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6 Kodiak, Alaska
7 March 22, 2012

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10 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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13 Speridon Simeonoff, Chairman
14 Patrick Holmes
15 Richard Koso
16 Sam Rohrer
17 Antone Shelikoff
18 Pete Squartsoff
19 Della Trumble
20 Vince Tutiakoff
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23 Regional Council Coordinator - Thomas Jennings

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Kodiak, Alaska - 3/22/2012)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Good morning, everyone. Let's call this Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council meeting to order. My time says 8:55. I got 8:55.

May we have a roll call, please.

MR. HOLMES: Pat Holmes.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You're the secretary, you do a roll call, right?

MR. HOLMES: Oh, yeah, I do. I do. I do. Okay. I'm asleep yet. Okay. Let's start at the top.

Chairman Simeonoff.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Here.

MR. HOLMES: Al Cratty.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Al Cratty's no longer.....

MR. HOLMES: I think he left. Okay. Myself.

Alex Paramanoff, Jr.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You need a new list, Pat.

MR. HOLMES: Oh, that's the wrong one.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We've had new members come on since then.

MR. JENNINGS: Excuse me, Mr. Chair. On Page 3 of our meeting book there's a roster.

MR. HOLMES: Thank you. Us geezers need all the help we can get. Okay.

1 Antone Shelikoff is on line. Myself is
2 here.
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4 Rick Koso.
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6 MR. KOSO: Here.
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8 MR. HOLMES: Sam Rohrer.
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10 MR. ROHRER: Present.
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12 MR. HOLMES: Tom Schwantes. He's not
13 here yet, I thought he was in town.
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15 Pete Squartsoff.
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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Here.
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19 MR. HOLMES: Vince Tutiakoff.
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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Here.
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23 MR. HOLMES: Della Trumble I think is
24 on line. Mitch Simeonoff is here. And Tommy Johnson
25 is not.
26
27 I believe we have a quorum.
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29 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair.
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom.
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33 MR. JENNINGS: You have a quorum.
34 Antone is on line. Della has another teleconference
35 that she's attending to and will be trying to dial in
36 probably after 9:30. Tom Schwantes is working on the
37 Slope on a six week Slope swing. And Tommy Johnson
38 indicated this winter that he wanted to attend the
39 meeting and that, but last week and this week he said
40 he probably wouldn't be able to get here today, but he
41 may try to get here later.
42
43 Thank you.
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: He said he'll try
46 to get in here later today?
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48 MR. JENNINGS: It was sounding more
49 like at the end of the meeting if anything.
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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
2 Tom. We do have a quorum.
3
4 I'd like to start this meeting off with
5 having introductions. We do have two new Board members
6 on the RAC and I'll start.
7
8 I'm Speridon Simeonoff, Chairman of the
9 Kodiak/Aleutians RAC. I'm from the Native Village of
10 Akhiok.
11
12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Pete Squartsoff from
13 Port Lions. Past member, happy to be back on.
14
15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Vince Tutiakoff from
16 Unalaska, formerly of Adak. And I'm a past member of
17 the RAC, one of the original members and glad to be
18 back.
19
20 MR. KOSO: Yeah, Rick Koso, I'm
21 presently residing at Adak, King Cove originally. Been
22 on for about three years now.
23
24 MR. ROHRER: Sam Rohrer and I've been
25 on since '04, I think, and good old resident of Kodiak.
26
27 MR. HOLMES: Pat Holmes, Kodiak. It's
28 great to have Vince and Pete back on the Council, they
29 have a lot of history and passion and I'm sorry that Al
30 Cratty has left us and I'll miss my grandson.
31
32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, we'll just
33 go around and we'll get to the audience.
34
35 MR. JENNINGS: Everyone on line, please
36 introduce yourself.
37
38 MS. PETERSON: This is Chris Peterson
39 at Izembek.
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41 MR. JENNINGS: Hello, Chris, this is
42 Tom Jennings.
43
44 MR. SHELIKOFF: Antone Shelikoff, I've
45 been probably on the RAC for about a year now.
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47 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Antone.
48 Next.
49
50 MS. MELENDEZ: Good morning. This is

1 Leticia Melendez and I'm with Izembek National Wildlife
2 Refuge.

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4 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you. Any others
5 on the teleconference at this time?

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7 (No comments)

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9 MR. JENNINGS: Hearing none.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Tom.
12 Go ahead.

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14 MR. KRON: I'm Tom Kron with OSM,
15 Fish and Wildlife Service.

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17 MR. JENNINGS: I'm Tom Jennings, I'm
18 the Acting Council Coordinator with OSM.

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20 MR. WHEELER: I'm Gary Wheeler, Refuge
21 Manager at Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge for Fish and
22 Wildlife Service.

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24 MS. WOODS: Summer Woods with Tangirnaq
25 Native Village or better known as Woody Island,
26 Environmental Director.

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28 MS. KLAUSS: I'm Nicole Klauss,
29 reporter at Kodiak Daily Mirror.

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31 MR. PYLE: Bill Pyle, Supervisory
32 Wildlife Biologist, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

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34 MR. Chervenak: I'm Paul Chervenak,
35 Vice Chairman of the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory
36 Committee.

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38 MR. TRACY: Donn Tracy, I'm with the
39 Department of Fish and Game here in Kodiak.

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41 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pat Petrivelli with
42 the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Subsistence
43 Anthropologist.

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45 MR. TIERNAN: Aaron Tiernan, Fisheries
46 Biologist for ADF&G out of Sand Point.

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48 MR. POETTER: Aaron Poetter, Commercial
49 and Subsistence Fish Manager out of Sand Point, ADF&G.

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1 MR. VAN DAELE: Pat Van Daele, Kodiak
2 Natural Resource Department.
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you. You're
5 welcome. At this time I'd.....
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7 (Off record comments - microphone)
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Would -- a motion
10 would be in order to approve our agenda.
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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll so move. I'll
13 make a motion to approve the agenda.
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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: This is Vince. I'll
16 second.
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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
19 seconded. Discussion.
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21 (No comments)
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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any items that you
24 need to add at this time.
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26 (No comments)
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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I have one that I
29 was going to put on. Under reports, Item D, the draft
30 report to the Fish and -- Federal Subsistence Board.
31 It's a draft in your packet.
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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair. This is
34 Vincent.
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.
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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I would like a little
39 opportunity to review the -- some of the operations
40 manual of the RAC, in particular absence issues. I've
41 -- I'm new to the Council, but I'm also aware that we
42 had some members that haven't attended a meeting and we
43 have bylaws or rules that we should follow and I think
44 reviewing them, putting them on the record, is the best
45 way to deal with it.
46
47 Thanks.
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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Vince.
50 Put that as item E under reports or.....

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Maybe under Chair
2 reports. We -- under Chair report too.
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Anything
5 else?
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7 (No comments)
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there's nothing
10 else then is there any objections to the motion to
11 approve the agenda with the additions?
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13 (No objections)
14
15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Seeing no
16 objections then all those in favor say aye.
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18 IN UNISON: Aye.
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.
21
22 (No opposing votes)
23
24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries. I
25 see we've got more -- one more member in the audience.
26 Would you, please.....
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28 MS. NELSON: Hi, I'm Nancy Nelson with
29 the Native Village of Afognak.
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Our agenda
32 is set and the next item would be election of officers.
33 So I will open the floor for nominations for Chair.
34 The floor is open for nominations for Chair for.....
35
36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I nominate Speridon
37 Simeonoff for Chair.
38
39 MR. ROHRER: Second.
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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
42 seconded. Any other nominations?
43
44 MR. HOLMES: Well, I guess I'd like to
45 ask Della if she'd be interested in being Chair, I know
46 Mitch is a great Chair, but I'm wondering if that might
47 be advantageous for us being as some of our big issues
48 are out on the peninsula in Unimak. So, Della, would
49 you be interested in running, otherwise.....
50

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della's not on
2 line until.....
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4 MR. HOLMES: Oh, she's not.
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:9:30.
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: But you could
11 nominate her and we'll just have a vote.
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13 (Laughter)
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15 MR. HOLMES: I'll just go with the
16 nomination of Mitch and then I think Della's our Vice
17 Chair, isn't she? Yes, she is.
18
19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Any other
20 nominations?
21
22 (No other nominations)
23
24 MR. KOSO: Question.
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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Close.
27
28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no other
29 nominations there's no need for a vote. Thank you very
30 much, I appreciate that.
31
32 The nominations would be now open for
33 Vice Chair.
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35 MR. KOSO: I'd like to nominate Della
36 Trumble again.
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38 MR. ROHRER: Second.
39
40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della Trumble is
41 nominated. Any other?
42
43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'd like to nominate
44 Vince Tutiakoff. And do you need a second for this
45 nominations for.....
46
47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Not really. You
48 just nominate them as I stated. If you have more than
49 one then we just have a vote.
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1 Della has been nominated, Vince has
2 been nominated. Any other nominations?
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4 (No other nominations)
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there are no
7 other nominations then nominations for Vice Chair is
8 closed. We will have a vote. We can get a piece of
9 paper. There's some sticky papers and everybody should
10 have one there.
11
12 (Written vote)
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14 MR. JENNINGS: Antone, this is Tom
15 Jennings and the -- right now there's a vote for Vice
16 Chair and the nominees are Vince Tutiakoff and Della
17 Trumble. And the rest of the Council put their vote on
18 paper, but you don't have that option. Please.....
19
20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You got to push
21 that button.
22
23 MR. JENNINGS: Antone, did you hear me?
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25 MR. SHELIKOFF: I heard you.
26
27 MR. JENNINGS: Okay. Thank you.
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You want to give
30 your vote over the phone there?
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32 MR. SHELIKOFF: Yeah. Vince.
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34 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Antone.
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36 MR. SHELIKOFF: Welcome.
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38 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair.
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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Tom.
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42 MR. JENNINGS: I got the votes
43 compiled, I'll provide them to your Secretary.
44
45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
46
47 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, we have five
48 votes for Vince and two for Della.
49
50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,

1 Pat. A motion would be in order to accept the election
2 results of Vice Chair.

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4 MR. KOSO: So move.

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6 MR. HOLMES: Second.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
9 seconded. All those in favor say aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

12

13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.

14

15 (No opposing votes)

16

17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries.
18 Welcome aboard, Vince.

19

20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thanks, Speridon.
21 Thanks for the vote.

22

23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The nominations
24 are now open for Secretary.

25

26 MR. ROHRER: I'll nominate Pat.

27

28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat has been
29 nominated.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll second.

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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll nominate Della
34 Trumble.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della has been
37 nominated. Any other nominations.

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to close.

40

41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The nominations
42 for Secretary are closed. Can we have another vote.

43

44 (Written vote)

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46 MR. KRON: Antone, do you have a vote,
47 who do you vote for for Secretary, Pat Holmes and Della
48 Trumble have been nominated.

49

50 MR. SHELIKOFF: Pat.

1 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, we have two
2 votes for Della and one, two, three, four, five for me.
3
4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Looks like
5 Pat's the Secretary. We'll have a motion to approve
6 the election of Secretary.
7
8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So moved.
9
10 (No audible second)
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
13 seconded. Any discussion?
14
15 (No comments)
16
17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no
18 discussion, all those in favor say aye.
19
20 IN UNISON: Aye.
21
22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.
23
24 (No opposing votes)
25
26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries.
27
28 MS. TRUMBLE: Good morning. This is
29 Della.
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Was that Della
32 coming on?
33
34 MR. JENNINGS: Good morning, Della,
35 this is Tom Jennings.
36
37 MS. TRUMBLE: Morning. Can you hear me
38 okay?
39
40 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, we can.
41
42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della, we just had
43 the elections of officers and how do I address her
44 coming on after the fact?
45
46 MS. TRUMBLE: Tom, I can hardly hear
47 Mitch at all.
48
49 MR. JENNINGS: We'll turn up.....
50

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We just had the
2 election of officers, Della, we didn't expect you to
3 come on until 9:30. I probably should have waited, but
4 do you -- how do we address this, she didn't get a
5 chance to vote on anything.

6
7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Just read her what it
8 is.

9
10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The results we
11 have, I was retained as Chair, Vince is Vice Chair and
12 Pat Holmes is Secretary. Did you hear me?

13
14 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, I heard you.

15
16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Would you like to
17 do it over or would you -- what would you like to do,
18 we'll do whatever you want.

19
20 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, apparently you
21 already made you decision so let's just move forward.

22
23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, I'm asking
24 you if you would like to do it over.

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26 MS. TRUMBLE: No.

27
28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Are you
29 good with that?

30
31 (No audible response)

32
33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We'll just
34 move on then. Before we get into the next item which
35 is our minutes I've got a -- I'd like to have an
36 invocation before we get into the meat of our agenda.
37 Pat, would you like to give an invocation?

38
39 MR. HOLMES: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
40 This figure here on the chair is Liam Sua (ph). And he
41 was -- this was found on a piece of cedar in the old
42 village of Karluk. And the design is -- goes back a
43 long, long time, the object itself was 500 years. And
44 amongst Alutiiq people Liam Sua was a spiritual
45 representation of either the sun or man's relationship
46 to the universe and the rays coming out of his eyes can
47 depending on the way that it was viewed would be either
48 tears or watching mankind. And so the whole concept of
49 this spiritual entity was one of wholesomeness and kind
50 of the universe is the entirety and then how man

1 related to the universe itself. And maybe in European
2 terms might be viewed as the all seeing eye or the
3 ultimate deity.

4
5 And I've been quite captivated by this
6 since I saw it in the collections at the Alutiiq Museum
7 and to me it really evokes how our Council and how man
8 should relate to the environment and how we need to
9 find consensus and compromise to make sure the people
10 get their food without jeopardizing the food sources
11 themselves. And when I look at this figure I'm often
12 reminded of some folks that I've met that have really
13 had a deep impression on my life and many people such
14 as elder Larry Matfay from Kodiak, Walter Diakenoff in
15 Unalaska, Mike Snigeroff (ph) at Atka and Jacob
16 Jercasen out in Nikolski. All of these men were very
17 quiet and yet they were devoted to their communities
18 and it's just a very moving concept to me. And so when
19 I finish this carving I'll donate it to the Council if
20 they'd like to receive it maybe as our logo or kind of
21 guiding concept. And so I hope at this meeting we'll
22 think of Liam Sua as we -- Sua as we go through our
23 deliberations and try to reach good endings to things.

24
25 Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.
28 With that we'll move on to the approval of our previous
29 meetings minutes and we have two sets, one from
30 September 21 -- 20 and 21, 2011, the meeting in Cold
31 Bay, another set from March 22 and 23, 2011, the
32 meeting we had in Kodiak. Has the Board had a chance
33 to review those minutes?

34
35 (No comments)

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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: A motion would be
38 in order to -- we'll take them one at a time, we'll
39 start with the September 20.

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41 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Rick.

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45 MR. KOSO: I've got a little question
46 that Vince brought up to me. We was looking at it and
47 I guess if you look on the second page here from the
48 September 20th there, that -- on the review and
49 adoption of agenda. I notice that we adopted in one
50 deal and then we moved not to adopt on the next line.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
2
3 MR. KOSO: I guess is that -- I guess
4 we're talking about the meetings or are we talking
5 about the agenda on this or what?
6
7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That was -- that
8 was a typo deal, it should have -- should have had
9 minutes there instead of the agenda.
10
11 MR. KOSO: Oh, okay. So we adopted the
12 minutes and then we did not adopt them.
13
14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No, we adopted --
15 in the minutes it says we adopted the agenda and then
16 Pat moved not to adopt the minutes because they wanted
17 to.....
18
19 MR. KOSO: Oh, I see. Okay. That's
20 for the agenda and the minutes are just.....
21
22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
23
24 MR. KOSO: Okay. Yeah, I know Vince
25 brought that to my attention and I couldn't remember
26 that far back.
27
28 Thank you.
29
30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That's why they're
31 here at this meeting because we didn't adopt them. So
32 we need to adopt them now.
33
34 MR. HOLMES: Well, Mr. Chairman, as a
35 clarification I think that members for the March
36 meeting and in fairness to Tom.....
37
38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: September.
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40 MR. HOLMES: September.
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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We're discussing
43 the September.....
44
45 MR. HOLMES: Oh, I beg your pardon.
46
47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:20 and 21st.
48
49 MR. HOLMES: Okay. Beg your pardon.
50 I'm on the wrong track.

1 MR. KOSO: I move to adopt the minutes
2 of September.
3
4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do I hear a
5 second.
6
7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second.
8
9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
10 seconded. Any discussion.
11
12 (No comments)
13
14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there's no
15 further discussion then the motion's to adopt September
16 20 and 21, 2011 minutes as corrected. All those in
17 favor say aye.
18
19 IN UNISON: Aye.
20
21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.
22
23 (No opposing votes)
24
25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries.
26
27 Okay. We're at the minutes for March
28 22 and 23, 2011. Can I have a motion to approve these
29 minutes.
30
31 MR. HOLMES: Move to adopt.
32
33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do I hear a
34 second.
35
36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.
37
38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
39 seconded. Any discussion.
40
41 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, the reason
42 that we had to come back to the March 22nd one was in
43 fairness to Tom Jennings he inherited the Coordinator
44 position when the minutes had not been written up. And
45 so he went to the transcripts and put it together as
46 best he could. And what the membership noted that
47 there was a fair amount of discussion about Unimak and
48 caribou that -- as well as the Chair or the members'
49 reports didn't have the detail and so Tom went back
50 through the minutes and talked to different members and

1 they expanded that section. And I think that they're
2 greatly enhanced.

3

4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.
5 Antone and Della, you have anything on the minutes of
6 our last meeting?

7

8 MS. TRUMBLE: I don't have anything.

9

10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. How about
11 you, Antone?

12

13 (No response)

14

15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Antone, are you
16 there?

17

18 (No response)

19

20 MS. TRUMBLE: Just out of curiosity,
21 can I have a list of who's on the -- who -- which
22 members are on the meeting?

23

24 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, if I may.

25

26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Tom.

27

28 MR. JENNINGS: Della, this is Tom
29 Jennings. We have Antone Shelikoff is on line, Pat
30 Holmes is present, Rick Koso's present, Sam Rohrer is
31 present, Pete Squartsoff is present, Vince Tutiakoff is
32 present, you are on line, Mitch Simeonoff's present and
33 that's it.

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35 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Any further
38 discussion on the minutes.

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Thanks.

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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

43 What.....

44

45 MR. JENNINGS: She said thank you.

46

47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, okay. You're
48 welcome. Further discussion on the March 22 and 23,
49 2011 minutes?

50

1 (No comments)
2
3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there's no
4 further discussion then all those in favor of approving
5 these minutes say aye.
6
7 IN UNISON: Aye.
8
9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.
10
11 (No opposing votes)
12
13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries.
14
15 I think one thing -- one thing I forgot
16 to mention when we started is the public is invited to
17 make public comment if they want if they fill out a
18 paper back here and give it to Tom Jennings. Not much
19 public here.
20
21 Next item on the agenda is the Council
22 member reports. Della, would you like to start on your
23 Council member report?
24
25 MS. TRUMBLE: Sure. I can do that.
26
27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
28
29 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, I'm sorry I'm not
30 there, but the flights are -- the weather's been really
31 bad out here and they finally got a plane in here
32 yesterday for the first time in over a week and anybody
33 that was scheduled to fly the day before isn't -- did
34 not get a seat until today. So weather's been -- it's
35 been a pretty rough winter and pretty much everywhere
36 for that matter, I guess, and lots of snow, some
37 avalanches. I'm seeing a lot of (indiscernible -
38 distortion) just because there's so much snow. There's
39 been quite a number of wolves, in fact, they've been in
40 the area so we hear them frequently and people have
41 been seeing them. So there's been a lot of wolves
42 around. Basically other than the fact that the -- I
43 think the weather's been really bad this winter there's
44 not a whole lot going on. I think the cod season's
45 supposed to close today at noon.
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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Questions for
48 Della?
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50 (No comments)

1 MS. TRUMBLE: Other than that for the
2 most part I've been pretty busy with the road, working
3 on road issues.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.
6 Anyone have any questions for Della?

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8 Pat.

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10 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, Della. I was
11 wondering with all the bad weather I hope you haven't
12 had any medical emergencies or difficulties on getting
13 folks out because I know that's often a problem out
14 there. Any troubles this winter?

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16 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, we've had a number
17 of medivacs and been fortunate to have the Coast Guard
18 in and out of here. One of the things that
19 (indiscernible - distortion) right now is that the --
20 and it's happened about three times, I think, this
21 winter, but the dock -- the food in the -- the ice at
22 the dock in Cold Bay goes out about two miles and
23 that's been the case this past week. So temperatures
24 have been like, four, five and six degrees and
25 yesterday it was up to 10 and 11 and it actually felt
26 warm until the wind came back up again. But yeah, it's
27 been a cold winter for us, not used to this.

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29 MR. HOLMES: Well, I sure wish you luck
30 on your EA and would encourage any of the Council
31 members to -- or environmental assessment arguments to
32 look online and give Della and the folks out on King
33 Cove a hand on their discussions on the EIS.

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35 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat, I
36 appreciate that. And if anybody has -- needs to get in
37 contact with me directly please do so if you have any
38 questions. We can.....

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.

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43 Tom, do you have something?

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45 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, thank you.
46 Della had requested me this past week to provide the
47 Council members' contact information to Fish and
48 Wildlife Services Refuge staff that are distributing
49 the assessment and that type of information. So I
50 provided that and you -- hopefully you should be

1 receiving that information. They have a CD rom with
2 documents on it, but also there's some printed
3 materials as well.

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5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Tom.

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9 Antone, would you like to give your
10 Council member report?

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12 MR. SHELIKOFF: I don't have one, but I
13 concur with Della, it's been kind of cold and lot of
14 snow here.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
17 Antone.

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19 Pete, I know you just got on, but.....

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'm glad to be back on
22 the Board and I know everybody on the Board with the
23 exception of Antone Shelikoff from Akutan so look
24 forward to meeting him.

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26 I want to say we had a awesome sockeye
27 return in Port Lions last spring and hopefully we'll
28 have the same this year, but our coho run was very,
29 very minimal, I don't know what happened with that.
30 And I'm happy to see letnik (ph) has picked back up
31 again to some of the old numbers.

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33 So that's it for now.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pete.
36 Any questions for Peter.

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38 Pat.

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40 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, Pete, I was
41 wondering, Iver and I worked on trying to get the
42 dipnet making -- dipnetting there at Port Lions legal
43 and I was wondering how that worked out.

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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I think it
46 worked out fine, there was so much salmon in there you
47 didn't hardly need to do anything to get them. So.....

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, glad to be back
2 on the Council again and working with you all again and
3 I look forward to -- hopefully we can resolve some of
4 these issues at Cold Bay and for King Cove because it's
5 been 20 years working on this road, I mean, it's kind
6 of ridiculous that they'd put the community through
7 what they've gone through and still have the problems
8 we have today. When you get a changeover whether it's
9 Izembek or in the upper echelons of the government, you
10 know, we seem to run into this, we start all over. I'm
11 hoping that the message they take away from me and what
12 I support is that we do a lot of work here and yet we
13 seem to be going in circles. I'm hoping that we can
14 move forward and make decisions because our people are
15 economically becoming very dependent on resources that
16 we talk about here today. And I'm hoping that, you
17 know, we can make decisions and one of them is this
18 report on the -- I've been gone for a while, but this
19 report that's going to be -- that we're going to be
20 probably going through the emperor geese issue. In
21 Unalaska I did take the time, about two or three hours
22 to count -- to do a count with two other people by
23 skiff in Captain's Bay area. Just in Captain's Bay, I
24 didn't go anywhere else. I counted over 3,000 birds.
25 That's the most I've seen in Captain's Bay area of the
26 emperor geese. And this year's been the most I've ever
27 seen in that area at anytime. So I don't know where
28 their count is coming from, if they're doing it from
29 outside their bedroom window, but there's got to be
30 more than 70,000 birds in the Aleutian Islands. And we
31 need to consider and bring up the opportunity for our
32 people to hunt them one or two a day is fine, I mean,
33 one a week even for the elders, some of them haven't
34 had a bird for 10, 12 years because of this and I think
35 we ought to -- you know, we're here to protect the
36 resource, but we're also here to feed our people those
37 traditional foods that they -- that they're used to
38 eating.

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40 Well, I want to thank Della for the
41 work she's done, I've been following this tribal
42 council issue quite -- quite a bit because I'm also on
43 the tribal council for Unalaska and I'm also project
44 manager for the use of -- all of this issue regarding
45 tribal consultation. So that's what I've been doing,
46 I've been attending the meetings and appreciate the
47 work Della's been doing for our region and let her know
48 that we do support it and hopefully she'll continue to
49 do that.
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1 Thanks, Mitch.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Vince.
4 I'd like to remind the Council that Crystal Leonetti
5 will be calling in at 10:00 and she'll talk about
6 migratory birds and the emperor geese.

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8 Rick.

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10 MR. KOSO: Yeah, hi. This -- I would
11 like to compliment Della on her work on that road
12 project, I know I've been there when it first was
13 started up here about 10 years ago and I've done about
14 four years of chartering with the people throughout the
15 road system. And we went through probably in my mind
16 probably five, six EISes and now we've got another one
17 started up again. I don't know, I think it's just a
18 stall tactic for the government myself. Anyway, Della,
19 keep up the good work.

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21 And as far as Adak we've had a lot of
22 caribou hunters this past year, I've seen 20 airplane
23 for two, three months straight. So we've been getting
24 some hunters out there which is good. You know, I'd
25 like to see a count done here maybe next year or
26 something with the (in Native) the king salmon and see
27 what's going on at -- and the Federal government.

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29 So that's about all I have. Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Rick.

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33 Sam. Oh, anybody have questions for

34 Rick?

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Who monitors that
37 caribou heard?

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39 MR. KOSO: It's out of King Salmon. I
40 think maybe the State manages it.

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42 MR. ROHRER: Not too much to report,
43 Mr. Chair. We had a good goat meeting yesterday, quite
44 a few people there. I'll have some comments on that
45 later on, but I think Pat's going to give the report on
46 that.

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48 So besides that nothing else to report.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Sam.

1 I got a Chair's report. Before I do
2 that, Pat, do you want to give a report and.....

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4 MR. HOLMES: Yes, Mr. Chair. Probably
5 been the coldest winter here since '73, I was down and
6 saw some photos of Karluk Lagoon from this year and the
7 river, lower river, and looks about the same as it did
8 then. This is frozen up and, you know, these cold
9 shifts don't always bode well for salmon production,
10 you know, two, three years later when the smolt turn to
11 -- return as adults.

