

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15 MR. GEASE: Okay. Thanks. I just  
16 thought I'd clarify a couple of issues that came up  
17 yesterday, specifically with rainbow trout and with  
18 king salmon on the Kenai River. To kind of try and  
19 explain -- give a little bit more background  
20 information.

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22 There was a comment yesterday about the  
23 Department of Fish and Game netting program for king  
24 salmon. To provide just a little background on that,  
25 that's a king salmon netting program that's associated  
26 particularly with a sonar counter that was at the river  
27 Mile 9 of the Kenai River. The bottom nine mile -- or  
28 twelve miles below Eagle Rock. From Eagle Rock down to  
29 the mouth of the Kenai at the tidally influenced area.  
30 And for 30 years that's where the department had been  
31 measuring the incoming king salmon.

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33 We've been pushing for about a decade  
34 to move that out of the tidal zone and they finally  
35 completed the transition to move it up to river Mile  
36 14, and that's out of the tidal area.

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38 The netting program -- the resident  
39 species -- the netting program didn't have an issue  
40 necessarily with resident species down in river Mile 9.  
41 Because the resident species are mainly in the  
42 freshwater portions of the river of Eagle Rock.

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44 The department is not going to continue  
45 putting a netting program below the (indiscernible -  
46 coughing) area at Mile 14. They used that netting  
47 program for -- the Mile 9 program -- the sonar counter  
48 was centered in the middle of the river, targeting  
49 kings that are moving up through the center portions of  
50 the Kenai. And the netting program helped proportion

1 kings that were coming up the sides of the river on the  
2 outside of the sonar counters and was another data  
3 point.

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5                   It's uncertain if the department is --  
6 long term is going to continue that netting program.  
7 They're probably at Mile 14 going to go to a king  
8 salmon enumeration count -- escapement goal counts  
9 probably at the next Board of Fish cycle in 2017.  
10 That's going to be a large fish breeding population  
11 fish, which is most likely going to be in the 28, 29 or  
12 30 inch king salmon coming into the river system.

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14                   So that netting program with the catch  
15 and release program -- but they didn't have an issue  
16 with resident species. They would have an issue with  
17 resident species at Mile 14. And that's one of the  
18 reasons why they're not going forward with the netting  
19 program at Mile 14.

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21                   It's the same reason why the Kenaitze  
22 educational net in river right above the Warnings  
23 bridge really doesn't have an issue with resident  
24 species. So just wanted to point some clarification  
25 where resident species are on the Kenai River drainage  
26 system.

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28                   In terms of king salmon, hopefully  
29 people understand that there's two runs of kings in the  
30 Kenai. The early run kings are the tributary spawners  
31 who are moving into the system. Moving up into the  
32 first system at (indiscernible) Creek, Soldotna Creek,  
33 Funny River, and then up to the Kiewi in the Wildlife  
34 Refuge. The Funny also goes up into the Wildlife  
35 Refuge.

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37                   There's no fishing in the tributary, so  
38 then the fishery to date has been in the main stem of  
39 the Kenai. However, in the last -- since 2008 there  
40 have been in river fishing restrictions to restrict the  
41 in river May and June fishery below Sunken Island.  
42 Those early run kings will come into the river system  
43 and, you know, kind of the latest date that they're  
44 moving into the tributary is July 15th.

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46                   So when there are king salmon  
47 restrictions on the early run kings like there's going  
48 to be this year, there is no fishing above Sunken  
49 Island. And Fish and Game has even extended the  
50 closure above Sunken Island through the end of July.

1 So even the fishery that targets late run king salmon,  
2 which are main stem spawners, has not occurred above  
3 Sunken Island just because of king salmon conservation  
4 concerns for the early run fish.

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6 So although there are main stem  
7 spawners that come in July, if you're thinking about  
8 doing a king salmon -- you know, harvesting kings,  
9 there are restrictions. And the only -- so that closes  
10 -- just so people understand -- about two-thirds of  
11 available area for the in river fishery for king salmon  
12 when they do those early run conservation closures  
13 above Sunken Island.

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15 You know, there's probably 1,000,000  
16 sockeye that are harvested in the Kenai in terms of  
17 dipnets and the bank fishery. There's really no  
18 concern about sockeye salmon on the Kenai. But for  
19 rainbow trout -- I thought it would be interesting.  
20 There are about 2,000 rainbows that harvested each year  
21 on the Kenai. And those are less than 18 inches below  
22 the middle and lower river. And less than 16 inches on  
23 the upper Kenai River.

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25 Now, the State regulations for those  
26 are designed to keep up the rainbow trout populations.  
27 I just want to point out a fine for retention of  
28 rainbows above 18 inches on the lower Kenai in the  
29 areas that we're talking about is 100 bucks. I want to  
30 point out for a guide, not only is it -- not only does  
31 your client, if they keep a rainbow trout over 18  
32 inches fined. You get a fine also as a guide. And you  
33 get a three-day suspension from State parks. A three-  
34 day suspension on the Kenai River for a guide --  
35 typically, if they're doing four clients, that may be  
36 about 600 bucks. That out of their pocket is about  
37 \$1,800.

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39 So you see people getting concerned  
40 about releasing kings -- I mean rainbows and Dollies  
41 above 18 inches, they're inoculated in a culture that  
42 pretty much is adamant that you will get fined and  
43 there are consequences for those actions of keeping  
44 rainbows above that.

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46 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Ricky. I  
47 realize how important the rainbow trout are to the  
48 guiding system on the Kenai River.

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50 MR. GEASE: Right.

1                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And the restrictions  
2 that they have on it. I was just wondering if you have  
3 -- do you -- I don't have the number right off the top  
4 of my head. But we could ask Greg. I think if I  
5 remember right, that there's also a subsistence limit  
6 for trout on the Kenai River that has been allocated to  
7 them. And I know that -- I'm sure that in that plan --  
8 whatever kind of plan that they have for operating any  
9 kind of net there -- that's going to be a critical shut  
10 off point also.

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12                   MR. GEASE: Right. But the concern is  
13 that there -- there is a size limit on the rainbows.  
14 And that's why, you know, with -- again it comes down  
15 to selectivity of gear. With a rod and reel, you can  
16 release fish, you know, that are above 18 inches. And  
17 with a dipnet you can also release resident species  
18 that are above 18 inches. So it comes down to the  
19 selectivity of the gear. And that's the conservation  
20 point that people are trying to make.

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22                   And I also want to put into context in  
23 a community when people are, you know, kind of  
24 sensitive about the king salmon conservation issues,  
25 it's a statewide issue. You know, there's subsistence  
26 issues on the Yukon. There's subsistence issues on  
27 Kuskokwim, on the Copper River, on the Kenai, in the  
28 northern district. I mean half the stock of concerns  
29 in the state are king salmon up in the Mat-Su area. So  
30 I mean the community is very sensitive to the king  
31 salmon stuff.

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33                   Just the closure in May and June in our  
34 community for the king salmon, you know, it's estimated  
35 we're losing about \$7,000,000 per year just on those  
36 not fishing for kings. That's a lot of money that our  
37 community -- if you come into our community -- you  
38 know, if you came a decade ago, you'd see a booming  
39 town in May and June. We're really kind of dying on  
40 the vine here in May and June. And do wait for the  
41 sockeye return for these fisheries and, you know, kind  
42 of the economic stimulus that they provide in our  
43 community.

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45                   But I just wanted to point out some of  
46 that a little bit more in terms of stuff. In terms of  
47 yesterday, I also talked a little bit about  
48 communications with folks. I want to, you know,  
49 encourage OSM to take a look at how they present public  
50 information on the website and take a look at how the

1 Alaska Board of Fisheries presents information.  
2 Everything that's presented at a Board of Fish meeting  
3 it goes online. There are audio component to it. But  
4 any comments -- those are available online. And I  
5 think they go back through like '06 of '05 in the  
6 backtrack and how they've been doing the system.

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8                   It's a really -- not only are there  
9 public notices of meetings, but instead of having to  
10 call in, it's available through the internet and if --  
11 you want to follow along on meetings. And then there's  
12 also a very clear record comment. And you can go, you  
13 know, back to any meeting basically. And it's very  
14 easy to find information. You know, and encourage OSM  
15 to think about beefing up its online enhancement.

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17                   In addition, I would encourage, you  
18 know, members of the RAC. If you want to become more  
19 available to the public, it would be -- you know, I had  
20 left a few phone messages for you, Ralph. I don't know  
21 if you ever got them. I don't even know if I have the  
22 right phone numbers anymore for people. But I've tried  
23 to reach out to people and I haven't gotten comment  
24 back.

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26                   And I don't know if everything needs to  
27 be directed through OSM in order to talk to RAC members  
28 or not. But it's interesting on the, you know,  
29 application to be a RAC member. One of the questions  
30 that is always asked is how are you going to outreach  
31 to the public.

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33                   And the point that I was trying to make  
34 yesterday is that there are members outside the tribal  
35 Native community who live on the Kenai Peninsula, who I  
36 think it behooves people to do outreach, especially on  
37 issues when it comes to king salmon and rainbow trout  
38 conservation. There's a lot of groups -- rightly or  
39 wrongly. There might be misinformation. You know, we  
40 could probably, you know, see how the experimental  
41 fishery on the Kasilof goes. But there -- you know,  
42 legitimate information needs, the community members,  
43 that have not been addressed.

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45                   I don't know if people heard me  
46 yesterday, but I sit on the Kenai River special  
47 management area that has all the different land  
48 managers, was not really brought up there. The Cities  
49 of Soldotna, Kenai, the Kenai Peninsula Bureau, all  
50 land owners along the Kenai. No real outreach there.

1 Nonprofits interested in fisheries. Our organization.  
2 The Guide's organization, Trout, Unlimited, the Alaska  
3 Fly Fishing Association, Kenai Area Fisherman's  
4 Coalition, the Kenai Watershed Forum. I don't think  
5 there was, you know, real outreach to any of these  
6 groups.

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8 In addition, there's commercial fishing  
9 groups. You've seen in upper Cook Inlet Drifters  
10 Association, Kenai Peninsula Fisherman's Association  
11 for setnetters, the South K-Beach Group, there's a  
12 North K-Beach Group. So there's a lot of groups that  
13 back on '07 and '08 that were brought to the table and  
14 communicated with. And, you know, had made very much  
15 clear that the purpose for subsistence fisheries were  
16 great. Welcomed down in the community. But using  
17 (indiscernible) gear, not gillnets. Which is a  
18 nonselective gear type because of the conservation  
19 concerns.

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21 None of those concerns were flagged or  
22 brought to the attention of people. Nobody made  
23 contact with people. And I think that's a  
24 communication breakdown that in the future it would be  
25 best to try to avoid, both on the RAC level and on the  
26 Federal Subsistence Board level.

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28 When you have nobody that comes to  
29 comment at the RAC or the Federal Subsistence Board on  
30 these issues -- but then afterwards you're going to get  
31 hundreds of comments talking about the conservation  
32 issues, I think it should be a red flag to the process  
33 that says maybe we should do more targeted outreach to  
34 communities than just doing a public notice on a  
35 website or through the Federal registry.

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37 I think there needs to be more of an  
38 effort to do public output -- outreach for input, so  
39 that the decisions I think protect the process better.  
40 Protect the integrity of the people who are proposing  
41 information and proposals. So that there's a better  
42 understanding of what's being proposed.

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44 I appreciate that that NTC has gone to  
45 the Kenaitze Tribe. Has gone to the Cook Inlet Tribal  
46 Council. Has gone to CIRI. But it's not their  
47 responsibility to come to our organization or the other  
48 groups. They're the proposer. But I think that the  
49 process helps protect their proposal and the integrity  
50 of what they're seeking by reaching out to the other

1 groups and communicating clearly with them about what's  
2 intended and about what's anticipated.

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4                   So I'll leave my comments at that. And  
5 thank you for the time to comment a bit more on these  
6 comments.

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8                   Thank you.

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10                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Ricky. You  
11 did a lot of breaking up, but I think we got most of  
12 that. And I know that you feel like there wasn't  
13 enough outreach. And at the same time there was the  
14 normal outreach for any proposal that was on the book  
15 that was going to be brought up. And one thing about  
16 -- the only thing I'll say about it is that we hope and  
17 feel like we've put enough restrictions, constraints,  
18 reporting, and oversight on this that if there is a  
19 problem, it will be addressed and things will be shut  
20 down.

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22                   At that point -- at this point what we  
23 have is a potential problem or a viewed problem and  
24 nobody has seen how it works. I'll make one comment  
25 that one of my guide friends, who has always been a  
26 guide on the Kenai River since he was 17 years old, has  
27 said, and he's been a guide there for over 20 some  
28 years. He feels that part of the problem is that we  
29 are protecting those resident species at the size that  
30 eat king salmon, fry, smolt, alevins and eggs.

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32                   And it's interesting because they have  
33 had a subsistence quota for rainbow trout and Dollys on  
34 the Kenai River for a while now. How many -- Greg, do  
35 you remember how many it is? Is it like 200 a year or  
36 something?

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38                   MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. Something like  
39 that.

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41                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And they haven't taken  
42 them. And there's no reason to think that they will.  
43 Why don't you wait and see if they can't -- if they  
44 can't propagate or can't do a program and not have any  
45 impact.

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47                   And like we pointed out yesterday, the  
48 amount of impact -- I can remember a long time ago  
49 discussing that. The amount of impact even if they  
50 took 200 trout in comparison with how many trout are

1 caught and released -- and just taking the smallest  
2 mortality on that, is still smaller than all of the  
3 other fisheries. And it's supposed to be the fishery  
4 with the priority.

