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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Speridon Simeonoff, Chairman  
18 Melissa Berns  
19 Patrick Holmes  
20 Richard Koso  
21 Samuel Rohrer  
22 Thomas Schwantes  
23 Antone Shelikoff  
24 Della Trumble  
25 Vincent Tutiakoff  
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29 Acting Regional Council Coordinator, Tom Jennings  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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(On record)

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Let's go and call to order. I've got about 10:05 here. Can we have roll call please.

MR. JENNINGS: Yeah. This is Tom, and I'll do a roll for your.

Patrick Holmes.

(No response)

MR. JENNINGS: Pete Squartsoff.

(No response)

MR. JENNINGS: I spoke with him. He's traveling and is not available.

Speridon Simeonoff.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Here.

MR. JENNINGS: Della Trumble.

MS. TRUMBLE: Here.

MR. JENNINGS: Sam Rohrer.

MR. ROHRER: Here.

MR. JENNINGS: Antone Shelikoff.

MR. SHELIKOFF: Here.

MR. JENNINGS: Richard Koso.

(No response)

MR. JENNINGS: Thomas Schwantes.

MR. SCHWANTES: Here.

MR. JENNINGS: Vincent Tutiakoff.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Here.  
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3 MR. JENNINGS: Melissa Berns.  
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5 MS. BERNS: Here.  
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7 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you. Well, that's  
8 good. Thank you very much, and Happy New Year.  
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10 I have one request, since we're doing  
11 this all teleconference. It will be helpful if before  
12 you speak -- or when you're speaking, to identify  
13 yourself by name. It will help our recorder, please.  
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15 REPORTER: The first name is fine.  
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17 MR. JENNINGS: First name is fine.  
18 Thank you.  
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,  
21 Tom.  
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23 I'd like to welcome everyone to this  
24 teleconference.  
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26 Our agenda, we have only one item on  
27 our agenda. May I have a motion to approve.  
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29 MR. SCHWANTES: This is Tom Schwantes.  
30 Motion to approve.  
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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is there a second.  
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34 MR. HOLMES: Second.  
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat Holmes  
37 seconded. Discussion.  
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39 (No comments)  
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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none, the  
42 motion carries.  
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44 That brings us to FRMP Project 14-452.  
45 I'll turn that over to you, Tom, or whoever is there to  
46 get the overview.  
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48 MR. JENNINGS: All right. Thank you,  
49 Mitch. Mr. Chairman. Our presenter will be Jeff  
50 Brooks who's a social scientist from OSM and he'll give

1 you the background information.

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3 Thank you.

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5 MR. BROOKS: Thank you, Tom. Good  
6 morning, Mr. Chairman.

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8 Thank you for the opportunity to  
9 address you today. My name is Jeff Brooks. Can you  
10 all hear me?

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.

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14 MR. HOLMES: Roger.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Happy New  
17 Year. And again thanks for taking the time out of your  
18 busy lives and schedules to do this teleconference.

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20 Today I'm going to tell you a little  
21 bit about Project 14-452, which was submitted to the  
22 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program by Dr. Katherine  
23 Reedy-Maschner from the Department of Anthropology at  
24 Idaho State University.

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26 The study itself would address three  
27 research questions: What is the current role of  
28 subsistence fisheries for Alaska Peninsula area  
29 residents, especially those fisheries occurring within  
30 or adjacent to Federal public lands; what is the social  
31 map of food harvesting and distribution; and how is it  
32 shaped by socio-economic circumstances; and then how  
33 can these data and social networks assist in the  
34 management of these species.

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36 The investigator, the principal  
37 investigator listed nine objectives in the  
38 investigation plan. I'm not going to read all nine to  
39 you at this time, but after the analysis and the review  
40 of this proposal was completed, I judged it originally,  
41 the OSM review reflected a high strategic priority for  
42 this project, because there is a clear nexus to Federal  
43 public lands.

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45 The proposed study area and target  
46 communities are within and/or adjacent to the  
47 boundaries of the Izembek, Alaska Peninsula, and Alaska  
48 Maritime National Wildlife Refuges, and subsistence  
49 fisheries for these communities occur in waters within  
50 or adjacent to these Federal public lands. This study

1 also would put those subsistence fisheries in a broader  
2 context of other foods harvested by the communities.

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4                   And just to back up, the project itself  
5 would document and analyze subsistence harvest and  
6 social networks in three communities in the area, in  
7 the Shumagin Islands and the Alaska Peninsula. Those  
8 are Sand Point, King Cove, and Cold Bay. These are all  
9 part of Aleutians East Borough.

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11                   The researcher's technical and  
12 scientific merit was found to be high.

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14                   The objectives are ambitious. The  
15 study proposes to do quite a bit, but they're clearly  
16 written and I believe they are measurable.

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18                   The principal investigator provided an  
19 adequate review of a sample of most pertinent  
20 literature involved with this type of research. The  
21 principal investigator is clearly aware of the work  
22 that has previously been documented and conducted in  
23 Alaska, and that is relevant to the proposed study.

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25                   The researcher's ability and resources  
26 are high. Her performance in the program, she has some  
27 past experience with the Fisheries Resource Monitoring  
28 Program. She's in good standing on her studies, and  
29 that was rated high.