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13 I did some -- the local Sun'aq Tribe
14 has continued to take the lead in the discussions with
15 the FAA on the airport extensions and concerns of the
16 subsistence community and how that would be affected
17 very badly by the extensions. And there's been a
18 coalition of autobahn and all the tree huggers, sport
19 fishermen and subsistence folks and tribes and so the
20 FAA has added another option to the discussion on
21 taking the north/south runway and extending it to the
22 south and not extending it north across the fishing
23 area and changing the mouth of the delta. And so that
24 still hung fire after oh, I don't know, three or four
25 years of discussions. And I really empathize with the
26 folks in King Cove over the road. I was out there back
27 when Rick was fishing in '83, '4 and '5 and after
28 working all day and then all night sampling and come
29 out and find, you know, literally blood on the
30 boardwalk where somebody had been injured and them not
31 being able to get out, I mean, even the tenders
32 couldn't get across the bay in the summer because of
33 the winds. And, you know, again I'm quite shocked at
34 this lengthy EIS project, I thought it was all
35 completed and one and frankly my first read of it I
36 feel that it's shall we say as slanted as the EA was on
37 Unimak and I really would hope folks help Della on
38 that. And I'll continue to work with NVA. I had the
39 greatest time last year with the kids and helping with
40 doing some environmental and salmon curriculum and
41 things with -- for their project. And so I guess cold
42 winter and I hope that the salmon come back, it looks
43 like we've had a big die off of dear too. So we'll
44 have to wait and see.

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46 And now I'll give my little, brief
47 report on Goat Committee. We had requests from folks
48 on the south end of Kodiak Island to have a later
49 season, a late winter season for goats when they're
50 more available and I know Ralphie Christensen down at

1 Old Harbor does a lot of mentoring for young folks and
2 so our Council wrote a letter to the Fish and Game
3 Advisory Committee and asked them if they would meet
4 and discuss goats. We listened to Fish and Game and
5 also Fish and Wildlife Service, had a really good
6 report from McCrea Cobb and the south end of the island
7 has really got a super large population of goats now
8 and I believe last year it was changed to a
9 registration hunt. And but even with that they only
10 took 70 animals. And so the first level of consensus
11 on this group they have to put forward a proposal to
12 the Game Board by -- in about six weeks, end of April
13 and that'll be for, let's see, the Board meeting in
14 2013. But what we did discuss is that there were too
15 many goats, found a way to basically change the season
16 on the south end for 480 from August 20th to March
17 20th. And that's a big section, basically the south
18 end of the island. And then 480 have a two goat per
19 year harvest season, but only one in possession and so
20 it would be like hunting deer, if you got one on the
21 road system you could go down and get your other goat
22 down there or you could take two goats, but you'd have
23 to take one and come back. And the idea of having the
24 season run into March would allow folks if there was a
25 window open and the goats were down to be able to go
26 out and harvest goats. And so there was agreement
27 amongst the -- we have sport hunter representatives,
28 Advisory Committee and Fish and Wildlife, Fish and Game
29 and guides as well as Mitch Simeonoff and Sam Rohrer
30 and myself from our Council were there, not as Council
31 members, but to, you know, represent folks that we
32 represent here. And anyway so and then the third point
33 of consensus was that if a mountain goat was wounded
34 that it would be considered the same as dead, the same
35 as they do with bears and that's the way I morally feel
36 when I'm deer hunting, if I wound one and it gets away
37 then its -- you know, I just pull that part of my
38 ticket.

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40 So those are the three points that
41 we're at and the different members on our Council will
42 be talking with folks in the villages to see what they
43 think about that. We had tried to have Ivan Lukin on
44 line and somebody from Port Lions, but just couldn't
45 get the connection. So we'll do like we've always done
46 and try and talk to all the different groups out in the
47 villages and then I believe Paul Shuminak will be
48 having another meeting soon after we've had some
49 contact and discuss and try to come up with a whole
50 island community decision on ways to increase the goat

1 harvest and then make sure that everyone has a good
2 opportunity for goats. The north end of the island,
3 the populations seem to be pretty stable, but we didn't
4 really get a chance to talk to folks in Port Lions and
5 Ouzinkie and the tribal folks in town itself and as
6 well as Larsen Bay. So we need to touch with them, but
7 I think we're moving towards a way to have a late
8 season goat hunt down on the south end where there are
9 a lot of goats. And I know in Southeast they have a
10 late season that provides for hides for handicraft, had
11 some discussion on the quality of meat, but it's
12 something we'll have to look at and see. So basically
13 again it's a case of the whole Kodiak community trying
14 to find solutions together.

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16 So that concludes my report, Mr.
17 Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.
20 Any questions for Pat.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I just have one, Pat.
23 I don't know if Ivan or anybody mentioned, it seems
24 like every year when them subsistence permits are
25 handed out in the villages it's during AFN.

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27 MR. HOLMES: Thank you, Pete. We'll
28 mention that point to Fish and Game and see if they
29 can't adjust it because when we had that compromise to
30 have the local village registration the idea was to
31 have enough space between the registration point and
32 then the actual hunt to kind of work it out so folks in
33 the villages might have a chance -- a better chance
34 than just going for a straight drawing hunt. So I
35 think we can mention that and then the Chairman of the
36 Goat Committee, Paul Shuminak, is here and see if they
37 can adjust those dates because we sure wouldn't want
38 you to miss AFN. And I think from folks I've talked to
39 it sounds like it works reasonable other than the date
40 problem. So we'll see what we can figure out.

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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
43 questions?

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45 (No comments)

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.
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49 For my report from around Akhiok and
50 Kodiak, the -- I could say that the winter has been

1 winter out there and we started freezing up in the
2 early part of the year and it's still frozen. We're
3 really having a hard time with our water system because
4 of the cold. And also because of the cold the deer
5 population is coming into the village and everybody
6 that does not chain up their dog end up with a lost dog
7 because the village ordinance states that if a dog
8 chases or kills a deer there's no -- there's no
9 questions, there's no consultation to the owner, the
10 dog gets put down. And that's happened about five or
11 six times already this winter. The population of deer
12 is good, but, you know, we -- people like to see them
13 come in the village, but we don't like to see our dogs
14 chasing them down and killing them because they don't
15 -- they don't eat them, they just kill them and leave
16 them and go chase another one. And that's part of the
17 main reasons of our village ordinance to have people
18 take responsibility for their pets.

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20 That's part of the Chair's report. I
21 have the Federal Subsistence Board Action Report from
22 our meeting, the actions that we've taken and -- on the
23 proposals that were passed and one of them is a
24 proposal for -- to establish a Unit 9D hunt. I also
25 received a letter from Nancy Hoffman and our -- she --
26 this proposal was adopted with modification. As it
27 turns out there are approximately 25 caribou available
28 for the six villages that are eligible to hunt those
29 caribou. And we can take this discussion up later on
30 in the agenda.

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32 The other one we can also take up later
33 is that the draft report due to Fish and Wildlife Board
34 -- Federal Subsistence Board, I'm sorry, we have that
35 on our -- in our packet. It's in draft form and I
36 guess I would ask the Board if we can move that report
37 further down on the agenda because what we discuss here
38 today we might want to put on that report. That's the
39 Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.
40 It's a draft report in letter form to the FSB Chair.
41 If we could move that further down on our agenda so we
42 can discuss it later today, you know, pending what we
43 discuss here we might want to add on to that report.

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45 So that's my report and with that I
46 would entertain a motion to move this agenda item to
47 later on today. It's the draft report for the -- to
48 the Fish and -- Federal Subsistence Board.

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50 MR. HOLMES: So moved.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second.
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any discussion?
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5 MS. TRUMBLE: Mitch -- Mr. Chair.
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.
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9 MS. TRUMBLE: You're talking about a
10 draft report from the Federal Subsistence Board.....
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It's a.....
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14 MS. TRUMBLE:I don't see that in
15 this packet.
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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:it's a draft
18 report from the RAC to the Federal Subsistence Board.
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20 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. I'm sorry.
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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Annual report.
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24 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. And the other
25 thing that you discussed was and I could barely hear
26 you was passing something on the caribou?
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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes. There was
29 the -- the proposal that was passed by the Federal
30 Subsistence Board that -- a proposal submitted by the
31 Kodiak/Aleutians was to establish the hunt in Unit 9D.
32 That was adopted and we got a letter back from Nancy
33 Hoffman who said there's possibly 25 caribou available
34 for the six villages that are eligible to hunt. That
35 warrants a discussion of how we want to divide those
36 caribou up if there are that many available. It states
37 that that number might change, it might go down or it
38 might go up depending on surveys.
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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, I just -- I didn't
41 realize it had to pass at the Federal Board level is
42 why I was -- I thought that -- I'm aware of all the
43 other stuff on it.
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Any other
46 discussion?
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48 (No comments)
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none,

1 those in favor of moving our draft report to the
2 Federal Subsistence Board to later on in the agenda say
3 aye.

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5 IN UNISON: Aye.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.

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9 (No opposing votes)

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries.

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13 The next one will be the roster that
14 Vincent brought up. Vince, would you state your
15 concerns, please.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, I'm aware of
18 discussions in past minutes or reviewing past minutes
19 where under our guidelines the process for removal is
20 two meetings absent. I feel that if members are not
21 attending meetings on a consistent basis and some
22 individuals have missed as many as six meetings in a
23 row and yet nothing's been done, whoever that
24 individual's representing, whether it's the road system
25 in Kodiak or the Aleutian Islands, they're not
26 representing their people properly. I think that we
27 ought to standby our rules and submit a letter to the
28 Federal Subsistence Board for removal and appointment
29 by the Under Secretary of an alternate process. Early
30 on in the beginning in 2000 we had an alternate on
31 record, I don't know what happened, they did away with
32 it or what, but we had an alternate for the Aleutians,
33 we had an alternate for Kodiak area. And my
34 understanding it doesn't -- I don't know, maybe Tom can
35 get to the regulations and maybe we can either move by
36 motion to adopt an alternate system and I -- maybe Tom
37 can give us some background on the members that have --
38 that were persistently absent and how we can move ahead
39 and deal with it.

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41 Thanks.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do we have that
44 roster, I don't have a copy of that in front of me.

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46 Yes, Tom.

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48 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
49 What Mr. Tutiakoff was referring to in your operations
50 manual on Page 93 there's a paragraph on the right side

1 of the page, process for removal. And it's stipulates
2 certain events that would warrant removing. And as he
3 described in regards to -- the issue is Tommy Johnson's
4 attendance specifically, would be to -- for the Council
5 if they would agree to then send a letter to the
6 Federal Subsistence Board recommending removal and that
7 would be the step that you would do. I did at the
8 behest of the Council -- at the last meeting they
9 requested that we communicate with him and seek to
10 learn what his intentions are, whether he wanted to
11 stay on the Council or not. I did that and was able to
12 make email contact with him where he spelled out that
13 he did want to continue to participate and he was --
14 had intentions to attend today since it was in Kodiak.
15 He wanted to complete his term. I did talk to him on
16 the phone and stuff, but in the email that I did send
17 him I had -- prior to sending the email I reviewed the
18 meeting minutes and attendance records and this should
19 have been attended to previously. The last two
20 meetings he had unexcused absences and that should have
21 been the trigger then. So were at that point now and
22 you can take that up.

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24 Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Tom.
27 Yeah. And I did note that he did miss four meetings, I
28 think that's all the meetings that he's -- all the time
29 he's been on the Board he hasn't made one yet.

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31 Tom.

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33 MR. JENNINGS: He made one.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: One -- the first
36 one, I guess.

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38 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, Mr. Chair.
39 Reviewing the records and what I could discern, the
40 last were unexcused absences. I know the last meeting
41 I -- I tried to make the contacts with him and was
42 unsuccessful. The previous two meetings where he was
43 absent it wasn't clear in the records, you know, if he
44 had been in touch with the Coordinator or not.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Have you been in
47 contact with him today?

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49 MR. HOLMES: Not today, I did call him
50 last night and I talked to him last week also and he

1 indicated that he had some work issues and he didn't
2 think he would be able to be here. He's -- he didn't
3 commit to being here.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. I would ask
6 what's the wish of the Board, we have it in writing
7 right here that the last two were unexcused and he was
8 contacted about today's meeting and he didn't commit to
9 come, you know, he didn't.

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11 Yes, Peter.

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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair, I think
14 it's very simple, just follow the rules.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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18 MR. HOLMES: Well, Mr. Chair, I'd agree
19 and because Al Cratty has left and he's been a very
20 long time advocate from eastern side of the island and
21 also I know Tom Hoblet out at False Pass would be
22 interested in participating and, you know, so I think
23 there's some good folks out there that we should
24 encourage to get their applications in so that we can
25 fill those vacancies. And, you know, if a person is a
26 member, you know, occasionally something will come up
27 with families and you can't make it and you call the
28 Chair and the Coordinator and get an excused absence.
29 But I think I would take Vince's suggestion as a motion
30 and go from there.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You said you would
33 take Vince's suggestion as a motion, was that you.....

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35 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, his comment that we
36 should.....

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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:was that you
39 making a motion or what was the.....

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41 MR. HOLMES: Oh, I was trying to
42 maneuver Vince into doing it.

43 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair, I agree with Pete
44 on this thing, let's follow the rules here and just go
45 by that. If the guy's missed two meetings what it says
46 is that it's the Board's option then to vote him out
47 and then it goes through some sort of a process that
48 has to be done by the Secretary of Interior or whoever
49 that needs to -- that sign him on to sign him off. So
50 how do -- how do we go about doing that, I mean, we can

1 only do so much here and our hands are tied. He's only
2 got this last term here, by the time we get done doing
3 all that stuff his term's up anyway so maybe we ought
4 to just put a suggestion in that at the end of his term
5 that we make sure that he doesn't get hired back on.
6 So, I mean, the process takes at least that long.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, I think a
9 decision like that would warrant a motion of this
10 Board, if you want to -- if you want to have him
11 complete his term or submit a letter to the Subsistence
12 Board to remove him.

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14 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair, I would suggest
15 we send him a letter and ask for his resignation, it
16 would be so much simpler than doing anything if we
17 could get him to send us a resignation then we can
18 appoint somebody. If he doesn't give us a resignation
19 then we got to go through a process that who know, take
20 a year at least.

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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: From the
23 discussions that he had with our coordinator he
24 indicated that he wanted to complete his term, but
25 under our roster he's -- he has two unexcused terms --
26 I mean, two unexcused absences and by that alone this
27 Board can submit a letter to the Federal Subsistence
28 Board saying they'll -- we have to remove him because
29 it states in our roster that that's the process. But I
30 don't know if he requested to complete his term or was
31 he just interested in completing his term or what --
32 what was it.

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34 Tom.

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36 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, the Council
37 asked me to contact him to determine what his intent
38 was, whether he wanted to stay on the Council or not.
39 And I asked him that and he said -- I'm reading the
40 email response here, I would like to attend the next
41 meeting in March. And depending on the salmon season I
42 will try to either attend or call in for the September
43 meeting. Okay. That expressed his intent. In the
44 email that I asked him this question, I spelled out his
45 attendance record and I expressed the intent of your
46 Council and it's quite clear, you know, that you're at
47 a point in time where you can -- you can take action.
48 And looking at the manual on Page 93, the Council shall
49 recommend to the Board in writing, you know, what your
50 -- what your wishes are. And then it goes through the

1 procedure, step it up on the line and as Mr. Koso
2 mentioned, you know, the Secretary appoints and the
3 Secretary would then remove it. So we just have to
4 step through those hoops and do it, but it can be done.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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10 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Go ahead, Della.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh. Yes, Della.

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18 MS. TRUMBLE: Tom, what is -- his term

19 is -- he's got until the end of December of this year;

20 is that correct?

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22 MR. JENNINGS: That's correct, Della.

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24 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. I think given his

25 term -- even if we moved or asked him to step down or

26 have to be removed, there's -- is there anybody that

27 would fill that position for the September meeting?

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29 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair. Della, if

30 the -- if we can get action taken on this to where the

31 -- his seat is vacated, you know, with -- by -- the

32 Secretary would specify that his seat is vacant, in

33 this past year's cycle when our new members were

34 appointed one of the things that the Federal

35 Subsistence Board did do was identify an alternate that

36 would have been vetted, all the members are vetted when

37 we send the -- the Federal Subsistence Board send their

38 recommendations to the Secretary's Office they do

39 background checks and that -- on the nominees. If

40 someone fails they -- the Board had decided well, we

41 want somebody else that we could potentially put in

42 there so we don't have to keep going back and forth

43 with the Secretary's Office. So there was -- there

44 were three members appointed this year and there was a

45 fourth member vetted that would be considered an

46 alternate. Now we still have to jump through some

47 hoops through the Secretary's Office, but it can be

48 done, it was just accomplished with the Southcentral

49 Council, so that procedure is set up for that. So

50 conceivably if you take action and we can get things

1 through the system there's potential that you could get
2 the alternate seated. Now that person would be
3 completing that vacant seat and that seat expires in
4 2012. So we have two meetings annually and the second
5 meeting, you know, the September meeting would be the
6 one that they could attend and then their term would
7 expire. But you would still have more participants and
8 involvement in that way.

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10 Thank you.

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12 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you. Mr. Chair, I
13 would just recommend then that we -- if we do have
14 somebody that's available that we go ahead and go
15 through the process.

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
18 Della.

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20 Vince.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. Now my concern
23 is the people that are being represented sitting here
24 today and that are not being represented by him not
25 being here or the individual not being here. I have --
26 I'll go ahead and make a motion that we send a request
27 to terminate the seat -- that you get a letter of what,
28 what do you call it, removal from the Council, from the
29 RAC?

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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, I can draft
32 up one up with Tom and we can.....

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And as part of that
35 make the higher recommendation to the Federal
36 Subsistence Board to evaluate down the road the process
37 so that we can appoint somebody by the next meeting, I
38 mean, it look like we can at this time possibly, but,
39 you know, I hate to see it go on for -- it took a year
40 and a half at least to get appointed to this Council
41 once you -- once you write a letter saying you're
42 interested, it's a year and a half later that you get a
43 letter saying you are or you have not been appointed.
44 It's kind of hard -- if the situation continues, for
45 some reason we lose a member through death or other
46 reasons, boy we're going to be in tough shape. I mean,
47 I hope it doesn't happen, but you never know. So I'd
48 like to see the process more efficient and maybe put
49 that in your letter requesting that we can do that.

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1 Thanks.
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3 MR. HOLMES: I'd second the motion, Mr.
4 Chair.
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
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8 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Rick.
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12 MR. KOSO: Yeah, on that I would like
13 -- yeah, I'm all for the motion and maybe we can add in
14 there to send this fellow a copy of that letter --
15 requesting his -- you know, his resignation would solve
16 a lot of problems. So if he would resign it would sure
17 help us to reappoint right away, but we'll also let him
18 know that we are following through for his removal
19 right now and it would just make things a lot easier.
20 So we should also address a copy of that removal letter
21 to him.
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23 Thank you.
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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. For the
26 record I'd like to recognize the motion that Vince made
27 that we follow procedure and was seconded by Pat and
28 under discussion. Rick stated that if the member comes
29 forward and resigns that would simply the matter, but
30 if -- I feel kind of uncomfortable at this point
31 because what if he comes in today, you know, give him
32 -- if we follow this procedure and he comes in and
33 resigns then this -- what we're doing is -- we'd have
34 to come back later and say this action we're taking is
35 null and void because he comes forward and resigns or
36 what.....
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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.
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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:you know,
41 it's kind of difficult to deal with a situation when
42 that person is not here.
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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I would suspect that
45 if.....
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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If we get.....
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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF:under the rules
50 that if he showed up at five minutes to 5:00 he would

1 be qual -- would he be qualified to be a member, I
2 mean, it doesn't make him qualified, he didn't make the
3 roll call and he has no indication that he's actually
4 going to be here. So I think we just go ahead with the
5 process and let the cards fall on the table where they
6 may. We'll address it if it does happen.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think the Board is in
11 -- Council is in agreement that a seat has been
12 basically vacated already by his own actions and we're
13 just trying to fill it.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you,
20 Vincent. Well, I guess.....

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22 MR. KOSO: A motion made and seconded,
23 I'd question it -- call for the question.

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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, I was just going
28 to say, Mr. Chair, under -- you know, we just go by the
29 rules and that's all there is to it and there's nothing
30 to discuss, to go on and on about it. And I have --
31 it's nothing personal with anybody, but if you're not
32 going to make meetings and if you don't go by the rules
33 we can't go waiving rules for somebody that doesn't
34 show up.

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36 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom.

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40 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, I'll work
41 with you to draft a letter to that effect.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Any further
44 discussion?

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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: I think I'm agreeing with

1 the discussion and also that as Council members our
2 responsibility is to let -- at least Tom or our
3 Coordinator or the Chair know if we're going to be late
4 so people know that they can plan around someone's
5 absence until they're going to be there. I know in the
6 past when I first got on this Council in looking back
7 -- got back on the Council and looking back through the
8 records, there were a number of times that action or
9 meetings basically couldn't really happen because there
10 was never -- you know, for almost two and three
11 meetings consecutively there was not a quorum. So I
12 think it's important to -- if we're going to be
13 effective that we -- you know, we do have a
14 responsibility to the process.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.
17 Further discussion?

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Question is
22 called. All those in favor say aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Vincent.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For the record, I don't
37 know how long Tom will be our Coordinator, but I guess
38 he's just a fill in, is that what I'm understanding?

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40 MR. JENNINGS: Uh-huh.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I hope that whoever we
43 get for Coordinator will be very observant and bring
44 this to the Council's attention prior to this kind of
45 action being taken because it's awful hard for -- you
46 know, we're a community, we're a social group kind of
47 people and it's hard to kick people off a Council when
48 they have a desire, but then don't have the ability
49 maybe to even show up and -- I know that you're just
50 filling in, Tom, hopefully you'll pass it on and your

1 -- I notice your boss is sitting here, I'm sure he will
2 pass it on to.

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4 Thanks.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Yes, Tom.

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8 MR. JENNINGS: Through the Chair.

9 Thank you, Vince, I appreciate that. We did have some
10 transition, we had a lot of our staff -- Tom Kron is
11 going to address a little bit of that later in the
12 meeting for OSM. But just to give you -- there are two
13 things on the -- on this cycle as far as nominations
14 for new members that closed in February. We've got
15 seven candidates for this region, two of which are
16 incumbents, your Chairman and Ms. Trumble have
17 reapplied. So there's five others that will be in the
18 mix for consideration as -- for being appointed to the
19 Council. So you do -- there's is -- there are a number
20 of candidates and, you know, you should have a full
21 Council coming up soon.

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23 And then in terms of my tenure, I've
24 been acting in this capacity, I succeeded Ann Wilkinson
25 who left in the end of May. I'll admit there are some
26 things that didn't get carried through as well as they
27 should have in the transition between Coordinators and
28 that includes from back when Michelle Chivers was
29 working with you and then to Ann and then to myself.
30 And I apologize for some of that, but I do know that
31 some of -- some of the administrative stuff didn't get
32 done as well as it should.

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34 We have two vacant Council Coordinator
35 positions in our office, they've been interviewing this
36 past week and the last week to fill those two
37 positions. And one of those positions when filled will
38 be working with you folks. And so that'll be a
39 permanent position and it won't be an acting. And
40 hopefully that will be occurring maybe in a -- within a
41 month when they get somebody actually physically in the
42 office I'd hope.

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44 Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Tom.

47 Yeah, I do understand that concern of the shuffling
48 that's been going on at OSM. It's -- I remember when
49 Michelle on there, she brought things up, she'd bring
50 the agenda for me -- to me and she'd point out things

1 that needs to be addressed by the Board. And a couple
2 of times we had to address member absences and those
3 were -- those were taken care of. But it's understand
4 that the shuffle in OSM is creating a little bit of a
5 problem that trickles over to this organization.

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7 But with that I guess we'd like to take
8 a five minute break.

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10 MR. HOLMES: I'd like to note there's
11 some traditional refreshments there, new recipe for
12 pickled herring without the wine, usually it's a wine
13 cure with that. And then there's some little pickled
14 small bird eggs and you can ask Rich McIntosh what kind
15 of birds they were.

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17 (Off record)

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19 (On record)

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Let's call
22 the meeting back to order, would the other two Board
23 members please come to the table.

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25 Do we still have Della and Antone on
26 the line?

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28 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm here.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. What about
31 you, Antone, are you still there?

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33 MR. SHELIKOFF: Yeah, I'm here.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Item number
36 8 is our next item on the agenda, is that tribal
37 consultation.

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39 Yes, Tom.

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41 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Tribal
42 consultation is on the agenda in a couple different
43 places. This is an opportunity -- we're going to be
44 doing more tribal consultation, there's a discussion
45 that's been going on for about a year and a half. One
46 of your Council members, Della Trumble, has been very
47 involved in the development of a draft and I think that
48 the intent was to have the review of that draft policy
49 occur later, but this would be an opportunity at this
50 point to see if there are tribal representatives that

1 would like to comment on anything that's on your
2 agenda. So again it's up to you, Mr. Chair, but that
3 was the thinking, to allow tribal input on agenda items
4 at this point.

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6 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That invitation's
9 always open, but I don't -- other than myself I don't
10 see any tribal member representation here, maybe Nancy
11 is a -- from a tribe. Would you like to.....

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13 MS. NELSON: (Indiscernible - away from
14 microphone).....

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Would you come up
17 to the mic, please.

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19 MS. NELSON: I don't have any
20 questions.....

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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Let's.....

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24 MS. NELSON:but Iver is here, I'm
25 sure he does.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom.

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29 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, as Tom Kron
30 stated, you know, part of this is to increase
31 participation by the tribes. And it's not just one
32 spot for their opportunities, you know, in the agenda,
33 I mean, they can provide input, you know, throughout.
34 So it's -- we're not just limited at this one point and
35 time for that.

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37 Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Pat.

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41 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
42 call attention that we do have some ladies here from
43 the Native Village of -- or Woody Island group/tribe
44 and, of course, Iver will, I'm sure, he always gives us
45 his comments when he desires. And it would be good to
46 -- you know, I'm sorry that Tom didn't work out because
47 he's a Sun'ag member, but I'm sure folks as they have
48 concerns will raise them. I know -- I did have a chat
49 with folks in Larsen Bay and they're still very
50 concerned about the sea ducks over there and declining

1 populations. And wanting to have some kind of an idea
2 of what the actual surveys were for sea ducks and also
3 some kind of an idea of who's harvesting them, a log
4 book or something like that. And I'm sorry that Alex
5 Paramanoff, Jr., isn't with our Council anymore because
6 that was a concern for him and some of the folks over
7 there.

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9 Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.

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13 How does the Board want to go -- move
14 forward with this government to government tribal
15 consultation policy?

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, maybe Della
18 can give us an update on what's been going on. I know
19 she's attended a couple of meetings and.....

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, she's
22 been.....

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF:it would be
25 interesting to see her background and information on
26 it.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Did you
29 hear that, Della?