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6 So I think the time is coming when  
7 you're going to have to see what happens. And then if  
8 it is a problem, then that's the time to start trying  
9 to do something about it. It's not like it's going to  
10 go on for years and years and years if it's a problem.

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13 So thank you, Ricky. But I really do  
14 think that the outreach was there. It's the  
15 responsibility of other people to react to it. So  
16 thank you.

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18 MR. GEASE: Okay. Thanks, Ralph.

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20 Chuck.

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22 MR. ARDIZZONE: Yeah. Mr. Chair, I  
23 just wanted to address outreach. We're getting beat up  
24 here. And we spent more during this cycle on outreach  
25 than we have in the past. We did ads in the  
26 newspapers. We did ads on the radio. We did ads on  
27 PBS. We sent out flyers. We sent out information to  
28 everybody who's on our mailing list. And I will say  
29 that if people want to get added to our mailing list,  
30 they can send us an email at subsistence@fws.gov and  
31 we'll add those people to the mailing list.

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33 But we spent a lot of time. We have a  
34 Facebook page now that all the announcements were made  
35 on. So it wasn't that there wasn't any outreach. It's  
36 just we did the best we can. But we can't, you know,  
37 send things to everybody unless we have them on our  
38 mailing list, I guess is all I wanted to say.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Chuck.

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42 MR. FOX: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
43 For the record, I'm Trevor Fox. I'm with the Fish and  
44 Wildlife Service. I'm the Staff Committee member.

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46 Just a point of clarification on the  
47 200 limit for rainbow, that's on the Kasilof, not the  
48 Kenai. But there are some possession limits for the  
49 Kenai as well. But the 200 is for the Kasilof.

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1                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question. On the  
2 subsistence possession limits on the Kenai, is the  
3 release of fish over 18 inches required for  
4 subsistence.

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6                   MR. FOX: Yeah. Through the Chair.  
7 This is -- or to the Chair. There are the size limits.  
8 I could grab the regulations back there. But there are  
9 size limits.

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11                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: There are size limits.  
12 Okay. I'll stand corrected on that then.

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14                   Judy.

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16                   MS. CAMINER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
17 Well, I'm just wondering if you or someone else has  
18 kind of -- what is the standard accepted percentage of  
19 mortality from catch and release from hook and line  
20 fishing.

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22                   MR. FOX: Through the Chair. I don't  
23 have those numbers with me. I could definitely get  
24 back to some of the fisheries folks and try to get that  
25 number. But I don't have it with me.

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27                   MS. CAMINER: Okay.

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29                   MR. CARPENTER: When he's done, I would  
30 like to talk.

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32                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Tom.

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34                   MR. CARPENTER: Yeah. I might be able  
35 to help you answer that a little bit, Judy. I actually  
36 did a pretty in depth study into that myself, for my  
37 own personal information.

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39                   The State actually in the early '90s  
40 did a pretty extensive study on catch and release  
41 mortality on the Little Su. And they were -- and it's  
42 a published report. And I actually read it. It's  
43 pretty interesting. And their main focus was on cohos,  
44 but they also while doing that had come up with some  
45 numbers for rainbows and for Dolly Varden also. And  
46 depending on where the fish was in the system really  
47 had a big impact on how high the mortality was for  
48 catch and release.

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50                   In an inner tidal area, where they

1 first come out of saltwater into the freshwater --  
2 which I would have thought the mortality would have  
3 been less than further up into the river corridor  
4 -- it's actually higher there. Because their bodies  
5 are changing over from saltwater to freshwater. And  
6 for coho, for example, it's as high as 25 percent.

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8 The further up into the watershed you  
9 go, the smaller the number gets for salmon. But the  
10 higher it gets for species like Dolly Varden and  
11 cutthroat, and in some estimations, they said it's been  
12 25 and 40 percent, depending on the -- you know, the  
13 ability of the person that's releasing the fish -- how  
14 much experience they have in doing it and so forth.

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16 But it was a pretty interesting study.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Greg.

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20 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. Through the  
21 Chair. Ralph, I just want to -- you know, I wasn't  
22 going to go on record because I think we beat this all  
23 up. I am the president of the Tribe. And I -- the  
24 Ninilchik Tribal. And we're a rule there. So we  
25 haven't made this a tribal issue. It's a rule. Also,  
26 I am the president of the Native Association there.

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28 And I just want to address a couple of  
29 things that Ricky said about the public outreach and  
30 the public complaints. You know, I could go get 50  
31 people to counter the other way, too. We're not about  
32 that.

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34 I do want to let you know that it's not  
35 about money. Ricky mentioned the money. \$7,000,000  
36 there -- the money. I think he's missing the boat  
37 completely. The Federal subsistence has a priority.  
38 The State lost its right to manage the fish and game in  
39 here for subsistence. That's why you have a dual  
40 system. They lost it because they did not provide a  
41 preference under ANILCA. So it's managed for Federal.  
42 And that's the way it is -- whether they like it or  
43 not.

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45 The mortality on the fish that he's  
46 talking about -- you know, even the 2,000 the sports  
47 are catching on hook and release. And I realize  
48 they're very good at it, but there's a heavy mortality.

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1                   And the operation plan for the  
2 Ninilchik is so limited and the amount of fish we would  
3 be taking would be minuscule, as you've -- you've seen  
4 all the reports yesterday, there was zero fish taken on  
5 the king.

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7                   So I think there's a lot of points  
8 there that are not truly thought out well. And, you  
9 know, I just want to point that out. It's definitely  
10 in the public process. There was no change in the  
11 public process. There was more outreach. We held that  
12 meeting in Kenai, you know.

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14                   And so the Kenaitze support us.  
15 Kenaitze has always supported us. Saying something  
16 recently that we went and got support. And I told you  
17 guys yesterday I talked to Peter Michecki (ph). And,  
18 you know, after I talked with him, he said we would be  
19 seeing no more letters from him. There's a lot of  
20 things I don't believe he understood about the process,  
21 too. And, you know, I talked to other people. And I  
22 think it's an educational thing.

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24                   But I think people need to realize, you  
25 know, food comes first. And if there's 20,000 kings  
26 taken on that system -- salt, everywhere else -- and  
27 the subsistence can't have any -- and they're put last  
28 -- and they're -- every excuse in the book is used why  
29 they can't get it -- then all the systems are broke.

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31                   Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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33                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Greg. Any  
34 other comments.

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36                   (No other comments)

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38                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: With that, we're going  
39 to go on to our rural determination process review that  
40 we started. They had the hearings last night. I think  
41 a couple of people showed up. And I don't know what  
42 their testimony was, so maybe Robbin can give us that.  
43 And then we can go on where we left off on this one  
44 here.

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46                   MS. LAVINE: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
47 Chair. Members of the Board. Last night we did have a  
48 public meeting. There was a handful of persons who  
49 showed up just to listen. And we had two comments --  
50 one online and one in person.

1                   Of the two comments, the person online  
2 primarily commented on the State subsistence process --  
3 management process. The person in person -- who  
4 testified in person -- was primarily supportive of  
5 removing the aggregation of communities from the rural  
6 determination process.

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8                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Robbin.  
9 Any questions for Robbin.

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11                   (No comments)

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13                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you.

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15                   Oh, Judy.

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17                   MS. CAMINER: Maybe not so much from  
18 last night. But I mean this Council has made many  
19 comments already on the rural processes. Is there some  
20 quick summary of that for us to refresh our memories  
21 on.

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23                   MS. LAVINE: Through the Chair. There  
24 is a summary of the process. And I believe you were  
25 briefed last fall on actually a really in depth report  
26 of the comments statewide. And I've given my version  
27 of that report to Tom Carpenter, who's reviewing it at  
28 this moment.

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30                   And if you would require a review of  
31 those materials -- and I believe you may have had them  
32 in the fall -- I would be happy to secure them for you.

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35                   MS. CAMINER: Yeah. I mean I don't  
36 know if that would be beneficial. But we have made  
37 extensive comments before. Hopefully, most of them  
38 have been included, I guess I'll say.

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40                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, what we have in  
41 front of us is an action item. And -- but it's not  
42 total action item because all of the Councils haven't  
43 weighed in yet. We can do two things. We can sit and  
44 wait for the rest of the Councils to weigh in. And I'm  
45 getting a shaking of the head that we shouldn't.

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47                   (Laughter)

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49                   CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Chuck's going to come  
50 up and talk to us. But I would say that we could do

1 that or we can take a stand as to where we are right  
2 now. And then that would tell -- that would then put  
3 it on record as to what we as a Council supported. And  
4 whether or not we support our original consensus that  
5 we came up with that we have down.

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7 So Chuck, I'll open it and let you make  
8 comments to us.

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10 MR. ARDIZZONE: Yeah. Mr. Chair, just  
11 so everybody knows. The Board plans on addressing this  
12 in June or July. So you won't meet again before that.  
13 So it would be best to have your comments and  
14 recommendations on the record now. Because of the  
15 process and the timing of this, the Board's trying to  
16 get something done before 2017. They don't want that  
17 previous decision to be affected. So it would be best,  
18 like I said, to make a recommendation now.

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20 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Judy.

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22 MS. CAMINER: Thank you. So Chuck,  
23 just so we understand. So the Board's decision this  
24 year then will be on whether to change the process. To  
25 do what's said in the Federal Register that they would  
26 go back perhaps to the old determinations of which  
27 communities are rural and nonrural. And then is it  
28 would be starting this new process. They wouldn't come  
29 out with yet another list, I guess, of communities.

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31 MR. ARDIZZONE: So I believe -- Robbin  
32 could help me here. But I believe the Board -- they're  
33 looking at this rule now so they can make a final  
34 recommendation to the Secretaries based on all the  
35 input from the public and from the Regional Advisory  
36 Councils. And then the Secretaries will have to take  
37 action to publish a final rule.

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39 And then that would be the process the  
40 Board would have to start basically immediately to get  
41 the ball rolling. To keep the previous from, you know,  
42 being affected, they can make whatever changes they  
43 want to then. And -- but then it would come, you know,  
44 back out to the Regional Advisory Councils for input.

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46 It's kind of a compressed timeline,  
47 trying to beat that 2017 date.

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49 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Judy.

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3 MS. CAMINER: I'm just trying to think.  
4 If I were a rural or nonrural community, there really  
5 wouldn't be any change in status of communities for  
6 quite a while yet. We're just still talking about how  
7 the process is done. And this general statement that  
8 here would be a comprehensive approach that would take  
9 into consideration these variety of factors, but we're  
10 not doing that analysis for actually many years to  
11 come.

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13 MR. ARDIZZONE: So I guess what we're  
14 addressing now is the process. If we change the  
15 process, it doesn't change anybody's status. But if we  
16 get the process changed, then the Board can proceed  
17 with making their determinations. And that portion is  
18 what would change people's status.

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20 But we have to get this step done  
21 before the Board can keep moving forward.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Chuck. If  
24 I understand correctly -- and correct me if I'm wrong.  
25 Basically, like you said, nothing changes at this point  
26 in time. What happens is instead of the criteria that  
27 was set up in the past based on aggregation, based on  
28 population size, based on all of this. Instead of  
29 that, the Board will set up its own process, making use  
30 of RAC recommendations and go from there as to whether  
31 a town is -- whether a community is nonrural. They  
32 will not be making any recommendations as to whether a  
33 community is rural. They will just basically be  
34 looking at communities that are nonrural.

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36 There is in the current -- in the  
37 current proposal, there are no guidelines. They will  
38 have to set up guidelines with public participation and  
39 RAC participation. Am I correct on that.

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41 MR. ARDIZZONE: That is my  
42 understanding. Yes.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So basically what it  
45 does is it throws out the old system and allows them to  
46 make a new system with RAC and public input as to what  
47 is nonrural.

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49 MR. ARDIZZONE: Correct.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Judy.

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3 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair, then I guess  
4 one recommendation I would like to see this RAC make is  
5 that instead of the Board would rely heavily on the  
6 recommendations, can we use the word the Board will  
7 give deference to the Council recommendations.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I wouldn't see why we  
10 can't. I mean that's within our purview. If that is  
11 what this Council wants to add, this Council can add  
12 that. Now, whether they do that is a -- you know,  
13 that's their choice.

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15 Tom.

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17 MR. CARPENTER: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
18 Chairman. So Chuck, if you wouldn't mind staying up  
19 here for a minute. I've got a question for you.

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21 So basically right now what you're  
22 looking for -- do you need -- so yesterday on the  
23 screen up here, you put a very small paragraph. Is  
24 that the language in which you need us to send forward  
25 with our approval or disapproval right now for the  
26 Federal Board to act on this summer.

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28 MR. ARDIZZONE: Correct.

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30 MR. CARPENTER: And could you read that  
31 back to us or tell me where it is in here.

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33 MR. ARDIZZONE: Yeah. Robbin has it.

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35 MS. LAVINE: You have subparts A and B.  
36 First, the Board determines -- I'm sorry. Mr. Chair  
37 and through the Chair. The Board determines which  
38 areas or communities in Alaska are nonrural. And  
39 current determinations are listed. And B, all other  
40 communities and areas are therefore rural. Do you  
41 agree with these changes. If so, why. Do you disagree  
42 with these changes. If so, why. And that was the new  
43 regulation proposed by the Secretaries.

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45 MR. CARPENTER: So if I can continue.  
46 Thank you for that. So if we were to pass forward our  
47 recommendation that the Federal Board substitute that  
48 language at their meeting in June. Pass it on to the  
49 Secretaries.

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1                   That would become the new rule.