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31                   And this project also has the  
32 capability of producing partnerships and capacity  
33 building.

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35                   The preliminary OSM recommendation was  
36 to fund, and the justification reads as follows. This  
37 project has high potential to provide useful  
38 information to subsistence to subsistence fisheries  
39 managers in the National Wildlife Refuge system in this  
40 region of Alaska, and others.

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42                   The proposed study would address  
43 important social networks, which includes things like  
44 sharing, which is a priority information need for the  
45 southwest Alaska region. The specific need was for  
46 Bristol Bay; however, this area is within the region.  
47 This proposed study has a strong link to Federal public  
48 lands, and is focused on important subsistence  
49 resources, such as salmon and subsistence uses of three  
50 National Wildlife Refuges. This proposed work would

1 help close numerous data gaps in the region.  
2 Information and insights from this proposed study would  
3 situate salmon in a larger subsistence context and  
4 provide data on salmon availability and importance in  
5 relation to other subsistence foods.

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7 We highly recommend that the principal  
8 investigator and her research team reach out to the  
9 Refuge managers to discuss this project and increase  
10 the research partnerships with these managers of  
11 Federal public lands.

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13 It is also recommended that they  
14 continue and increase their communication and  
15 collaboration with the State of Alaska who has done  
16 similar research. The principal investigator is aware  
17 of the State's databases and has been in communication  
18 with them at this point.

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20 That's all I have for you, unless you  
21 have some questions for me.

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23 MS. TRUMBLE: This is Della Trumble.

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25 MR. BROOKS: Hi, Della.

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27 MS. TRUMBLE: Can you hear me?

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29 MR. BROOKS: Yes.

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31 MS. TRUMBLE: The question that I have  
32 reviewing this document is the issue that involves the  
33 sportfishermen, and the hunters basically, the  
34 activity that goes on in Cold Bay. When we're looking  
35 at the subsistence harvest, one of the biggest concerns  
36 that people in King Cove have as a community is that if  
37 they go over to technically subsistence, they can also  
38 create (ph) they're only allowed a certain amount a  
39 day; however, the residents of Cold Bay are allowed to  
40 fish a lot more. And some of this is under the  
41 regulation basically of sports, and the fact that they  
42 call it subsistence fishing, but, you know, hundreds of  
43 pounds of fish are flown out of Cold Bay at any given  
44 time. So I'm not sure why that's not addressed in here  
45 as part of this, and if you're going to be pulling this  
46 information, I think it's important to also have that  
47 information available not only for Fish and Wildlife,  
48 but themselves, you know. You know, it's obvious they  
49 don't know a whole lot about the subsistence uses  
50 around this area. But I think it's important to the

1 people that are subsistence users.

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3 MR. BROOKS: Okay. Thank you, Della.  
4 I believe that that is a very good observation, and  
5 that will need to be relayed to the principal  
6 investigator as part of my review. And I would  
7 encourage that investigator to talk with you further  
8 about this to account for that.

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10 Thank you.

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12 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman. This is  
13 Pat.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Pat.

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17 MR. HOLMES: I've been looking at this  
18 for some time and spent quite a few hours here in the  
19 last couple days looking at this, and I would ask first  
20 a question to Jeff: why the rush? From what I  
21 understand, that several members of the Technical  
22 Review Committee, they haven't had a formal meeting to  
23 discuss this. They've sent in written comments, and I  
24 believe the OSM Staff as we speak are summarizing those  
25 comments which relate to things to things that should  
26 be reviewed and updated on this proposal.

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28 So it seems to me that we're putting  
29 the cart before the horse, because we're being asked to  
30 approve something that in my mind, looking at it, has  
31 several gaps and errors, and need to be updated. And I  
32 understand a lot of those things are coming in from the  
33 Technical Review Committee. And I can't help but feel  
34 us being asked to approve this is, as I said, putting  
35 the dogs behind the sled and the cart before the horse,  
36 because we're tacitly approving something that we don't  
37 really know is going to be completed.

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39 And the comments that you said that  
40 they related well with the -- she's done a lot of work  
41 checking the State databases, but I talked with Jim  
42 Fall, and he said that on her previous studies, you  
43 know, part of her sampling design is talking about  
44 social interrelationships, and the State maintains a  
45 confidential list on those. And quite frankly, Della  
46 can contribute to this, too, I know -- I've worked out  
47 in that area since 1963 was my first trip when I was  
48 with -- I've done a lot of work in that neck of the  
49 woods.

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1                   And something's missing here, because  
2 you need to look at that confidentiality database,  
3 because I know some of the villages that I've gone to  
4 back in the early 90's after work I did in the 80's  
5 were very upset, because things that they gave out on  
6 interrelationships were actually published. And I  
7 think that that's a point that is so important, is  
8 maintaining that confidentiality. And I really think  
9 that I guess she's been asked in the past to work with  
10 the State Subsistence Division on that, and she has not  
11 done that from what I gather, and I think that that  
12 should be something that's discussed.

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14                   And so I'd like to go back to my  
15 question, I'm sorry to get so much detail, but why the  
16 rush. And then I'll have other comments later on.

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18                   Thank you.

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20                   MR. BROOKS: Thank you, Pat.