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31 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, I think if you
32 look under 10, old business, a review of the draft on
33 the policy is on there. And I think what was brought
34 up is this part of the agenda is for anybody that --
35 that's on any tribes that have any issues to bring
36 forward is where we're at in the agenda; is that
37 correct, Tom?

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead.

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41 MR. KRON: Yes, Mr. Chair, Della, that
42 is correct. Again as Tom Jennings pointed out, the
43 tribal representatives are free to provide a card and
44 testify anytime, but again we wanted to have a place
45 where tribal representatives could testify. And that's
46 what this is. Item 10 B is the review of the draft
47 tribal consultation policy. This is the policy that
48 Della's been working on and we want to hear your
49 comments on that, but it's a little bit later on the
50 agenda. So again if we could wait and just take it up

1 there unless -- it's it up to you, if you want to take
2 it up now we can, but it's on the agenda a little bit
3 later.

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5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: And, Mr. Chair, you
8 mentioned also that Crystal Leonetti would be on line,
9 I think, for the migratory bird. Was she -- did you
10 say at 10:00 o'clock, is she on line?

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: She was supposed
13 to be on line at 10:00, but.....

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15 MS. LEONETTI: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I'm
16 here, this is Crystal.

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, there you go.

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20 MS. LEONETTI: Thanks, Della.

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22 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Crystal.

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24 And, Mr. Chair, the reason I brought
25 that up because it's -- if we wanted to move on the
26 agenda to discuss that then maybe that's -- that would
27 be appropriate since both of us are on line at this
28 time.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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32 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, if I could give
33 a -- have a second here to call Sven Haakanson at the
34 Alutiiq Museum. He wanted to listen in and discuss the
35 potential subsistence harvest of emperor geese. So
36 with your permission I'll give him a call, let him know
37 that we're going to get to that.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Are we kind
40 of done with this just tribal consultation things since
41 there aren't.....

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'm not seeing any.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:no tribal
46 representatives here.

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48 While Pat's making his call we'll move
49 on to the next item on our agenda is the call for
50 proposals, proposal to change the Federal Subsistence

1 fish and shellfish regulations. The deadline is March
2 30, 2012. I don't think this Board have any proposals,
3 do we?

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5 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, I haven't
6 received any requests for changing any regulations from
7 Council members, however this is the opportunity if the
8 Council wanted to discuss any regulations that you --
9 you've got the regulations booklet and there's a
10 handout in there that outlines the procedures for
11 changing the regulations and such. So this is an
12 opportunity for you, if you're satisfied with the
13 regulations then you don't need to do anything, but
14 there's public and any others. The deadline is March
15 30th. Of course that's the closing date for submitting
16 changes for fisheries regulation -- subsistence
17 fisheries regulations under the Federal system.

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19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Tom Kron.

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23 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, the
24 procedures for submitting a proposal is as Tom
25 mentioned are on Page 15 of the reg -- the procedures
26 for changing regulations are on Page 15 of the fish
27 regs book. Last time around I remember in the meeting
28 in Cold Bay they were considering proposals that this
29 Council had submitted, you submitted a number of
30 proposals. Again staff are here to work with you if
31 you decide to do that.....

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Uh-huh.

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35 MR. KRON:but again if you want
36 to take action as a Council this would be the meeting
37 to do it. Again the deadline is the end of the month,
38 the 30th. So we just wanted to bring that to your
39 attention.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Tom.

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43 MR. KRON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom Jennings.

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47 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair. Yeah, the
48 deadline is -- that is a hard deadline and that -- they
49 have to be submitted into an electronic process,
50 regulations.gov, that would be done through our office.

1 So we would be willing to accept, you know, the
2 concept, whatever proposals you want, and get that
3 worked up, but it -- our staff would be submitting that
4 electronically. And that's a hard date of March 30.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Rick.

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12 MR. KOSO: Yeah, I was talking with
13 Pete and -- on this emperor goose deal, you know, we've
14 been stuck on this 80,000 quota for years and years and
15 it never seems to get past 76,000. I was thinking that
16 maybe we would put a proposal in through our Board here
17 to drop that overall quota to 70,000 instead of 80 so
18 that we could have a subsistence emperor goose hunt.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We can certainly
21 draft a proposal. We do have a proposal that we
22 submitted at our last meeting and that will come up
23 when we get to that item on the agenda. But if you
24 want to work together as a Board and draft up a
25 proposal or work with Tom to see if we can change those
26 three year average numbers.....

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28 MR. KOSO: Yeah, that -- Mr. Chair,
29 that would be fine if the Board is all in favor of
30 doing such. If I'm the only one in favor of it then it
31 would be a waste of my time, but, you know, if.....

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No, it's not a
34 waste of time.

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36 MR. KOSO:the Board is in favor
37 of it then I would say let's go for it.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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41 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: Is that -- as part of the
46 process do we send a recommendation to the Migratory
47 Bird Council that they maybe look into the process
48 because I don't -- we don't have authority on migratory
49 birds.

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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes. Yes, that
2 would be -- that would be the way we'd go.

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4 MS. LEONETTI: Right. And -- this is
5 Crystal, Mr. Chair, if I may.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Crystal.

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9 MS. LEONETTI: Let me introduce myself
10 first. I'm Crystal Leonetti, I'm the Native Liaison
11 for Fish and Wildlife Service for Alaska. And
12 currently just starting this Monday I'm in an interim
13 position as the Executive Director for Alaska Migratory
14 Bird Co-management Council. And I'm learning this
15 process as I go, but what I understand is that the
16 Kodiak/Aleutians RAC can submit a proposal to AMBCC.
17 We encourage the Regional Advisory Council to work with
18 the two regional representatives which are Rick Rowland
19 on the AMBCC and Peter Devine. Rick represents the
20 Kodiak area and Peter Devine represents the Aleutians
21 area. And then the thing that I highly encourage is to
22 work with Donna Dewhurst in our office in the
23 development of that proposal to make sure that all the
24 legal issues are covered and that the proposal will be
25 able to have full consideration by AMBCC.

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27 So if anybody has questions about that
28 and I think maybe Tom Jennings brought a handout that
29 is the guide for making those proposals to AMBCC. On
30 the front is some information about proposals and on
31 the back is all the contact information including the
32 office where Donna is located, that's that last bit of
33 contact information as well as contact information for
34 Peter Devine and Rick Rowland on there.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
37 Crystal.

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39 MS. LEONETTI: You're welcome.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
42 proposals from this Board?

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44 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead.

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48 MR. KOSO: I guess to clear my mind up
49 that we're not going to do a proposal, we're just going
50 to do a letter form then to the Flyway Council to

1 recommend the change or how are we going to do this. I
2 think I heard Della say that's probably the process we
3 go through.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, we'd send a
6 letter to the Migratory Bird Co-Management Council and
7 see if they could submit a proposal to change that
8 population.

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10 MR. KOSO: Do we need a motion to that
11 effect?

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes. Pat.

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15 MR. HOLMES: I think that there's a
16 couple different levels we could approach the hunt at
17 and, Crystal, it's really great to have you attend
18 because we've been asking, Della would probably
19 remember better than me, at least one, two, three
20 Coordinators and several years and unfortunately in the
21 changes that's something that didn't happen, but we've
22 been asking to have someone come to discuss migratory
23 birds for at least three or four or five years. And,
24 you know, as Rick pointed out we've watched the
25 threshold come close, go over, down and never quite
26 achieve it for three years. And so, Rick, in my mind,
27 you know, there's a question of is the threshold too
28 high. I think the threshold is for a general open hunt
29 and I am kind of cogitating in that letter that we
30 wrote earlier would be to maybe start with a limited
31 subsistence hunt so at least, you know, if that
32 threshold is the most -- thing we need to think about
33 to get a viable population, but to allow some kind of
34 -- our previous debate that went into the draft letter
35 that we have was relating around having a limited
36 subsistence hunt for each village in our region so that
37 there would be a potential for the elders to have
38 emperor goose, you know, before they pass away because
39 it has been 20 years. And so that's another concept I
40 think we should discuss before we go to a broader
41 discussion of lowering the total threshold. So I think
42 what we need to know from you folks, you know, when we
43 get in that discussion is how that was established and
44 whether or not that could be amended or, you know, what
45 problems are there, why aren't the geese populations
46 building up when folks here and out in the Aleutians
47 see, you know, more emperor geese around.

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49 And so anyway that was just my
50 thoughts, Rick.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
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3 MS. LEONETTI: Can I build on that a
4 little bit too?
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Crystal.
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8 MS. LEONETTI: Okay. Thank you. I
9 believe Tom also brought some copies of a Powerpoint
10 presentation by our bird biologist, Eric Taylor. Tom,
11 did you bring those?
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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, we have them.
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15 MS. LEONETTI: Okay. Good. On that
16 second to last page it give a summary of the
17 presentation, you know, that the population objective
18 is 150,000, the current population is approximately
19 76,000 and harvest is reconsidered when the population
20 is greater than or equal to 80,000. And it also says
21 that emperor goose population is slowly increasing. So
22 I think there's some hope there. But Eric is the
23 biologist and I -- and I'm not a biologist and so I
24 would encourage you to contact him, his contact
25 information is on there on the last page. He's more
26 than willing to work with the Regional Advisory Council
27 and talk about these objectives and he really was
28 encouraging to me that if you had more questions and
29 wanted to talk more about that to contact him directly.
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
32 Crystal.
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34 Tom Jennings.
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36 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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38 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.
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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Della.
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42 MS. TRUMBLE: I just -- one of the
43 things I'd like to see in looking at -- I was looking
44 at the survey results from Izembek on the emperors and,
45 you know, it always comes up and like I think Vince
46 brought up that he kind of went through and did some
47 counts on birds in his -- around Unalaska and there was
48 -- you know, geese population seemed to be higher than
49 ever before. I'm wondering -- I'd be curious to see a
50 list of how the population count came up from which

1 areas or, you know, where these birds were counted.
2 And the other thing I think that I'm curious about is
3 time, you know, you look at the fluctuation in the
4 population, is there a certain time that these birds
5 are -- you know, they're being counted, are they pretty
6 much counted when they think they're all there or are
7 they counted when they're coming in or, you know,
8 exactly -- I'd be curious to see what processes are
9 being used.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Mr. Jennings.

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14 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
15 As Crystal pointed out Eric Taylor is the expert in
16 this, in the survey techniques, but I do know they do
17 conduct a spring aerial survey when they're staging,
18 when they're left their wintering grounds and they're
19 staging, preparing to head to the Yukon Delta which is
20 their primary nesting area. There's some up on the
21 Seward Peninsula as well, I think, but, you know, as
22 Mr. Tutiakoff pointed out, there's -- you know, he saw
23 a lot of birds there in their wintering areas, that
24 would be a normal occurrence. I mean, this -- if you
25 look at some of his maps as far as the distribution,
26 the range, I mean, and you folks know where they live,
27 I mean, you live out there with them. But they're --
28 they are an Alaskan species, they don't migrate down
29 the Pacific flyway. And they're limited to here, but
30 their primary nesting area is out on the Yukon Delta.
31 And like most migratory birds when they prepare to
32 leave Alaska they stage and you get, you know, the
33 congregations of brant out in Izembek as an example.
34 And then conversely when they're returning to their
35 nesting grounds they'll stage again, leave their
36 wintering grounds and that's when the migratory bird
37 survey group conducts their surveys is when they're in
38 their staging areas. And so they feel pretty confident
39 that they're getting good numbers in those counts.
40 Eric did tell me that it is not a census, it's not a
41 complete count of every bird, it's a survey, but
42 they've been conducting surveys for many years for all
43 the waterfowl species. So I think they've got pretty
44 good numbers. And you can contact him on more of those
45 specifics. There are some maps in there that show the
46 flight routes. They're surveying the coastal areas, in
47 the lagoons and all those areas out in the -- by Egegik
48 and Pilot Point and all -- everywhere where you're
49 going to find them as well.

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51 So that's all I have for now. Thank

1 you.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Tom.

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5 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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9 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, can somebody get
10 that information to me, I don't -- do not have it.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh.

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14 MS. LEONETTI: I can email it to you,
15 Della.

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17 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. Thanks, Crystal.

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19 MS. LEONETTI: You're welcome.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Pat Holmes.

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23 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, a question to
24 our Coordinator. Tom, when you were trying to get -- I
25 know you had difficulty even finding Crystal to talk to
26 us, but is Eric Taylor available to talk to us today or
27 is he in meetings or what because that would be real
28 valuable.

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30 MS. LEONETTI: Yeah. No, he wasn't
31 available today unfortunately and that's why he
32 prepared all this material for you ahead of time. And
33 perhaps we can work with him for the next -- for the
34 fall meeting. I apologize that he wasn't able to make
35 it today, but -- and he wanted to, but he just wasn't
36 able to, but he did prepare all those materials for you
37 ahead of time.

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39 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, okay. That's well
40 appreciated, I guess. The question I would have is if
41 the three year population average for hunting is
42 considered as threshold at 80,000 and, you know, we
43 just come fairly close to that, but not quite and I've
44 heard there are some problems with poaching in some
45 places, but, you know, most folks in our neck of the
46 woods, you know, are, I think, really conscientious and
47 want to see the population come up. And, I guess, the
48 question and, Rick, you can correct me, but a question
49 from our group would be is -- this is a threshold for a
50 total open hunt for everybody everywhere, that 80,000

1 average, I guess, we'd sure like you to look at or for
2 Mr. Taylor to look at and his group, you know, is there
3 a threshold for a limited subsistence hunt. And, you
4 know, because a lot of folks -- you know, we had
5 several of our elders here in the Native community just
6 pass away in the last couple months and, you know, I
7 know they would just have been delighted to have a
8 little bit of emperor goose. And so that's -- that's
9 where we're looking at, is there a potential to lower
10 that threshold for a limited subsistence hunt, maybe a
11 general subsistence hunt and then an open hunt because,
12 you know, for other critters there's a stepped approach
13 on when it's allowed and so I guess that's a really big
14 question in my mind.

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16 MS. LEONETTI: Okay. I'm writing this
17 question down and I will pass it along to Eric and ask
18 him to give you a call if Tom Jennings wouldn't mind
19 providing me your name and phone number afterwards then
20 we can certainly have Eric give you a call as soon as
21 possible.

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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25 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, or maybe we could
26 arrange, you know, for the members that wanted to
27 teleconference where we could all kind of listen and
28 ask questions, you know, I think that would be really
29 advantageous because I'm just looking at it from my
30 immediate perspective, but I'm trying to represent what
31 our Council's talked about before and I bet everybody
32 would be interested if they could do that.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom Jennings.

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36 MS. LEONETTI: That's a great question
37 and the point about elders passing away and not getting
38 a taste of that. So I will bring that up to Eric, see
39 if he can make it to a teleconference and we'll just
40 ask for Tom's help to set that up.

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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you,
43 Crystal.

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45 Tom.

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47 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, one of the
48 opportunities you might have for further discussion and
49 maybe some direct discussion with the migratory bird
50 specialist would be at -- in your next meeting in the

1 fall. You're scheduled at Sand Point. We've got two
2 processes here, we've got our RAC process to deal with
3 the hunting and fishing regulations and then we have
4 also the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council
5 regulatory process. I know there's several members
6 here that have participated in that. We have as
7 Crystal pointed out regional representatives both from
8 Kodiak and from the Aleutians Island and I did discuss
9 with migratory bird folks in Anchorage who are on staff
10 to support the Co-Management Council process, they're
11 not dedicated to do the RAC work, but, you know, that
12 we need support for that. And they said there's more
13 flexibility in arranging the Co-Management Council
14 meetings. So there's a possibility that perhaps they
15 could convene maybe not at the same time, but piggyback
16 those meetings together where you could all be in
17 attendance and share some of the information exchange
18 and maybe get better information and be plugged in more
19 to the regulatory process in dealing with -- dealing
20 with migratory birds.

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right. Thank
25 you, Tom. When would the Migratory Bird Co-Management
26 Council set their meeting dates, are they -- do they
27 set them after we've set ours or how can we coordinate
28 those dates?

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30 MS. LEONETTI: Yeah, they set those
31 pretty late so, for example, the AMBCC spring meeting
32 is scheduled for April 10th through 12th and that was
33 set, I think, towards the end of January. But I think
34 they have a little bit more flexibility than the
35 Regional Advisory Council meetings. I might be
36 speaking out of turn, but -- because I'm new to this,
37 but I think that's the case and I think Tom's idea is a
38 good idea and it's something I can bring up at the next
39 AMBCC meeting.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: April where?

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry, Vince.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Was that April 10th to
48 12th and where's that -- is that in Anchorage or will
49 it be in another location or what?

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1 MS. LEONETTI: Yes, it's in Anchorage
2 and it's at the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
3 building in Anchorage.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Thanks.

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7 MS. LEONETTI: You're welcome.

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9 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Tom.

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13 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, what Crystal's
14 referring to, on the Co-Management Council's website, I
15 mean, they've got -- they've got a lot of information,
16 one of which is kind of a timeline of all their --
17 they've got a bunch of different meetings in this
18 regulatory process that you would expect, you know,
19 it's kind of parallel to ours for wildlife. But I --
20 perhaps you or Pete could comment, I mean, you folks
21 have attended, I know, I've seen the sign in sheets
22 from the Kodiak meeting here, when are those meetings
23 taking place, I mean, those are the meetings where
24 you'd want to get your direct input with your Regional
25 Council representative in regards to developing these
26 proposals and discussing that and hammering it out.
27 Those are the ones -- I mean, there's other meetings
28 than this April meeting that was referred to is when
29 the Council as a whole make their final recommendations
30 on the proposals for 2013. So, I mean, those proposals
31 were already received, you know, that will be
32 considered for implementation, you know, this next
33 cycle. So I think you want to get plugged in now, I
34 mean, you're getting some information and I believe
35 Crystal will be able to work more closely with getting
36 good information in terms of this whole process.

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38 Thank you.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Vincent.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I want to comment a
45 little bit about what Pat said. I'd be interested to
46 know if this 80,000 is a statewide threshold. I'm
47 looking at the survey that was done by Eric Taylor and
48 Fish and Wildlife, I believe. They -- they went out as
49 far as Unimak area and then back up east again, they
50 didn't go out like Akutan west. I know that Adak has

1 their own survey going on because they have the
2 headquarters for -- like one time was in Adak and they
3 still have people there, but, you know, there's an area
4 in between of probably five, 600 users that are
5 interested in hunting the birds. And I'd be interested
6 to see that area be studied more. I don't know how you
7 can do that or if you can combine it with your sea
8 otter group that does do flies or sea lion survey
9 people that do flybys. Some of them are at the same
10 time of the year and some of them are not, but it would
11 be interesting to see. I just -- having a population
12 objective of 150 is pretty high. The comment here that
13 continued subsistence harvest of breeding adult geese
14 during the spring and overall is low productivity, if
15 there hasn't been any authorized hunt then why would it
16 make the comment like that. I mean, it's kind of --
17 there's other factors involved here that should be
18 noted and that's pollution, you know, from -- whether
19 it's airborne or oil, vessels going ashore in certain
20 areas. I know boats go ashore and dump oil all over
21 the place and, of course, we do our best to clean it
22 up, but the damage has been done. I kind of take
23 objection to that comment, but -- because I'm not
24 allowed to hunt legally and yet they're pointing the
25 finger right at the user, us, the Native population. I
26 think we need to talk to this guy, Eric, and I would be
27 real interested and I'm going to make a point to attend
28 this meeting in April at the APIA for our region
29 because I've had some discussions with our
30 representative, Peter, at several different meetings
31 that I've ben attendance with and I'm starting to
32 understand now that there -- we got conflict of
33 Councils here pretty much, one is saying no, the other
34 is saying yeah and the other one's like us, wanting to
35 have it -- have a hunt. So I kind of leave it at that
36 for maybe discussion at our next round meeting. I
37 don't know, we -- there's much that we can do other
38 than what Tom says, get in a proposal to the migrating
39 bird council.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom Jennings.

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43 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
44 In regards to illegal harvest, some of that has been
45 documented. I don't -- I don't have those references
46 right here now, I do know on their -- on the Co-
47 Management Council's website they do have some harvest
48 information and you're -- I know you're familiar that
49 the Subsistence Division from Fish and Game does
50 conduct individual and household surveys in communities

1 and that and there are reported harvests, I mean, they
2 report a lot of waterfowl out on the delta as you would
3 expect and there are emperor geese that -- I mean,
4 they're honest people in their -- when they do their
5 reporting, the survey respondents. And so they do have
6 figures on there so that's what they're basing that
7 comment on.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is it -- do they also
12 include the bird gathering of eggs, I mean, if you
13 deplete the eggs you're going to kill off the wildlife,
14 I know they have that up the traditional type thing in
15 the Interior of Alaska and up north, but -- you know,
16 but they're hurting the people that are out further on
17 the Chain because of that. I think that's another
18 consideration, I don't know, they address it as only
19 hunting, but there are other gathering -- bird
20 gathering eggs that cause a problem too.

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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. So give me
23 a recap, Tom.

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25 MR. JENNINGS: Well, one of the things
26 that I believe I heard is the Council's interested in
27 seeing what it can do about providing for a small
28 subsistence harvest of emperor geese. And in my mind
29 as far as the regulatory bodies and the way to get this
30 considered would be -- as Crystal pointed out working
31 with the two regional representatives that would -- I
32 think you would craft -- we could best craft a letter
33 as Mr. Holmes is talking about, spelling out the things
34 that he said and provide it to Peter Devine and Rick
35 Rowland and compel them to work this into the process.
36 And then also I would -- I would copy the Executive
37 Director of the Co-Management Council as well to make
38 sure that your intent is known.

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40 Thank you. And I'll work -- excuse me,
41 I'll work with Mr. Holmes to develop that letter.

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43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Considering the
46 affect of this, I guess, would it be in our best
47 interest to draft up a proposal and submit it the AMBCC
48 and say this is what we'd like you to represent for the
49 Kodiak/Aleutians region versus the letter saying we are
50 -- we'd like you to draft up a proposal for a

1 subsistence hunt for Kodiak/Aleutians. I mean, we're
2 the ones that are saying we need a subsistence hunt and
3 we're not the ones drafting up the proposal. That's, I
4 don't know, kind of weak. And should we draft a
5 proposal and submit it to AMBCC?

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7 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair. I see Mr.
8 Holmes nodding yes. You're more experienced in some of
9 these regulatory processes where you might get the more
10 bang for your buck on here so I'll defer to the
11 approach that you'd like to do, but I'll facilitate
12 what you need to do.....

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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16 MR. JENNINGS:and whoever you
17 want to target on this, but the advice I've heard from
18 the folks in migratory birds is, you know, you -- this
19 -- proposals come through the Council, the Migratory
20 Bird Co-Management Council. So it's got to be
21 channeled through that.

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Uh-huh.

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25 MR. JENNINGS: So that's what you want
26 to do. And if you want to draft the proposal, I don't
27 know if there's some forms available or something,
28 there's -- I know there's criteria available and
29 Crystal and her staff would be the persons that would
30 provide the best information, not me. But I'll work
31 with you to make it happen.

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33 Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, one other
36 question, I guess. Is their regulatory process for
37 proposal, is it different from ours?

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39 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, it's a complete
40 different regulatory process and different entities
41 that you'd be dealing with. This falls into flyway
42 management of migratory birds, they deal with -- you
43 know, you've been discussing the emperor geese who
44 doesn't migrate down the Pacific flyway, but they also
45 deal with all the other species, you know, that do
46 leave the State. And so they're dealing with
47 international species, you got, you know, brant that go
48 down to Mexico, for example, and then you've got other
49 birds, you know, that either looking at the State
50 management of this, that go through Canada and down

1 into the Lower 48. So they're dealing -- they deal
2 with a wide range of species and concerns and
3 regulations. And so they take that up in developing
4 regulations, you know, for the broader area, the Fish
5 and Wildlife Service does in setting migratory bird
6 regulations.

7 So I'll just leave it at that.

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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. So has the
10 AMBCC received a copy of the whole proposal we
11 submitted the last go around?

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13 MS. LEONETTI: I haven't seen that,
14 this is Crystal, but I'm going to ask the staff to see
15 if we have it and I will let you know through Tom.

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. So if they
18 -- if they haven't -- if she hasn't seen it and if they
19 haven't received it we rewrite our proposal and submit
20 another one. When is their cycle, is it.....

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22 MS. LEONETTI: The proposals are
23 standardly accepted from November 1st through December
24 15th of each year.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh. Well, we got
27 -- then we have ample time in submitting a good
28 proposal from the RAC.

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30 MS. LEONETTI: Yeah, and in the
31 meantime you have time to work with Eric Taylor and
32 Donna Dewhurst as well as the regional representatives,
33 Rick and Peter, on.....

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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37 MS. LEONETTI:developing that
38 proposal in a way that will make it more -- a little
39 easier to go through.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. We can also
42 submit a letter expressing our interest in entering
43 something, maybe another proposal asking them to lower
44 that population threshold so that we -- so that our --
45 maybe ease the trail of our proposal to have a
46 subsistence hunt. So we can work on that letter and if
47 you want to work with Pat on that proposal. Okay.

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49 Pat, did you have something?

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1 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I'm just furiously
2 writing notes here. And between Tom and I we'll figure
3 out a draft and then get back with you and then CC the
4 other Board members or Council members. And I kind of
5 wish that when Rick was on our Council, I mean, we
6 discussed this at almost every meeting or the two
7 meetings he was here and it would have been help to get
8 his guidance. I'm glad that the period for submitting
9 the proposals is broader and, you know, because it
10 would have been helpful for us to be able to have moved
11 forward earlier, but we'll do the best we can where
12 we're at, I guess.

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
15 Pat. Any other discussions on this potential proposal?

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17 Tom Jennings.

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19 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, just a point of
20 order on your agenda when you do put this topic to
21 rest. We did kind of go through number 9, regulatory
22 proposals, briefly, but we kind of skipped over it.
23 And I -- we do have a person, Don Tracy, from Fish and
24 Game here.....

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I know.

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28 MR. JENNINGS: Okay. So.....

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: When we get done
31 with this I was going to get into that one.

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33 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Is there
36 anything else on the migratory birds or AMBCC?

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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42 MS. TRUMBLE: You know, going these
43 processes and then doing the consultation process is
44 just -- one of the things is the interagencies trying
45 to communicate better. I would maybe recommend that we
46 try to set times for various things so if Peter and Mr.
47 Rowland wanted to call in and be a part of this
48 discussion maybe we add migratory birds to our agenda
49 each time and set a time for that so they're able to
50 call in and participate with the discussion in the

1 future.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Yeah, I
4 appreciate that, Della. Attempts have been made to get
5 representatives from the Migratory Bird Council to
6 attend with no success yet.