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3                   MS. LAVINE:   Statewide.   Yes.

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5                   MR. CARPENTER:   Statewide.   After that  
6 rule was published, then the Board would send back to  
7 the RAC for our recommendations as to how to implement  
8 that new rule.   What characteristics we think that they  
9 ought to use in determining nonrural status.   Do I have  
10 that right.

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12                   MS. LAVINE:   That's my understanding.

13 Yes.

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15                   MR. CARPENTER:   Okay.   The one thing  
16 I'm a little bit curious of -- and correct me if I'm  
17 wrong.   But I think somebody said this yesterday.   If  
18 this rule were to replace the existing rule, did you  
19 not say that the communities -- and I think it was 1996  
20 when the original communities were listed as rural or  
21 nonrural.   Did you not say that the Federal Board would  
22 fall back to the original list of communities.

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24                   MR. ARDIZZONE:   Through the Chair.   Mr.  
25 Carpenter, I believe Ms. Caminer said that.   But I'm  
26 not sure that's correct.   I believe it would be the  
27 last rule they published which is currently on the  
28 books, which is their -- that's the -- it wouldn't fall  
29 back to the original.   Because they made a decision.  
30 And that's Saxman decision that everybody's trying to  
31 avoid.   That's the one that they're trying to get this  
32 process in place so they can get something done before  
33 the stay ends in 2017.

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35                   MR. CARPENTER:   Right.   Well, the only  
36 reason I asked that question was if they were going to  
37 revert back to a list of communities from 20 years ago,  
38 there would be more than Saxman that could potentially  
39 be -- have their status which is currently is now, it  
40 would change.

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42                   MR. ARDIZZONE:   Through the Chair.  
43 There are some other communities that would change.  
44 Adak I think would be one.   Some of the other.....

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46                   MR. CARPENTER:   I think Sterling and  
47 Clam Gulch would also change.

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49                   MR. ARDIZZONE:   But that's not the  
50 decision way back.   It's the most recent decision that

1 it would fall to.

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3 MR. CARPENTER: Okay. All right. I  
4 just wanted to be clear on the.....

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6 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Judy.

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10 MS. CAMINER: I mean I guess I heard in  
11 the briefing 1996. But you're right, Chuck. I thought  
12 there were some decisions let's say around right after  
13 the 2000.

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15 But I guess the main point is, Tom,  
16 that the 2007 rule would not go into effect. And  
17 whatever year the previous rule was -- which I'm sure  
18 you can find out -- that's what would be in effect.

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20 MR. ARDIZZONE: I think we're a little  
21 confused. The 2000 rule is what is stayed right now.  
22 The 2007 rule is what's stayed right now. That will go  
23 in effect unless something changes between now and  
24 2017. That's what will happen.

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26 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Robbin, did you have  
27 something to day.

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29 (No comment)

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31 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Well, Chuck, okay. So  
32 if I understand right -- and correct me if I'm wrong.  
33 The current status stays the same, disregarding the  
34 2007 decisions. In other words, what is in place at  
35 this point in time stays the same, not counting the  
36 2007 decisions. And am I wrong again.

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38 MR. ARDIZZONE: I think 2007 was the  
39 last decision on rural, which includes making Saxman  
40 nonrural. That is the rule that's in effect right now.  
41 It's just stayed at the moment. That will go in effect  
42 in 2017 if something's not changed. And that's why  
43 this regulation is before you now.

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45 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yeah. But if this  
46 regulation goes into effect, nothing changes.

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48 MR. ARDIZZONE: Nothing changes. All  
49 this does is change the process.

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1                           CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The 2007 decision  
2 stands.  
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4                           MR. ARDIZZONE: Correct. This changes  
5 the process that the Board will have to use and try and  
6 get done before 2017.  
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8                           CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Oh, okay. Okay. Is  
9 that understandable, Judy.  
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11                          MS. CAMINER: But if this rule is  
12 published, it's going to say current determinations of  
13 which communities are nonrural. There will be a list.  
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15                          MR. ARDIZZONE: And that current list  
16 includes Saxman being nonrural. That's what -- I guess  
17 that's the point.  
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19                          MS. CAMINER: Hmm.  
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21                          MR. ARDIZZONE: Is that current list  
22 includes -- I mean really the focus is Saxman. The  
23 Board's focus. Currently, the rule says it's nonrural.  
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26                          CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So this is in response  
27 to Southeastern's angst over Saxman. And to the point  
28 where this -- what this rule does is opens the door for  
29 the Board to set up a criteria so they can judge Saxman  
30 by different rules than they currently have.  
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32                          MR. ARDIZZONE: Well, it's not just  
33 Saxman. It's every community.  
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35                          CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Right.  
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37                          MR. ARDIZZONE: But.....  
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39                          CHAIRMAN LOHSE: But that's the.....  
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41                          MR. ARDIZZONE: The Board's focus was  
42 Saxman. Right.  
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44                          CHAIRMAN LOHSE: That's the focus.  
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46                          MS. CAMINER: And then just in terms of  
47 timing, because that would be a change, they'd have  
48 five years to actually implement it. And within that  
49 time, since 2007 was stayed, Saxman would have time --  
50 or other communities would have time to apply to be on

1 a different list.

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3 MR. ARDIZZONE: Right. So we're trying  
4 to -- this rule will change the process, the Board  
5 would use their new process with input from the RACs  
6 and communities to basically make a new determination  
7 before the other rule stay expires. Is that better or  
8 am I making it even muddier.

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10 MS. CAMINER: Expired, being five years  
11 after 2017.

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13 MR. ARDIZZONE: No.

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15 (Laughter)

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17 MS. CAMINER: No. I mean I understand  
18 -- I understand why you're putting this out before.....

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20 MR. ARDIZZONE: Right. So the court  
21 rule is the 2007 rule that made Saxman nonrural. The  
22 Board has stayed that decision. You know, stayed that  
23 from going into effect until 2017. If something's not  
24 done before then, then that rule applies.

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26 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair. But if you're  
27 saying it's published in 2017, that Saxman is nonrural.

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30 MR. ARDIZZONE: Right. If there's a  
31 new decision made and a new rule published that makes  
32 Saxman nonrural, that would be effective.

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34 MS. CAMINER: So then is the plan to do  
35 some analysis as to who's on which list before this  
36 rule becomes final.

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38 MR. ARDIZZONE: Okay. I guess we're  
39 talking two different rules. The current rule is the  
40 process. We need to get that done before the Board can  
41 do another determination. Then there will be  
42 determinations done. A proposed rule of who's  
43 nonrural. And then the plan is to have that published  
44 before 2017.

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46 MS. CAMINER: Okay.

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48 MR. ARDIZZONE: Sorry. I'm trying to  
49 make it better. But I think I've been making it worse.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Pat.

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3 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah. I think that's  
4 what -- what Chuck was talking about is -- okay. There  
5 was a 2007 decision. And the Board stayed the effect  
6 of that decision and they made that stay in 2012. And  
7 now we still have another five years of that stay.

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9 Now, after -- and it cannot be extended  
10 any more. That decision will be in effect in 2017.  
11 Now, there is another five-year grace period, but that  
12 has to do with after a community is determined  
13 nonrural, they would have a rural status for  
14 transition. But they cannot -- but the decision as to  
15 whether they're rural or not, the time is up in 2017.

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17 And actually they have sued to reverse  
18 that decision. But I'm sure the response is the Board  
19 is still in the process of changing the decision is not  
20 exactly final. So that will change that. But after  
21 2017, nothing can change it if the decision isn't  
22 officially changed.

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24 And there is a five-year grace period.  
25 But that has nothing to do with determinations.

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27 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Pat.

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29 Judy.

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31 MS. CAMINER: And so just to be clear,  
32 I mean the proposed rule that you've put in front of us  
33 says the Board determines which areas or communities  
34 are nonrural. Current determinations are listed at --  
35 so there will be a determination when this rule is  
36 published.

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38 MR. ARDIZZONE: The current  
39 determinations are already at that place. So if we  
40 look that up, that current determination says Saxman's  
41 nonrural. And Adak is rural. And so those are already  
42 in the regulation. So this rule that we're looking at  
43 now doesn't change what's already in there. This just  
44 changes the process. Then the Board has to go back to  
45 change what's listed there in another process.

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47 MS. PETRIVELLI: And technically those  
48 current determinations are from the decision made in  
49 2007. Those will become effective 2017. But it's hard  
50 to know I mean exactly how the Board will start -- once

1 this rule becomes final, then somehow there will be a  
2 process developed. And somehow the RACs will be  
3 consulted. But somehow this all has to get done before  
4 2017.

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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Tom.

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8 MR. CARPENTER: Yeah. Mr. Chairman,  
9 maybe we're getting a little ahead of ourselves. I  
10 mean I think all these questions are great. But I have  
11 in front of me -- I've got a copy. Maybe we should  
12 read into the record in the form of a motion what the  
13 Board wants us to pass.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: And then discuss it.

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17 MR. CARPENTER: And we can discuss it  
18 there. And we can also -- at the same time after the  
19 motion is on the table, we can list our concerns, what  
20 we disagree with, and what we agree with. And my  
21 suggestion is -- is that when these transcripts go to  
22 the Board, we need to have a more verbatim type  
23 transcription than a generality. Because I think  
24 that's the only way that we're going to get our point  
25 across to the Board instead of generalized minutes.

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27 So I'll read to the record. So I make  
28 a motion that the rule determination process sent  
29 forward by the Board that A, the Board determines which  
30 areas or communities in Alaska are nonrural. Current  
31 determinations are listed at .23. And then B, all  
32 other communities and areas are therefore nonrural.  
33 And that the Council will pass forward in our  
34 recommendation the reasons we agree and disagree.  
35 That's the motion.

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37 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Question, Tom. Does  
38 it say all other areas will be nonrural or will be  
39 rural.

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41 MR. CARPENTER: It says all other  
42 communities and areas are therefore rural.

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44 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Rural. Okay. You  
45 said nonrural.

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47 MR. CARPENTER: Oh, okay. Excuse me.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: So stand corrected on  
50 this. Okay.

1 MR. CARPENTER: That's the motion.  
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3 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I'll second  
4 that motion.  
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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Okay. It's been moved  
7 and seconded. We've put that on the table. Now,  
8 discussion on it.  
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10 Tom.  
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12 MR. CARPENTER: Well, I'll speak to it  
13 first. I guess first of all, it seems to me that  
14 there's a predisposed direction that the Board is  
15 going. I mean this is -- it's very obvious that  
16 through court cases or change in the make up of the  
17 Board's leadership over the years since 2007, that  
18 there are people that want to deal with this rural  
19 status, in particular the Saxman decision. And I  
20 understand that.  
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22 It seems apparent to me though that the  
23 way that this is going forward is done in almost a  
24 backwards manner, in my opinion. In my opinion,  
25 similar to what we had the discussion with the C&T  
26 determination process yesterday, I don't understand why  
27 the Board couldn't have directed their Staff to write  
28 up how they want the process to look. The final  
29 outcome as a rule. And bring that to the Advisory  
30 Councils for comments. With our recommended changes,  
31 have the Board review that. Make their final  
32 determinations on what they want it to look like. Send  
33 it back for another final comment and the rule is done.  
34 At least that way we are going to have a say before  
35 this rule is published what the actual, final rule is  
36 going to look like.  
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38 We're not going to be able to comment  
39 on the changes potentially in the final rule. I mean  
40 that could be years and years from now before the  
41 process is set up in what I consider to be an  
42 appropriate fashion.  
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44 So that's really the only comments I  
45 have. I suppose if this is the only way that this  
46 problem can be rectified and if this is the way this  
47 rule has to go forward and if there are really going to  
48 be no changes to the existing rural, nonrural  
49 communities as it stands right now, I guess -- I guess  
50 I'm okay with it to a certain degree. But I really

1 don't like the way that this happened.

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3 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Tom.

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5 Comments, other discussion.

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7 Judy.

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9 MS. CAMINER: Well, I'd like to  
10 recommend that we include RAC preference instead of --  
11 or deference instead of the wording that the Board  
12 would rely heavily on the recommendations of the  
13 Councils.

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15 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Greg.

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17 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. I would agree  
18 with that. I just wanted to comment that, you know, we  
19 made all -- at least I remember participating and going  
20 to a meeting at University. And we -- we had a lot of  
21 good comments. A lot of good feedback. We put  
22 together a lot of data. So I don't want to lose that  
23 where the RAC was. Where we are.

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25 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Greg. Any  
26 other comments.

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28 (No comments)

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30 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I know that our RAC  
31 recognizes the fact that there are regional  
32 differences. And the idea was that by having the RACs  
33 involved in each region, that without having any  
34 specific one size fits all for the whole state, it  
35 would give the Board the latitude to do that.

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37 And from that standpoint, I agree with  
38 Tom on an awful lot of the things here. That it would  
39 be nice if it was a little bit more fleshed out. But  
40 at the same time, if it was fleshed out, then it  
41 doesn't make room for future changes based on regions  
42 and RAC differences in the different areas.

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44 I guess I'm going to say that I'm going  
45 to support this. I don't know if the Chair should ever  
46 say something like that, but I think it recognizes what  
47 Southeastern was talking about and what we were talking  
48 about. The fact that there is no one size fits all.

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50 I can recognize also that this can

1 cause -- like Tom has said in the past, it's going to  
2 cause some court cases. It's going to cause -- it's  
3 going to cause the Board a lot of work. But with that  
4 in mind, I still think that the one size approach just  
5 doesn't fit the state of Alaska.