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22                   MS. TRUMBLE: This is Della again.  
23 Thank you, Pat, for bringing that forward also.

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25                   I am very familiar with Kate. I've  
26 worked with her on a number of occasions.

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28                   Bulk of our subsistence harvest has  
29 been by State, and for the people here it's more -- it  
30 works better for us than having to deal to be honest  
31 with you with Fish and Wildlife and Izembek. So that's  
32 -- the item (ph) was first if you will pretty high I  
33 think and less important.

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35                   MR. BROOKS: This is Jeff. Pat, I  
36 would like to say just a couple of things about your  
37 comment.

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39                   First of all, thank you and your  
40 observations or what you said about the TRC are  
41 correct. It is incomplete -- the review by the TRC is  
42 incomplete. And we're working on that now. It seems  
43 to be a mixed review from them.

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45                   The other thing is that from the IP  
46 review, it appeared that the researcher was in contact  
47 and aware of the State's database and has been working  
48 with them. I'm assuming that she hasn't been able to  
49 provide the data to them, because it's not ready. But  
50 one of the things that we do in the review is encourage

1 them to increase their communication and collaboration  
2 with Jim Fall and his researchers.

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4                   And the part about confidentiality, I'm  
5 not aware of her record on that, but I certainly  
6 believe that that is a part of ethical research and  
7 that that would be recommended that she write up how  
8 the confidentiality of her key respondents would be  
9 protected.

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11                   And also we regret that you feel  
12 rushed, and I certainly wasn't -- it was never my  
13 intention to do that, and it is unfortunate. We have  
14 the Federal Subsistence Board meeting on January 14th  
15 on the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program. That is  
16 one of the main reasons for these expedited schedule.

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18                   Thank you.

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20                   MR. HOLMES: If I can come back again,  
21 Mr. Chairman.

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23                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Pat.

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25                   MR. HOLMES: I think that a lot of the  
26 -- some of the questions that she's raised to address  
27 in here, there's absolutely no -- I mean, there's some  
28 reference on using -- touching with the databases, but  
29 I think most folks know that the majority of the  
30 subsistence, unless something's changed to step on my  
31 tongue, but the bulk of the salmon harvest is done  
32 adjacent to or through the commercial fishing out west,  
33 and she does kind of reference that sideways. But, you  
34 know, the bulk of the catch for King Cove and Sand  
35 Point does come out of the commercial fishing regs --  
36 or out of the commercial fishery. And so, you know,  
37 there needs to be a little more perhaps discussion.  
38 Some of the questions she raises I think have already  
39 been answered in the annual area management reports out  
40 there.

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42                   And I think there's one suggestion I  
43 would have that really should be addressed in the whole  
44 discussion, and I would be -- withhold all of my  
45 approval of this project. I realize that it's so  
46 important. For a long time I've been a very strong  
47 proponent of subsistence work out there, but the thing  
48 our Council has discussed ever since the Council has  
49 been established is the relationship of predators on  
50 subsistence use out west. And when I did my survey in

1 the Aleutians in '82, the question of declining sealion  
2 populations and seals was just starting out there.

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4                   And I know after they've seen at least  
5 two or three cycles of orca, otters, seals, sealion,  
6 clam and urchin relationships, and I've been in King  
7 Cove in the, oh, 83/84/85 when the otter population  
8 popped up before the orcas had started to focus on  
9 otters after they'd scarfed the seals and sealions,  
10 which are super important dietary function. And up in  
11 the lagoon there, you'd see its that were three or four  
12 feet deep and six feet across where the otters moved in  
13 and took out the butter clams, which are easy for them  
14 to capture.

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16                   So that type of relationship, folks out  
17 there have been concerned about for more than 40, 50  
18 years. I know Della's stressed the situation with  
19 wolves, and bears, and caribou, and moose, and then  
20 berries. And I think that that should be a question  
21 that should be examined with the people that are out  
22 there, the long-term effects of what has happened to  
23 their traditional harvest patterns, because it's pretty  
24 tough to get a seal any more or a sealion. And now  
25 that the otters are going down, some places the clams  
26 and urchins are back up.

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28                   But, you know, those are really, really  
29 important things. And whenever our Council has made  
30 any comments in recent years I know, and Della used to  
31 take the lead when she first got on our Council, and I  
32 used to go and sit in the audience and listen in, on  
33 wolves and bears and caribou, but that has been a  
34 tremendous change. And I think talking about  
35 temperature, yeah, that has something to do with it,  
36 but there's been some massive regime shifts, and the  
37 effect of those shifts I think really should be  
38 addressed in this study.

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40                   Thank you.

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42                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.

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44                   Any other questions for Jeff.