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8 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, that's --
9 maybe as a recommendation that we provide a call in
10 number for the representatives that represent our
11 region.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, information
14 and call in information, I believe, was provided by Tom
15 Jennings.

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17 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, as a
18 clarification, Tom and the lady that was doing the
19 teleconferencing sent me a list of all their contacts
20 and they did send that information to all the tribes
21 and an incredible number of people were notified about
22 the meeting. And so that teleconference number is down
23 at each of the Kodiak Tribes, I know, and all the ones
24 out west. So I think Della's suggestion for adding
25 migratory birds as a permanent part of our agenda for
26 upcoming meetings is a good idea and then having a
27 separate letter sent to the two Chairs, Rick and Pete,
28 and requesting their participation because if we've got
29 it on the agenda then we can have a fairly good idea of
30 when we'll be discussing it and then, you know, they
31 can get on and when they come on we'll just move to
32 that part of the agenda. And the same with getting,
33 you know, Eric Taylor to participate and identifying
34 all the players so that we can get going on this
35 because we've talked about it for a awful long time.

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37 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.
40 Anything else on migratory birds?

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42 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, just a comment
43 and then we can finish this. I've talked to both Peter
44 and Rick in the past six months and they both are
45 interested in being a part of the process. So I think
46 that would be a good idea to notify them for the fall
47 meeting if they can't be in Cold Bay in the case of
48 Peter or depending if we have the meeting in Sand Point
49 that he'd be available, he lives in Sand Point. But I
50 think it gives him an opportunity to communicate.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, they would --
2 they will be notified. Rick's from Kodiak and he might
3 -- I don't know what his position is, but hope he's
4 able to attend too.

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6 Anything else?
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8 (No comments)
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there's nothing
11 else then we have one more proposal or if Don Tracy can
12 fill us in on this.

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14 MR. TRACY: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and
15 members of the Council. I'm Don Tracy from the
16 Department of Fish and Game and I'm representing the
17 Department this morning on -- to actually address an
18 item that the State wanted to bring to the Council's
19 attention regarding the subsistence shellfish
20 regulations. And I'm -- I apologize, my knowledge on
21 this subject may not be adequate, I'm actually filling
22 in on short notice for Mr. George Pappas who couldn't
23 be here today. But what the Department wanted to bring
24 to your attention was the fact that during the Kodiak
25 king and tanner crab fishery meeting of the Alaska
26 Board of Fisheries last spring the Board amended the
27 subsistence -- State subsistence regulation for
28 allowable gear to take king and tanner crab in the
29 Kodiak area. And the change or the substance of the
30 changes to those regulations clarified that for king
31 crab I believe the former regulation just read that no
32 more than one king crab pot could be used for taking
33 those shellfish for subsistence purposes. The Board
34 clarified that to read under the State regulations one
35 king crab pot per person or per vessel. They also for
36 the king crab fishery defined -- specifically defined a
37 king crab pot. And I should back up here just a moment
38 and the sheet that I just passed around has the
39 regulatory language in that amended State subsistence
40 regulation for both kind and tanner crab. And for king
41 crab besides clarifying the regulation for the use of
42 one pot per person or per vessel to take king crab, the
43 Board of Fish also defined a king crab pot with
44 specific dimensions and in a specific configuration.
45 They did the same thing for tanner crab, they clarified
46 that tanner crab for subsistence could only be fished
47 with a maximum of 10 pots or ring nets per vessel. And
48 then they similarly or similar to king crab they
49 specified the definition of a tanner crab subsistence
50 pot in terms of the dimensions and the configuration

1 that would be used.

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4 I think the Department just wanted to
5 bring this issue to the RAC's attention in the event
6 that you may wish to consider submitting a proposal to
7 the Federal Subsistence Board that would bring the
8 State and Federal regulations for king and tanner crab
9 in agreement regarding the provisions for allowable
10 gear. My understanding is that the State has not yet
11 determined whether or not a proposal would be submitted
12 on behalf of the Department of Fish and Game to the
13 Federal Subsistence Board. I -- that may yet happen, I
14 honestly -- I don't know. Again my knowledge of this
15 issue is probably less than adequate. But I do know
16 that the Department did want to bring this issue to the
17 attention of the RAC to give you an opportunity to
18 consider whether or not you were interested in
19 submitting a proposal that would bring the State and
20 Federal regulations into agreement for king and tanner
21 crab.

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Don.

25 Questions for Don?

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I have just one
30 probably a concern where it says that no more than one
31 king crab pot may be used per person or per vessel.
32 Many times a person would go out with more than one
33 family member, different family members, in a boat just
34 due -- economics comes into play because of the high
35 price of fuel and probably weather, maybe the person
36 that has the -- a pretty good seaworthy boat can take
37 different families out to set their crab pot. You
38 know, that would -- something like this would if they
39 don't have somebody with a bigger boat they -- that
40 would restrict them from going out at all. Maybe we
41 can change that a little or.....

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43 MR. TRACY: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure
44 what the Board of Fisheries intent was in amending this
45 regulation, obviously to clarify what the previous
46 regulation stipulated which was just that no more than
47 one king crab pot could be used under the State
48 subsistence rules, but why they determined that
49 clarification would include both per person and vessel
50 -- per vessel I'm not sure. I think the RAC -- again

1 you folks can determine whatever appropriate language
2 should be in Federal regulations. The State at this
3 point isn't recommending that you submit a proposal,
4 but just again wanted to make sure that the RAC was
5 aware of this situation so that you did have an
6 opportunity to address it should you decide to do so.
7 So I think you could -- in essence you could determine,
8 you know the Federal regulations to reflect whatever
9 your desire was, but I know that the State -- in the
10 past the State and the Federal, the Board of Fisheries
11 and Federal Subsistence Board along with the Regional
12 Advisory Councils have strived to make State and
13 Federal regulations complementary wherever possible and
14 I think that's why we've brought this matter to your
15 attention.

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17 Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Pat.

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21 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, to Don and
22 let's -- I think this issue that probably slipped past
23 most of the members of our Council and I have to agree
24 with Mitch on pots per boat. You know, I can only
25 basically haul two dinky, little tunnel pots with my
26 dory and I only do one and since I lost it I kind of
27 rely on somebody else going out with their boat that's
28 bigger and, you know, getting the crab or my three
29 crabs. Actually I haven't got any king crab for so
30 long I don't know what they taste like. But I was
31 wondering because there's no reason why we can't submit
32 a comment to the State Board once our Committee gets a
33 chance to think about this and see what we'd like to
34 have with the -- on the Federal regs and it is good to
35 have parallel regulations so there aren't confusion,
36 but I just missed that one. I was wondering is Paul
37 here, what happened with the Advisory Committee on
38 those proposals, did the Advisory Committee go along
39 with that or is this one of the things where the
40 lawyers got together and said this is what you're going
41 to do.

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43 MR. SHUMINAK: Mr. Chairman and the
44 Council, I'm Paul Shuminak and I sit on the Kodiak
45 Advisory Committee. We did spend quite a bit of time
46 discussing this proposal. I don't have my notes right
47 in front of me, but what I recollect the current law
48 was one -- for one pot and as Don mentioned there --
49 but there was not a real lot of classification on the
50 type of pot and so there were a fair number of people

1 that were using say tanner pots and able to take king
2 crab and a lot of the discussion centered around the
3 south end of the island down in your country with a lot
4 of the different charter vessels, commercial fishing
5 vessels, personal hunters that have big boats from town
6 here going down there and abusing the king crab take
7 down there. And so they were trying to just clarify
8 the pot type and I don't recall if originally there was
9 one pot per vessel, I know it was one pot per family
10 and when -- if that was added or how that came about.
11 But the big talk was discussing the problem down there
12 basically in the Olga Bay country down at the south end
13 of the island and clarifying the definition of that
14 pot. And we even had, I think, a committee work on it
15 and worked on it on the 2nd just so we got it all
16 correct. And that's my recollection.

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18 MR. HOLMES: So you don't really recall
19 on the limit how that discussion went is that right?

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21 MR. SHUMINAK: Well, the -- and I know
22 it was talked about, one -- as far as one pot per
23 vessel because of the economics, I mean, everybody's
24 aware of that. But I think there was some concern with
25 the bigger boats working down there and whether it was
26 even qualified as subsistence take. And that may have
27 been added then, I do not recollect.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. I do recall
30 that there has been a lot of concern about fishing
31 boats that set crab pots out there and a lot of those
32 fishermen come from out of state, you know, they're not
33 -- I don't believe they're in the State long enough to
34 become a resident and without being a resident I don't
35 think you're eligible for subsistence. When confronted
36 they -- their replies were we're subsistence fishing.
37 And we both -- you know, communication is that they say
38 they're subsistence fishing and you know they're from
39 out of state and they're not there long enough to
40 establish residence, it's just simply not true that
41 they're subsistence fishing, they're just taking crab
42 for a home pack. Nobody has every really confronted
43 them and say you're illegal, you're harvesting a
44 subsistence resource. That the size of the drab -- I
45 mean, crab pot it -- in this book it says subsistence
46 take by the -- I thought it said by any means, but
47 given the size of the crab pot that you can use, one
48 for king crab and five for tanner, that people that go
49 out in the skiff are not going to use a 10 by 10 crab
50 pot, they'll have smaller crab pots that they can

1 handle, they usually pull them up by hand. But
2 addressing the situation of illegal take of subsistence
3 resources is very good.

4

5 Sam, do you have something?

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7 MR. ROHRER: Yeah, just a comment. I
8 think a lot of those charter boats down on the south
9 end would actually have resident folks on them from up
10 on the mainland and so they would qualify under the
11 State subsistence rules. I mean, certainly some of
12 those are nonresidents, but I think a lot of those
13 folks would be residents of the State, not Kodiak
14 residents, but residents of the State so they would
15 qualify for that subsistence crab fishery. And
16 normally I'm all for having parallel regulations
17 whenever possible, but this makes a lot of sense if
18 under the State regulation each boat is only allowed to
19 put out one pot, that keeps those guys from going down
20 there with say, you know, six guys from Anchorage and
21 putting out six different pots out there under the
22 State rules. But under the Federal rules -- so that
23 would eliminate that, but under the Federal rules if we
24 -- if we kept the current regulation we have you can
25 still go out there under your Federal rules and put out
26 multiple crab pots for your different family members.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Uh-huh. Pat.

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30 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, I think maybe
31 one of our advisors, I think our Federal regs apply to
32 Federal waters which is around Afognak, Womens Bay, I
33 don't know how far out that goes into Chiniak off of
34 Karluk and part of north of -- well, all around
35 Afognak. So those regs are limited I believe and if --
36 Mr. Shuminak, correct me, I think that the AC I was
37 asked to sit in on Herman Squartsoff's seat for a
38 recent meeting and I believe there was a proposal in to
39 tighten up on what type of vessels could participate in
40 subsistence fishing on the State side. And part of
41 that was eliminating tenders or discussion of that and
42 also restrictions on folks that had lodges taking
43 subsistence crab and then having that as part of their
44 sales promotion for their lodge and there have also
45 been discussions in the past about doing that for
46 salmon illegal as well. So there was quite a bit of
47 concern at that AC meeting trying to address the
48 problems on the south end and, you know, our Council
49 can have our regs, but they really don't get down to
50 where the problem's at, you know, because we really

1 don't have that much area and there's just that itty,
2 bitty population in Womens Bay and up around Afognak,
3 you know, you can get up in Danger Bay and maybe get
4 one or two if you're lucky. But just the population's
5 way down and I think it's a point of concern for
6 everybody.

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8 But, Paul, did you want to add
9 something to that on that last meeting that we had?

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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13 MR. SHUMINAK: Yeah, you're correct, I
14 mean, there was also mention of the tenders and the
15 summer boats that are down there in that area as far as
16 crab. And then currently the proposal were working on
17 not only shellfish, but all fish, personal use fish
18 being per se sold to the public, whether it's a B&B or
19 a lodge and enforcing that law. So that's also being
20 worked on right now, you're correct, Pat.

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22 MR. HOLMES: And I believe at a
23 previous one I just stopped in to give a report from
24 this Council to yours, I think at one you had a public
25 safety person there and they were pretty concerned and
26 it sounded like they were going to start doing maybe
27 some undercover work and, you know, going out for a
28 little vacation and see what happens at the lodge, you
29 know. And so be interesting to see what shows up in
30 the little State Trooper report in the paper as time
31 goes along.

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That raises a
34 question in my mind. If you've got an Alaska resident
35 as a client on a charter boat is that charter operator
36 legal or illegal in giving him subsistence food.

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38 MR. ROHRER: Mr. Chair, we discussed
39 that and I think we -- I mean, we've discussed that
40 topic several times, but it's clear when it's a
41 nonresident, when it's a nonresident it's illegal for
42 him to pass it on, but when he's -- if he's a resident
43 I think he qualifies for subsistence. I think, that's
44 my understanding so right or wrong that's -- and, Pat,
45 that was a good point on the waters, I always forget
46 those waters don't -- Federal waters don't run down
47 that far so thanks for the reminder.

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49 MR. TRACY: Mr. Chair, just a follow-up
50 on Sam's comments. I think under the current State

1 shellfish subsistence regulations if a client on a
2 charter vessel is a State resident they can
3 subsistence -- they can legally subsistence fish in
4 that circumstance, but the operator still can't and
5 still cannot furnish subsistence caught shellfish to
6 that individual under the regulations. So it's kind of
7 -- it's a situation where the person themselves can
8 fish with -- as long as their, you know, gear's legal
9 and it's marked and everything, but I think the
10 operator would still be prohibited from sharing his or
11 her subsistence caught shellfish with that client as
12 long as they were in that relationship, that client --
13 you know, operator/client relationship.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pete.

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I would just like to
22 make a little comment on this because it goes around
23 and around all the time between the State and the
24 Federal and it's a shame that we have to spend so much
25 time on this issue because of lack of enforcement. If
26 there was enforcement we wouldn't be having these
27 problems, we wouldn't be discussing these at every
28 meeting.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Peter.

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32 Pat, did you have something?

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34 MR. HOLMES: Well, Mr. Chair, I don't
35 see a problem with this and asking it to be parallel.
36 You know, a 10 by 10 pot is humongous, I don't see how
37 that would qualify, you know, most boats are using six
38 bys or four by, you know, a whole lot smaller gear than
39 that. So I would suggest that maybe you appoint a
40 subcommittee to look at this reg and then, you know,
41 have them run it through you to, you know, submit it,
42 you know, so that we can kind of look and see if this
43 is reasonable and if it is then we could write a --
44 have a letter of concurrence. And if there's something
45 that might be sticky then, you know, we could modify it
46 because the -- when's our cycle, Tom, for the
47 submission on Federal -- we're in that now, aren't we?

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead.

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1 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, Mr. Chair, it's
2 the March 30th deadline for submission of proposals to
3 change the regs for fisheries and shellfish.

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5 MR. HOLMES: So could we do that, have
6 a little subcommittee do it and then copy the members
7 and then, you know, see if that fits for them and then
8 submit it?

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10 MR. JENNINGS: I think so. Current
11 regulations.....

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Can we form a
14 subcommittee with this advisory group?

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16 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, you can choose to
17 do that.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Then I would ask
20 for volunteers to work with Pat.

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22 MR. KOSO: Just as pertains to Kodiak,
23 it doesn't pertain to the whole State.....

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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah,
26 subsistence.....

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28 MR. KOSO:so it should be Kodiak
29 bunch that participates in the subcommittee.

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31 MR. HOLMES: I think this is a
32 statewide proposal and so it would be good to have
33 somebody from out west to work with me and.....

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35 MR. KOSO: I have a problem with that
36 10 by 10, that's an awful huge pot, takes a pretty good
37 sized boat to pick that kind of a pot up, you'd
38 probably need a -- one of those 80, 90 footers to do
39 that. I couldn't imagine a little boat that's -- you
40 know, a subsistence fisherman even considering that
41 type of a gear. I don't know where that came from, but
42 it couldn't be from the little guys. So that would be
43 something that I would change right off the bat.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, the
46 suggested language it says that the gear may -- is not
47 -- not more than 10 by 10, you know, they could
48 probably construct a pot that -- to their -- that fits
49 their needs. My concern is per boat, per person, you
50 know, you need a -- everybody needs a good boat to go

1 out on their own, you know, subsistence harvesters
2 serve more than one family, serve more than their own
3 family.

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5 As we're -- I'm asking for volunteers
6 then to work with Pat to do some -- what do you want,
7 research?

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9 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, to analyze the
10 proposal. I guess my motion would be to establish a
11 subcommittee to review the State proposals and come up
12 with a draft for Federal waters under the Federal regs.

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is there a time --
15 is there a timeline for this, Don?

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17 MR. TRACY: 30th of March.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Our proposal are
20 due at the end of this month, right?

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22 MR. TRACY: March 30th.

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24 MR. JENNINGS: That's correct, Mr.

25 Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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29 MR. JENNINGS: I mean, these are --
30 what Don presented I believe, these are in regulation
31 currently from the State regulations. And you would be
32 considering if you wanted to I'll try to align your
33 regulations with this example or not.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Do you
36 think it -- I'm sorry, go ahead, Tom.

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38 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I was just
39 going to recommend again at this meeting with the body
40 you have right here, essentially you need to take
41 action if you're going to submit a proposal as a
42 Council. Pat, I think, made a motion. If you got a
43 second to that and then actually voted on it in concept
44 and then he would form it out as a proposal, you could
45 do that, and actually submit it as a Council proposal
46 then, if that's what you wanted to do.

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48 Mr. Chair.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. We got

1 ahead of ourself again, we got into discussion without
2 even getting a second.

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4 MR. ROHRER: Second.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thanks,
7 Sam. Now continue with the discussion.

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9 Mr. Tracy.

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11 MR. TRACY: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry, but I
12 have to leave, I've got to give a presentation here in
13 a few minutes. So thanks for your time, I appreciate
14 it.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you. And we
17 appreciate it.

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19 Okay. Do we want to work.....

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21 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della.

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25 MS. TRUMBLE: Do you have a motion on
26 the floor at this point.....

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.

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30 MS. TRUMBLE:about what we're
31 doing?

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes. The motion
34 was made by Pat to have a subcommittee work on the
35 proposal submitted by ADF&G concerning subsistence crab
36 fishing.

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: That wasn't me barking.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MS. LEONETTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
43 was just.....

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: I was wondering if
46 Crystal was still on the line, I'm not sure what her
47 time constraint is or if she has any. So that's why I
48 brought that up.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I guess not.

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair, I would
2 like to make a comment. If we don't pass this -- what
3 Pat is suggesting then our regulations stay the same as
4 they are and it doesn't say anything about pot size and
5 also so it says under crab pot limit you may use only
6 one crab pot of any size to take king crab. So I'm
7 reading that as each subsistence holder, not limiting
8 one per boat. So if -- is that -- does anybody know if
9 that's true or not?

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We could -- we
12 could line that up with this.

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, then you can't
15 take -- if you go with what they want you can't use
16 more than one pot for both, you can't take.....

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF:but under Federal
21 regulations you could.

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I mean, we could
24 change this to follow this.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh, change the State.
27 No, I don't think so. They're trying to get us to
28 change to follow them and if we stay the way we are
29 we're fine.

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31 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair.

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom Jennings.

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35 MR. JENNINGS: Request members to use
36 the mic so we can get it recorded.

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38 Thanks.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Sorry.

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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. There's a
43 motion on the floor, it's been seconded. The motion is
44 to form a committee to follow-up on this proposal
45 submitted by ADF&G.

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47 Is there any Board members who want to
48 work with Pat in trying to hash this proposal out, it
49 needs to be done by.....

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Leave it the same.
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We could defer it
4 to a different time on our agenda and just hash it out
5 all together later this afternoon.
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7 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
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11 MR. KOSO: You know, we discussed this
12 before and I know like in the Kodiak area it was more
13 of a problem with enforcement. I think we discussed
14 that last time we was here in Cold Bay last year, we
15 discussed that if the taking of crab was more illegal
16 stuff then we needed more enforcement. I think as it
17 stands I would -- I would just say that we need to get
18 more enforcement and leave it as is. That would be my
19 recommendation. So I'll vote against the motion.
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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: This suggested
22 proposal here, leave it -- that's under discussion so
23 we're still on the motion.
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25 Tom Jennings.
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27 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
28 Just as a point of reference for your consideration the
29 Federal regulations apply someone pointed out
30 earlier on -- in Federal waters where we have
31 jurisdiction under these regulations. And if you look
32 at -- either on Page 42 down in the Aleutians or on
33 Page 49, looking at the maps, and I forgot the other --
34 Page 45 as well, there's very limited extent of Federal
35 waters and then jurisdiction so you might want to
36 consider that in your deliberation.
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38 Thank you.
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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Where's the
41 Federal.....
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43 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair.
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
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47 MR. JENNINGS: Just to -- excuse me, to
48 answer that question, Mr. Tutiakoff, on the Aleutians
49 we really do not have Federal waters there from what I
50 can tell by looking at the map. On Page 45 on the

1 Alaska Peninsula and Chignik area where the Refuge
2 boundary crosses the -- I think the Board determined
3 not to extend their Federal jurisdiction there, that
4 wasn't the intent of those regulatory boundaries when
5 they formed those conservation system units. So
6 there's none there. Up in the Semidi Islands which is
7 out of your area, there's a box around those islands.
8 That -- those are considered Federal waters. And then
9 for the Kodiak area there's a small area outside Karluk
10 and around Afognak and then across Womens Bay there's
11 this area that you're familiar with. So that's the
12 extent of your Federal jurisdiction for fisheries in
13 marine waters.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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17 MR. HOLMES: I think there might be a
18 little, tiny piece like in Adak Harbor that was part of
19 the military base, but, you know, I don't know that
20 anybody's ever really clarified that. And I think for
21 a lot of the Aleutians, you know, it's the mean -- mean
22 high tide or mean low tide. And so, you know, it's
23 kind of a sticky wicket. I think it might have merit
24 to -- for folks to look at -- as Pete was mentioning,
25 to look at the regs that we've got now on Federal
26 waters and then come back to this later and maybe table
27 the motion until we have a chance to just think about
28 the.....

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: To what time?

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32 MR. HOLMES: How about if we take it up
33 right after lunch, would that be reasonable, but just
34 have some time to cogitate?

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Move to
37 table it until 1:30.

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39 MR. HOLMES: Okay.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The motion
42 stopped. We tabled it and we'll take it back up at
43 1:30 when we reconvene. We call a lunch break and be
44 back 1:30 and we'll start up with this process again.

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46 (Off record)

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48 (On record)

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, let's go

1 ahead and call the meeting back to order, it's 1:36.

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3 Before we take up where we left off I
4 had a request to -- I already forgot her name.

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6 MR. JENNINGS: Meredith.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Meredith.

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10 MS. MARCHIONI: Mr. Chair, members of
11 the Board, my name is Meredith Marchioni and I'm a
12 researcher in the Division of Subsistence at Alaska
13 Department of Fish and Game. And I figured I would
14 come here today because I wanted to address you all on
15 a new proposal that we were funded to do starting this
16 September. It's going to be conducted in Old Harbor,
17 Larsen Bay and Kodiak City. We've received acceptance
18 from both Old Harbor and Larsen Bay to do the study
19 there so that's why we chose them. We wrote this study
20 last fall after receiving some concerns from the Board
21 of Fish at their January, 2011 meeting that more
22 information about harvest of salmon by households in
23 Kodiak needed to be completed. The study will
24 investigate environmental, demographic, cultural and
25 economic factors affecting the harvest of salmon by
26 households in the Kodiak area. We hope to document the
27 historic use patterns of the subsistence salmon
28 fisheries that can be assessed by the Kodiak road
29 system as well as by more isolated communities. We
30 would also like to document local knowledge of
31 environmental factors as how this has affected salmon
32 harvests over time. So far we have received letters of
33 support as I said from the Village Councils of Old
34 Harbor and Larsen Bay. We will be working with the
35 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge on this project as well
36 and we hope to have community meetings in the fall,
37 conduct a survey over the winter and then participate
38 in fishing in the following summer. When we are done
39 with the survey or done with the study we will return
40 to the communities to give a presentation. We will
41 also give this RAC a summary of the project come the
42 next meeting.

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44 That's all I have. I just wanted to
45 address you on it and if you have any questions please
46 feel free.

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do we have a copy
49 of your paper?

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1 MS. MARCHIONI: You do, you have one in
2 your pamphlet, we have a summary of the paper or in
3 your notebooks, I believe. That's what I was told,
4 didn't actually check.
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6 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, I'm not
7 familiar, what was the title of that, I haven't seen
8 one?
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10 MS. MARCHIONI: I sent a summary, I
11 believe, to you.....
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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's on Page 41, I
14 think.
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16 MS. MARCHIONI: Is it Page 41?
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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, Old Harbor's
19 Tribal Wildlife Grant.
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21 MS. MARCHIONI: No. Well, see this is
22 what -- Tom, I had sent one to you I think like a month
23 ago before we spoke in the email. I also sent it
24 through the -- our liaison, our Federal liaison. Is
25 there anyway that we can.....
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27 MR. JENNINGS: That may have been
28 overlooked.
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30 MS. MARCHIONI: Okay.
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32 MR. JENNINGS: I'll look at the
33 materials again.....
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35 MS. MARCHIONI: Okay.
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37 MR. JENNINGS:and check the
38 email, but I apologize if that's the case.
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40 MS. MARCHIONI: No, that's okay.
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42 MR. JENNINGS: I do remember getting
43 your email on being able to address the Board or the
44 Council.
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46 MS. MARCHIONI: Yep. There was -- it
47 was just this two pages, update of summary, I could
48 actually go and make copies of it somewhere if you --
49 if that would be easier.
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1 MR. HOLMES: They might do it here at
2 the office if it's just, you know, a limited number.
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4 MS. MARCHIONI: Yeah, if that works for
5 you guys. Okay.
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'd like a copy of
8 that.
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10 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, I don't recall
11 seeing that one, I'm sorry.
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13 MS. MARCHIONI: Okay. No, it's fine.
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15 MR. JENNINGS: So thank you.
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17 MS. MARCHIONI: Yeah. Do you guys have
18 any questions for me, Mr. Chair, Board members?
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Good luck.
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22 MS. MARCHIONI: Okay. Thank you very
23 much.
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25 MR. HOLMES: Well, I have a.....
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27 MS. MARCHIONI: Yeah.
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29 MR. HOLMES: You're basically going to
30 be doing household surveys, sort of the style of the
31 Subsistence Division type of inquiries and then how
32 that -- different factors influence what people
33 harvest?
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35 MS. MARCHIONI: Exactly. Through the
36 Chair, Mr. Holmes. Yes, that's exactly what we will be
37 doing, we'll be going to households and conducting
38 harvest surveys. There's also an ethnographic
39 component to this proposal where we will actually go
40 out and conduct observation with some of the
41 subsistence users in a way -- as a way of, I guess,
42 just documenting what's being -- what's being done for
43 community use later on and just for general
44 knowledge.....
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46 MR. HOLMES: Uh-huh.
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48 MS. MARCHIONI:of practices.
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50 MR. HOLMES: Well, that would be

1 splendid because we'll have that di-centennial review
2 coming up on rural subsistence definition again and
3 heaven knows if it'll be five years late or 10 years
4 late, but it'll be coming up and be a hot item for
5 discussion and so it'll be really good to have that
6 additional information.