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7 I'm thinking of changes that are taking  
8 place in some of the communities on the North Slope and  
9 places like that. But when you start aggregating and  
10 you start using a specific number, things get -- you  
11 know, things don't recognize changes that are taking  
12 place.

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14 So with that, I'll just say that I'm  
15 going to support the motion, even if I have the same --  
16 some of the same questions that Tom has.

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18 Tom.

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20 MR. CARPENTER: Mr. Chairman, I'll just  
21 make one more comment. I think one of the potential  
22 outcomes of this, depending on how the final language  
23 that the Board -- you know, how the final language  
24 ends up coming out to where the determining factors are  
25 basically put on paper, so that, you know, there's a  
26 general idea of how we find communities rural or  
27 nonrural.

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29 In my opinion, there's probably going  
30 to be more communities added to the list over time than  
31 not. And my other opinion is -- is that when you do  
32 that -- especially in certain parts of the state --  
33 there's going to be a lot of -- a lot more .804  
34 analyses that are going to be requested. Because  
35 you're going to have a lot more communities potentially  
36 being added to nonrural status, depending on the final  
37 process. And that's going to become an entire new ball  
38 of wax in the future. So that's it.

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40 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Tom. And I  
41 sure don't disagree with you on that.

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43 Judy.

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45 MS. CAMINER: So Mr. Chair, would it be  
46 appropriate to make an amendment to the motion then  
47 about the deference.

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49 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Yes, it would.

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1 MS. CAMINER: So I would -- I move that  
2 we amend the subpart B.15, which says the Board  
3 determines which areas or communities in Alaska are  
4 nonrural, we would like to add the Board will give  
5 deference to the Regional Councils.

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7 MR. CARPENTER: Second.

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9 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: It's been seconded.  
10 Moved and seconded on the amendment. Any discussion on  
11 the amendment.

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13 (No comments)

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15 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Call a question on it.

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18 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The question's been  
19 called. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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21 IN UNISON: Aye.

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23 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by  
24 saying nay.

25  
26 (No opposing votes)

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28 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Any more discussion on  
29 the motion as amended.

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31 (No comments)

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33 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Question.

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35 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: The question's been  
36 called. All in favor of the motion sitting on the  
37 table -- and do I need to read it again.

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39 Tom, would you read the motion again  
40 and add the deference part.

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42 MR. CARPENTER: The motion, as I  
43 understand it, would read rural determination process,  
44 A, the Board determines which areas or communities in  
45 Alaska are nonrural. And then it would also add  
46 through our amendment that deference to the Regional  
47 Advisory Councils would be given on these  
48 determinations. And then B, all other communities and  
49 areas are therefore rural.

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1 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Thank you, Tom.  
2 Everybody understand the motion.  
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4 (No comments)  
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6 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All in favor signify  
7 by saying aye.  
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9 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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11 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: All opposed signify by  
12 saying nay.  
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14 (No opposing votes)  
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16 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: Motion carries  
17 unanimously. At this point in time, Greg, I need to  
18 excuse myself.  
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20 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Sure.  
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22 CHAIRMAN LOHSE: I'm hoping not a very  
23 long time. But I have to take somebody to the doctor.  
24 So if you'll just take over the meeting, I'd appreciate  
25 it. I'll be back as fast as I can.  
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27 MR. ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I'll take over  
28 the chair. So the first order of business is a ten-  
29 minute break.  
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31 (Laughter)  
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33 (Off record)  
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35 (On record)  
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37 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I'm  
38 going to go ahead and call our session back into order  
39 -- Southcentral Regional Advisory Committee. We had a  
40 good ten minute break -- coffee -- and hope everyone's  
41 ready to go.  
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43 I have a couple of requests and I'm  
44 going to follow this agenda just to let you know where  
45 I believe we are. And Donald, you correct me if I'm  
46 wrong. We have reports -- agency reports. And we did  
47 say that they are limited to 15 minutes unless  
48 previously approved so we're going to try and stick to  
49 that the best we can.  
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1 I did have a couple of requests. One,  
2 from a guy from Paxson -- John. And I told him I would  
3 let him come up first. He missed out. He did want to  
4 make a public testimony and so I'm going to invite you  
5 to take the chair, please.

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7 MR. SCHANDELMEIER: Hi. I'm John  
8 Schandelmeier. I'm the Chair of the Paxson Fish and  
9 Game Advisory Committee. And the issue I would like to  
10 address is something that is -- just came up this fall  
11 as kind of a surprise to everybody in the Copper River  
12 basin, I think. And I think it needs to be addressed.

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14 It concerned a closed area that's been  
15 in effect near the community of Paxson for the last  
16 almost 50 years. And this fall a very small portion of  
17 that closed area -- about a -- oh, probably about a  
18 third of it was opened to Federal subsistence hunting.  
19 The issue here of course is this closed area was put in  
20 place -- this kind of a viewing area for nonconsumptive  
21 users and to protect the migration path of Nelchina  
22 caribou.

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24 It was put into effect like I say in  
25 the -- I think in the late '60s actually. And at that  
26 time the caribou season was open, you know, pretty much  
27 nonstop after the rut and the limit was three caribou.  
28 And the caribou that come off of the Denali Highway and  
29 cross headed east toward the Canadian border and  
30 Chistochina and those communities came through that  
31 area pretty heavily. And they still do. Not every  
32 year, but probably one year out of three.

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34 It's an area that is from the highway  
35 it's a -- there's a little valley there. And those  
36 caribou come across there and they -- it's sort of like  
37 shooting, you know, ducks in a bucket sort of thing. I  
38 mean it's your down off -- you're above them on the  
39 highway. The caribou come through there. If they're  
40 allowed to be hunted there, they certainly could be  
41 turned. And they would be.

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43 But at any rate, a whole bunch of  
44 issues came into effect when this little spot was  
45 opened. The State has this closed. And it's still  
46 closed to State hunting. The area is signed very  
47 heavily -- Paxson closed area. Always has been. Our  
48 Advisory Committee put up the signs. We make sure  
49 they're always in place. So it's signed as a closed  
50 area, but yet there are Federal subsistence hunters

1 that can hunt in a small portion of it. It creates a  
2 terrific amount of confusion amongst all hunters.

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4                   And as a local Advisory Committee, we  
5 feel like this area -- I think the -- I can't -- I'm  
6 trying to remember the acreage on it. I don't have in  
7 front of me. But it wasn't that much. I mean it was  
8 like -- oh, man -- 4,500 acres or something like that  
9 that was reopened on the southern end of this closed  
10 area. And it doesn't seem to us that this matters as  
11 far as a subsistence take. As far as affecting the  
12 subsistence harvest in that area. I think there was  
13 two caribou taken out of there this year and one moose.  
14 And the resulting confusion created a lot of hard  
15 feelings in the area.

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17                   And, you know, part of this -- you  
18 know, part of hunting and wildlife management has to do  
19 with just that. You know, keeping it from -- you know,  
20 keeping it something that everybody can live with. And  
21 I think that's part of the job of wildlife management.

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23                   And also, you know, our position is  
24 that even though we're a Fish and Game Advisory  
25 Committee dealing mostly with hunting and fishing and,  
26 you know, that sort of thing, nonconsumptive use is  
27 equally important to whether you're a sport hunter or a  
28 subsistence user.

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30                   And so this issue actually came in  
31 front of the Regional Advisory Council ten years ago.  
32 They took no action because at that time it had no --  
33 there was no reason for them to take action they felt  
34 because the area was selected as State lands at any  
35 rate. And so they took -- there was no -- it wasn't  
36 going to be open to Federal subsistence. But that  
37 actually determination was in error. It had never been  
38 selected. And it was unencumbered. And it was open to  
39 subsistence. Just nobody knew it.

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41                   And so this fall when there was a  
42 review done -- or this summer -- there was -- it was  
43 opened to subsistence. And the confusion this fall was  
44 greater than it normally would be because there was  
45 three separate maps put up out over two week periods  
46 that listed it at various stages, whether it was open  
47 or not open. And the final map even still showed it as  
48 a closed area. So the confusion could probably be  
49 rectified a little bit. But I don't think the -- you  
50 know, the difference between the State hunters and the

1 Federal hunters can ever be rectified in that  
2 particular spot.

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4 So I would ask the Council to consider  
5 recommending that that closed area -- that State closed  
6 area be recognized.

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8 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Thank  
9 you, John.

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11 Questions.

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13 Tom.

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15 MR. CARPENTER: Yeah. Thanks, John.  
16 I'm not sure who made the decision to open that land to  
17 Federal hunting. If it was a land manager that did it.  
18 But I know that probably the best way for you -- if you  
19 really feel this seriously and the people of Paxson  
20 feel this seriously that you want some kind of action  
21 taken -- is have the Advisory Committee write up a  
22 proposal asking exactly what you want this Council to  
23 do.

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25 The deadline is -- I believe it's March  
26 25th coming up, so you got some time. Submit that  
27 proposal and exactly how you would like it to read.  
28 And then it will come back before us. And then we will  
29 make a determination and send that forward to the  
30 Federal Board for a ruling. I think that's probably  
31 your best avenue.

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33 MR. SCHANDELMEIER: We have already  
34 done that. And the proposal was submitted a month or  
35 so ago.

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37 MR. CARPENTER: Okay.

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39 MR. SCHANDELMEIER: So it was just my  
40 understanding that you guys might hear it at this  
41 meeting.

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43 MR. CARPENTER: Yeah. That would have  
44 to fall in the timeline for this next cycle of  
45 proposals that we deal with. But we will eventually  
46 deal with it. So that's good that you put that in.  
47 Thanks.

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49 MR. SCHANDELMEIER: Okay. Thank you.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,  
2 John. Any other questions for him before he leaves.

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4 (No comments)

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6 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you.  
7 I got one little request here slipped to me. Yesterday  
8 we were talking that Sky Starkey was still in a meeting  
9 and wanted to talk to us and he could call in now, if  
10 that's acceptable to the Council. We could get Judy to  
11 call him.

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13 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair, Mr. Starkey  
14 stated that he was going to be at the Board of Game  
15 with wildlife issues. Oh, Ms. Judy Caminer has more  
16 information.

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18 MS. CAMINER: Yeah, Donald. He sent an  
19 email to you and me, but I know you're not picking up  
20 email. But he said he could call in pretty much now.  
21 So I just sent them a text to do that.

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23 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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25 MS. CAMINER: But if you want to  
26 proceed with a short order item, I'm sure that's fine,  
27 too.

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29 MS. MILLS: Okay. Mr. Chair, if can  
30 recognize if he's on a line, that will be great.

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32 Thank you.

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34 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Is  
35 Sky on the line. Anyone hear him calling. We'll give  
36 him a minute. I think Judy just texted him.

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38 (Pause)

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40 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair, we can proceed  
41 with the agency reports and I'll make an effort to  
42 contact him and have him call.

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44 Thank you.

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46 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.  
47 Before I do that, Donald, I had one other request here.  
48 Senator Sullivan's Staffer. Is he still here? Is  
49 he.....

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1 MR. CARPENTER: I think he left.  
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3 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. We'll  
4 get back to him, too.  
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6 Alrighty. The way I see it, we're on  
7 the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Any report.  
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9 (No comments)  
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11 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Time's a  
12 clicking. No report. We're going to move on.  
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14 Go ahead, Donald.  
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16 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair, we had a report  
17 from the Kenai Field Office on a summary of subsistence  
18 and data that the Kenai Field Office submitted for the  
19 summary. But the person was not available today, so he  
20 provided a summary. And it should be in your packet  
21 for your references.  
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23 Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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25 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Thank  
26 you, Donald. Any comment on the reference to those  
27 packets. I don't know if we've all had a chance to  
28 read them. I'm assuming we did. But.....  
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30 (No comments)  
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32 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.  
33 Hearing none, we'll go ahead then and move on to US  
34 Forest Service, I guess is next.  
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36 MR. WHITFORD: So does that mean we get  
37 the Fish and Wildlife's 15 minutes.  
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39 (Laughter)  
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41 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Absolutely  
42 no.  
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44 (Laughter)  
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46 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: But we'll  
47 give you a couple of them.  
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49 MR. WHITFORD: Okay. Thank you. Mr.  
50 Chairman, Council members, for the record, my name is

1 Tom Whitford. I'm the Alaska Region Subsistence  
2 Program leader. I replaced Steve Kessler at the  
3 beginning of this year. And I just got a text from  
4 Steve Kessler, so he's still in the game.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MR. WHITFORD: I continue to call him.  
9 I have a lot of questions for him. It's been a steep  
10 learning curve for me in this new position. I'd like  
11 to take a couple of minutes just to tell you a little  
12 bit about myself. We do have several Forest Service  
13 people here present to give some reports.

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15 I'm a member of the Black Feet Tribe in  
16 Montana. Born and raised on the Black Feet  
17 reservation. I've worked for the Forest Service since  
18 1984 primarily as a wildlife biologist. My background  
19 is in wildlife biology. I was a wildlife biologist on  
20 several national forests in Montana for about 23 years  
21 as a wildlife biologist. Then I decided to get into  
22 management and for the last six years or so I've been a  
23 line officer for the Forest Service, a district ranger  
24 in Oregon, and then most recently a district ranger in  
25 Wyoming.

26  
27 And my wife and I -- family started  
28 talking about moving to Alaska about a year ago and  
29 then here we are. It kind of came sooner than what we  
30 had thought, but we're excited to be in Alaska. We're  
31 settling in. We've -- it sounds like.....

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33 MR. STARKEY: Hi. This is Sky.

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35 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sorry about  
36 that interruption.

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38 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr.  
39 Starkey, we have a presentation at the moment. Do you  
40 have time to wait? Or.....