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46                   (No comments)

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48                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I have one. This  
49 is Mitch. I was reading that the among the -- on this  
50 proposal, midway through that first paragraph, that it

1 states that this information is of strategic importance  
2 given, for example, data gaps for a recent EIS  
3 developed for the proposed King Cove-Cold Bay land  
4 exchange and road corridor. I understood that the road  
5 was to improve health care for the Village of King  
6 Cove. How is this study on subsistence going to affect  
7 their fight for that road?  
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9 MR. BROOKS: Mr. Chair. I'll do my  
10 best to address that briefly.  
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12 Thank you for your question, and I see  
13 what you're referring to on Page 1 of the IP, actually  
14 executive summary. And I believe Dr. Reedy-Maschner  
15 has been doing some related work in the area on that  
16 EIS. The environmental impact statement included  
17 effects, impacts to a lot -- many resources, including  
18 subsistence. And I think simply what that is referring  
19 to is that there were some data gaps in that particular  
20 EIS because of lack of information. That's what she's  
21 saying in that paragraph.  
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23 But you are correct that the point of  
24 that road was to improve access to health care.  
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26 Thank you.  
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28 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman.  
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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.  
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32 MR. HOLMES: Pat again. I'm sorry to  
33 be so talkie, but I believe that the earlier  
34 discussions on the road and any harvested critters up  
35 there, that, you know, that things would be designed  
36 through State and Federal process to -- so that there  
37 would be no effect on subsistence.  
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39 But there's one small creek up there  
40 that has reds, and to my knowledge, when I talked to  
41 the area management biologist last year about the road  
42 when I wrote my comments on the EIS, he said that  
43 basically there's -- the only harvest on that little  
44 creek is, from his knowledge, from sportsfishermen.  
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46 And I know, Della, don't most folks  
47 from King Cove, if they're not getting salmon through  
48 their commercial fishery, they go to Russell Creek or  
49 Thin Point, and I can't see a little stream up there  
50 with a couple hundred reds having any effect or any

1 action or any negative connotation to that road at all.

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3 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chairman. This is  
4 Della.

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6 Pat is correct. Most of it's been by  
7 State permits, and Thin Point is the bulk of it if it's  
8 not taken as part of the commercial harvest. And,  
9 you're correct, that most of the use is by  
10 sportfishermen in Cold Bay. Yeah.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Any other  
13 questions for Jeff on this proposal.

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15 MR. HOLMES: I was wondering on this  
16 proposal, if we're asked to review it and pass on it to  
17 the Federal Board, we're asking to comment on something  
18 that's not complete and finalized and won't be done  
19 until -- when's that meeting, February 14th, and isn't  
20 that going to be a violation of the Federal  
21 administrative protocols on public meetings and the  
22 interaction of our Council? It would seem to me that  
23 we should really get back together after the Staff has  
24 incorporated the TRC's, Technical Review Committee's  
25 comments so that we're actually voting on something  
26 that's going to be an endorsement of what's -- upon the  
27 product.

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29 Because in my mind there's some gaps  
30 here in this, and there's really some padding in this.  
31 If I were back working for an agency, I would probably  
32 send it back and ask them to streamline and, you know,  
33 there's a lot of -- anyway, I just think that I'd sure  
34 like to see what the Technical Review Committee had to  
35 say.

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37 And I'd surely like to see the comments  
38 put in there that they examine the relationship of  
39 predators to subsistence and what that effect has been,  
40 because I've noticed at our Council meetings comments  
41 that Della's made and Rick Koso, who's from King Cove,  
42 but he lives out at Adak now, and a lot of other  
43 people. If it goes against the personal philosophy of  
44 the Refuge manager or the deputy director, then a logo  
45 f times those things don't show up in the summaries,  
46 and I think that, you know, this is something that  
47 absolutely has to be in that document.

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49 Thank you, and I won't push on that  
50 point any more.

1 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, this is Tom from  
2 Kodiak.

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4 Yeah, I have the same concern. If we  
5 are not -- if this is not the final document that's  
6 going to go before the Board, and we're being asked to  
7 approve this without that final information, I mean  
8 that almost anything could be put in there after we  
9 approve this thing. And I'm not comfortable with that  
10 either. You know, I think we ought to -- if we're  
11 going to be asked to approve this thing, we ought to  
12 have the final information that's going to go before  
13 the Board before we approve or disapprove.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Point well taken.  
16 Is there any other comment.

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18 MR. ROHRER: Through the Chair. Sam  
19 Rohrer here. I have a comment.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Sam.

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23 MR. ROHRER: You know, I'm not an  
24 expert on the Alaska Peninsula. My experience is on  
25 Kodiak. But I just can't help but think, especially  
26 listening to Della's testimony about so much of the  
27 harvest being actually done through the State system, I  
28 look at this, and I look at the price tag. We're  
29 talking a half a million dollars over the next four  
30 years.

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32 And since I've been on the RAC, at  
33 every meeting we hear complaints from OSM about  
34 budgetary constraints, how we can't do this project, we  
35 can't do that project. There's always budgetary  
36 restraints. And certainly that's not OSM's fault, you  
37 know. We don't fault them for that. It's the times we  
38 live in I guess.

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40 But a half a million dollars, it just  
41 -- I just can't help but wonder if there's not better  
42 ways to spend that money that might, I don't know,  
43 enhancing fisheries, or who knows what. I mean, it  
44 just seems like the price tag for the information we're  
45 getting -- the price tag seems awfully steep.

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47 And I guess with that, I would defer to  
48 our folks who are down the Chain, and if this is that  
49 important to them, then, you know, I can defer to their  
50 judgment. This is in their backyard, not my backyard,

1 but, boy, oh, boy, if they're talking about spending  
2 this kind of money on Kodiak, I can think of a whole  
3 lot more important, more valuable areas to spend that  
4 money on in my humble opinion. So that's my two cents.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: This is Vince.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, go ahead.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Can you hear me there?