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8 MS. MARCHIONI: I'm glad that you see
9 that, Mr. Holmes, I feel the same way.

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11 MR. HOLMES: Uh-huh.

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13 MS. MARCHIONI: Well, if that's all
14 thank you for your time.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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18 MR. JENNINGS: Do we have another
19 caller on the teleconference?

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21 MR. SHELIKOFF: Antone.

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23 MR. JENNINGS: Antone's on line. Thank
24 you, Antone.

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26 MS. MARCHIONI: I'll go ahead and make
27 these copies for you guys.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.

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31 MS. MARCHIONI: Thank you.

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right. Now
34 we're back to -- we were in a motion. What was the
35 wordage?

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37 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair. On that motion
38 I'd like to call for a roll call vote on what's in his
39 motion on the -- on our shellfish.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Do you
42 remember what your motion was, Pat?

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44 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, I think the
45 motion was to establish a study group to work on this
46 motion and to decide whether or not we'd want to adopt
47 it or if we were to write additional verbiage, I
48 believe that was the motion. So I would guess if we
49 voted against that then the whole thing would die.

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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: There was the
2 motion made and then it was seconded and we're
3 discussing. So Rick Koso asked for a roll call vote.
4 It comes back to you, Pat.
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6 MR. HOLMES: Well, I guess my vote
7 would be.....
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No.
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11 MR. HOLMES:no.
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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Take your paper
14 and call out the names.
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16 MR. HOLMES: Oh, I beg your pardon,
17 sir.
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19 (Laughter)
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21 MR. HOLMES: Roll call vote, mic's on,
22 Pat's almost back into the room.
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24 I guess this is on whether we should go
25 and have a -- work more on this crab proposal or to
26 drop it. So a negative vote would be to drop it and a
27 positive would be to go ahead.
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29 So, Antone, would you like to vote on
30 that?
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32 MR. SHELIKOFF: Yes.
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34 MR. HOLMES: Okay.
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You asked him a
37 question.....
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39 MR. HOLMES: Oh.
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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:is that his
42 answer to your question or is that his vote?
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44 MR. HOLMES: Okay. How do you want to
45 vote on the motion there, Antone?
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47 MR. SHELIKOFF: Yes.
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49 MR. HOLMES: Okay. And then myself
50 I'll vote no.

1 Mr. Koso.
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3 MR. KOSO: No.
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5 MR. HOLMES: Sam.
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7 MR. ROHRER: No.
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9 MR. HOLMES: Okay. Tom's not here.
10 Pete.
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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No.
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14 MR. HOLMES: Okay. Vince.
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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No.
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18 MR. HOLMES: Della Trumble, is she back
19 on? Della.
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21 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes, I'm on. I think
22 I'll -- I'll abstain at this point, I'm a little
23 confused. I think -- I thought you made the motion to
24 create a committee and I'm not exactly sure why you're
25 voting not to create a committee.
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27 MR. HOLMES: Well, I guess folks
28 probably reflected over lunch as to whether they
29 thought it was worthy of pursuing the issue anymore.
30 And so I guess one could -- you could infer from the
31 way folks are voting that they're just not all that
32 keen on it from their cogitations over lunch.
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34 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat. But I
35 think it puts both Antone and I at a disadvantage if
36 there's discussion over lunch and we're not -- we're
37 not -- we don't know what exactly the discussion was so
38 it's hard for us to vote yes or no. I heard vote in
39 the affirmative when he's not -- I don't know that he's
40 aware of what your -- the discussion was at lunch.
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42 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, well, we didn't
43 really.....
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45 MS. TRUMBLE: I will.....
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47 MR. HOLMES:have a -- any kind of
48 discussion at lunch per se, I think folks were just
49 reflecting on the different comments we had when we
50 were getting to the -- when we chatting about this

1 before, going around and different people, Rick and
2 Pete had commented on it and at that time were thinking
3 that it probably just wasn't necessary to even go
4 further. And so we were reflecting back on the
5 discussions we were having during the meeting, but I
6 don't think there was any direct planning session or
7 anything over lunch.

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9 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Rick.

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13 MR. KOSO: Della, we never had any
14 discussion whatsoever on this deal, it's just my
15 personal feeling of which I voted no against. I don't
16 think we need to pursue this in my mind. So there was
17 no discussion that I'm aware of.

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19 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, I'll just abstain
20 from it.

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22 MR. HOLMES: Okay. Della abstains.

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24 Mitch.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No.

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28 MR. HOLMES: And Tommy is not present
29 so we -- the motion fails. We had one for, one
30 abstention and one, two, three, four, five, six nos.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.

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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The way I looked at the
43 motion I -- that was previous that we voted down on and
44 I voted no because I do not support the State's
45 position regarding subsistence king or tanner crab
46 policy or the ruling that they have out. So I think
47 the question was to this Council whether we're going to
48 align our position, the Federal position, and come up
49 with the same type of verbiage. And after reading the
50 Federal Guidelines I don't see where we would benefit

1 our constituents to change it, I mean, it's a very
2 small area we're talking about, maybe two or three
3 areas within Kodiak and Aleutians that are affected.
4 The State would -- policy or regulation affects the --
5 everyone, every subsistence user and I'm opposed to it
6 just on general, but that was my pos -- that was my
7 understanding and why I voted no.

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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you,
10 Vincent.

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12 Okay. Old business. We finalize that
13 draft 2011 annual report that's in our packet. Is now
14 a good time to be discussing this since we're not
15 completely done with our agenda, once we finalize this
16 draft and we go on with our agenda if we find something
17 else we want to put in there then we have to bring it
18 up again. Do you want to defer it to later on, isn't
19 that something we did this morning?

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21 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair.

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23 MR. KOSO: Did you want to just put it
24 on the back end of this thing and take it up at the
25 end?

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I think it's a
28 good idea because if we discuss all these other items
29 then if we have something else to add then this topic
30 will already have been done.

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32 MR. KOSO: Do you need a motion or.....

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Make a motion to
35 put it on the back end of our agenda.

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37 MR. KOSO: I make that motion to put
38 that back at the end of our agenda.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do I hear a
41 second.

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43 MR. HOLMES: Second.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
46 seconded. Discussion.

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48 (No comments)

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any objection to

1 the motion?

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3 Vincent.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: My understanding of
6 this particular agenda item is for 2010 coming up --
7 2011, excuse me, last year.

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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I wasn't here last
12 year, but I -- after reading this it hits all of the
13 issues that we dealt with as subject matters and if
14 there's some that you intend to add in here and what
15 are they?

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If we -- if we get
18 done with this agenda and we have something more that
19 we want to add into this draft.....

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Uh-huh. Okay. Thank
22 you.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
25 discussion.

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none, is
30 there any objection?

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no
35 objections then the motion carries.

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37 Yeah, that -- we discussed the tribal
38 consultation earlier.

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40 Mr. Kron.

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42 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair, this item is to
43 talk about the drafts that are in your Council books on
44 Page 13 through 28. Ms. Della Trumble was Co-Chair of
45 that Committee. I think as you know the Federal
46 Subsistence program has been working hard to develop a
47 strategy to get more input from tribal entities. For
48 about a year and a half the Department of Interior and
49 Department of Agriculture have been working on tribal
50 consultation policies and the intent is to use those as

1 a foundation, but to build off from those so that we
2 have this process in place with the Federal Subsistence
3 Board as well. And just real quickly on Page 15, you
4 know, I think the intent -- the Committee that Della
5 sat on and I -- again I'm hoping that she will talk
6 about that, but on Page 15, I'll read through the
7 questions for the Regional Advisory Councils. Do you
8 feel that this policy, and again there are other
9 documents included in your books, but do you feel that
10 this policy and these other documents provide the right
11 direction, if not, why not; is there anything else the
12 working group needs to consider and again Della is the
13 Co-Chair of this working group; do you feel that
14 tribes' concerns from consultation have been and will
15 be meaningfully addressed to the Regional Advisory
16 Council's considerations on each of these topics. So
17 again the work group is looking for your input, we've
18 been asking these same questions of all the Regional
19 Advisory Councils, the other 10 -- the other nine
20 Regional Advisory Councils across the State. But again
21 this is your opportunity, there have been letters that
22 have gone out to the tribes. My understanding -- I was
23 at the meeting when they talked to -- basically they
24 talked with AFN and the BIA Providers Conference to get
25 their input and they've been working to try to fine
26 tune these drafts and the intent was to basically get
27 them ready, that the Federal Board would implement
28 them, that, you know, they may be changed subsequently
29 as well, but the intent is to be developing a process
30 whereby, you know, we get more input, better input,
31 from the tribes and that the tribes have more of an
32 opportunity to provide input into the process.

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34 So with that I guess, Della, do you
35 have additional things to add?

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: No, I think pretty much
38 just -- maybe a couple comments. The documentation is
39 very well listed out on the steps that have been taken
40 and to where we're at today. I will say that the
41 Committee, the various liaisons for the different
42 agencies, and the Tribal representatives has been
43 really strong. This has been quite a learning process,
44 we've actually gone -- I mean, I've actually done some
45 of the government to government. I think last month
46 Geoff Haskett did come out and did the government to
47 government by request of the tribes, both Ouzinkie and
48 the King Cove Tribe in regard to the road -- the
49 Izembek enhancement issue. It's a learning process I
50 think and I think as we continue I -- at this point

1 we're looking to start some of the -- adding more to
2 what the pieces are and how you implement some of the
3 steps.

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5 Some of the issues I think that are of
6 concern is getting the tribes to be involved. There
7 was a lot of questions that, you know, how the ANCSA
8 corporations are involved with this and that's fairly
9 well laid out at this point. But I think the goal I
10 think has been a little rough in getting information
11 back from the various tribes because they're getting
12 hit with not only the consultation requests from Fish
13 and Wildlife, but also from all the various other
14 agencies all at one time. So it's a bit overwhelming.

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16 From a personal standpoint I think and
17 sitting back and then also being in contact people from
18 various regions is this effective, I mean, I hate to
19 see a process I think that almost as being -- having
20 the President, you know, saying that you need to do
21 this, it's an Executive Order and then going through a
22 process however I don't -- I'm hoping at some point
23 that this does and will be meaningful and I say that in
24 the sense that I just -- I don't want this to be a
25 check off a box kind of thing and that it -- it's set
26 out and done and to do what it's supposed to do.

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28 I think those are my main comments, but
29 overall very strong representation on this Committee
30 and I think they've done a very good job. And I gave
31 Crystal Leonetti a big pat on the back, she's been very
32 instrumental through this whole process.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.
35 Has there been many responses from tribes concerning
36 this aside from contacts already made, have they
37 responded in writing or via telephone?

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39 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair, and again Della
40 might be the best one to answer, I'd like to know what
41 input she's gotten. The responses back have been
42 fairly limited so far. I was to the Yukon-Kuskokwim
43 Delta Council meeting and to the Eastern Interior
44 meeting before this one, we asked these same questions
45 there. The response was fairly limited both places. I
46 think, you know, in the past two years there's been
47 more involvement from tribes than we've had in the past
48 for these subsistence issues, subsistence proposals.
49 Subsistence is at the heart of a lot of issues in rural
50 Alaska and to me that's a real healthy thing. But

1 again I think like Della was saying some of the tribes
2 are just swamped and, you know, this is one more thing
3 and they're -- you know, they may or may not respond.

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5 But again, Della, what's your
6 perspective on this?

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8 MS. TRUMBLE: I would agree I think
9 this is a learning process not only from I think the
10 tribal perspective. Some of the issues or some of the
11 questions we did get, you know, is how are we going to
12 -- is Fish and Wildlife going to give support to the
13 tribes in order to submit proposals or to be able to
14 help with various issues that are in front of them.
15 And I think that's something the education piece as we
16 go through coming up with the various ways to support
17 this policy is going to be discussed I think in the
18 near future. The other issue I think of concern was
19 staff, is there staff available to help. As it is Fish
20 and Wildlife staff is very, you know, overwhelmed that,
21 you know, so on both parts I think it's a question on
22 how we're going to implement this and what tools do we
23 have available to support it. And there are some staff
24 that are being recruited I think that'll be able to
25 help with this process in the future. But I'm thinking
26 both sides it's going to be a learning process and it's
27 going to take some time as we go through it and, you
28 know, pick -- look at the pieces that are working and
29 what's not working and how do we strengthen it so that
30 it is effective. And that would be the goal.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Tom.

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34 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair, I see Pat
35 Petrivelli is at the tables. She participated in the
36 working group with Della and Crystal representing the
37 Bureau of Indian Affairs and I bet she's got some input
38 for us, some help.

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40 Thanks.

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42 MS. PETRIVELLI: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
43 I just wanted to say, you know, if the question was
44 have you heard back from the tribes about this policy,
45 the draft policy, because there was one that you saw in
46 the fall and then the Board held listening sessions at
47 the BIA Providers and at AFN and they got feedback.
48 And then the work group put -- took that input and then
49 came up with what you have in the books. And they're
50 sending it out to the tribes again and they just mailed

1 it out to them last week or two weeks ago. And then
2 once we get that feedback back then we'll -- the work
3 group will go back again and then work on it and then
4 the Board will get our input again and so but they were
5 wondering what you felt about it also. And my
6 participation on that work group, I always try to --
7 it's important that we get feedback from the tribes,
8 but the Board's real responsibility legislatively the
9 mandate is to give deference to the RACs. And so we
10 always are very much aware of that, but as you go look
11 through this policy you could look at that, but, you
12 know, the -- whatever the Board does they have a
13 mandate to give deference to the RACs. So we'll be
14 trying to insert the tribal consultation in a way so
15 that you know what's going on as well as the tribes,
16 getting the tribes information too.

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Tom Kron.

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20 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair, I'll just share
21 this and I -- you know, it's bound to happen. You have
22 one of your members that was the Co-Chair of this
23 Committee so you've got a lot of energy and investment
24 in the process already. I just came from Eastern
25 Interior two weeks ago and what their -- their main
26 comment was there was nobody from Eastern Interior on
27 the Committee. And, you know, obviously you can't
28 include everybody, all parts of the State on a
29 Committee like this, you know, the intent was to
30 develop a draft, to move it forward, to listen to
31 input, to gather things, but again you have a Council
32 member that has been Co-Chairing this Committee, very
33 involved.

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35 Thank you.

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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41 MS. TRUMBLE: The goal I think -- the
42 next scheduled meeting for going through this is April
43 18th and 19th and that's taking into consideration the
44 comments from the tribes again and the corporations and
45 also from the RACs on what's being presented. So even
46 if someone has, you know, encouraged tribes to take a
47 look at it and as RAC members take a look at it and,
48 you know, if you have comments it's a process and
49 that's what I keep saying, it's a process and I don't
50 see it being cut in stone, but I think it's -- you

1 know, we're going to have to learn by it -- by going
2 through it, I think, over a period of time and be able
3 -- you know, we've asked that this be looked at for a
4 number of years yearly as to -- you know, to make sure
5 that -- to see if it's working. And I think it's --
6 what was just mentioned on some of the various reasons
7 not knowing really what's going on, like I say I think
8 people are just so overwhelmed that how do you get this
9 information out so people are, you know, going to be
10 able to do what this is set out to do and that I think
11 as RAC members from the various regions, you know, we
12 have a responsibility to the tribes and the communities
13 to get the information out.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, I appreciate
16 that.

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18 Sam.
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20 MR. ROHRER: Through the Chair. And
21 this question either the Toms or Della or Pat can
22 answer maybe. What -- for the actual wildlife and
23 fisheries proposal process, the process by which those
24 proposals come to the RAC and then we put our
25 recommendations on them and send them on to the Board,
26 where in that whole process do you see the consultation
27 -- the tribal consultation taking place, do you see it
28 more at the RAC level or more at the Subsistence Board
29 level?

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31 MS. TRUMBLE: This is Della. There was
32 an effort to try to have consultation meetings open
33 prior to the RAC meeting so people were able to call
34 in. When they did the Kodiak/Aleutians there weren't a
35 lot of people calling in to do this, but there's a --
36 you know, some of the concerns are timing, some of the
37 times that were mentioned were the time when people are
38 subsistence -- you know, doing their subsistence
39 hunting and fishing and they're not going to be home
40 waiting to, you know, get on line with us. So that was
41 a concern. On the flip side of that concern is also
42 the process. You've got to make these deadlines in
43 order for any pol -- you know, any of the -- whether
44 wildlife or fisheries proposals to be able to go
45 through a process and meet, you know, a certain amount
46 and not be four or five years down the line, you know,
47 there's a time frame that's really shortened. So those
48 are some of the issues and concerns, you know, how are
49 we going to do this to make it effective, but -- and to
50 be able to take in, you know, the consultation or the

1 concerns from the various tribes.

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3 So it's going to be -- it's going to be
4 tough, I think, to do.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Mr. Kron.

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8 MR. KRON: Yeah, real quickly. It was
9 what, 15 months ago when the Board was taking up the
10 last round of fisheries proposals in January. They
11 scheduled -- the Board scheduled a day for tribal
12 consultation before they got into the fisheries
13 proposals to make decisions to gather tribal input.
14 They didn't -- they had a similar sort of session, it
15 didn't last as long for the wildlife proposals this
16 past January. But I think the hope was to have tribal
17 consultation from start to finish in the process so the
18 tribes would be involved in the development of
19 proposals, the review and comment on proposals so they
20 would be participating with the Regional Council before
21 you make your recommendation which again as Pat
22 mentioned the Board is required to provide deference to
23 your recommendations. But the hope was to get tribes
24 more involved. Some have been involved already, a lot
25 of the members on the Regional Councils are also
26 involved with tribes, but the hope was to have tribes
27 be more involved from start to finish in the process
28 and the Board is trying to implement that and at the
29 same time trying to describe it in a policy which Della
30 and Crystal have been working on. And the hope was
31 again to have this policy, to work it out, to flesh it
32 out, to approve it and again, you know, I think like
33 many of our policies as things go in the future it may
34 be modified in the future as well, but the hope is
35 again to involve tribes from start to finish in the
36 process.

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38 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Mr. Koso.

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42 MR. KOSO: I guess I got a lot of
43 questions, I'm not too familiar with this. With what I
44 read I'm still kind of lost. But anyway is this here
45 pertaining just to subsistence or are you talking
46 commercial in proposals that'll be brought forward
47 either to the Feds or to the State, what's the goal of
48 this new organization, I guess I should say. I'm just
49 a little bit lost on where you're going.

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1 MS. TRUMBLE: This is an Executive
2 Order by the President that there is supposed to be by
3 law and this was passed a number of years ago, I can't
4 recall right off the top of my head which president,
5 but there should be a government to government
6 consultation process in place. Well, technically it
7 really hasn't been in place so all the various
8 agencies, EPA, Interior, Fish and Wildlife, are putting
9 their policy on what we started off calling as a
10 protocol and we've changed it to policy. The Interior --
11 Secretary of the Interior did pass -- theirs was
12 passed in December so that one is in place, but it's
13 something that needs to be done for the various
14 agencies. As far as commercial fishery, I don't --
15 we're not dealing with anything to have to do with
16 that. If you look at -- this is basically -- what
17 we're talking about right now is basically for the
18 subsistence.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Tom.

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22 MR. KRON: I'll just reenforce what
23 Della said. The documents here in your book are a
24 Federal Subsistence Management Program. They're
25 subsistence -- Federal subsistence fisheries and
26 wildlife issues. And the intent is again that the
27 tribes be -- try to get them more involved in your
28 process here at the Regional Council, submitting
29 proposals to the Federal Subsistence Board from start
30 to finish in this process only, not the commercial, not
31 other aspects, just the Federal subsistence program,
32 that's what these documents are about and they're
33 asking for input.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Who was first?
36 Sam.

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38 MR. ROHRER: Thanks. Through the
39 Chair. The reason behind my first question and this
40 touches on what -- Pat, what you mentioned. I -- the
41 more involvement in the process the better, the more
42 people we have at these meetings sharing their
43 opinions, their ideas, the better. The more
44 involvement always the better, but I want to make sure
45 that we're careful not to circumvent this process, the
46 RAC process. Having tribal consultations at these
47 meetings is great, I mean, that's perfect. I'm not
48 quite as comfortable when that happens at the
49 Subsistence Board level after this RAC has made our
50 proposals, we've gone through all the proposals, we've

1 voted on them, we've sent them up to the big Board and
2 then there's a closed door meeting where the RACs
3 aren't involved with. That makes me a little bit
4 uncomfortable so I hope that's not the direction we're
5 going, but at this level having that consultation is
6 excellent.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Tom.

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10 MR. KRON: Yes, Mr.....

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12 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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14 MR. KRON: Go ahead, Della.

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16 MS. TRUMBLE: I think that that's not
17 the intention of this process. The process, if you
18 listen to, I think, you know, listening to the -- being
19 at both the AFN and then the BIA hearings, there was
20 concern, I think, from tribes and this has gone to the
21 Secretary of Interior in his various visits to Alaska,
22 that tribes haven't been consulted, I think, enough or
23 directly on issues involving subsistence. We know that
24 we have -- you know, we have the RACs in -- the RACs in
25 place and that is -- that's part of the process. So
26 this allows the tribes to directly, you know, make, you
27 know, comment, I think, on proposals that affect them.
28 It also allows that -- them to come to the RAC meetings
29 and we've talked to some degree of how you have the
30 State, you know, and then the Federal staff and then
31 you may even have a line that says tribal governments,
32 you know, to make comment on various proposals, but it
33 allows for the -- them -- this process to follow
34 through and it actually at the Federal -- you know,
35 when all of these go to the Board at the Fed -- you
36 know, at the Federal Board, there still is actually a
37 pol -- you know, a process that people can make comment
38 on. But if they make -- and if I -- somebody make sure
39 if I'm saying this wrong to correct me, Pat, or -- but
40 if you think coming at the level -- at the statewide
41 level you need to be holding a piece a paper in your
42 hands saying, you know, I represent this tribe. It's
43 not just coming in off the street saying I am a tribal
44 member of. So, you know, and those are things that we
45 were trying to get into place so it doesn't circumvent
46 the whole process.

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Mr. Kron.

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50 MR. KRON: I'll maybe just add real

1 quickly the sessions that have occurred at the Federal
2 Subsistence Board have been open, totally open process
3 so everybody can hear them, they're before the Board
4 votes, but they -- they're required under ANILCA to
5 provide deference to the Regional Advisory Council
6 recommendations. You know, I -- again I think the
7 Board has gathered input from a lot of the tribal
8 consultation, additional input that wouldn't otherwise
9 have come in. But again it's a different sort of
10 perspective because again, you know, this Council, the
11 other Councils, have already made their recommendations
12 at that point. The hope is to get the tribes, you
13 know, more involved from the start and to get them at
14 meetings like yours to make their -- make their
15 statements before you make a recommendation. But again
16 just like anybody else they can participate all the way
17 up through the Federal Board system and the -- they're
18 trying to through this policies develop a process
19 whereby it's -- you know, it's an open door policy from
20 start to finish basically.

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pete.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I'd just like to
27 make a comment. I just -- to me this falls way back
28 when -- years ago when we were going to the villages to
29 have our meetings. Now that we are no longer allowed
30 to go to the village the tribal people had a chance to
31 be involved and participate when we went to these
32 villages. And we've been cutoff of that and we've been
33 fighting for that for many years and I -- and it's
34 still the same thing. To me that's what it's all
35 about. If we went to those villages I -- when we did
36 go to those villages the people and the tribes were
37 able to be involved in the process and we got cutoff of
38 that.

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40 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair.

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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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44 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
45 concur with Pete and, you know, there was a lot more
46 input and a lot more contact when we went to the
47 villages and if, you know, the restrictions we have are
48 monetary on travel, I wonder if in this process, Della,
49 if you might be able to poke and prod a little bit to
50 see if we could facilitate a better -- enhance our

1 ability through some other funding source other than
2 the OSM for our Council to visit the different
3 locations. And sometimes we've had support from -- I
4 recall once Richard Zatchuroff offered on behalf of the
5 tribal group up in St. Paul to feed and house us and
6 the whole flight thing would have been less than where
7 we ended up for our meeting. And so that might be a
8 way, Pete, I think where we might be able to get some
9 more support to get to the villages and talk to folks
10 because it's just an important thing to do.

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12 I would like to make a general comment, you know, I'm
13 not a tribal person, but whenever we have our meetings
14 I always like to call everybody beforehand, send an
15 email and send a little note to Nancy and let everybody
16 know, you know, that we're having a meeting because I
17 feel being the Kodiak road system seat that's my role
18 regardless, you know, call the AC, call everybody and
19 let them know. And so it all depends on the workload
20 of the different folks, but if you can get out to a
21 community makes it better.

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23 And I would like to pass on something I
24 got from a concept to you, Della, and to the Fish and
25 Wildlife agencies where they have a technician involved
26 in doing that sort of thing, contact. Melissa the
27 Chair and NVA where Nancy works, Native Village of
28 Afognak, she said that she gets so much consultation
29 information it takes a good part of her day just to
30 figure out what to look at. And but she said that when
31 Tonya Brockman Lee called up and said hey, this is
32 important or if I should call or Rick or Iver gives her
33 a call and says hey, this is something important, we've
34 all got to talk on, then she knows to either come or
35 have somebody like Nancy come and listen in on our
36 meetings. And so I think that the Federal government
37 where you've got folks involved in different regions to
38 take advantage of some of your people that you have
39 that do have that role to be complementary with the RAC
40 and in terms of outreach so that we can have more
41 participation.

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43 And do you have anything to add to
44 that, Nancy, or does that seem a reasonable approach?
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46 MS. NELSON: I totally agree with Pat,
47 I get those emails too and just you almost can't keep
48 up there's so much consultation. And so I do -- we
49 highly appreciate you, Pat, for keeping us up to date
50 on issues and informing us of meetings, you know, and

1 that really helps us. And because I think I was at --
2 I was at the meeting in D.C. when -- about three years,
3 four years ago when Obama did make it an Executive
4 Order for tribal consultation. And ever since then
5 there has -- there definitely is, but it's almost
6 overwhelming amount of consultation to respond -- you
7 know, that you can respond on. So I think Della and
8 this gentleman here are spot on, it just -- it's -- but
9 I would also like to add I believe that I've been to
10 subsistence meetings in Anchorage as well and I think
11 subsistence is very important to all the people in
12 Alaska. I was at one meeting and we were in a room
13 about this size and there was standing room only, I
14 mean, we were like sardines in that room. So last year
15 they -- the BIA held it at the BIA conference and it --
16 it's still packed, I mean, there is a great concern for
17 our subsistence rights and so -- and from every -- all
18 the Native people all around Alaska. So I'm really
19 thankful for you to keep us informed.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Nancy.