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42 MR. STARKEY: Sure.

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44 MS. MILLS: Okay. And once this agency  
45 report is completed, the Chair will recognize you.

46  
47 Thank you.

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49 MR. STARKEY: Okay.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sorry about  
2 that, Tom. Continue.

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4 MR. WHITFORD: No. That's fine. So  
5 we're excited to be in Alaska. Yesterday I heard I  
6 think the Chairman bring up a letter that came from the  
7 Board to the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of  
8 Agriculture regarding subsistence membership to the  
9 North Pacific Management Council. I think I got that  
10 title right.

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12 And a few weeks ago, Pat Pourchot and I  
13 drafted a letter from the Secretaries to the Secretary  
14 of Commerce. And that should be signed I'm hoping this  
15 week. It was already okayed by the Secretary of  
16 Agriculture, so it just -- we're waiting for a  
17 signature from the Secretary of the Interior. And so  
18 maybe that will be out this week. Urging the Secretary  
19 of Commerce to select a member -- a subsistence member  
20 to the voting membership of the North Pacific  
21 Management Council. So I just wanted to give you an  
22 update on that.

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24 So I'll introduce our first presenter.  
25 I guess I'll move from the chair up here. It'll be  
26 Mary Rasmussen.

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28 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,  
29 Tom. And welcome, Mary.

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31 MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman  
32 and members of the Council and folks in the room. For  
33 the record, my name is Mary Rasmussen and I'm also a  
34 new resident of Anchorage and Alaska, having arrived  
35 about six months ago to serve as the lead land  
36 management planner for the Chugach National Forest.

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38 So I'm here this morning to give you a  
39 brief update on plan revision efforts. I have made up  
40 handouts that are going around the room at this time,  
41 so I will briefly speak to those. And they're for your  
42 enjoyment and reading later as well.

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44 So my understanding, looking at the  
45 previous records, last meeting this fall there might  
46 have been a presentation on land management plan  
47 activities that have been ongoing with the Forest  
48 Service, especially the Chugach. I would like to point  
49 out to that -- yes. The Forest Service is undergoing  
50 an update to its land management plan. And it has been

1 ongoing. It is a multi year effort.

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3                   And I have shown on the handout there  
4 is a -- kind of a figure there that shows several  
5 phases over those multiple years. And we're kind of in  
6 the middle of that right now. So the main reason for  
7 bringing it to your attention is that we have been  
8 collecting a lot of information through public forums,  
9 from our own employees and sister agencies, and  
10 providing sort of an assessment on the conditions and  
11 trends for ecological and sociological and economic  
12 conditions on the forest and the broader landscape.  
13 And it is that information that is helping us formulate  
14 changes that we need to make in our current direction.

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17                   And part of that is also based on  
18 changes in our agency planning regulations. Those were  
19 published in a rule in 2012. And that's also triggered  
20 this need for us to look at our current land management  
21 plan and look at updating it. So we are in that  
22 process.

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24                   More recently, this winter we've been  
25 taking a look at the work that has been ongoing the  
26 last couple of years. We did publish a report in the  
27 fall. And we're continuing to look at conditions and  
28 those preliminary suggestions and to pinpoint -- I  
29 would say pinpoint those changes that we need to make.

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32                   So why should you guys care about that.  
33 Well, partly because that whole effort is going to help  
34 us identify those changes we need to make. And those  
35 involve I'd say quite a few things in terms of beyond  
36 subsistence as a general topic, but primarily with how  
37 we're managing the landscapes out there and what those  
38 effects have on the local communities as far as  
39 economic drivers, as far as integrated habitat and  
40 healthy conditions out there.

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42                   One point I do want to share as well is  
43 that we are planning to publish a report this spring.  
44 We're going to put it online and make it available for  
45 public comment. And then we're also going to be having  
46 public meetings to also explain that content and to get  
47 further input as we move forward. And those meetings  
48 are schedule for late April and early May.

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50                   We have identified that there are some

1 specific things we will be taking a look at. We will  
2 be looking at our wilderness inventory. When I say  
3 that, I mean that we have direction that identifies  
4 criteria for what might be considered potential  
5 wilderness. We'll be looking at that whole process, as  
6 well as wild and scenic river eligibility.

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8 We will also be looking at suitability  
9 of areas for other multiple uses, including timber and  
10 fuel wood production or personal firewood use. That  
11 kind of stuff. That also includes opportunities for  
12 recreation and where our current motorized recreation  
13 opportunities are.

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15 At this point I think I'll just leave  
16 it at that and see if there's any questions.

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18 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Questions  
19 for Mary. I'll just make a comment. Then I'll open it  
20 to the Council here for questions. But yeah, I see  
21 it's a pretty aggressive plan you've got to rework. My  
22 question I guess is, you know, with all this warming  
23 weather, is that changing your forest plan.

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25 MS. RASMUSSEN: We are looking quite a  
26 bit at climate change vulnerabilities on those  
27 ecosystems for the plants and wildlife, et cetera. And  
28 so we have -- and that report is forthcoming. That's  
29 involving several different players. University of  
30 Alaska at Anchorage folks, Forest Service research  
31 folks, and others. So sort of separately they're  
32 compiling that. We'll be looking heavily to that for  
33 potential impacts.

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35 Primarily we're looking at how do we  
36 involve management direction that has us keep an eye on  
37 building resistance to and adaptations to climate  
38 change effects in terms of our land management  
39 activities.

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41 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Very good.  
42 Thank you.

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44 Any questions from the Council for Mary  
45 at this point.

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47 Tom.

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49 (No comments)

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing  
2 none, I guess we're ready for the next part.

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4 MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you.

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6 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,  
7 Mary.

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9 MR. WHITFORD: Now I'd like to  
10 introduce Robert Skorkowsky.

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12 MR. SKORKOWSKY: Hi. Good morning,  
13 Chair and members of the Council. My name's Robert  
14 Skorkowsky. I'm also new to the Chugach National  
15 Forest. I'm a district ranger for Cordova. And I  
16 arrived this last May. I came up from Colorado, where  
17 I was a wildlife biologist for the Forest Service for  
18 the last 20 years.

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20 And in my -- you know, as I'm sure  
21 you're already aware, my role here on the Chugach as it  
22 relates to subsistence, you know, I have the delegated  
23 in-season manager authority for moose and deer on  
24 Federal public lands in Unit 6. And with fish on  
25 Federal public waters in Prince William Sound,  
26 excluding the Copper River delta.

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28 And Milo Bircham had prepared some  
29 notes for me. And I was just going to update folks on  
30 a few items that he wanted to make sure that I shared  
31 and see if there's any questions.

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33 So related to moose, one thing that's  
34 -- you know, on the Copper River, the Unit 6 moose herd  
35 is really at an all time high. We've got a current  
36 population estimate post hunt of about 600 animals.  
37 And the management goal had been around 400 animals.  
38 And, you know, this last year we had a 96 percent  
39 harvest rate on the licenses that were issued.

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41 We have received more applications this  
42 year. Probably almost 100 more applications this year  
43 than we have in prior years. So this year we're over  
44 1,000 applications. And in the past it's been around  
45 the low 900s. So there's continued growing interest in  
46 that subsistence moose hunt.

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48 The Forest Service on the habitat side  
49 has also been continuing to do a lot of habitat  
50 improvement work. We've been collaborating with the

1 Eyak Corporation. And they've been doing work on their  
2 ground and the National Forest has been doing work on  
3 our ground. We've been hydro axing a lot of the taller  
4 spruce or some of the spruce that's moving into the  
5 delta. The alder to make sure that there's more forage  
6 available for those animals in the winter.

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8                   Related to deer, you know, there wasn't  
9 any corrective action that was taken with deer this  
10 last year. The lack of snow is a real benefit to the  
11 continued recovering of that deer population that was  
12 set back with a snow event that happened in the winter  
13 of 2011, 2012. So hopefully, you know, last winter and  
14 this winter will continue to allow for the recovery of  
15 those populations.

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17                   I did want to mention regarding bears  
18 that, you know, me personally, I've been receiving  
19 several phone calls about bears. And black bears  
20 specifically in Prince William Sound. There's kind of  
21 a growing concern regarding their numbers. It's  
22 something that, you know, we are definitely hearing  
23 from a lot of members of the public. And I know that  
24 the Alaska Board of Game had had some discussions of  
25 possibly a registration hunt on the Eastern Sound. So  
26 there's -- you know, the rumblings have extended beyond  
27 just, you know, local chatter.

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29                   I did want everyone to be aware that,  
30 you know, last year we started a challenge cost share  
31 agreement with Alaska Department of Fish and Game to  
32 help with survey work for a lot of the subsistence  
33 resources. That's moose, deer, goats, sheep, as well  
34 as black bear. And the Forest Service is also planning  
35 on continuing to collaborate with Fish and Game to get  
36 better population estimates for black bear this year to  
37 help inform if there's any need for management change  
38 there.

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40                   And then the last thing I just wanted  
41 to mention is that the -- regarding fishing permits  
42 that have been issued, that's also been continuing --  
43 similar to the moose, that's also been continuing to  
44 grow in the Cordova community. There's a growing  
45 number of permits that are issued, as well as a growing  
46 take that's being taken on both coho -- mostly coho on  
47 that one.

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49                   So that's all I have. If there's any  
50 questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you  
2 much, Robert. Questions from the Council for Robert.  
3 Anything.

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5 Andy.

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7 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah. Through the  
8 Chair. You mentioned the Eastern Sound. Did you just  
9 mean 6D for the black bear registration.

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11 MR. SKORKOWSKY: The -- yes. That's  
12 correct. Yeah, 6D. Thank you.

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14 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any other  
15 questions.

16  
17 (No comments)

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19 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing  
20 none, I'll make one comment. I was looking at my saved  
21 messages and Milo called me. Tell him hi. I didn't  
22 get back with him.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I heard you  
27 was coming. So tell him thank you. Anyway, thanks a  
28 lot.

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30 MR. SKORKOWSKY: Thank you. I'll pass  
31 that on.

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33 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.  
34 You're welcome and welcome.

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36 MR. WHITFORD: Next I'd like to  
37 introduce Robert Stovall and Jeff Bryden.

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39 MR. STOVALL: Thank you, Chair. I just  
40 wanted to -- my name is Robert Stovall. I'm with the  
41 Chugach National Forest. And I want to thank you for  
42 this opportunity to provide Kenai Peninsula subsistence  
43 report.

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45 First items I wanted to mention is the  
46 special actions that were processed last year by the  
47 in-season manager, who happens to be the district  
48 ranger, Tom Malecek, who is also more or less new to  
49 the Forest. He's been now almost a year and a half on  
50 the Forest.

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2                   The first special action that was  
3 completed was with the Federal moose season. It  
4 established a harvest quota of three bull moose with  
5 spike or fork antlers for Unit 7 remainder. That  
6 portion of Unit 7, excluding the Kings Bay drainage on  
7 the Kenai Peninsula. The quota was effective for the  
8 2014 Federal subsistence moose season which ran August  
9 10th through September 20th by Federal registration  
10 permit only.

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12                   And the season will be closed to the  
13 harvest of spike and fork antler bull moose once the  
14 quota is met. The harvest is of bull moose with 50-  
15 inch antlers or with three or more brow tines on either  
16 antler will still be allowed. And to follow up on  
17 that, there were no moose harvested. So there was no  
18 quota that was met.

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20                   The second special action was the  
21 closure of the caribou season on August 13th. The Unit  
22 7 Federal subsistence caribou season was closed as  
23 delegated by the -- by special action by the in-season  
24 manager to harvest of caribou by qualified rural  
25 residents of Unit 7 had reached four the second day of  
26 the hunt. The hunt started on the 10th. By the 11th,  
27 four animals out of a quota of five had been harvested.

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30                   In order to keep the harvest from being  
31 over harvested, we decided to close. And that closure  
32 was on August 13th. At least 43 caribou permits were  
33 issued and we had hunters in the field. Four were  
34 harvested out of the five quota.

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36                   That's the extent of what I had. We  
37 had 51 moose permits that were issued. And there were  
38 no harvested animals.

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40                   Jeff, did you want to.....

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42                   Any questions.

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44                   VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That was all  
45 Unit 7, correct.

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47                   MR. STOVALL: Yes.

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49                   VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. Okay.  
50 Any questions for Robert on that report.

1 (No comments)

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3 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you  
4 much.

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6 MR. BRYDEN: I'll just add one thing on  
7 the caribou. I suspect that you all will be getting a  
8 request from the residents of Cooper Landing to  
9 increase that number. As last year we added on Cooper  
10 Landing and that quota stayed the same with the Hope  
11 residents. And all the caribou that were harvested  
12 this year were harvested by Cooper Landing residents.  
13 And none of the Hope residents took any caribou.

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15 That does not mean they weren't out  
16 there. Several of the hunters who have harvested in  
17 the past actually passed up on caribou and were looking  
18 for larger caribou this year. And so we were pretty  
19 intensive on issuing the permits to the individuals.  
20 Both myself and Robert got names. We got contact  
21 information. I personally hiked Resurrection Trail.  
22 Before the season started, one of our big concerns were  
23 there were a number of caribou that were literally just  
24 off the road system. That you could see from the road.

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27 And with such a small number, we were  
28 pretty good on getting a hold of everybody. Asking the  
29 hunters to call back in so we made sure there wasn't an  
30 over harvest. Because one family could take out five  
31 in one shot. And we had a group of them together. So  
32 it worked really well. But I suspect we will see a  
33 request for additional animals.