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hear you, yeah.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, okay. I agree  
19 with all the comments I've heard so far. I guess my  
20 concern is what the last speaker had said in regards to  
21 the amount of money being spent on this project.

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23 I was going to say something in the  
24 beginning of all this, that this whole thing was being  
25 put together I think for the road to King Cove, and we  
26 already know now that the Secretary has shot that down.  
27 I just totally don't understand her position or the  
28 Department's position on that.

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30 But I think, you know, the -- I'm not  
31 happy with the amount of money being put into this  
32 project. Maybe for a one-year period, but there again  
33 we're not having all the information. We're not --  
34 it's not been brought forward to us, and we're being  
35 asked to be a puppet Council to approve this kind of  
36 funding without all the information. I think it's  
37 wrong.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, I agree with  
40 that, too. This is Mitch. I worry mostly about this  
41 being an incomplete proposal, and we're asked to  
42 approve or disapprove. And I'm leery of the fact that  
43 if we approve something, and then something else gets  
44 put into it that we may not approve of, but, you know,  
45 it's put before us in an incomplete fashion, and if we  
46 approve it, who knows what they're going to put in  
47 there and say that was approved by this RAC. I would  
48 just, you know.....

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chairman. Again

1 this is Vince.....

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: .....before we get  
4 to vote on it.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Hello, Mr. Chair. Can  
7 you hear me?

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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. We have an  
12 ongoing study going on right now, or a survey going out  
13 here at Unalaska, Atka, Nikolski, Adak. And we've met  
14 with Reedy-Maschner once out here at Unalaska, and I  
15 understand from our administrator that she's coming out  
16 in March to do Unalaska. What is -- you know, where is  
17 all this information -- I have concerns that a lot of  
18 our people here in this community are not willing to  
19 work with the State on the subsistence issue, because  
20 it seems to be an attack at every level. I'm on the  
21 Unalaska Fishermen Association here in town here at  
22 Unalaska, and that was an issue they brought up about  
23 subsistence, that we're being kicked off the side of  
24 the road. And it's a key part of our livelihood out  
25 here for every community. And I'm afraid that it's  
26 just another attack by the State. I don't know who's  
27 putting money up for this thing. Is it the Federal or  
28 is it State?

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30 MR. ROHRER: It's Federal.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Thanks.

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34 MR. SCHWANTES: Mr. Chairman. Tom in  
35 Kodiak.

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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Tom.

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39 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah. You know, one  
40 other thought that came to my mind when I first read  
41 this, and going along with what Sam had to say about  
42 dollars, and Vince as well. I looked at those numbers  
43 and I thought, man, that's a lot of money.

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45 And the other thing that same to mind  
46 was, you know, we're handing this out to the Idaho  
47 State University. What -- and then the thought came to  
48 my mind is isn't there anything, any group within the  
49 University of Alaska that might be able to do this same  
50 study, do it a lot cheaper, and maybe involve some of

1 our own Native people involved in the study. I  
2 wouldn't know either, that's just my.....  
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4 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....but I think -- I  
5 would like to ask the Chairman to poll -- call for the  
6 motion. I think discussion is going in circles.  
7 Everybody kind of agrees that -- upon the basic  
8 issue.....  
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince, let's.....  
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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....that there's not  
13 enough information and too much money.  
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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, let's do  
16 that. I'll call for a motion to approve this approval  
17 for sake of discussion. May I ask someone.....  
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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I guess on the positive  
20 side, Mr. Chair, I'll make a motion to approve the FRMP  
21 Project 14-452, Western Gulf of Alaska subsistence  
22 harvests and social networks.  
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24 MR. HOLMES: Are we voting yes/no on  
25 the issue.  
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: May I have a  
28 second.  
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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You'll vote -- well, my  
31 opinion is it sounds like there's not enough support to  
32 let it pass, so you'd vote no.  
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34 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.  
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: May I have a  
37 second to the motion before we continue our discussion.  
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39 MR. HOLMES: I'll second the motion for  
40 terms of discussion.  
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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat seconded. Now  
43 we're in discussion. Go ahead, Della.  
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45 MS. TRUMBLE: A couple things that I'm  
46 -- I'm kind of listening to all the discussion here,  
47 but (indiscernible - faded out) and so what we talked  
48 about, the lack of information available and the impact  
49 it has on the subsistence users in this region I think  
50 is important. Now, I realize the issue of funding is

1 -- and the matter of what looks like a lot of money out  
2 there, but there's also incorporated the hiring of  
3 survey -- of people in the community to do the survey.  
4 I just -- in the back of my mind that really sticks,  
5 that really gets me is the fact that -- the amount of  
6 sports activity that goes on in Cold Bay and the  
7 negative impact it has on the surrounding communities,  
8 basically the real subsistence users, and if that -- if  
9 she can incorporate the various user types into it, I  
10 support it, because I think that information is sadly  
11 lacking. And see planeloads after planeloads after  
12 planeloads of sportshunters/fishermen going into Cold  
13 Bay. So somewhere just in the back of your mind just  
14 think about that, because it does impact us. It  
15 impacts us all the time. I mean, it has a negative  
16 effect on us as subsistence users. So I just want --  
17 would like you to think about that, where this  
18 information is lacking, and it hit us really with that  
19 EIS, and that was in the -- it wasn't in there that  
20 it's an actual use with subsistence users.