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24 Vince, did you have something?

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes, this is Vince. I
27 appreciate all the work that Della's done in regards to
28 this consultation policy, but I think some of the
29 history of why we're here today is that tribal
30 governments under ANILCA were left out basically in the
31 process and it was remanded, I believe, in '80
32 something. I was working for the Aleut Corporation at
33 the time. And the tribal entities got together and
34 said, you know, hey, we -- we are the users, we are the
35 people and people that sit were selected or appointed
36 or applied for positions we're sitting at today. Most
37 of us were tribal members, tribe -- we are tribal
38 members and some of us were actual tribal officers.
39 And I think that what they wanted to do is put a seat --
40 you know, put a position out there saying this is a
41 tribal government speaking and it would be some member
42 or some president or somebody representing the entity
43 to speak directly to the RACs about the issues that
44 might affect their certain area. Some of the
45 communities from Southeast I think were the biggest
46 voice, were the loudest voice because a lot of issues
47 down there in regards to tribal authority. Not so much
48 in our region, in the Aleutians, but we do -- and we
49 have a lot of very strong tribal governments, but
50 they're starting to flex a little bit now and I think

1 part of that is because their ability to under ANILCA
2 get tribal consultation and be part of the process. I
3 don't see anything in speaking to the policy itself, I
4 think the only thing that's really missing out of this
5 and it's great to have all these goals and the preamble
6 and all that other stuff, but without funding we can't
7 do it and neither can the Federal government be
8 responsible. And their out is saying well, we've lost
9 money, we don't -- you know, we've been cut.

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11 I think we need to as an entity get --
12 do some kind of a resolution to the Federal Board that
13 says hey, this continued drop in the last seven years
14 of 30 percent in cuts to the RACs is not healthy for us
15 to make decisions. I mean, we're sitting here in
16 Kodiak today and I would like to see in the -- see in
17 these other communities or been part of. I agree with
18 the other members that spoke earlier about being --
19 going out to the communities, going to St. Paul, going
20 to Adak, going to Unalaska, going to Sand Point, King
21 Cove. We've gone to Cold Bay several times and that's
22 a good location because you get people from four or
23 five communities that can make it there on a small
24 plane and they come on their own dime to get there
25 because they have something to say about the
26 subsistence depletion in their area. And most of it is
27 depletion, it's not asking for anything more, they're
28 asking why it's happening, you know, and a lot of it is
29 Fish and Game needs to respond with, you know, cut the
30 commercial or something to help these communities.

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32 I think a lot of that is a little bit
33 of history we're revolving around right now is where we
34 are today. And without funding we're going to have a
35 problem. I don't care how big a RAC we have here and
36 if we meet only in Anchorage, it won't solve the issue
37 that we have in our region, in the Aleutians or Kodiak.
38 We need to really take a stand and send a message to
39 the Federal Board, our main Board, that our concern is,
40 you know, great to have all these things here and have
41 consultation and be able to pick up the phone, you
42 should be able to do that anyway without having this
43 written down on paper. And tribal -- government to
44 government relationship is very strong and the
45 government realizes that if they don't recognize the
46 rights of the tribal governments or the Eskimo or Aleut
47 Indians then, you know, there's going to be a lot of
48 problems and it starts at that level. But without
49 funding these kinds of programs that we're sitting at
50 today, we're not going to be able to really respond to

1 the needs of our communities. And I don't see it here,
2 I don't see the goals, I don't -- I see the training
3 and all that, I don't see no funding involved with
4 getting that training. They'll say oh, fine, we'll
5 give you all kinds of -- promise you all kinds of
6 training, but if you don't have funding attached to it
7 somehow you're not going to get it, they'll just come
8 back and say well, we didn't -- we don't have funding
9 for it. So that's their way out.

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11 I'll just leave it at that. Other than
12 it's a good tribal policy and it's a mandate by the
13 President to do this because it's not only in Alaska, I
14 think it's like 289 tribes in the Lower 48, they're the
15 real reason we're doing tribal consultation anyway and
16 Alaska was an afterthought. We have one-third of the
17 tribal governments in America are in Alaska.

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19 That's all I have.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Vince.

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24 Pat.

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26 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair.....

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28 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, go ahead,

31 Della.

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33 MS. TRUMBLE: Maybe just kind of a
34 point of clarification to think about. As RAC members
35 we represent -- we represent the communities as a whole
36 whether you're a tribal member or not. And what this
37 allows is basically the tribes to represent their
38 tribal members. And so, you know, we've got to keep
39 just -- that's part of the differentiation here.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.

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43 Pat, you have something?

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45 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, just try and catch
46 up on my notes on Della's comment. I was thinking
47 there's a couple things if I could just comment and
48 I'll try to be brief. One, I was wondering if Vince's
49 discussion, if you feel that it would be important for
50 us to draft a letter to the Federal Board and to the

1 Secretary because I think sometimes our things
2 disappear when they go into the -- no offense to the
3 Anchorage office, and, you know, on our concern and the
4 need to facilitate this consultation and then pick up
5 on Pete's comments that we need more funding to be able
6 to go to those communities. Because I think if some of
7 these really grand gentlemen that I've talked to before
8 about when I was talking about the Liam Sua and the --
9 you know, a lot of folks in the villages are really
10 reluctant, they're not in a mode where they -- you
11 know, some of the young people are, but some of the old
12 folks just aren't into doing emails or writing or
13 sending a comment to somebody to send to somebody else
14 to, you know, four levels of commenting. You know, if
15 you have dinner with them then they'd probably relax
16 and tell you what they think. And unless you can go to
17 those communities and see what those folks feel about
18 things then, you know, it's difficult. So that's a
19 procedural question or whether we need to do a letter.

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21 And then the comment I'd like to make
22 generally about communications not being a tribal
23 person and some folks that aren't on there were rather --
24 you know, the non-indigenous people that live in
25 Kodiak and around I've chatted with were quite worried
26 about this concept and felt paranoid, but I think I
27 would counsel them and a lot of them agreed after they
28 think about it that this just adds another ability for
29 our communities to work together regardless of their
30 ethnic backgrounds for common goals to preserve
31 subsistence. And so it just gives us one other way
32 where we can communicate with people that seem to have
33 control over all of what we do and to give us a chance
34 to have a little more influence. And so, you know, I
35 think heck, the more the merrier, let's do it.

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37 So anyway with that I'll be quiet and
38 leave the question on the floor about a letter.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
41 questions or comments? Iver, you have something?

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43 MR. MALUTIN: I do, but I'm not sure
44 that.....

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Come up to the
47 mic.

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49 MR. MALUTIN: My name is Iver Malutin
50 and I'm the Chairman of the Sun'aq Tribe, the largest

1 tribe on the island, there's 1,700 people. And one of
2 the problems that you're having with consultation today
3 I think is the method that you're going to collect and
4 gathering information. Pat touched on it a little bit.
5 And you are acting just like the Prince William Sound
6 Council, like the Advis -- I mean, like the Federal
7 Subsistence Board. Our little Advisory Board is acting
8 in the same capacity and the same manner as a big,
9 super Board when we're just an Advisory Board. When
10 you had your discussion this morning these people here
11 probably had some good solutions or suggestions on
12 policy and when -- you can't work on solutions at these
13 meetings you have to work on policy first then let's
14 take up the solutions later. And being one of these
15 people, very few people will fill out this form and
16 come to a meeting and talk to you. If I'm going to
17 talk about the issue that you're talking about now,
18 that's when to talk about it, not when everything comes
19 up and then we get the public comment period.

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21 Okay. After saying that we could get
22 all kinds of information if we bring the people to the
23 meeting like they're talking about. They're flying to
24 the places and yet they got to fill out a piece of
25 paper and a lot of them, I don't even have a computer.
26 And so I missed the boat on a lot of things, but I've
27 had 80 years of common sense. You guys, you have so
28 much western education that in some cases western
29 education is doing away with common sense in some
30 cases. And it does it a lot. And it gives us nothing
31 but trouble. And our tribe just got a \$200,000 grant
32 from the Feds to enhance the salmon on Buskin River.
33 We worked government to government, our tribe is
34 incorporated by the State of Alaska under State law,
35 but we do not have to go by Robert's Rules, we don't.
36 And all of the corporations do so that's what makes us
37 so different.

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39 And another thing, I know most of you
40 know this, but I'm going to tell you again, all we want
41 is food for the table, that's all. And there's so much
42 competition in getting food for the table, dollars are
43 speaking, big boats, politicians, and everybody's
44 taking food from the table. The only reason I'm here
45 today is to try to get more food for the table. I do
46 it all the time. Two weeks ago I got 75 pounds of crab
47 from the troopers to give to the people in Ellie's and
48 Kodiak which was confiscated. I get bear, I get elk, I
49 get deer, I get salmon, I get ducks and ducks
50 unlimited, giving to the people, food for the table.

1 And what I'm trying to tell you is because of the
2 regulations and because of something that you're not
3 responsible for and that's the influx of people that
4 are after the same thing that we are, make it real,
5 real difficult for us to get what we want. And you're
6 going to put us all in jail one day if it gets that bad
7 because we're not going to stop. God has given us that
8 right and we're going to keep going that way.

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10 And just -- I was just talking to the
11 hotline yesterday, day before, in the spring I have to
12 go there and get all the salmon heads and the backbones
13 from the fishermen that get them before they threw them
14 in the dumpster so I can give it to the elders and to
15 the people because they're fresh and they're the first
16 and there's a lot of food that they throw away. And,
17 you know, they said well, how do you cook it. Come on.
18 So anyway that's where we're at and that's what we
19 trying of do, but there's other ways to get information
20 and if you guys could just open up your meeting to the
21 public when you're on a topic and just like the meeting
22 should be running like the Prince William Sound or like
23 the Commission and let the people talk that -- and then
24 they're going to come to your meeting.

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26 I think I said enough. Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Iver.

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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34 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Iver. I kind
35 of took -- I want to say I took notes and I want to
36 make sure I get verbatim at some point in time what you
37 just said. And the common sense rule, that is coming
38 up, that has come up in other -- a couple of times too
39 so I very much appreciate that comment. But I think --
40 I think all of this is -- like I say is a process that
41 I'm -- all I can do is hope that people will step --
42 you know, step up to the plate, that's what we need to
43 do, we have a responsibility to start stepping up to
44 the plate to make this work.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So where are we now, we

1 need to -- we don't necessarily have to approve this,
2 do we, you're not asking for approval, you're just
3 asking for open time to talk about it and move on,
4 right?

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Mr. Kron.

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8 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, Vince,
9 exactly right. I think Della made the comment earlier
10 that if Council members, you know, want to look at this
11 and provide comments later that would be great. You
12 know, the Committee is going to be meeting in April,
13 the Board hopes to look at it again in May and is
14 hoping to have a draft that they can stamp in May. If
15 people in the audience want to look at this and provide
16 comments they're encouraged to do so. We're -- you
17 know, we're trying to get comments from anybody and
18 everybody. If people want to make comments, official
19 comments at this meeting they can do that or they can
20 do it, you know, in the next month. But again you're
21 not required to make any decision on this, but we're
22 asking you to let us know if you'd like.

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24 Thanks.

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I
27 have.....

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF:I'll probably put
32 my comments down and send them on to Mr. Jennings there
33 and he can incorporate them into whatever his response.
34 From me personally, I don't know if the Board's not
35 going to -- if the Council's not going to act then I'll
36 send something to you.

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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Anymore discussion
39 on this tribal consultation policy?

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41 (No comments)

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I might have one
44 question. If we involve tribal consultation throughout
45 the process of a proposed proposal like today we have
46 until the 30th to submit a proposal that's what nine
47 days. How -- who's going to get that word out to the
48 tribes that fast and say we need your -- we need your
49 input on this proposal and we're -- we need to submit
50 it by the 30th, you have nine days to respond or can

1 they respond throughout the life of that proposal?

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3 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Yeah, I think
4 the Federal process is based on -- changes are based on
5 proposals. And the next round, you know, we need to
6 get proposals in by the 30th. You know, the Council as
7 a body can submit them, individual members of the
8 Council can submit them, any member of the public can
9 submit them. We've gotten proposals from all over the
10 State from individuals. So and I think the books
11 themselves, both the fish book and the wildlife book,
12 point out that if people want to make changes they can
13 submit a proposal and it'll be considered, it's the
14 democratic process. So again if you want to do it as a
15 Council you need to do it at this meeting or get it
16 started at this meeting, but if you want to do it as an
17 individual you can do that as well. This Council will
18 get a chance to look at all the proposals that come in
19 from your region in the fall, just like you always do.
20 So you get a chance to weigh in with a recommendation
21 on various proposals that were submitted by -- you
22 know, in some cases, you know, the Council has
23 submitted things in the past and some cases members
24 have submitted and some cases members of the public
25 have submitted. But I think people -- you know, people
26 -- the process, you know, essentially invites input and
27 change.

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29 Tom.

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31 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, Mr. Chair, I think
32 what I heard you asking was in this short time frame
33 for submitting the proposals you were considering how
34 to consult with the tribes at this point in time.....

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Uh-huh.

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38 MR. JENNINGS:is that what you're
39 questioning?

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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43 MR. JENNINGS: Okay. I -- that's
44 probably -- I'm not sure if that question's been asked
45 before, you know, in something like this, this is at a
46 late point in time. Tribal consultation will be
47 available, you know, through the process entirely and,
48 I mean, as individual Council members you can -- you
49 can talk to -- talk to some of your tribal associates
50 and get your individual like that, but before you

1 submit your proposal if there is one. But the tribes
2 have opportunity through the process, you know, when
3 you have the RAC meetings and then at the Federal Board
4 meetings as well.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Uh-huh.

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MR. JENNINGS: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.

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MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Della.

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MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, I just want -- I
17 think that was Tom, but yeah, that's correct because
18 once these proposals go out they're basically in draft
19 form until the Board actually passes them so up to that
20 point that consultation continues.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Peter.

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MS. TRUMBLE: I think if nothing else
it would be helpful at least for our Committee if the
first question is do you feel this policy is going in
the right direction at the very least. So I think it

1 would be good -- would be good to at least answer that.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, I think it
4 is going in the right direction. You know, you --
5 that's been stated that the more involvement with the
6 tribes the better. I think the tribes will feel good
7 at having an opportunity to express their concerns or
8 support or proposals.

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10 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Rick.

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14 MR. KOSO: Yeah, Della, I agree that
15 this is -- sounds like a great idea of getting the
16 Native people involved in some of the decision making
17 although as I sit on the RAC Board here I think we need
18 to realize that, you know, we represent everybody in
19 the subsistence. So we need to be careful of how we
20 draw these lines so long as we're, you know, in that
21 advisory position and information type of thing that'll
22 be fine, but we definitely don't want to get involved
23 in a dispute over races.

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25 So I just thought I'd throw that in.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Rick.
28 Anything further?

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30 Yes, Mr. Jennings.

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32 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
33 had a question I guess to the Council. Some of the
34 discussion there was talk of a resolution perhaps
35 regarding, you know, actually being able to implement
36 tribal consultation or at least some -- a resolution of
37 advice or something to the Board or the Secretary or
38 something if that's something that you wanted to do
39 that would be an action you could take and we would
40 work on that after, you know, follow-up the meeting.

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42 Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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46 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
47 propose that we draft a resolution in support of the
48 ongoing process for tribal consultation and that we
49 feel that they're going in the right direction.

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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That was your
2 motion, Pat?

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4 MR. HOLMES: Yes, sir.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion for
7 resolution in support of this consultation policy. Do
8 I hear a second?

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll second it for
11 discussion. This is Vince. I still have a -- I don't
12 know what it is, I -- maybe I've just been not having
13 full trust in the process, but the -- Della, I guess,
14 my question would be to you. Does the funding of all
15 this tribal consultation ever come up in your
16 discussions at the table -- the round table and if so
17 how much if none at all?

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19 MS. TRUMBLE: It has. I think it has
20 in the hearings itself because the -- you know, if you
21 people can't be there in the various communities within
22 a region because -- and a lot of it has to do with the
23 cost, the costs of traveling is so high, I mean, the --
24 that the impact of it is on the budget -- on their
25 budgets for the, you know, travel. And I think it's
26 trying to figure out a way some people can be more --
27 or, you know, involved with the process and that's at
28 this point one of the main things is being able to call
29 in. But I think the other part of it and using King
30 Cove as a good example, you know, a lot of -- I didn't
31 get my Board packet yet or Council packet yet for this
32 meeting. We haven't had mail in here for eight or nine
33 days, the internet's been up and down, but at least
34 it's work -- has been working enough for me to get the
35 material I need. So it's -- you know, those are some
36 of the issues that, you know, in some small communities
37 up north that don't even really have good phone/fax
38 lines and don't even have internet. So it's trying to
39 figure out how you get around this. And then one of
40 the things that, you know, we've talked about is trying
41 to work closely with the regional nonprofits to be able
42 to -- because they're -- you know, they have gotten or
43 have the capability and experience in how to get ahold
44 of the various tribes within their region. And there's
45 been a lot of discussion about all of it. Vince said
46 there has not really been an answer at this time, but
47 it's definitely been on the table.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No more questions.
50 Question.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
2 discussion?
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4 (No comments)
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You called the
7 question did you, Vince?
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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.
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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
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13 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair, I've got one
14 quick question here. I guess what are we voting on
15 here, I know he put a proposal in. Are we voting to
16 endorse Della and everybody else's process they're
17 going through right now or what are we -- what are we
18 endorsing, what are we voting on?
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20 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, Rick, my
21 impression is that we'd be voting on -- you know, Della
22 was asking for, you know, support from our Council and
23 asked if we thought the development of the policy was
24 going in the right direction. And so we've talked all
25 around it, but it seems that we -- this would be a
26 resolution of support to continue the policy
27 development that they're doing and that they're
28 starting it in the right direction. I guess that's
29 basically what I would try to summarize it as.
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31 MR. KOSO: Well, that sounds fine, that
32 clears it up.
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34 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Della.
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38 MS. TRUMBLE: Pat, I'm not sure that
39 you need to go through the extent of a resolution at
40 this point. I'm -- I think just the consensus to keep
41 moving in this direction that it has been going because
42 all of these pieces still haven't -- aren't quite, you
43 know, finalized, I think at some point in time, you
44 know, I think when a final draft of everything is in
45 place it might be -- might be appropriate then.
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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, I was going
48 to suggest that we just send a letter of support saying
49 that this RAC feels that this.....
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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll withdraw my
2 second.
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:working group
5 is heading in the right direction with this policy.
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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll withdraw my
8 second.
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10 MR. HOLMES: Okay.
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You withdraw the
13 second.
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15 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, maybe with
16 permission of my second maybe we just change that from
17 resolution to a letter of support, would that achieve
18 what we need to do?
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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, okay. Then let's
21 move on.
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23 MR. KOSO: Move on. That horse is
24 dead.
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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: A letter of
27 support -- yeah, we got two letters to write now, is
28 that right, Tom? He says don't look at me, he's not
29 writing two.
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31 (Laughter)
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33 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, I'll confer
34 with the Secretary and we'll confirm with the
35 transcripts and get it right.
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Just --
38 I'll be coming through Anchorage next week on the 30th,
39 I'll be there Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
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41 Okay. Can we take a coffee break,
42 about three or four minutes.
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44 (Off record)
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46 (On record)
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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Let's call the
49 meeting back to order. The next item on our agenda is
50 Wildlife Proposal 12-22. That was a request from

1 Ninilchik to have customary and traditional activities
2 on Kodiak Island. That proposal went through the
3 process and I think the Federal Subsistence Board
4 adopted with modification. They gave C&T in Unit 15,
5 but deferred the Unit 8 C&T because there was no prior
6 contact with Kodiak Tribes to obtain C&T on Kodiak
7 Island.

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9 So that's the information on that. I
10 don't think we need to discuss it any further and I
11 heard that they're -- that we're going to submit a
12 letter to the FSB and withdraw that portion of the
13 proposal.

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15 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom.

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19 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
20 That's exactly right. One of our staff persons, Helen
21 Armstrong, spoke with the proponent from the Ninilchik
22 Traditional Council and at this point they did send an
23 email lining out that they were going to withdraw that.
24 And so it's in our office to submit that to the Board
25 for their consideration. The Board then needs to act
26 on that since they deferred that decision and they'll
27 probably take that up in May, I think, when they meet
28 next to deal with that.

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30 Following up on that, one of the things
31 that the Board did say at the meeting when they
32 deferred it is they wanted Ninilchik and their
33 representative to make contact, you know, if -- to
34 figure this out. But that's going to be a moot point,
35 but they may initiate contact and the Chairman gave me
36 permission to share his phone number and email and that
37 and the Ninilchik tribal person is going to at least
38 make contact and talk about it first. They heard
39 Mitch's testimony at the Federal Board meeting, you
40 know, that there was no contact at all and that -- the
41 Board recognized that people need to talk about this
42 kind of stuff and so that's why they advised to do and
43 that's where it stands.

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45 Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Tom.
48 Anybody need to discuss that further?

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50 Yes, Sam.

1 MR. ROHRER: I'm just wondering if we
2 think we need to still vote against it to let them know
3 that that's not a good idea even though they withdrew
4 it just to make a -- do we need to make a statement?

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I think a
7 statement has been made when I attended that Federal
8 Subsistence Board meeting in Anchorage, yeah. Are you
9 good with that, Sam?

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11 MR. ROHRER: Yeah.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Status of
14 emperor geese, I think we took care of that.

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16 Gates of the Arctic regarding per diem.
17 From what I understand we don't have -- we don't have
18 any kind of authority to raise our per diem. We could
19 fight tooth and nail, see what that gets.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Vincent.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think they'd be
26 better served if they took that money they want for per
27 diem and use it for travel in their communities.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Good idea.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Are they wanting us to
32 support it?

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry, go
35 ahead.

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37 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I think
38 they're asking for your support if you choose to do so.
39 The -- you know, the determinations on these kinds of
40 issues are made way above Wes Sims' level. And, you
41 know, I'm sitting here wondering what, in fact, can
42 actually be done to change anything. You know, the per
43 diems are based on where you meet in rural Alaska.
44 Some parts of rural Alaska they're a little higher than
45 they are in others. But again we don't have any input
46 into that determination process. So -- but again, you
47 can -- you can weight in if you choose to.

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49 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, just.....
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF:to move it on for
8 discussion I think a motion is in order to adopt and we
9 could vote our conscience on it just to get it off the --
10 move it on. So I move.
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: So you move
13 to.....
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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Adopt their.....
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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:support
18 their.....
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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF:Arctic.....
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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:Arctic.....
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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF:CRC proposal.
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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:Gates of the
27 Arctic letter that's in.....
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29 MR. HOLMES: Second.
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:in the book.
32 Moved and seconded. Further discussion?
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34 (No comments)
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none.....
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38 MR. KOSO: Question.
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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The question's
41 called. All those in favor say aye.
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43 IN UNISON: Aye.
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.
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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Aye.
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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Let the record
50 show the vote.

1 Okay. Item B, Unit 9D caribou hunting
2 information and planning. Now that's a proposal that
3 came out of this Board. And we submitted a proposal to
4 have a hunting season in Unit 9D and since that
5 proposal went in I've received a letter from Nancy
6 Hoffman and she put in her letter that there may be
7 about 25 caribou available for that hunt and there are
8 six -- what, six villages that can participate in that
9 hunt. What she was asking of us is how do we -- how do
10 we split that -- those numbers up.

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12 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The numbers might
15 change up or down depending on their survey.

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17 MR. KOSO: I was looking at the count
18 and stuff on the peninsula and what not. It sure seems
19 to me that, you know, we may be jumping the gun a
20 little, I mean, we'd all like to have -- see a hunt in
21 the region, but we don't want to have a hunt that would
22 jeopardize the herd's, you know, growth. If we're
23 going to just have 25 caribou it's hardly worth messing
24 with because you're going to have such an influx of
25 people that's going to want to do it. I could see if
26 we had 225 caribou might be worth messing it, but if
27 we're just dealing with such a minute number I think
28 it's just going to create havoc and I think it's going
29 to probably put people into the position where they
30 don't realize they're going to kill caribou and get in
31 trouble because the 25 caribou's already gotten.

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33 So at that I would say that -- you
34 know, I would be against opening it for 25 caribou.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Uh-huh.

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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42 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm going to be very
43 adamant of this thing because this is a proposal that I
44 actually had submitted a year ago. And I don't know
45 how you feel about it, but I was very thankful number 1
46 that they were able to do the aerial survey which shows
47 that the herd is starting to recover. But the flip
48 side of this is we are very hungry to have caribou and
49 it would be nice even if it's 25 caribou split among
50 the communities to legally harvest those caribou and

1 get away from caribou can't be taken legally. And this
2 is, I think -- I think in looking at the documentation
3 I think it supports being a limited harvest and I think
4 it would be -- it would do the communities good to be
5 able to -- you know, if it's by drawing and that people
6 that do get it will share, but I'm -- I have a hard
7 time listening to this when I know what I hear all the
8 time constantly from this community and other
9 surrounding communities just how nice it would be to
10 even have a very limited harvest.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.

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15 Pat.

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17 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, yeah, I concur
18 with Della and I know how important it is to have --
19 well, I guess to use a phrase I used when -- the last
20 time I talked to the Federal Board is soul food. And
21 I'm wondering if we don't really have Megan Riley,
22 she's the one that did the work, Fish and Game did the
23 survey and she made the recommendation of a harvest of
24 25 caribou. And I was wondering if a potential -- if
25 you've got 25 caribou I think creating the potential
26 for a hunt, but I think if you had one bull caribou for
27 the whole Unit 9 and just left it open until you got 25
28 like Rick mentioned, that would be impossible. But
29 what I'm wondering is if we couldn't talk with the
30 management agencies and hold a local drawing hunt in
31 each village for four caribou and then they could, you
32 know, have a -- have that opportunity and then make
33 sure, you know, the caribou were utilized within their
34 village. And if they don't make it well, then we'd,
35 you know, have to leave that to the discretion of the
36 managers, but I'd just like to talk that -- toss that
37 concept out as maybe a way to get a fair allocation and
38 at least give people a chance to have a caribou.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.

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42 Rick.