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35 The Forest Service has done some  
36 funding with Fish and Game. We're going to be done  
37 some more over flights. The Kenai herd is in decline  
38 right now. And so that's one of the concerns. What's  
39 also on here that doesn't really show. More  
40 subsistence eligible residents harvested caribou than  
41 just the four because they put it under the State  
42 system. And hunted the same area, but they took them  
43 under the State.

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45 And a lot of the folks -- that's part  
46 of what they're doing this year. Is they're putting in  
47 under the State draw again. Because they're worried  
48 that if they can't hunt the first day of season, they  
49 know it's going to shut down. At least they can still  
50 hunt if they can get drawed. So a number of the folks

1 are taking them under the other system.

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3 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Jeff, could  
4 you tell me again how many's under that State draw.  
5 How many are issued.

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7 MR. BRYDEN: So until last year it was  
8 100 tags. This year they haven't said. If you looked  
9 in when you put in, it says up to 50. And so the State  
10 will decide. Tomorrow actually it will come out on how  
11 many tags they're actually going to issue for that.

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13 It's unique in that we have three herds  
14 of caribou on the Kenai. And the other two herds are  
15 actually doing better. Part of the speculation is --  
16 is the herd that is in the Kenai actually walked across  
17 the flats. Because the flats herd is increasing. And  
18 maybe some of them decided to go more towards Kenai and  
19 the nonhunting zone out there. And that may be why our  
20 numbers went down. It wasn't a die off. But they  
21 could have possibly went that way across.

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23 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It was closer to  
24 my area.

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26 MR. BRYDEN: Yeah. With mild snow.  
27 And again this year.

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29 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Thank  
30 you much, Jeff. Any other questions for either Jeff or  
31 Robert.

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33 (No comments)

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35 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing  
36 none, I thank you both.

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38 MR. BRYDEN: Thank you.

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40 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Good report.

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42 Tom, you're doing good. But you've got  
43 your 15. And you did get that other 15. So I'll just  
44 remind you.

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46 MR. WHITFORD: All right. Thank you.  
47 If there aren't any other questions, that ends the  
48 Forest Service's report.

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50 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Very

1 good. Any other questions for him.  
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3 (No comments)  
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5 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Andy, last  
6 shot.  
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8 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: No question. Just  
9 making a comment. Milo did call me as well. Yeah.  
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11 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Thank  
12 you very much and welcome.  
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14 All right. We will now make a  
15 decision. We are going to call Sky Starkey again.  
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17 MS. CAMINER: He's not available right  
18 now.  
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20 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Now he's not  
21 available.  
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23 MS. CAMINER: Now. Because they're  
24 doing the proposal.  
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26 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I'm getting  
27 a stack of notes from that guy, okay.  
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29 (Laughter)  
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31 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I'll talk to  
32 him myself.  
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34 Okay. I see National Park Service, is  
35 the way I see it.  
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37 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
38 My name is Barbara Cellarius and I'm the subsistence  
39 coordinator for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and  
40 Preserve.  
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42 You should have -- I think your handout  
43 is pink.  
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45 Is that correct, Donald.  
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47 MR. MIKE: Yeah.  
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49 MS. CELLARIUS: And so there's a pink  
50 handout from us. And then Donald is distributing a

1 booklet. Let me just say a couple of words about that  
2 booklet.

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4                   So Judy had sent out a note in response  
5 to the meeting agenda asking about this booklet which  
6 was prepared by one of the National Park Service  
7 programs. But on page 29, I believe it is, there is a  
8 page included about Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.  
9 And it talks about the Chisana Caribou Herd, which I  
10 will be talking about today.

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12                   So we were contacted about this  
13 project. Our chief of resources worked with them on  
14 making sure that Wrangell's discussion was accurate and  
15 reflected some issues that were of concern to us that  
16 were relevant to this brochure, which is looking at  
17 sort of collaboration and large scale landscape  
18 cooperation -- or landscape conservation.

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20                   So I don't know a whole lot about the  
21 project. But if there are questions about what it says  
22 about Wrangell's, I can try to answer them.

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24                   (No comments)

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26                   VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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28                   MS. CELLARIUS: And then in terms of  
29 the report, there was a question yesterday. So this is  
30 prepared actually by myself, by our fisheries biologist  
31 Molly McCormick, and by our wildlife biologist Judy  
32 Patera. So I'm sharing information from several of us.

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34                   I don't have a written report about the  
35 Chisana caribou hunt, but for the 2014 season we issued  
36 18 permits. No, we had decided issue a maximum of 18  
37 permits. One of the things in our delegation of  
38 authority is to limit the number of permits because we  
39 have a very small harvest quota and try to sort of keep  
40 close track of the hunt. Kind of like the Forest  
41 Service talking about they talk to every hunter who  
42 gets that permit to make sure that we get good  
43 reporting.

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45                   So we decided to issue a maximum of 18  
46 permits, but we actually issued 11. We had two caribou  
47 harvested. And most of the people who had permits did  
48 hunt. We're still waiting on a couple of harvest  
49 reports, but so far seven of the 11 permittees reported  
50 that they had hunted. And like I said, I've got a few

1 outstanding permit -- or harvest reports.

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3                   So the first thing that is in the  
4 report is harvest assessments and park affiliated  
5 communities. And I think Robbin was actually here a  
6 year ago when she was working for Alaska Department of  
7 Fish and Game Subsistence Division, before she moved  
8 over to OSM. And she gave you a presentation on some  
9 of the work that the Department had done in the Copper  
10 Basin.

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12                   And so I now have copies of our year  
13 report. So any of the RAC members or members of the  
14 public who would like copies of that report -- I  
15 believe that the last couple of pages of your handout  
16 is actually the four page summary of this. So -- but  
17 anybody who wants a copy of the full report, I've got  
18 some copies here with me.

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20                   And I've really been pleased that we  
21 were able to accomplish all of the survey work. Some  
22 of the other Copper Basin communities have actually  
23 been surveyed by Fish and Game, with funding from  
24 another source. And so we've pretty much covered all  
25 of the communities in the Copper Basin with updated  
26 harvest information.

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28                   And I think it was two weeks ago a team  
29 of researches went to Northway, which is in the Upper  
30 Tanana area. And started work on harvest surveys  
31 there.

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33                   So that is the community harvest  
34 assessment. The winter moose hunt at the April 2014  
35 Federal Subsistence Board meeting, the Board  
36 established a winter moose hunt in the southern part of  
37 Unit 11. Most of it is south of the Chitina River,  
38 although in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park there's a  
39 portion of it between the Chitina and the Nazina Rivers  
40 that's in the Wrangell-St. Elias preserve.

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42                   And we had hoped to get a moose survey  
43 of that area completed to help us set the harvest  
44 quota, but the snow conditions were such that we  
45 weren't able to do that. So the parks wildlife  
46 biologists got together with the Alaska Department of  
47 Fish and Game area biologists and set what they felt  
48 was a conservative harvest quota based on moose numbers  
49 in adjacent areas. And I think it's in here. It was  
50 eight.

1                   And as I mentioned, a lot of the hunt  
2 area is south of the Chitina River. And I think access  
3 was difficult this year. So we issued a total of 32  
4 permits. Three permittees reported hunting and no moose  
5 were harvested. So that was the outcome of that hunt.

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7                   Nabesna community history. I've been  
8 working with the Cheesh'na Tribal Council and Mount  
9 Sanford Tribal Consortium on a report about their --  
10 about upper AHTNA ties to the northern part of the  
11 park. I don't have copies in hand today, but we're  
12 virtually done with that project. And so it's been a  
13 project I've been really happy about. We conducted  
14 oral history interviews. And actually the Village in  
15 Mount Sanford -- some folks from there conducted the  
16 interviews. And then we had somebody write up the  
17 report. And we've got a lot of photographs in it. So  
18 hopefully at the next meeting I'll have copies in case  
19 anyone's interested.

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21                   There's a quick planning update. We're  
22 going to be continuing work on the Copper Lake Trail in  
23 2015. And the park is also working on developing a  
24 wilderness stewardship back country management plan.  
25 And so we'll be doing some public involvement on that  
26 planning effort starting this summer. And the park  
27 planner -- his contact information is listed there if  
28 anybody has questions.

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30                   There's a table in the report that  
31 summarizes the up-to-date information that we have on  
32 Federal registration permits for Units 11 and 12. So  
33 I'll let you look at that. And if you have any  
34 questions, let me know.

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36                   And then I have little blurb here  
37 explaining what the SRC is. But we've already talked  
38 about that.

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40                   And then there's some population  
41 estimate and comp count data for the Chisana caribou  
42 herd. And basically the population remains stable and  
43 the bull cow -- the calf and bull cow ratios exceed the  
44 maximum threshold outlined in the Chisana caribou herd  
45 management plan for allowing the limited harvest that  
46 we do allow.

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48                   And then they've been doing -- as part  
49 of the Chisana caribou herd management plan, they've  
50 been doing some additional research in that area. And

1 one of the projects has been a moose survey. And so  
2 there's some information here about the moose survey.  
3 That again was a cooperative project that also involved  
4 Fish and Game and I think the Wildlife Refuge. So --  
5 and it looks like they've got figures for Canada as  
6 well.

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8                   So this is actually the kind of thing  
9 that gets talked about in that glossy brochure, is the  
10 work that we are doing with the Canadians as well as  
11 the other agencies in the U.S.

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13                   So on the second page of Judy's report  
14 there's a figure that shows where the survey took place  
15 and then the population and composition estimates.

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17                   And then the last thing in the handout  
18 is reported Upper Copper River Federal subsistence  
19 harvest. So this is the Copper River salmon fishery.  
20 The Upper Copper River, which is essentially Chitina  
21 area north. The Chitina subdistrict is a small area  
22 south of the Chitina McCarthy Bridge. And then the  
23 rest of the fishery is north of the Chitina McCarthy  
24 Bridge.

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26                   Sort of in the middle of the page one  
27 has the 2014 data in terms of the harvest -- 21,013 in  
28 the Glennallen subdistrict for sockeye, 370 chinook.  
29 And then in the Chitina subdistrict about 1,500 sockeye  
30 and 13 chinook. And we did have 116 sockeye -- well,  
31 115 salmon harvested at Batzulnetas. I think the  
32 majority of those were sockeyes.

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34                   And then there's a bunch of historic  
35 information there as well.

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37                   And I think that's all that I had for  
38 you today.

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40                   VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Very good,  
41 Barbara. A detailed report. Any questions for Barbara  
42 on her report for the Park Service.

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44                   Andy.

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46                   MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
47 Chair. Is there any Federal subsistence brown or black  
48 bear harvest going on in Wrangell-St. Elias.

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50                   MS. CELLARIUS: There are seasons and

1 harvest limits for both in Wrangell-St. Elias, yes.

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3 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Were any tags issued.

4 Or.....

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6 MS. CELLARIUS: They aren't required to  
7 get a Federal registration permit. So any harvest  
8 reporting would be through the state of Alaska's  
9 harvest ticket system.

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11 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: So they don't report.

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13 MS. CELLARIUS: They don't report to  
14 me. I mean we have -- we can get access to those data,  
15 I believe. But there's a time lag. And it's usually --  
16 what I usually have easy access to is the Federal  
17 data. But there are seasons and harvest limits. And a  
18 bit of harvesting going on.

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20 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any other  
21 questions.

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23 MR. CARPENTER: I have one.

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25 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Tom.

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27 MR. CARPENTER: Yeah. Thanks. Are  
28 they still doing the breeding program that they were  
29 doing in Canada with the caribou.

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31 MS. CELLARIUS: The captive rearing  
32 program I believe is not currently going on. But like  
33 I said, there is a management plan that was developed  
34 in cooperation. And there's a lot of monitoring kinds  
35 of projects that are going on. But the actual captive  
36 rearing with the predator enclosure I believe was  
37 discontinued.

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39 MR. CARPENTER: Okay. Thanks. Oh, one  
40 other question. I was kind of looking at the Upper  
41 River Copper subsistence fishing information. And it  
42 seems kind of interesting that when you go back over  
43 time, you always get about 88 or 89 percent of the  
44 people that turn in their reports. Obviously, there's  
45 no mandate that they turn their report in when they get  
46 another one the next year.

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48 MS. CELLARIUS: We send people a couple  
49 of reminders to try to get them to report. Molly, you  
50 know, works pretty hard to get the reports from people,

1 but sometimes not everybody reports.

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3 MR. CARPENTER: Right. All right.

4 Thanks.

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6 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any last

7 questions.

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9 (No comments)

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11 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing

12 none, thank you, Barbara. Very good.

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14 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you. And if any

15 other -- like I said, I've got some copies of this

16 community harvest -- the report for the last three --

17 or there's three or four communities in here. I'm

18 happy to give copies to whoever is interested.

19

20 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Very good.

21 Thank you. If you noticed, Barbara really worked on

22 that report. Did a great job. And she kept it exactly

23 at 15 minutes. Actually, 14.

24

25 (Laughter)

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27 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Very good.

28 Thank you, Barbara.

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30 Okay. Next I see BLM.

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32 MS. BULLOCK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

33 My name is Sarah Bullock. I'm with the Glennallen

34 Field Office, a wildlife biologist. Go ahead.

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36 MR. TEITZELL: And I'm Dennis Teitzell.

37 I'm the field manager of the Glennallen Field Office.

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39 MS. BULLOCK: And in your packets you

40 should have a white piece of paper with some figures on

41 it. And you have two maps. One that looks like this

42 one. Yep. And then one with the Susitna hydro map

43 there.