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22 I also am going to say that U.S. Fish  
23 and Wildlife Staff in Cold Bay does not make any effort  
24 to work with these communities. They don't come over  
25 to King Cove. And I don't know that they've even been  
26 to Sand Point. This issue, I hear complaints from  
27 people in Kind Cove all the time about the lack of  
28 cooperation and inability to go to Cold Bay and  
29 basically subsistence on lands and waters that we have  
30 basically been a part of for thousands of years. So  
31 kind of think about that when you're making this --  
32 voting on this.

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34 The other part I think that was brought  
35 up is this document really should -- for this amount of  
36 money should encompass the whole area as the various  
37 means of -- and it's really, I think it needs to be an  
38 expanded (ph) document if it's incorporating all of  
39 what we've discussed today, if we do pass it, and that  
40 it be complete before we pass it.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman. Pat.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Pat.

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48 MR. HOLMES: I'd have to agree with  
49 Della in a lot of ways. And, you know, I think that we  
50 do need to get some information. I think that my

1 recommendation on this vote would be to, if the Council  
2 would agree, would be to have a friendly amendment that  
3 it be postponed, and that we have whatever updated  
4 changes that are going to be made, recommended from the  
5 Technical Review Committee so we can see what's going  
6 to the Board before it goes to the Board. And there's  
7 plenty of time to do that.

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9           And I think on the whole question of  
10 the timing, if it takes a year to get things better,  
11 then let's do it the right way, and so that it does  
12 reflect the needs and the use of people, because I do  
13 think this is the excellent point -- place to get some  
14 information from the community out there on the --  
15 what's a whole lot important to me going to affect --  
16 has affected subsistence, and that's the changes in the  
17 ecology out there resulting from different populations  
18 of critters, herbivores going down on the marine  
19 environment, invertebrate and marine mammals  
20 disappearing. Those things -- that information needs  
21 to be gathered.

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23           And I would like to add to Della's  
24 comments, and I would like when this -- the minutes of  
25 this meeting are summarized that it go out to our  
26 members, because Della's raised some comments, and they  
27 always tend to disappear and never make it to the  
28 Board. And I would really like to make sure that those  
29 comments do take place.

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31           And I've been encouraged at the things  
32 that our Council has been able to do, and other  
33 Councils, not only on the Federal side, but providing  
34 input to the local advisory committees and also to the  
35 State Boards, because there are some things where we  
36 could go, you could.....

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38           Della, you might -- I'll have the area  
39 salmon guy, I'll give him a call and ask him to visit  
40 with you, and see -- I think the State Board meeting  
41 unfortunately is going on right now, but I think that,  
42 you know, our Council could have a small study group to  
43 talk about ways that things could be improved out there  
44 to the advantage of folks from King Cove. You know, we  
45 can get into the foray on the Federal -- on the State  
46 side as well as the Federal side, because I know when I  
47 was with the Department, and when I was the Aleutians  
48 area biologist, that was my instructions from Arnie  
49 Shaw is that subsistence comes first and find a way to  
50 make it work, and keep the runs going, because that's

1 the number 1 thing, and then the commercial fishery  
2 thereafter. And so I think that's still a priority  
3 with the agency and, you know, protecting subsistence  
4 is the priority for Fish and Wildlife Service as well.

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6 So I'd like to toss out the idea of a  
7 friendly amendment to postpone this so that we see  
8 what's going to go to the Board, and then we can have  
9 another teleconference and we can vote on it then.

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11 Would that be acceptable, Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I think that it  
14 was stated that the Federal Board is meeting on the  
15 14th.....

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17 MR. HOLMES: February.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: .....is that  
20 right?

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22 MR. BROOKS: Mr. Chair. This is Jeff  
23 at Anchorage. I just want to clarify that the Federal  
24 Subsistence Board meeting is January 14th.

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26 MR. HOLMES: On January 14th?

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28 MR. BROOKS: That's correct.

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30 MR. HOLMES: Okay. Well, I could get  
31 together on Wednesday, if, you know, Pippa gets done  
32 with what she's doing. I'd like to readdress it, but  
33 as it sits, you know, I'd have to say no, but I would  
34 like to do it in a positive way so that we can get  
35 those things that Della and I discussed inserted into  
36 the study, because I think the study plan is basically  
37 -- has a good concept, but it certainly needs to be  
38 tightened up a bit, and then we should have those  
39 ecological relationships looked at, too.

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41 So I guess I'll -- let's do it this  
42 way. I'll put forth a motion, or a friendly amendment  
43 to Vince, and if the Council votes it down, than we  
44 just go to yes/no. I'd like to move, Mr. Chairman,  
45 that we postpone this discussion and approval until we  
46 see the materials that are going to be presented to the  
47 Federal Board. And I'll make every effort to call in  
48 early on that to participate. So I guess that's my  
49 motion is to postpone a decision until we see what's  
50 going to the Federal Board.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Who's our  
2 parliamentarian here? We've got a motion on the  
3 motion.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, It's an  
6 amendment.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Amendment.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And also a postponement  
11 on the vote. And postponement on a vote takes priority  
12 I believe over the actual vote. So we need a second on  
13 the postponement, and have to set a time and date in  
14 your amendment. Then it can go forward. And when we  
15 meet and this motion that I originally made will come  
16 back on the floor after we've gotten all the  
17 information, and then we vote again. Or we will vote  
18 for the main motion.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,  
21 Vince. Do I hear a second.