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44 MR. KOSO: Yeah, you know, I'm not --
45 certainly not against a hunt, Della, by no means and I
46 think it's great that we're getting to the point where
47 we're able to even consider a hunt. My problem was
48 that it's such a low number that, you know, looking at
49 our numbers on what we have here and if Megan of King
50 Salmon recommends a 25 caribou hunt that would be safe,

1 that's all well and good, that's just -- I'm not saying
2 people are going to go do illegal stuff, it's just that
3 people, you know, before they report how much they got
4 is how much at the end of the -- the day that they're
5 going to actually be shot. So I'm kind of like Pat
6 right now, I say -- I suggest that if we're going to do
7 this that we do it at a -- so much per community and
8 they have a drawing and they get a permit in each
9 community and then divvy it up between them, you know,
10 respectively and then have a drawing and that way we'll
11 be able to control it a lot better than just opening it
12 until 25 are shot. So having that -- said that then if
13 we could go that route I'd certainly be for it.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Sam.

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17 MR. ROHRER: Mr. Chair. Yeah, the
18 folks down there have been patiently waiting for a
19 chance to harvest caribou again so we have a little bit
20 of a harvestable surplus, we should take advantage of
21 it. And Pat's idea of taking those six villages and
22 dividing the permits up equally among them, six to each
23 village, for a drawing I think that makes the most
24 sense.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pete.

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I also have no
29 problem supporting a drawing hunt with so many limited
30 to each community.

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32 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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36 MS. TRUMBLE: I guess I'm not sure if
37 the Izembek Refuge or if Nancy's on line, but, you
38 know, if you look there was a letter I pulled off the
39 website from Nancy asking for support and direction on
40 how to possibly implement this, you know, do by random
41 drawings or dividing the permits or other ideas. And
42 the other issue, I think, is looking at her report from
43 the Refuge and it's unfortunate that we couldn't have
44 done her -- their report prior to doing this and it
45 does show that from the -- I think, and I'm going to
46 say it's because of the snow conditions and their
47 ability to do a fairly good population count that the
48 winter population count that they just completed last
49 month is 1,061 and, you know, those numbers did
50 fluctuate substantially, I think, if they -- they did

1 -- you know, they did come up based on their, I think,
2 getting a good survey. So I don't know if I'd
3 recommend supporting this and creating a committee to
4 work with the Izembek Refuge to figure out how to
5 implement the process.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom Jennings.

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9 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, Mr. Chair, Izembek
10 staff was on line earlier, Chris Peterson and Leticia
11 Melendez were on line if you have any questions perhaps
12 of them.

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: They're on line?

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16 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, from the Izembek
17 National Wildlife Refuge.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MS. PETERSON: Yes, we're still here.
22 This is Chris.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, you go to
25 speak louder, can hardly hear you.

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27 MS. PETERSON: This is Chris Peterson
28 from Izembek.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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32 MS. PETERSON: Hear me?

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34 MR. HOLMES: Yes.

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36 MS. PETERSON: Oh, okay. Yes, as Della
37 said Nancy wrote a letter requesting the Council
38 members to offer their ideas as to how they felt would
39 be a good way to distribute these permits to the
40 villages and also she would like some information or
41 feedback on when would be a good time for each of you
42 to get together on a teleconference or a phone
43 conference. And that's the idea.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Vincent.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I read their letter
50 from -- memorandum of March 7th. They're asking for

1 recommendations from the Council on how to distribute
2 and I don't like the idea that you mentioned maybe -- I
3 counted six communities.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Six communities,
6 25 caribou available.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I would ask that the
9 manager there would allow five per community and that
10 would bring the quota up to 30 then I would support it.
11 I would hate to see a community not get an equal share
12 so to say -- I mean, there's a great need out there and
13 I -- I'm glad to see it's come back in the early years
14 where we had to shut it down for two to three years
15 because there was none, no count or there were no
16 caribou. So I guess my question would be to the lady
17 on the line there is if we supported a 30 count -- 30
18 caribou with five per community would that give you
19 heartache?

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21 MS. PETERSON: This is Chris again.
22 And I'm having real difficulty hearing, but I believe
23 he -- the gentleman asked if they could up it to five
24 per community and that's something that would be
25 determined as numbers come in throughout the rest of
26 the year. I don't believe it's up to me to say what
27 the quota would be or the harvest limit would be, but I
28 think it is dependent on the numbers that come out this
29 spring. We were able to complete what we felt was a
30 very, very good count just about a month ago and it's a
31 good count, it definitely shows that the numbers are
32 above the criteria that are needed to have some of them
33 available. And it looked really good, but it is also a
34 really, really difficult winter. So I think that it's
35 important that rather than open the hunt and drop the
36 numbers back down below the necessary limit by hunting,
37 we need to make sure that we get current numbers on the
38 herd maybe following this winter. So when it's getting
39 late spring or something we need to get out and do a
40 count again and make sure that we have not had a large
41 or a significant winter kill. If that's the case and
42 we went out and took 25 caribou then it would drop us
43 right back down below the limit and we'd have to close
44 the hunt and we don't want to do that, we want to be
45 able to keep it open. So that's why the State and Fish
46 and Wildlife are trying to be very conservative and
47 make sure that we don't have that as a result, we want
48 to be able to keep the hunt open.

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50 So from that is why we would like your

1 ideas on as I said when could you all best get together
2 for a teleconference in -- Nancy suggested the middle
3 of May, by then we might be able to have some more
4 current numbers after the fall because the winter is
5 done and that would be a good time for us here, but it --
6 you know, it's up to you as well. And then how would
7 you like to distribute whatever the numbers are that
8 the State and Fish and Wildlife come up with, whatever
9 they say the limit is, how do you want to distribute
10 that to the communities.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Mr. Kron.

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14 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Della.

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18 MS. TRUMBLE: I think I fully agree
19 with what Chris is saying and I think instead of trying
20 to set a number for the communities that the community
21 involvement as requested by Nancy by teleconference,
22 you know, up to -- she's saying up to 10 participants,
23 I think it's important for the communities to appoint a
24 representative and to be at the table to make the
25 decisions on how we do this because we really haven't
26 gotten any feedback from the communities in regard to
27 this.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Mr. Kron.

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31 MR. KRON: Yeah, just real quickly. I
32 think what Della said made a lot of sense. I guess
33 another thing, everybody who gets a permit is not going
34 to kill a caribou, you know, probably the majority are,
35 but I think that needs to be factored in as well
36 because I think you'll be able to issue more permits
37 than you actually want to see harvested. At the same
38 time, you know, you need to look and see what happens
39 later this winter. Often the mortalities are going to
40 occur late in the winter just before things start to
41 green up. So, you know, the ability to do a survey
42 later this winter is going to be really important, it's
43 going to be important to factor that into the final
44 number and then participate with the villages. Now the
45 discussion here focused on essentially, you know,
46 dividing them up between the communities and I heard
47 even numbers and I heard the idea of having, you know,
48 drawings in the communities or something, somehow
49 distributing them in each of these communities so
50 everybody gets -- every community gets a chance.

1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, for.....

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5 MS. PETERSON: This is Chris at Izembek
6 again. One of the suggestions that I might make on the
7 proposed hunt would be that there would be a fairly
8 short time frame within which successful hunters would
9 need to notify the Refuge of their success. So it
10 might -- I'm not putting forth the policy at the
11 moment, but an idea that might be that within 24 hours
12 a successful hunter must notify the Refuge manager of
13 their successful take. And that way we could have a
14 very close eye on the total or the overall take and as
15 soon as it approached the limit that was set then we
16 could close the hunt to those remaining out there. And
17 that would be one way that we could control that
18 overall number. Because it would be -- as you
19 gentlemen said, it would be very difficult, you could
20 have 30 hunters out there, it's conceivable all 30 of
21 them would get one, it's equally conceivable that maybe
22 only 20 would, but if your limit is 20 then you need to
23 know when you're approaching that limit. So we would
24 have a short turnaround on that notification process.

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26 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della.

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: I think following up with
31 what Chris is saying, you know, at some point I saw --
32 at one point in time I saw the recommendation is you
33 had 40, but you stop it at 25, I think. And the -- but
34 I think overall I think working with everybody, you
35 know, one of the big concerns and I said it earlier in
36 the meeting, we've been seeing wolves, I mean, in King
37 Cove, we've been watching porcupines and wolverines
38 cross the road. You don't see that normally, but it's
39 been a horrible winter and, you know, that -- the
40 impact of it is wildlife is coming in closer.

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42 MS. PETERSON: It was really
43 significant on the count that we just did a month ago,
44 normally -- I mean, I'm not from this area, only for
45 the last couple years so I don't have a lot of
46 experience, but in looking back at the old records here
47 at the Refuge, normally the caribou in the winter are
48 quite a lot more broadly distributed than they were
49 this year, they're very, very restricted to a very
50 tight area in the Cold Bay region and another couple

1 smaller areas up in the area of the Caribou River. And
2 there is nowhere else that we saw a track or a trail or
3 picked up a signal from any of our collared animals,
4 they are very closely and carefully restricted to those
5 two areas. So the possibility is existence of a winter
6 kill. I'm not sitting here saying that it's something
7 to be -- you know, to panic over or anything, it's just
8 something we need to be aware of and we need to get out
9 there and determine the situation toward the end of
10 winter or into spring and see what that -- what the
11 result was.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Chris.

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15 Peter.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I'd
18 just like to make a comment to the Refuge Manager that
19 I really feel they need to get together with the people
20 or the leader or whoever from these six communities and
21 decide how many permits go to each community and who
22 gets them instead of us. I don't feel comfortable
23 sitting here from Kodiak telling who gets how many
24 permits out there and I don't feel that they would want
25 to do that to us here with like, for example, our elk
26 drawings right now, Ouzinkie has zero, Port Lions has
27 five, Old Harbor has two and Kodiak has 140. You know,
28 so it's a tough things when you do these drawing things
29 so I think they need to get together and talk about it
30 and work out even numbers for their populations or
31 their people.

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33 MS. PETERSON: So that's kind of what
34 we were hoping you folks would discuss and make some
35 sort of a determination as to who would be part of this
36 process, who would be part of the teleconference
37 meeting in May and any ideas you had on ways to
38 distribute those permits then in that teleconference we
39 would discuss that and have the input of those
40 community leaders or the people who are representing
41 the community and the RAC Board. And we could get that
42 process taken care of, but we do not want to sit here
43 and delegate or not delegate, but direct precisely who
44 is going to get those. It is open to the RAC Board
45 during this meeting to decide, you know, what are some
46 good ideas, what do you folks think are good ways to do
47 this.

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Mr. Koso.

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1 MR. KOSO: Yeah, Mr. Chair. I guess
2 you guys are going to try to take up another survey in
3 May and then you'll determine then if there is enough
4 caribou or if the kill for the winter -- through the
5 winter was too much to have a hunt, but if you do have
6 the hunt are you still looking at the August 10th to
7 the September 20th and November to the March as far as
8 openers?

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10 MS. PETERSON: This is Chris at
11 Izembek. I think I heard you asking whether the dates
12 for the hunt would be what were proposed in the
13 proposed hunt and I'm -- as far as I know that would be
14 correct, yes. If all of the caribou that are permitted
15 to be taken are taken during the early portion of the
16 hunt then the hunt would be closed. If only a few are
17 taken during the August to September portion of the
18 hunt then the hunt would remain open in the second
19 portion or the winter portion of that -- of that hunt
20 until the quota was reached.

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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Pat.

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24 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, I think that
25 this is a good discussion, I think, you know, some of
26 the villages are just slightly larger than the others,
27 but I think waiting until May after they get another
28 count and an evaluation of the winter kill and then I
29 suspect if the villages out there would concur just
30 have an even number of drawings. I think when you've
31 got so few animals I don't really agree with having --
32 giving out 40 permits to try to get 20 caribou, I think
33 you'd be better off to do the exact number, see what
34 happens and then you'll have the opportunity to expand
35 that. I would suggest you consider asking folks out
36 there what's a reasonable time to respond from a hunt
37 because cell phones don't work for diddly and -- once
38 you get away from Cold Bay and unless somebody had a
39 satellite phone or a portable single sideband how could
40 they respond. I know a lot of places in Alaska that
41 are remote, they have a three day response time. So I
42 guess I would consult with your hunters out there and
43 see what's a reasonable time to respond and go with
44 that rather than try for 24 hours, that would probably
45 work fine in Montana, but doesn't always work so well
46 on the peninsula.

47
48 Thank you very much.

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50 MS. PETERSON: Well, that is.....

1 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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3 MS. PETERSON:we're well aware of
4 that out here and that's why we wanted to discuss that
5 with you folks. It may be a case where if it was set
6 at a 24 or say a 36 hour, I don't know, but as soon as --
7 if the limit was set at 20 animals total and we
8 started having 15 that were taken, that's what we knew
9 of, perhaps we could shut the hunt down for a few days
10 and find out what the actual total was and then if we
11 had not reached that 20 yet then it could be reopened
12 for a few days. But we do need to keep a close watch
13 on the numbers so that we don't end up like a few years
14 ago when they opened the hunt for one year and closed
15 it, that's not what we want to have happen.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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23 MS. TRUMBLE: And, Chris, in the past
24 when we had it open under Federal regulations I think
25 there's a couple things to consider. We had --
26 actually the permits were issued to the tribal office
27 in -- except for Cold Bay, I think it was through the
28 Fish and Wildlife office, and the hunter was required
29 to within, I think, two days to report so they had to
30 bring their report into the tribal office to say
31 whether it -- you know, whether or not they were
32 successful or not. So that might be an option because
33 they can have people draw how many -- you know, they
34 can sign up to draw for that community and that drawing
35 be held so you know who those permit holders are. That
36 may be an option to think about.

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38 MS. PETERSON: That sounds like a good
39 idea, yes.

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41 Thank you.

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43 MS. TRUMBLE: And the other thing is if
44 it is a drawing type we got to keep in mind that
45 there's a time period so these permits can be printed
46 and, you know, the process is printed and in place.
47 And I think you're going to need at least 60 days to --
48 so a decision probably would need to definitely be made
49 by no later than mid May.

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1 MS. PETERSON: Well, that's why --
2 thank you, Della. That's why we were hoping to get the
3 meeting, you know, in May so that by the end of the
4 month we could get these things taken care of and go
5 through the process. But that's an excellent idea on
6 having the Council take part of the responsibility on
7 this and then they could be responsible to let the
8 Refuge Manager know, but that's an idea to bring to the
9 table during this discussion in May. So we definitely --
10 if you folks are able to come up with a good time to
11 let us know to have this meeting, that would be very
12 helpful right now and any other ideas that can be
13 brought to the table would, you know, present them and
14 let us know about those so that we can be considering
15 those before the meeting and discuss all of those
16 options.

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18 Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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22 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, Mr. Chair, Della
23 mentioned a 60 day printing time or something for
24 permits and these are the Federal permits I'm assuming
25 and those are produced out of our office. I could
26 check with Michelle Shivers, that's one of the jobs
27 that she's working on currently is dealing with
28 permits. Hopefully we could expedite that and make it
29 shorter than a 60 day period to get permits at least
30 printed, the distribution would, you know, be a local
31 responsibility, getting them to the villagers and where
32 they need to be.

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34 Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. When.....

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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42 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Tom. I say
43 that and I recall one year that the permits weren't
44 printed and the season opened on August 1st so I'm --
45 you know, I'm like say hopeful everything gets
46 completed within the 60 day period, goes through.

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It will.

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50 MR. JENNINGS: Thank you. Yeah, we've

1 had a few changes and some of them have been positive
2 changes in our office and the permitting aspect is -- I
3 believe is one of them and I think we're able to do
4 things in a little bit shorter order.

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6 Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. So, Chris,
9 when you get your information in May and you're going
10 to have a teleconference, are you suggesting you have a
11 teleconference with this Board as well as the villages
12 that will have access to those animals?

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14 MS. PETERSON: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman,
15 I -- I had a hard time hearing the end of what was
16 said, something about the villages having access and I
17 don't know what came after that.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, you said you
20 were going to have a teleconference after you -- after
21 you get your information in May, are you suggesting you
22 have a teleconference with this Board as well as the
23 villages that have access to those animals?

24
25 MS. PETERSON: Thank you. We would
26 like -- I believe Nancy's idea was to have the people
27 that would be representing the communities.....

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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31 MS. PETERSON:as well as those
32 members of this Board who would be participating in
33 this, would be part of that teleconference, yes.

34
35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Understood.

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37 MS. PETERSON: It could include a
38 community representative from each of the communities,
39 but it also could include the Council members who might
40 be assigned to participate in this process.

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42 Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Rick.

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46 MR. KOSO: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I think
47 Della's hit it right on the head there, you know, of
48 having the permitting system either go through the
49 cities or -- cities or the tribal units in town and
50 have a -- you know, a permitting deal. So I don't know

1 what you want us to do here now or did you want us to
2 make a motion to that effect, I think if I'm
3 understanding right a lot of the Kodiak guys would
4 rather opt out and let the region itself take over
5 this. So if that's the case then I'd surely highly
6 recommend Della be there and if I'm going to -- if I'm
7 available I'll certainly be there and Vince Tutiakoff
8 in the region will also be available there. So without
9 a -- if there's no opposition to that then maybe that's
10 where we should go from here. And we could bring back
11 the status to the Board afterwards.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Good idea.
14 I think it -- those people from those regions, if you
15 attend the teleconference and bring that information
16 back when we meet in September.

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18 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, we can't hear
19 you. Sorry.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm hollering,
22 Della.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, I was just
27 suggesting that when you have that teleconference that
28 yourself and Rick Koso and Vince could probably attend
29 that teleconference and bring that information to our
30 meeting in September when we meet down in Sand Point.

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32 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. Mr. Chair, if I
33 may I'd like to make a motion.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Della.

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: We recommend by -- or
38 that we do it as recommended by Nancy Hoffman, that we
39 include representatives from the six communities and
40 include the four representatives including Antone that
41 represent the Aleutians. I think it would -- it's
42 good experience for Antone to understand some more of
43 the wildlife issues in our area. And that would total
44 the 10 members at least that Ms. Hoffman is requesting.

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46 MR. ROHRER: I second.

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
49 seconded. Any discussion?

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1 Pat.
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3 MR. HOLMES: Sounds good to me, sir.
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5 MS. PETERSON: This is Chris, Mr.
6 Chairman, if I might please I'd like to clarify what
7 we've been able to hear because the.....
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead.
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11 MS. PETERSON:phone is really
12 very, very faint. But I think that what I just heard
13 you folks discuss was having four members of the RAC
14 Council and one member from each of the six communities
15 involved be members of the meeting in mid May and then
16 I did not hear if you had chosen a time in mid May that
17 would work best for this teleconference; is that
18 correct?
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That's correct.
21 We did not select a time, we figured it would be.....
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23 MS. PETERSON: Okay. Thank you very
24 much.
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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:the time
27 would depend on the information you get from your
28 surveys.
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30 MS. PETERSON: Okay. Thank you.
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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any further
33 discussion.
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35 MS. TRUMBLE: And, Mr. Chair, I'd offer
36 to help with Izembek staff to work with the communities
37 to help them appoint their people to the Committee.
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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
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41 MS. TRUMBLE: And.....
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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right. Thank
44 you, Della. Any further discussion?
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46 (No comments)
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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Question is

1 called. All those in favor say aye.
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3 IN UNISON: Aye.
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.
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7 MS. TRUMBLE: Aye.
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Whoa. Was I going
10 too fast for that?
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12 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, I wanted to
13 check and see if Antone was on line, if he heard that.
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15 Antone, are you on the teleconference
16 right now?
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18 MR. SHELIKOFF: I'm on line, but it's
19 pretty spotty.
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21 MR. JENNINGS: Okay.
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23 MR. SHELIKOFF: Can't.....
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25 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, Antone. You were
26 identified as one of the Council representatives to
27 participate along with Vince, Rick and Della in the
28 teleconference with the Izembek staff and the six
29 communities in Unit 9D that would be participating in
30 the hunt and that was with the intention of you, you
31 know, getting involved more with the wildlife issues
32 there. So this is an opportunity.
33
34 Thank you.
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Let the
37 record show that that was a vote in favor unanimously.
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39 Okay. That takes care of the Unit 9D
40 caribou hunt.
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42 Agency reports. The first one in the
43 line is the OSM.
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45 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, the first
46 agency report relates to status of Secretarial
47 Recommendations. I think as everyone here knows there
48 have been two rural members added to the Federal
49 Subsistence Board. The selections were made, there's
50 one from Hydaburg and one from Barrow. Those members

1 are currently in Juneau, my understanding, meeting with
2 the Federal Board. I think as was discussed earlier
3 the Federal Board has an issue down there that they're
4 wrestling with and those members are participating with
5 them. They're also going to have a training workshop
6 to try to get everybody up to speed.

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8 Item two on Page 31, is the MOU with
9 the State of Alaska. All of the Regional Councils had
10 a chance to review the last MOU at the winter, 2011
11 meeting. Essentially that draft -- that document is
12 being reviewed right now, but again the status on that
13 issue is presented there under item two.

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15 Three on Page 31 talks about the rural
16 determination process. With the completion of the
17 census information which is still in process there'll
18 be an open public process and we don't know exactly
19 when it will occur, you know, I think Pat talked about
20 earlier, you know, five years, 10 years, we don't know
21 when it will occur, but as the data is completed and
22 we've got information the Board will have to go through
23 an open process with all the participants to decide how
24 to proceed. The Board did talk about the issue in
25 January, 2012 and essentially agreed that they need to
26 start the process. So that's all we've got to report
27 on that issue.

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29 The other issue is on Page 33. There's
30 been -- we've had a lot of people retiring and taking
31 other jobs. And there's basically a summary of all
32 that information at OSM and we wanted to let the
33 Council know you -- basically on Page 33 and 34 is a
34 list of all the changes that have occurred. So that's
35 there for your information.

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37 I also wanted to -- let me see if I can
38 find it. I gave a copy to Tom Jennings. They're going
39 to be starting again the Fishery Resource Monitoring
40 Program funding process and I'll -- I'm just going to
41 go ahead and read the info -- read this.

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43 A request for proposals for 2014 in
44 Fishery Resource Monitoring Program projects will be
45 issued this coming winter or fall by the Department of
46 Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of
47 Subsistence Management. The Monitoring Program funds
48 technically sound projects that gather, analyze and
49 report information needed to manage and conserve
50 subsistence fishery resources on Federal public lands

1 in Alaska. These include national wildlife refuges,
2 national forests, national parks and preserves,
3 national conservation areas, national wild and scenic
4 rivers, national petroleum reserves and national
5 recreation areas. In accomplishing this the program
6 seeks to provide meaningful involvement in fishery
7 management by Alaska Natives and rural organizations
8 and to promote collaboration among Federal, State,
9 Alaska Native and local organizations. While capacity
10 building and partnerships are encouraged as an
11 important part of each project, any project for which
12 the main objective is capacity building cannot be
13 considered, for example, science camps, technical
14 training, internship programs are the type of things
15 that normally are not considered in this process. Part
16 of the request for proposals will be a list of priority
17 information needs for each of the six geographical
18 regions, Northern, Yukon, Kuskokwim, Southwest,
19 Southcentral and Southeast. Investigators are also
20 asked to consider examining or discussing climate
21 change affects as part of their project, to participate
22 in a standardized air and water temperature monitoring
23 program for which they will be provided calibrated
24 temperature loggers and associated equipment, analysis
25 and reporting service and analysis of temperature data
26 bases or to submit proposals that focus on subsets of
27 climate change as subsistence fishery resource --
28 resources and users and that describe management
29 implications. Although investigators are strongly
30 encouraged to address these priority needs, all
31 proposals addressing Federal subsistence fisheries will
32 be considered for funding as long as a compelling
33 rationale for conducting the proposed work is provided.
34 Activities that will not be considered for funding
35 include habitat protection, mitigation, restoration and
36 enhancement, hatchery propagation, restoration,
37 enhancement and supplementation and contamination
38 assessment, evaluation and monitoring. These are
39 important activities, but are most appropriately
40 addressed by the responsible land management or
41 regulatory agencies.

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43 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Mr.
46 Kron. Any questions?

47

48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'd like to have a
49 copy of that.

50

1 MR. KRON: Okay.
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is that in our
4 packet? Send it back to Tom and let him get copies.
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6 MR. KRON: Copies for the entire
7 Council?
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, please.
10 Okay. If there are no further questions.....
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12 (No comments)
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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:thank you,
15 Mr. Kron.
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17 Fish and Wildlife Service. Okay. We
18 have Izembek on the phone so I guess we discussed
19 letting them go before Kodiak Wildlife Refuge.
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21 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.
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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.
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25 MS. TRUMBLE: Before you move on, I'm
26 not sure what was handed out, but can we make sure that
27 Antone and I get a copy?
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.
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31 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you.
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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That was Mr.
34 Kron's report, we'll make sure Tom gets you -- gets it
35 out to you.
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37 And next on the agenda is Izembek
38 National Wildlife Refuge. Was that Chris?
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40 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, Chris or Leticia,
41 are you available at this point?
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43 MS. PETERSON: Yes. Thank you, Mr.
44 Chair. This is Chris Peterson at Izembek and I believe
45 -- it came in very faintly, but I believe you wanted
46 our report from Izembek right now; is that correct?
47
48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.
49
50 MS. PETERSON: Okay. Thank you. I

1 believe everyone should have a copy there that they can
2 refer to, but I'll run through it very quickly here.

3
4 Concerning caribou, we did conduct a
5 winter aerial population count of the Southern
6 Peninsula Herd in February, this past month, from the
7 18th through the 21st. And we did count 1,061 caribou
8 in 50 groups and this number is up from previous -- the
9 last few years and does meet the management objective
10 as well for 35 bulls per 100 cows. So that -- based on
11 that information is why it was thought that a hunt
12 could be opened. We do think it's important to be very
13 conservative working with these numbers in part due to
14 the severity of the winter that we're having out here.
15 But we do feel that at least as of the end of February
16 we did have this surplus available. However it's
17 important to keep an eye on the calf to cow ratio and
18 you'll notice from the table on the report that the
19 calf/cow ratio did decrease somewhat and that's
20 something that we need to keep an eye on and if the
21 trend was to continue then that certainly will have
22 impact on the hunt. So that's for the Southern
23 Peninsula Herd.

24
25 For the Unimak Island Herd we were also
26 able to get out there and we attempted to survey over
27 several days and the weather was not cooperative. It
28 was very cooperative in getting us out of Cold Bay, but
29 by the time we got down there to the island the
30 viewability had deteriorated and it was very difficult
31 to see. However on the one day of the survey we had
32 stellar conditions, it was just clear as a bell. We
33 surveyed the entire northern half of the island and did
34 not find a single track, we didn't receive a single
35 signal from any of our collared animals, there were no
36 trails. The snow was very deep on the northern half of
37 the island so we moved down to the southern half and we
38 covered the entire southern half of the island, the
39 only place where we found caribou was toward the
40 extreme southwestern, if you would call it a corner, of
41 the island. And in that area we did count 94 caribou.
42 We do not feel that we had a complete count. I'm quite
43 certain that we missed some animals, the viewability
44 was not as good as everywhere else and it -- the snow
45 was very mottled, the atmosphere was very hazy and
46 there was a foggy storm moving in. So our visibility
47 was not particularly great, but we were able to count
48 94. I do feel that there were more caribou there so I
49 would not consider that to be the maximum number that
50 are on the island. The calf to cow ratio the State was

1 able to get this fall was seven calves per 100 cows,
2 six bulls per 100 cows and then as I said we counted 94
3 in February total caribou.