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45 So with that, I'll go to the Federal

46 subsistence moose harvest. So in 2014, we issued about

47 1,300 permits, which is about 100 more than our five

48 year average. Our subsistence hunters harvested 86

49 bulls, which is about 20 higher than the five year

50 average. So it's nice to see that the hunters were

1 successful this year.

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3                   And about the same. About a little  
4 over 50 or right at 50 percent participated in the hunt  
5 out of those 1,300 permits that were harvested. And  
6 then below there you see a figure with 2014 on the  
7 right. And MS. BULLOCK: then you kind of see the last  
8 five years to kind of give you an idea of how the  
9 harvest has been going and participation has been going  
10 over the past few years. So it was a little higher  
11 this year than normal our -- our five year average.  
12 And we had about a 95 percent hunter feedback, so we're  
13 very happy about that as well.

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15                   Any questions over the moose harvest.

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17                   (No comments)

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19                   MS. BULLOCK: Okay. Moving on to the  
20 caribou harvest. And just to note, you know, the  
21 caribou season is still in. It's still -- it goes till  
22 March 31st. And thus far we've had about 2,900 permits  
23 issued this year. Only about 347 have been -- those  
24 are the ones that have been turned in. And that's only  
25 about 19 percent that we've got. But that's to be  
26 expected again because it's not over yet.

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28                   However, the bull and the cow harvest  
29 has been down. Is a little down this year compared to  
30 the five year average. I don't expect it to go up  
31 unless the caribou work with us and come back early.  
32 But I don't -- I mean we'll see. But I don't have too  
33 high hopes.

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35                   So yeah. So about 218 animals have  
36 been harvested this year compared to about 400 that we  
37 usually -- that are usually harvested. So maybe we'll  
38 have better luck in 2015. Maybe they'll work with us a  
39 little better.

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41                   So with that, is there any questions  
42 over caribou harvest.

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44                   VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: How many do  
45 you expect to get between now and the closing.

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47                   (Laughter)

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49                   VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I mean is  
50 there more in the latter part that.....

1 MR. TEITZELL: It depends on when they  
2 move through. One of the reasons for the low harvest  
3 is they moved through about a week before the second  
4 season opened through the Federal area. So most of the  
5 early -- or the fall -- late fall take did not happen.  
6 So we're just waiting to see when are they going to  
7 start moving through.

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9 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you.

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11 MS. BULLOCK: Okay. To our final  
12 thing, land status on BLM lands in GMU-13. Due to last  
13 year's unexpected issue, we did an analysis of all the  
14 GMU-13. And we found two prospective areas that may --  
15 that perhaps could be opened.

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17 The first one is -- there is a one-half  
18 mile band on the east side of the Paxson Lake. If you  
19 take a look at this map and open it up to the northern  
20 -- the Federal subsistence north of Glennallen, you'll  
21 see. If you kind of look just above the middle of the  
22 page, it says -- where it says Paxson. And you see  
23 Paxson Lake. There's like a little -- there's like a  
24 little band that kind of goes around it. And then it  
25 kind of stops on that east side. That should continue  
26 all the way up around it.

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28 There is some private land within that  
29 area, so we want to make sure that we work with our GIS  
30 specialist to make sure that those get marked on the  
31 maps. And then also do some public outreach to make  
32 sure that folks know that that area will be open. And  
33 that -- yeah. Just to give notice to them.

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35 And I will say that it's going to be  
36 really hard. Those areas are going to be really hard  
37 to see on this map. However, we do have -- on our  
38 online web page, we do have KNL files that they can  
39 have on Google Earth. And a GPX file that they can put  
40 on their GPS. And where they can kind of zoom in and  
41 see the -- get a bigger map, so they can see those  
42 private land parcels within that east side of the lake.

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44 And then the second one is -- and  
45 that's on this map here. On the Susitna. And we use  
46 this map just because it has a nice illustration of  
47 what we're talking about. If you look at the yellow  
48 outline, that's the power site withdrawal or power site  
49 classification. And in our research of selected lands,  
50 we found that the areas only within that outline are

1 top filed by the State. And have no other selections  
2 underneath it.

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4 There has not been a determination of  
5 no effect on it. So -- and that's what -- you  
6 know.....

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8 MR. TEITZELL: That's what we're  
9 waiting on.

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11 MS. BULLOCK: That's what we're.....

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13 MR. TEITZELL: And we should have that  
14 in the next few weeks.

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16 MS. BULLOCK: So if it is found that  
17 there is a determination that there's no effect on  
18 those lands, those lands inside the State selected --  
19 so inside that light blue and the purple areas could  
20 potentially be open to Federal subsistence hunting in  
21 13E.

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23 So again that determination has not  
24 been made. We've requested it and we are waiting -- or  
25 it's pending. So.....

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27 MR. TEITZELL: And that area is about  
28 25,000 acres that we would expect to be added in.

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30 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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32 MS. BULLOCK: So, yeah. Any questions.

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34 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. Very  
35 interesting.

36  
37 MS. BULLOCK: Yeah.

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39 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Native  
40 Corporations have a lot of land. I see the brown here.  
41 But.....

42  
43 MS. BULLOCK: Yep. And within the  
44 brown, the lands that have already been conveyed to the  
45 Natives, those do not apply. And we did check the  
46 conveyances on that. And this power site selection or  
47 those lands within that would not be open. So it's  
48 only those light blue areas and the purple areas within  
49 that yellow outline.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I just  
2 wanted to make sure you knew Ninilchik's name was on  
3 that brown.  
4  
5 MS. BULLOCK: Okay.  
6  
7 (Laughter)  
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9 MS. BULLOCK: Any other questions.  
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11 (No comments)  
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13 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Questions.  
14 Hearing any.  
15  
16 (No comments)  
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18 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: No  
19 questions. You got off easy. Thank you much.  
20  
21 MS. BULLOCK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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23 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: You got --  
24 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, you got anything.  
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26 MS. YUHAS: Fifteen minutes to donate.  
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28 (Laughter)  
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30 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Really. I  
31 was going to actually give you the other eight.  
32  
33 (Laughter)  
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35 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Because they  
36 didn't use it.  
37  
38 MS. YUHAS: That's so generous, Mr.  
39 Chairman. But I'll put it back in the kitty.  
40  
41 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh. Well,  
42 thank you very much.  
43  
44 MS. YUHAS: The lottery grows.  
45  
46 (Laughter)  
47  
48 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Because I  
49 really thought we would have a lively discussion. But  
50 welcome.

1 Thank you.  
2  
3 MS. YUHAS: Certainly.  
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5 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Don't go  
6 there. Don't get me in trouble up here.  
7  
8 (Laughter)  
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10 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.  
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12 OSM.  
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14 Thank you.  
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16 MR. ARDIZZONE: So I get an extra 23,  
17 right.  
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19 (Laughter)  
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21 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: The way I  
22 see it, Chuck, you've really overtaken your allotment.  
23 But we'll give you 15 more.  
24  
25 (Laughter)  
26  
27 MR. ARDIZZONE: It shouldn't take me  
28 but a few minutes. It's just a Staffing update is all  
29 we have for you.  
30  
31 I think last time I told you we were  
32 hiring a lot of people or in the process of hiring a  
33 lot of people. So we actually have names to go with  
34 those vacant slots now.  
35  
36 You already met Robbin LaVine. She's  
37 one of our new anthropologists. And Orville Lind, our  
38 new Native liaison. They both introduced themselves  
39 and gave some background.  
40  
41 We have two new Council coordinators.  
42 Karen Guthridge -- she was hired as a Council  
43 coordinator. She will be assigned to the Kodiak  
44 Aleutians region.  
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46 We have Adrienne Fleek, also a new  
47 Council coordinator. She will be assigned to the Yukon  
48 Delta and Seward Peninsula regions.  
49  
50 We have a new anthropology chief,

1 Jennifer Harden. She should be starting next month.  
2 She's coming up from Yosemite National Park.

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4 We have a new admin record specialist,  
5 Kayla McKinney. She's coming to us from the U.S. Army.  
6 She is a -- yeah. She's currently working. Been with  
7 us for a couple of weeks.

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9 We just did interviews and hired two  
10 new wildlife biologist. Lisa Moss -- she'll be coming  
11 from Iowa and the Lower 48. She's currently working  
12 with endangered species and doing biological  
13 evaluations.

14  
15 And then Susan Worker. She's already  
16 working in the region NOAA office. And she will come  
17 to our office at the end of March.

18  
19 And I think Lisa will be with us -- by  
20 the time she does her travel, she'll be early April.

21  
22 We're in the process of hiring a new  
23 fisheries biometrician. We should start interviews on  
24 that in the next couple of weeks.

25  
26 And then we do have some more other  
27 vacancies in the pipeline, but we've hired a lot of  
28 people to back fill and to get Staffed up. So I just  
29 wanted to give you an update on that.

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31 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Very good,  
32 Chuck. Could I request that you -- when you get them  
33 all done and lined up there, that you send us an update  
34 of those names and positions and where they're at.

35  
36 MR. ARDIZZONE: Surely.

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38 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you.

39  
40 Any questions before Chuck runs off.

41  
42 (No comments)

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44 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing  
45 none. Thank you, Chuck.

46  
47 We think Sky's still tied up, so we're  
48 going to go ahead and move on to our future meeting  
49 dates. And then we'll see if we can't figure that out.  
50 And then we'll see if Sky calls.

1 Donald, do you got a date for us here.  
2 Confirm the date.

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4 MR. MIKE: Yes, Mr. Chair. Thank you.  
5 If you go to your materials on page 34, we have the  
6 fall 2015 meeting calendar. And at our last meeting  
7 the Council selected October 20 and 21 for Seldovia.  
8 But since we haven't had a meeting in Copper River --  
9 the last time we tried we got -- the government got  
10 shut down. And that's -- so we'll be needing to meet  
11 in Copper River.

12  
13 And Ms. Barbara Cellarius, she was kind  
14 enough to secure the AHTNA Heritage Center for a  
15 meeting venue. So -- and I'll work on the travel and  
16 lodging logistics. So we just need a confirmation from  
17 this Council for October 20 and 21.

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19 MR. CARPENTER: So moved.

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21 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. We  
22 got a motion on the table. So we need a second to that  
23 motion. It's been moved for October 20 and 21st in  
24 Copper River.

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26 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Second.

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28 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: It's been  
29 seconded. Now we'll open it to discussion.

30  
31 Go ahead, Mary Ann.

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33 MS. MILLS: I don't have the schedule  
34 for the AFN meeting, but I know the month of October  
35 for us is -- is really busy between AFN conference and  
36 the National Congress of American Indians. And also  
37 the NAITJA, the National American Indian Tribal Judges  
38 Association, are all in October. And I'm not sure of  
39 their dates. So I guess what I'm asking is would it be  
40 possible to have our meeting either in September or  
41 November.

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43 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I don't know  
44 but I'll give you the AFN dates. I just Googled them.  
45 And -- no. That was 2014. 2015, they say -- hmm.

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47 MS. YUHAS: 15, 16, 17.

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49 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: 16th and  
50 17th.

1 MS. YUHAS: 15, 16, 17.  
2  
3 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, great.  
4 Thank you, Jennifer.  
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6 MS. CAMINER: Oh. Thank you, Pat.  
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8 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: 15th through  
9 the 17th. Okay.  
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11 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair, I think that's  
12 why we had scheduled it for these dates, actually.  
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14 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.  
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16 MS. CAMINER: We probably looked it up  
17 the last time, too.  
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19 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah.  
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21 MS. CAMINER: But thanks for reminding  
22 us.  
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24 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: So there's  
25 not a conflict there. So you'd better come up with a  
26 better argument than that, sister.  
27  
28 (Laughter)  
29  
30 MS. MILLS: What about NCAI. Do you  
31 know what the dates are?  
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33 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Barbara, you  
34 have a comment. Go ahead.  
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36 MS. CELLARIUS: Well, I just wanted to  
37 mention on I think it's like page four of my pink  
38 handout, there should be a photograph. Is that right.  
39 The right page number.  
40  
41 MS. CAMINER: Uh-huh.  
42  
43 MS. CELLARIUS: And that was an SRC  
44 meeting that we held at the AHTNA Cultural Center.  
45 It's quite a nice building with lots of windows. And  
46 so I just wanted to tell you that photograph was there.  
47  
48 And I asked Julia about the dates that  
49 you had the meeting previously scheduled, but we can  
50 always ask her about other dates. And if the Cultural

1 Center doesn't work, I'll work with Donald and help you  
2 find a location.

3

4 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,  
5 Barbara. Very good.

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7 Anybody come up with the National  
8 Conference American Indian meeting date.

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10 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair, it looks like  
11 it -- well.....

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13 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Robbin, go  
14 ahead.

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16 MS. LAVINE: Mr. Chair, it does look  
17 like the NCAI fall convention -- 72nd annual convention  
18 will take place October 18th through the 23rd in San  
19 Diego.

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21 MS. MILLS: Okay.

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23 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Mary  
24 Ann, you go the first few days and come back.

25

26 (Laughter)

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28 MS. MILLS: And when was it scheduled  
29 for.

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31 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Judy.

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33 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair, I guess could  
34 we perhaps move our meeting one day -- 21, 22. Does  
35 that help at all.

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37 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: It's been  
38 suggested to move one day, 21, 22. Would that work,  
39 Donald. Or would that help.

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41 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair, I don't have any  
42 conflicting schedule with that. So just as long as it  
43 doesn't occur during the week of October 26th.

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45 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Alrighty.  
46 Okay. Mary Ann, would that give you a little buffer  
47 there. You might.....