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23 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah. I'll second  
24 that. This is Tom in Kodiak.

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26 MR. HOLMES: And I guess what we need  
27 from Jeff is an idea of when we might be able to do  
28 that.

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30 MR. BROOKS: Thank you. Mr. Chair.  
31 This is Jeff in Anchorage.

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33 One more point of clarification. The  
34 proposal itself, the IP, is complete, and that's what  
35 would go before the Board. However, the review is  
36 incomplete, the TRC review is incomplete.

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38 (Telephone interruption)

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Jeff, you  
41 said this proposal is complete the way it is? There's  
42 no other materials that will come after our discussion  
43 here?

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45 MR. BROOKS: That's right, sir. The  
46 proposal, the IP, is submitted as is to be reviewed and  
47 recommendations made, and decisions made on it.

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49 Now, one decision could be to modify  
50 it, to improve it. However, at this point there

1 probably is not time to get with the PI in Idaho and  
2 have it -- have this modification take place.

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4 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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6 MR. HOLMES: Why don't you try.

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8 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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12 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you. I think now  
13 to -- now since -- and trust me, I've worked with her  
14 on many occasions, so I know her fairly well. And I  
15 think even the discussion, I don't think it's -- she  
16 knows this area very well, these communities very well,  
17 and I don't think it would take her that much to make  
18 some additions to this, to be honest with you. I don't  
19 think -- I think we can at least give that effort to  
20 try.

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22 But the concern I think to try to push  
23 this on us without -- you know, and on a very short  
24 timeframe, at least since an effort, like someone just  
25 brought up, you know, give it a try. I'm sure -- since  
26 it's important enough and Kate feels it's important  
27 enough to do that, basically I'm sure she can put that  
28 together in a short time.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair. Vince  
31 again.

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Vince.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, just on this nine  
36 points there, Jeff, I think it's item number -- 1, 2, 3  
37 -- 4, determine changes in subsistence species, access,  
38 and uses over time, I would ask then maybe just to  
39 modify it as you recommended, to add sportsfish and  
40 sporthunting impacts. I mean, that would take the  
41 concerns I think that Della has to bring this to light.  
42 I agree with her wholeheartedly that sportsfishing and  
43 sporthunting affects our subsistence use, and  
44 especially in the Izembek. I've seen it before, and I  
45 agree with her, that they ship thousands of pounds of  
46 fish and meat out of, birds out of Cold Bay on the  
47 auspice of -- and they mark it subsistence. I mean,  
48 that's just the way I feel they've been doing it. So  
49 it affects the other communities. But I would make  
50 that recommendation under that particular point, number

1 4, add sportsfishing and sporthunting uses.

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3 MR. BROOKS: Mr. Chair, this is Jeff in  
4 Anchorage.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Jeff.

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8 MR. BROOKS: Thank you. I want to  
9 clarify that the -- if the IP was to be modified, the  
10 TRC review would have to recommend that. And that TRC  
11 review is incomplete at this time. But I'm taking  
12 notes on your comments so that they're not lost.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, but -- Mr. Chair,  
15 this is Vince. I agree with you, Jeff, I think you're  
16 taking notes, doing what you can, but we're not  
17 satisfied. I think I'm not satisfied that the review  
18 that's going to be done, technical review, will show  
19 these issues that we have concerns about. I mean, I'm  
20 just not satisfied that that will happen.

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22 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair. This is Tom  
23 Jennings.

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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Tom.

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27 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
28 just want to go back to the point that Vince was making  
29 earlier. You've got an amendment on the table right  
30 now I think. So if you could follow onto that, please.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes. We have a  
33 motion to postpone, to make an amendment to this  
34 proposal. And we have not voted on that second motion.  
35 If we vote on that second motion, we will set a  
36 specific date to come back to this. Or does everybody  
37 feel with the new information that this proposal is  
38 complete as it is, and we can move.....

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40 MR. HOLMES: Well, Mr. Chair, I'd like  
41 to make -- if the meeting's on the 14th, I understand  
42 that the Staff is summarizing the TRC comments as we  
43 speak, and so I would suggest that we have a  
44 teleconference on January 12th, two days before the  
45 Federal Board meeting to see what can be assembled or  
46 not, and that gives -- you know, as Della mentioned,  
47 and I know my contacts have deal with the primary  
48 investigator, that she's normally a positive gal, and  
49 obviously with this amount of money, I'm sure she would  
50 like to get the Federal -- the Technical Review

1 Committee's comments, and we'd like to have an  
2 endorsement of our Council. So let's go for the 12th,  
3 and I don't even know what day of the week it is, but  
4 I'm.....

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Sunday.

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8 MR. HOLMES: Sunday?

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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It's Sunday.

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12 MR. HOLMES: Well, let's do it. I've  
13 worked Saturdays and Sundays my whole career so let's  
14 do it.

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16 MR. SCHWANTES: I'm not -- this is Tom  
17 in Kodiak. I'm not going to be available on the 12th.

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19 MR. HOLMES: How about the 10th?

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21 MR. SCHWANTES: I'd be available on the  
22 10th, I'd be available on the 13th.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The 10th sounds good to  
25 me.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: What sounds good.  
28 10th, 13th, 12th?

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: 10th works.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The 10th.

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34 MR. SCHWANTES: Well, I want to know  
35 from Jeff if this information that we're going to be  
36 waiting for is going to be available on the 10th.

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38 MR. BROOKS: Yes. Mr. Chair, this is  
39 Jeff. We are still waiting for TRC members to respond.  
40 Some of them have not. They will be given a deadline,  
41 and the decision will be made, and we will give you  
42 everything that we have at that point on the 10th. And  
43 it will be -- that will be all that we will be giving  
44 you.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay?

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48 MR. SCHWANTES: Okay.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: So 10:00 a.m. on

1 the 10th, is that.....  
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3 MR. SCHWANTES: I'll second that. Tom  
4 in Kodiak.  
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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Call for the question  
7 on the postponement.  
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The question is  
10 called. All those -- before we do that, 10:00 a.m. on  
11 the 10th; is that correct?  
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13 MR. HOLMES: Yes, Mr. Chair.  
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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. And the  
16 question is called. All those in favor, one at a time.  
17 Della.  
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19 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes.  
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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.  
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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.  
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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.  
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27 MR. HOLMES: Yes.  
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom.  
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31 MR. SCHWANTES: Yes.  
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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Sam.  
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35 MR. ROHRER: Yes.  
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I say yes. Is  
38 Antone on here.  
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40 MR. SHELIKOFF: Okay.  
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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. 10:00 a.m.  
43 Friday the 10th. And I guess you can get that  
44 information to Tom Jennings, and he can mail it off to  
45 us all, and we'll take it from there.  
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47 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair. This is Tom  
48 Jennings.  
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Tom.

1 MR. JENNINGS: Okay. Help me out here  
2 if you can, so you voted to defer any action or  
3 recommendation until Friday the 10th, but you still  
4 have a main motion on the table yet, right?

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That motion to  
7 postpone superseded the last motion. So when we come  
8 back.....

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The main motion will  
11 come back on when we meet again.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. When we  
14 come back on Friday the 10th, the main motion will come  
15 back to the table, and we'll just take it up from  
16 there. We can recess and then just reconvene at 10:00  
17 a.m. Friday, January 10th. Yeah. Tom will get all  
18 this information from Jeff and they can email it out,  
19 and hopefully we'll have all the information on our i-  
20 pads or laptops, whatever.

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22 MR. JENNINGS: Okay. Mr. Chair. This  
23 is Tom.

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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Tom.

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27 MR. JENNINGS: As we have it then, we  
28 will reconvene 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10th, by  
29 teleconference.

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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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33 MR. JENNINGS: And we will use the same  
34 teleconference numbers and information. I will forward  
35 a message on that by email as a reminder.

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37 The proposal that you have, the  
38 executive summary will remain the same. We will  
39 provide the summary of the TRC's recommendations, and  
40 that will be the additional information that you'll  
41 have to use in your decisionmaking.

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43 Any other questions or points that I  
44 might have missed.

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46 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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50 MS. TRUMBLE: Tom -- I have a question

1 for Tom. I understand what you just said; however, as  
2 part of that technical review, are the comments from  
3 this Council going to go to that review committee so  
4 that they're able to take that into consideration as  
5 they're making their final recommendation.

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7 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair. This is Tom.

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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead.

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11 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah. As far as I  
12 understand, the Council's discussion and points that  
13 you made today do not go to the TRC at this point.  
14 They have been wrestling with all the various proposals  
15 that they have in front of them. So, no, these  
16 comments don't go to the TRC.

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18 Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: But what we  
21 produce on Friday will go on there; is that correct,  
22 Tom.

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24 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah. Mr. Chair. The  
25 actions that you take, or recommendations that you make  
26 on the next teleconference will go to the Federal  
27 Subsistence Board, that they would use in their  
28 deliberations in approving or disapproving the FRMP.

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30 Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Okay. Then  
33 we have the time set for January 10 at 10:00 a.m. We  
34 will reconvene at that time.

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36 Is there any other comments or  
37 questions before we recess.

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39 (No comments)

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41 MR. ROHRER: None from Kodiak.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Recess.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none, then  
46 we'll call back in Friday at 10:00 a.m. using the same  
47 call-in numbers we have.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. All right.

50 Well, Merry Christmas to all. Happy New Year.

1                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Merry  
2 Christmas. We'll go starring tonight, Vince.  
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4                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. Yeah, getting  
5 ready.  
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7                   MR. HOLMES: Merry Christmas to  
8 everybody, and Happy New Year.  
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10                   (Others also saying Merry Christmas,  
11 Happy New Year)  
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13                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom, will you call  
14 me back when we're all done, will you, please.  
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16                   MR. JENNINGS: Yes, I will, Mitch.  
17 Thank you.  
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19                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.  
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