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49 MS. MILLS: On the 26th.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: No. We're  
2 going to meet the 21st, 22nd. Originally we were 20  
3 and 21. We'll go to 21, 22, I guess is.....  
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5 MS. MILLS: And NCAI was 18th through  
6 the 23rd.  
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8 MS. CAMINER: No. It's the same dates.  
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11 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah.  
12 You're not going to get out of that NCAI. That's going  
13 to be the same week. It's going to overlap.  
14  
15 Andy.  
16  
17 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Just  
18 20 and 21 is a little better for me. But if it doesn't  
19 make a difference to Mary Ann.  
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21 MS. MILLS: Well, I know that I do have  
22 things at NCAI that, you know, are very important.  
23 During those conferences there's a lot of testimony.  
24 And I'm working on children's issues this year. Prior  
25 to that, we did the (indiscernible), which was very  
26 successful.  
27  
28 So I'm not sure if I would be able to  
29 make it. I'll see what the schedule is with NCAI and  
30 maybe I can come back early.  
31  
32 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. If  
33 you could do that, Mary Ann. Maybe you could make it  
34 work for both a little bit. You'll have the first few  
35 days anyway, so 18th through the 20th.  
36  
37 MS. MILLS: Pardon.  
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39 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: You'll have  
40 the 18th, 19th, and 20th. Three days down there to do  
41 your business and come back.  
42  
43 MS. MILLS: Uh-huh.  
44  
45 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: If you miss  
46 half of it or you're going to stay the whole thing,  
47 then we have to either exclude you or try to change it.  
48 And this schedule looks pretty full here.  
49  
50 MS. MILLS: Uh-huh.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I wouldn't  
2 even venture to look at my schedule. But, anyway.  
3  
4 (Laughter)  
5  
6 MS. MILLS: I know. It's.....  
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8 MR. CARPENTER: So Mr. Chairman, the  
9 original motion was for the October 20, 21st. So I  
10 would accept as a friendly amendment the 21st and 22nd,  
11 if the second is okay with that.  
12  
13 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: We've got a  
14 motion for the 21st and 22nd. Is second okay with  
15 that, that picked that date. Who seconded it.  
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17 MR. CARPENTER: I'm not sure who  
18 seconded.  
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20 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, who  
21 made the original motion. Was that.....  
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23 MR. CARPENTER: Me.  
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25 MS. CAMINER: I made the original.  
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27 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Would you be  
28 agreeable to that amendment to move it one day.  
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30 MS. CAMINER: Yeah.  
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32 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.  
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34 MR. CARPENTER: I'll call the question  
35 then.  
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37 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Question's  
38 been called. And I'll just re-read it. We're talking  
39 about the 20 -- the way I understand it now, we're  
40 going to meet on October 21st and 22nd.  
41  
42 MR. CARPENTER: Uh-huh.  
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44 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: All in  
45 favor, aye.  
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47 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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49 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.  
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1 (No opposing votes)  
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3 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you.  
4 Mary Ann, we'll try and work with you. We'll see what  
5 comes up or something.  
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7 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair.  
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9 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.  
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11 MS. CAMINER: Might it be possible,  
12 Donald, for Mary Ann to call if we're doing proposals  
13 or something like that. Call in for part of that.  
14  
15 MS. MILLS: I could do that. If I'm  
16 not able to get away from NCAI, I could do that.  
17  
18 MR. MIKE: Yeah. It is possible.  
19 Sure. Thank you.  
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21 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Very good.  
22  
23 Donald, looking at my agenda here, I  
24 think we've come to a conclusion. But do you have  
25 anything else that we're missing. Sky is going to  
26 call.  
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28 MR. MIKE: Is Sky on the line.  
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30 MS. CAMINER: Mr. Chair and Donald.....  
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32 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: He's tied up  
33 for an hour.  
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35 MS. CAMINER: He's tied up for about an  
36 hour, is what he's saying.  
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38 MR. MIKE: Okay. Okay.  
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40 MS. CAMINER: I guess my suggestion  
41 might be that -- the presentation I was interested in,  
42 for those of you who might have seen it at AFN last  
43 year, was AHTNA put together a video on coal  
44 management. And maybe it'll be really appropriate to  
45 view that in the Cultural Center, right there in the  
46 heart of AHTNA lands.  
47  
48 So maybe we could see that there.  
49 Maybe Sky would even -- I don't know -- just write up a  
50 quick summary of his experiences on the transition team

1 or maybe be able to present it to us next time.

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3 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's a  
4 good suggestion. Maybe you could ask him, Donald, if  
5 he could present that. As long as it's coal management  
6 between Tribal and Feds.

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8 MS. CAMINER: Yeah.

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10 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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12 MS. CAMINER: Yes. So if I could just  
13 summarize a few things that we mentioned in terms of  
14 follow-up from this meeting. And then if anybody has  
15 agenda ideas for next meeting.

16

17 Donald was asked to summarize the  
18 discussion on delegated authority that we had at our  
19 October meeting. And make it a little bit more  
20 thorough in the minutes that we have -- that we looked  
21 at, at this meeting.

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23 And then we also mentioned -- and  
24 perhaps some Staff will do research on this -- whether  
25 it was the Alaska Native Science Commission or some  
26 other entities -- Federal, State, nonprofits -- who are  
27 providing a platform for climate change observations in  
28 ways that people can record or enter their  
29 observations. There are all sorts of observation  
30 networks I know. And so maybe we can just have a  
31 briefing on that at our next meeting or actually in  
32 between if someone finds some databases to distribute  
33 to the RAC. People can get the word out to their  
34 communities. That's a good way to distribute  
35 information.

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37 And then if we could see this AHTNA  
38 video, I think everybody would really appreciate it.  
39 Or if it's available online, which it probably is,  
40 maybe Donald you can get that linked to everybody, too.  
41 But it would be to have a speaker on it when we're  
42 there.

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44 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,  
45 Judy. Very good. Jennifer.

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47 MS. YUHAS: Thank you for recognizing  
48 me, Mr. Chair.

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50 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

1 MS. YUHAS: This is not for reports.  
2 But in preparation for your next meeting, I just wanted  
3 to add a couple of things from the State.

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5 We had this discussion with your Chair  
6 at the All Chairs Meeting following the Federal  
7 Subsistence Board meeting. I'm just trying to remind  
8 the RACs that you're getting your materials in a timely  
9 fashion now from OSM, which is fantastic. But we've  
10 got funding issues. It's been all over the newspapers  
11 on both sides. And the State is experiencing those  
12 also.

13  
14 And that you probably have noticed over  
15 about the last six years a decreased personal  
16 participation in the RAC meetings. And my preference  
17 is always to be in person. I'm visual. I like being  
18 able to have some of the nonverbal interaction and just  
19 really getting to know the members. And most of our  
20 employees feel the same way, too. However, we can't  
21 always do that for funding.

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23 And we can't always do that just for --  
24 like yesterday. I probably looked very busy over  
25 there. And some of that was participating in the other  
26 RAC meeting that's going on. Some of it was supplying  
27 materials to people here in the room. And you just  
28 have one body to take to these meetings.

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30 We really have to rely on the RAC  
31 member's ability to receive their packet in time and at  
32 least look through it to see if anything jogs your  
33 interest for requesting a presentation. I do my best  
34 for things that are on the fly to contact our Staff.  
35 We sometimes have held cell phones up to microphones to  
36 try and get you timely information. And we realize  
37 that, you know, we're all human beings and things  
38 spring to us on the day of the meeting, but we really  
39 are relying on the members to make their wishes known  
40 if they want a presentation prior to the meeting. And  
41 then we do our best to look at Staff schedules.

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43 And that doesn't mean Staff are too  
44 busy or don't care. Sometimes that means the same  
45 biologist you wish to have a report from might be  
46 flying their survey the same day and it's their only  
47 weather window. But we always do try to make that  
48 happen. And I just wanted to bring that to your  
49 attention as you prepare for the next meeting.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Thank  
2 you very much. And I'm glad you chose to bring your  
3 body to this meeting.

4  
5 Thank you.

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7 (Laughter)

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9 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Anything  
10 else to come before the Council.

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12 Donald.

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14 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As  
15 far as the winter 2016 All Council Meeting update, at  
16 the last Federal Subsistence Board meeting the  
17 Directors requested a All Chairs Meeting prior to the  
18 meeting. But there were some issues that was  
19 prohibitive to meet prior to the Board meeting.

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21 So what we did was the All Chairs met  
22 after the Board meeting. And we met with Staff, all  
23 the coordinators, and all the RAC chairs and discussed  
24 the all RAC Chairs for 2016.

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26 And if you recall, this is one of our  
27 end report items to have an All RAC Chairs Meeting here  
28 in Anchorage or Fairbanks. So we're going to have it  
29 here in Anchorage since it's more centralized and  
30 logistically it's a lot easier to get all these  
31 Councils to one place.

32  
33 So our tentative date for now is March  
34 7th through the 11th, 2016, here in Anchorage. So --  
35 and the planning committee for this All RAC meeting are  
36 the current Chairs of the Regional Advisory Councils,  
37 the Council Coordinators, and our Division Chief, Carl  
38 Johnson. And we also have our Native liaison as part  
39 of the Planning Committee.

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41 So tentatively we have a date selected  
42 through 7th through the 11th. And how we structured it  
43 is there will be some -- an invocation keynote speaker  
44 at the beginning of the session. Joint agenda items.  
45 That includes common issues from the end reports. That  
46 would, for example, bycatch, OSM budget or any other  
47 budget. Other agency actions that impact subsistence,  
48 food security, and climate change. Those are just some  
49 of the agenda items.

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1                   And during that week we'll have a day  
2 for each Councils to address their unique issues within  
3 their regions. So Tuesday will be three Councils  
4 Meeting; Wednesday, three Councils; Thursday, three  
5 Councils; and Friday, one Council. And within that  
6 week we're planning to have some training. Multiple  
7 sessions a day. And that would cover laws. That  
8 includes ANILCA, FACA, and other -- any laws and  
9 policies that relate to our Councils.

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11                   And we'll also have training for  
12 Robert's Rules of Order and presentations on dual  
13 management and Federal Indian Law with ANCSA  
14 implications. And cross-cultural communications; C&T  
15 versus .804; regulatory processes that we sort of  
16 outline between the State and Federal regulatory  
17 processes.

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19                   So in addition, within that week we'll  
20 have reports and panels presenting. That would include  
21 other processes. That includes the Subsistence  
22 Resource Commissions, the Advisory Commissions,  
23 Migratory Bird folks there, and reports and panels from  
24 the Western Arctic Caribou Herd working group. Yukon  
25 River Salmon Management. That includes the Yukon River  
26 Drainage Fishing Association, Department of Fish and  
27 Game, and Federal in-season managers. And update on  
28 all the panels from the Kuskokwim River Management.

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30                   And also a holistic management  
31 explanation of how agencies manage resources from BLM,  
32 US Fish and Wildlife Service, Park Service, and the  
33 Forest Service. So we'll have a panel from those  
34 agencies explaining how they're mandated to manage  
35 their Federal public lands.

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37                   And reports from panels also include  
38 travel consultation and endangered species in Alaska.

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40                   So that's the update for our winter  
41 meeting. The winter meeting for March 7th and 11th --  
42 that will cover our winter meeting and the fall meeting  
43 all in one year. So that's the plan for now.

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45                   But what I presented to you are all  
46 just tentative information. And I don't know when our  
47 next Committee meeting will be to address these  
48 tentative plans and dates. But once that's finalized,  
49 I'll make sure I share it with the Councils and we'll  
50 go from there.

1                               That's my update on the All RAC Chairs  
2 for March 2016.  
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4                               VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,  
5 Donald.  
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7                               Judy.  
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9                               MS. CAMINER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It  
10 sounds like an excellent agenda, Donald. I mean it  
11 sounds like a lot of work has been done already, which  
12 is terrific.  
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14                              Is the plan for Board Members to attend  
15 most of the meeting.  
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17                              MR. MIKE: We will throw that in the  
18 plan. I'll make sure it's in the plan. Right, Chuck.  
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21                              VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.  
22 Anything else that you have. I see closing comments is  
23 our last thing here. But it's closing comments from  
24 everyone.  
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26                              Anyone got any closing comments. I  
27 think we've pretty well closed our comments.  
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29                              (Laughter)  
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31                              VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Judy.  
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33                              MS. CAMINER: Well, once again -- I  
34 mean as Jennifer mentioned, it's just a pleasure to get  
35 the book ahead of time so we can really prepare for the  
36 meeting. We really appreciate it.  
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38                              People did a great job. Staff with  
39 presentations. New Staff doing presentations. And was  
40 organized. Kept to the schedule. And so we really  
41 appreciate everybody being here and helping us to make  
42 good decisions.  
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44                              VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Very good.  
45 I'll ditto what Judy said. I know it's a tremendous  
46 task and a lot of volunteerism. And a lot of  
47 passionate things. But as long as we can walk away  
48 and, you know, don't take it personal and do the best  
49 for all the users, that's our goal. So I really  
50 appreciate the process.

1 I want to mention one word about Ralph.  
2 I know that he's had his life in here a long time and  
3 wants to kind of continue, although he missed today.  
4 I'm trying to encourage him to stay involved and get  
5 back in, but I need your help. So encourage him. I  
6 think he's a very good part of this Council.

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8 Any other closing comments.

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10 (No comments)

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12 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing  
13 none, the motion to adjourn is in order.

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15 MR. CARPENTER: So moved.

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17 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: It's been  
18 moved to adjourn.

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20 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Second.

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22 VICE CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Second. We  
23 stand adjourned.

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25 (Off record)

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27 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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