4
5 For brown bear this year it did
6 increase in the number of brown bear that were sealed
7 here at the Refuge. The State data on the total number
8 harvested is not yet available, but I did -- I believe
9 Megan Riley did indicate an indefinite answer to that,
10 but it -- I think I'll wait until the final number
11 comes out on that. But we did seal 16 here at the
12 refuge and that included one that was sealed from the
13 spring hunt on Unimak so a total of 15 from the fall
14 hunt or sealed here at the Refuge. Of the 16 hunters
15 that sealed bears here at Izembek, six of those were
16 harvested by nonresident hunters and 10 were harvested
17 by residents. And I thought that was of interest.

18
19 Izembek had sealed four gray wolves in
20 the year 2011 and all four of these were adult wolves.

21
22 We've had one sea otter that was sealed
23 here at the Refuge that was harvested over in King Cove
24 and we've also sealed 10 tusks from six different
25 walrus here at the -- and this is something new that
26 we're reporting so we really don't have something to
27 compare it to to give you a trend or anything.

28
29 We also have two injured bald eagles
30 that were found in King Cove over the course of 2011.
31 And these were both brought to Izembek and we made
32 plans or scheduled to have them transported to the Bird
33 Treatment and Learning Center in Anchorage. One of
34 these eagles law enforcement determined had been shot,
35 that eagle subsequently survived and healed and was
36 released. The second eagle it was not determined what
37 was wrong with it, it did survive for quite a while,
38 but finally in October they didn't know what was wrong,
39 they couldn't figure out what was wrong with it, there
40 was no outward indication and it couldn't -- it could
41 not fly, it couldn't get around well at all and so it
42 was -- it was put down. And a subsequent necropsy that
43 it had just a huge abscess in the shoulder and it was
44 not known what caused that, but that was the cause of
45 its difficulty.

46
47 For waterfowl the brant survey was
48 conducted from September 25th to October 21st and the
49 mid winter, 2011 survey resulted in 44 -- 45,477 black
50 brant counted here at Izembek. And this showed an

1 increase of 23 percent over what was counted the
2 previous year. The flyway total was 147,614 brant with
3 the three year average of 145,781.

4
5 If we move onto productivity count,
6 let's see, we counted a total of 3,399 brant that were
7 classified by age. Of these 17.6 percent were
8 juveniles. It's a little bit lower than last year's
9 estimate of 20.3 percent as well as being lower in the
10 long term average. A total of 83 family groups were
11 counted and the group size ranged from one to four
12 juveniles, averaged two and a quarter juveniles per
13 family. The average family group size was less than
14 estimated in 2010 and also less than the long term
15 average.

16
17 Emperor goose, the spring 2011 emperor
18 goose survey there were a total of 74,166 birds
19 counted. And this is up 15 percent from spring of
20 2010. The spring three year average is 76,892. This
21 is the number that is used for the management seasons
22 as you were all discussing earlier today. The three
23 year spring average of 80,000 geese is needed to
24 consider opening of any hunting season. The spring
25 2012 aerial survey had not been conducted at the time
26 that we -- at this point. So that would be reported on
27 later.

28
29 Production count for emperor goose were
30 also conducted here at Izembek and in the near
31 vicinity. And a total of 24 -- 2,454 were classified
32 by age. The majority of the birds were classified in
33 the central Izembek Lagoon, 76 percent of the birds
34 counted were there and another 24 percent of birds were
35 counted in the Cold Bay area. Number of emperor geese
36 classified on any given count ranged from 12 to 463
37 birds, average of 164 birds per count. For all areas
38 combined the juveniles comprised 15.9 percent of the
39 total of the emperors that were classified. This
40 proportion is less than the long term average. For all
41 areas combined the juveniles comprise 15.9 percent of
42 the total for the emperors that were classified. This
43 proportion is less than the long term average of 23.6
44 percent.

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46 A total of 27 emperor goose family
47 groups were counted at Izembek, fall staging. And this
48 family size varied from one to three juveniles with an
49 average of 1.89 juveniles per family. The average
50 family group size for all areas combined was much less

1 than the long term average of 2.76 juveniles per
2 family.

3
4 For avian influenza and avian blood
5 parasites, the H5N1 virus is known for being an
6 important virus amongst waterfowl, it has not as far as
7 this date goes it's not been found in or identified in
8 samples collected in Alaska, but they have been able to
9 find other blood parasites that have been identified
10 throughout North America that are of importance and
11 significant to waterfowl mortalities. And so we're
12 also looking for those as well as the H5N1 virus.

13
14 And this past in 2011 Izembek worked
15 with the U.S. Geological Survey to collect these
16 samples from 10 species here at Izembek of hunter
17 harvested waterfowl. And we actually collected a
18 significantly higher sample size this year, we had 995
19 samples. The three target species are Pacific brant,
20 northern pintail and greenwing teal and these are
21 targeted species because of their -- they tend to --
22 they're more likely to contract or to spread these
23 parasites or H5N1 virus. And so that's why they're
24 targeted and so the results shown here in this table
25 are for those three species. We had 191 brant, 226
26 northern pintail and 47 greenwing teal collected and
27 those samples are being currently analyzed and the
28 results will be presented at a future time. But we
29 felt like we had a very good sample size this year, had
30 a lot better participation by community members and as
31 well as members of the hunting community.

32
33 For research projects here at Izembek
34 we are continuing our habitat and nutritional ecology
35 of Unimak Island caribou. And we had a very good
36 season down on Unimak and collected a ton of data that
37 is currently being evaluated and, of course, those
38 results will be presented to the Board at a future
39 time, but we've been able to track the caribou that
40 have our collars on down there, we're getting the areas
41 mapped that they are frequenting and we were able to
42 collect samples of most of the forage species that they
43 are utilizing. We have a great deal of information on
44 the Unimak caribou now that all will be very important
45 to management plans or guidance in the future for
46 managing that herd.

47
48 We also are continuing with our
49 inventory monitoring plan for Izembek Refuge and this
50 plan once it's complete will also be utilized for the

1 other portions of Refuges that are -- that Izembek
2 manages that are not part of Izembek itself such as
3 Unimak Island, that is part of Alaska Maritime.

4

5 And this project is utilizing the
6 services of a Ph.D. candidate from Pennsylvania State
7 University. This past season she was here at Izembek
8 and collected a large amount of data on invertebrates
9 and nesting shore birds up in the tundra areas and
10 around the lakes and ponds here at Izembek. She was
11 testing some methodologies for acquiring information
12 and data and that will be applied toward the inventory
13 and monitoring plan over the next several years.

14

15 They also initiated a study cooperating
16 with Notre Dame University, looking at the
17 characteristics of salmon streams here on the Refuge.
18 It was a very interesting project, went out and were
19 able to get a considerable amount of information on two
20 main streams here at Izembek, Red Salmon Creek and
21 Bluebill Creek and found some very interesting results
22 on those, much higher concentrations of phosphorus than
23 was normal and I'm not sure at this point what that
24 means, but again they're assessing that data currently
25 and it will be reported on in the future.

26

27 So it's been a busy year here at
28 Izembek, but we're looking forward to the upcoming
29 season and we already have our scope of work in mind
30 here, have all these students coming back out and -- as
31 well as other projects that the Refuge works on, it
32 will be a busy year.

33

34 If there are any questions I'd be glad
35 to address those. Thank you.

36

37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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39 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I was wondering on
40 your collared caribou that you were monitoring in
41 Unimak, could you elaborate a little further, you were
42 having trouble finding them in the winter survey, did
43 you find any and if not are your collars of the type
44 that give off a mortality signal when they don't move?

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46 MS. PETERSON: Yes, thank you. We have
47 currently -- well, this year in April, this past April,
48 we deployed seven satellite VHF capable collars so we
49 are not only able to monitor their daily use, we get
50 quite a few locations each day, we monitor that, but we

1 also can go down and pick up the VHF signal when we're
2 doing surveys which helps significantly when we're
3 trying to find caribou to count. And on this past
4 count in February that we just conducted we were able
5 to find -- we knew that one of those caribou was dead
6 because they do have mortality signals so we retrieved
7 that collar and we were able to find all of the other
8 collared animals. The signals were not particularly
9 strong, but it may have had something to do with the
10 weather at the time, but we were able to find all those
11 and they are part of the count.

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13 And I think that might be everything
14 that you asked, if I missed something please let me
15 know.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MR. HOLMES: No, that was excellent.
20 I'm really glad you got those -- that type of collar
21 out. I know they're really expensive, but it sure
22 helps in locating the critters and I really would
23 congratulate you on getting that -- those two winter
24 surveys in and hope we'll find out that there are more
25 caribou there on Unimak.

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27 And you were mentioning the two creeks
28 for the salmon studies and I'm familiar with Red
29 Salmon, but where is Bluebell [sic]?

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31 MS. PETERSON: It's Bluebill as in.....

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33 MR. HOLMES: Oh.

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35 MS. PETERSON:the bluebill duck.
36 And it is over -- oh, that's -- I meant to tell you,
37 it's just northwest of Baldy Mountain, it empties into
38 Applegate Cove so it is between the outer -- or excuse
39 me, between the Grant Point Road and Baldy Mountain.
40 So it -- and it -- as I said it empties into Applegate
41 Cove. It is a -- gets a lot of use by salmon.

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43 MR. HOLMES: Oh.

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45 MS. PETERSON: It's a good size lake
46 and a good size stream.

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48 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I would bet. Okay.
49 I know where it is, you bet.

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1 Thank you.
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3 MS. PETERSON: Certainly. Thank you.
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Sam, you have a
6 question.
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8 MR. ROHRER: I'm just curious, what was
9 the cause of death on the one caribou that you found?
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11 MS. PETERSON: Down on Unimak, yeah, I
12 think I did misstate one thing there so I'll clarify
13 both things as I answer your question. The one caribou
14 that we -- there is one that had died sometime this
15 past fall and we were unable to find that one under the
16 snow on the northern side of the island. But we did in
17 -- over the course of the count this spring in February
18 we went down to -- I'm trying to remember, I think we
19 down two different days before we were able to track
20 down where the caribou were, we covered all the rest of
21 the island and, of course, they were the last place we
22 went. And the morning of the final day of the count we
23 went down and found a freshly killed caribou on the
24 beach of the Unimak bite (ph), to the very, very most
25 westerly end of the bite. And it had just been killed
26 by wolves, it was very fresh from that morning. So
27 those two -- so we're now down to five live caribou on
28 the island. I neglected to mention the other dead one
29 earlier. So my apologies.
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31 Thank you.
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33 MR. ROHRER: Thanks.
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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I have.....
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37 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.
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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.
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41 MS. TRUMBLE: Chris, I have a number of
42 questions. I think I'd like to start with the bear --
43 the brown bear. And I'm looking at your report. I
44 know the one at the house in Cold Bay, I know -- I
45 understand it was killed because it was trying to break
46 into the house to get at some birds or fish or
47 something is what I was told. But in regard to the
48 brown bear survey, when was the last time a survey was
49 done and when do you anticipate that another one will
50 be complete?

1 MS. PETERSON: Okay. Yes, thank you,
2 Della. As you mentioned yes, there was one of the
3 bears that was sealed that was taken on a front porch
4 of a home here in Cold Bay. And it was trying to get
5 into some waterfowl that were harvested and hanging in
6 a shed. So it's, you know, pretty obvious that
7 outreach and education is very helpful in keeping from
8 having problems with bears in town. And we will
9 probably pursue that course in the future.

10
11 The last time that a survey was
12 conducted on brown bear I believe was 2005. It was in
13 that neighborhood. Excuse me, I don't have those files
14 right here. We were -- we are planning on doing an
15 additional survey this coming fall for brown bear here
16 on the peninsula as well as Unimak. So it is in the
17 planning for this year for us. As far as the State,
18 what their plans are for brown bear I do not know, but
19 for Izembek we will be doing a survey this coming fall.

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21 Thank you.

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23 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. The next question
24 in regard to the wolf you -- you know, you reported
25 before that were sealed. I received a call about a
26 month and a half back on, I guess, getting some
27 education and information out on trapping wolves,
28 that's one thing and I guess somebody wanted to know
29 what the updating effort is on that. The other thing
30 is my concern about the number of wolves that have been
31 around this community, in fact, you know, about two
32 weeks ago there was a pack of six of them by a home at
33 8:00 o'clock in the morning. What effort is being made
34 or is there any effort being made in order to figure
35 out what we need to do about this. This is getting to
36 be -- I mean, it is a concern, people don't even like
37 to walk any more because there's been so many sightings
38 of them and there's a concern with letting kids be
39 outside and just a concern for our dogs period. What
40 exactly or is there any effort being made by the Refuge
41 or in coordination possibly with the State hopefully on
42 what we're going to -- what we can do about these
43 issues?

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45 MS. PETERSON: Thank you, Della. To my
46 knowledge that is an issue that would have to be raised
47 with the State because they are responsible for
48 management of wolves. Here on the Refuge we do have an
49 active permit system for hunting and trapping and this
50 year so far I believe we have sealed -- I believe I've

1 sealed two additional wolves since the first of the
2 year, I think that's correct. And we do have people
3 that are out hunting and trapping for them currently
4 here on the Refuge, but as for over to King Cove or
5 some of the other communities, that would be State
6 jurisdiction.

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8 Thank you.

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10 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. I think -- I just
11 think there needs to be a coordinated effort on this
12 and I think the Refuge needs to play a little big --
13 bigger role in this. So that -- with that I will get
14 in contact with the State and will work with the police
15 department here on trying to figure out what we need to
16 do.

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18 The other thing is on brant and the mid
19 winter 2011 survey. Can you tell me -- you reference a
20 survey conducted in -- between October or September and
21 October and then a mid winter survey, is that the same
22 time or was -- when was the mid winter survey complete?

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24 MS. PETERSON: Okay. Just one moment,
25 please. Okay. I believe what you're asking is was the
26 fall black brant survey that was conducted September
27 25th to October 21st, is that the same as the mid
28 winter 2011 survey?

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: That's correct.

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32 MS. PETERSON: Yes, the one is part of
33 the other. For the -- and so the dates would be the
34 same, yes. And I did not word that very well in the
35 paragraph, I apologize.

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: And just -- I was trying
38 to pull a map just to look at some of these bays and
39 different things, does that include the areas around
40 Marchovie?

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42 MS. PETERSON: I do not believe we
43 counted down to Marchovie.

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: And that's -- and that's
46 a concern to me because I am aware that there are brant
47 in those areas and there's another bay, I've got to
48 talk to somebody about getting the right name, but it
49 -- I guess it would be nice to get some of those
50 numbers so they're more accurately reflected -- more

1 accurate figures because it is a concern, I think, when
2 you're looking a certain picture and maybe not a scope,
3 but not maybe as a whole.

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5 MS. PETERSON: Okay.

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: If you can just keep that
8 in mind because it would be a concern to me. And I
9 also am aware that during the -- when the winter is
10 extremely cold and there's a lot of freezing in these
11 year as there has been in about three occasions this
12 year, that these brant will go into areas that have
13 water or eelgrass because the ice is covered over the
14 eel -- you know, the eelgrass beds. But I'd be curious
15 to see, hopefully we're looking at including those bays
16 in the future.

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18 MS. PETERSON: Excuse me, Della. My
19 apologies, I did not say that correctly earlier. Yes,
20 Marchovie Bay is included in that count. I was
21 confusing that count with the ground count and this is
22 an aerial count. They fly all the bays, they go out to
23 the islands that are just, what is it, southeast of
24 King Cove, the Deer Islands and down in there, they
25 cover the entire peninsula coming down toward Izembek.
26 So the area right here at Izembek is not the only areas
27 that's counted as part of that count, it does include
28 all of those other bays as well. It's quite an
29 exhaustive count and they try to get it all together
30 within a few days period so that they're sure that
31 they're not double counting any birds that are moving.
32 They try to hit the peak of the migration and it's --
33 they do an excellent job in that count so it is a
34 pretty good number. And I apologize for messing my
35 answer up, sorry.

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you, Chris.
38 And then I guess the other question is to me outreach
39 and education, what are the plans with Izembek and
40 working with these communities. I don't feel there's a
41 sense, you know, that -- I really think there should be
42 a lot more effort in regard to that. Is that any plans
43 I think in the immediate future or the next year or
44 what might be a possibility to be able to do in these
45 communities?

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47 MS. PETERSON: I -- this is Chris. Are
48 you referring to what I mentioned earlier about brown
49 bear awareness and bear safety, is that what you're
50 referring to?

1 MS. TRUMBLE: All of the above. If
2 we're looking at these various species I think and, you
3 know, working with the schools and letting the kids
4 know, you know, what you're doing and what the Refuge
5 does and why the importance of these -- of doing what
6 -- as human beings what, you know, our role and
7 responsibility is. But I just feel, you know, I look
8 at some involvement and knowing that there's a couple
9 other Refuges that work close -- you know, work, you
10 know, with their various communities and I think that
11 in my mind that the education and outreach is an
12 important factor that I think we need to be playing
13 that card a little bit more.

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15 MS. PETERSON: Okay. Della, this is
16 Leticia Melendez, our Deputy Manager for Izembek and
17 she'll address your information.

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19 MS. MELENDEZ: Hi, Della, this is
20 Leticia Melendez. To answer your question to the best
21 of my ability, I am new to the Refuge, been since here
22 June and we are making strides to develop the
23 relationship that needs to be developed between us and
24 the community. We are currently trying to get the
25 school involved and come up with some programs that we
26 could facilitate at the community center so that we can
27 keep the community involved and that we -- they can be
28 involved with our programs and put some outreach
29 education programs and make that available for them.

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31 As time draws near this summer,
32 spring/summer, unfortunately we have lost our aquatic
33 ecologist who is now in Anchorage, he's still with the
34 Service so we haven't entirely lost an employee. And
35 Chris Peterson is venturing on as well so we're going
36 to be without a biologist. So we're going to be real
37 slender in the way of employees come spring and summer,
38 but we are getting a lot of support from the regional
39 office in detailing people out here and has considered
40 hiring a public youth person per se in one of the
41 positions maybe in the ecologist position that can help
42 improve our outreach and educational programs. So we
43 are making strides to fill in those gaps and improve
44 our program.

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46 I hope that answers your question.
47 Thank you.

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49 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you. I know that
50 discussion about an outreach person has been ongoing

1 for the past year and I'm hopeful that that happens
2 sooner than later. I think it's important for our
3 communities to start that process, it might help with
4 relations I think with Izembek also.

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6 And the other thing I think and it's
7 just -- it's maybe a typo thing, but I'm -- you know, I
8 read Page 1 of this report and I see Izembek NYR. I go
9 to Page 2 and I see Togiak NYR and I think yeah, that's
10 kind of one page is Izembek and another page is Togiak.
11 So might want to keep them -- I'm not sure why that is,
12 but just let you know that it is there, it is on there.

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14 MR. MELENDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Della.
15 We're locating that right now in the document and we
16 appreciate your comment.

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18 I also wanted to add to the educational
19 and outreach programs that we do have our tours that we
20 conduct when we have folks coming in the barge and we
21 invite them into the visitor services center which has
22 had a facelift too and have made it a little more
23 educational for the visitors. So we are making baby
24 steps towards that and I understand also that there has
25 been talk about bringing somebody in the visitors
26 services arena onboard and I am definitely going to try
27 and do my best to support that and bring someone on so
28 that we can help with these educational programs. I
29 believe it's very important that the folks -- we build
30 those relationships and continue outreach and
31 educational programs.

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33 So we appreciate your concerns and
34 comments and if you have any other questions feel free
35 to ask.

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37 Thank you.

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39 MS. PETERSON: And, Della, this is
40 Chris again. Could you be a little more specific where
41 you saw Togiak?

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43 MS. TRUMBLE: Oh, it's just I printed
44 off this -- your report off of the -- my stuff I pulled
45 off the web and it's got -- it has Izembek NYR and then
46 the next page it has Togiak. This is our Board packet.
47 Then it goes to Izembek and then the next page again
48 goes to Togiak. So I'm not sure how that happened.

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50 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, Mr. Chair and

1 Della and Chris. That was an editing problem on our
2 end in OSM and it -- don't worry about it, Izembek,
3 that was inserted by us.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: All right. Thank you.

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9 MS. PETERSON: I was just doubting my
10 lack of glasses here so thank you.

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12 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.

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17 Chris, I have one question for you. On
18 Page 48 you said that it -- the report says that blood
19 parasite has been identified in northern pintails
20 throughout America. Is that -- the blood parasite is
21 that -- is that a different strain of that H5N1 or is
22 that the same disease?

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24 MS. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, this is
25 Chris. I think I missed the first half of your
26 question, I couldn't hear, but I think it ended up
27 asking if blood parasites are the same or different
28 than the H5N1 and yes, it is a different type of
29 organism that gets in the birds and causes them great
30 difficulties and mortality. There's all different
31 kinds of blood parasites and the specific ones that
32 they're looking for right now I -- I don't even -- I
33 don't know what those are, but migratory birds
34 management undertakes that study and I know that
35 they've identified several that specifically target
36 northern pintails as well as some other species. So
37 they're looking for those, but they are different than
38 the H5N1.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is there a high
41 mortality rate for that pintail?

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43 MS. PETERSON: As I understand it the --
44 there can be, it's not always a high mortality for the
45 pintails though, it may on occasion be something that
46 they carry and then spread to other species where there
47 might be high mortalities. So it's something that on --
48 depending on the circumstances it can be high
49 mortality for the pintails, but it also may just be
50 high mortality for other species that associate with

1 the pintails which is partially why it's of so much
2 importance here because we have so many other species
3 that associate with pintails here at Izembek.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.
6 Any other questions?

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8 MS. PETERSON: Oh, you're welcome.
9 Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No other questions
12 for Chris?

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14 (No comments)

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right. Thank
17 you, Chris. Appreciate your report.

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19 MS. PETERSON: Thank you very much.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Kodiak.

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23 MR. WHEELER: I'm Gary Wheeler, Refuge
24 Manager of Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge and I'll
25 just turn it over to McCrea Cobb to give our report
26 that's in your briefing materials, meeting materials.
27 So we'll go over our report quickly and I'll be here to
28 answer any questions that McCrea can't answer.

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30 MR. COBB: Good afternoon, Council.
31 For the record my name's McCrea Cobb, I'm a Wildlife
32 Biologist for the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge and
33 I'd just like to start out by first directing you to
34 our report, it's starts on Page 35 of your handouts.

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36 On Kodiak Refuge we have three large
37 mammals that are -- fall under Federal subsistence
38 regulations. Those are Roosevelt elk, Sitka black-tail
39 deer and brown bears. And on Page 36 at the top, Table
40 1, shows you the Federal subsistence permits issued and
41 animals harvested within Unit 8 going back to 226.
42 Just in summary it's been fairly stable for deer over
43 the last few years and low numbers, but stable also for
44 bear and elk.

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46 We've got a number of inventory
47 monitoring as well as research projects going on for
48 many different species on the Refuge and I'll just go
49 through those species by species here as they're listed
50 in your -- in our report. For brown bears we conduct

1 two different types of surveys annually, those are
2 intensive aerial surveys and stream surveys. The goal
3 of the intensive aerial surveys is to estimate brown
4 bear abundance. This past year we surveyed Terror Lake
5 area in late May and estimated brown bear abundance in
6 this region. We found that we estimated 98 adult and
7 sub-adult bears were in that area which is slightly --
8 sorry, we estimated 89 bears in that area which is
9 slightly less than what was found in 1997 when 98 adult
10 and sub-adult bears were found in that area. We had
11 planned this past year to return to the Karluk IAS
12 area, Karluk Lake, because this past -- the previous
13 year's results were lower than those before that and
14 suggested a possible decline in the bear -- for the
15 brown bear population there. Unfortunately we were
16 unable to carry out the Karluk Lake IAS because of poor
17 weather conditions during the survey period. So our
18 plan is to return again this coming spring and again
19 attempt to repeat the Karluk Lake IAS in late May of
20 this year.

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22 Second surveys are the brown bear
23 surveys which estimate both abundance and population
24 compositions. Thirteen surveys were conducted in the
25 southwest network of streams. We counted more bears in
26 2011 than 2010, but slightly less than the long term
27 average. Single bears represented a large portion of
28 the population in 2011, more than the long term
29 average, but fewer than in 2010. And maternal bears
30 comprised approximately 14 percent of all bears counted
31 versus this year -- this past year versus the long term
32 average of 18. Cubs of the year made up 11 percent
33 while older cubs comprised 16 percent and this compares
34 to the long term average of 12 and 25 percent
35 respectively. And you can read the rest of the results
36 here in the report.

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38 In addition to these two surveys we
39 have research going on on the brown bears specifically
40 we have collared -- we have collared bears with GPS and
41 radio telemetry collars to investigate their habitat
42 use and movement patterns. And this project's
43 primarily focused on southwest Kodiak around the Karluk
44 region. This past year as part of that project we
45 successfully captured 13 bears and deployed on those --
46 of those 12 collars, 12 adult females were collared and
47 those animals were subsequently monitored throughout
48 the season. We were able to visit over 900 locations
49 to estimate -- to look at plant communities and
50 resources used within feeding sites. We also collected

1 fresh scat at bedding sites and foraging sites. As
2 part of that study too we've tested and refined digital
3 video recording methods to assess salmon runs on
4 tributaries of Karluk Lake. We think that system will
5 provide very useful monitoring of salmon streams on --
6 the smaller streams which are important for the bears
7 in that area.

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9 Moving on to Sitka black-tail deer.
10 Currently Refuge biologists are examining historic
11 surveys and evaluating methods and with the goal of
12 improving the quality of deer population monitoring on
13 Kodiak. So currently we're in the early stages of
14 developing an improved monitoring plan to address our
15 understanding of deer abundance and distribution on
16 Kodiak.

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18 In terms of elk the ADF&G has 20 radio
19 collared elk, they use those to provide a basis for
20 tracking the herd and getting an estimate of herd
21 composition and population size which they use for
22 determining harvest quotas. Surveys are conducted
23 generally in September.

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25 Moving on to sea otters. The last
26 survey for sea otters was conducted in 2004 on Kodiak
27 Archipelago and it revealed a population of over 6,000
28 sea otters. It did not differ substantially from the
29 previous survey in 2001. Currently the survey
30 methodology that was used is being reevaluated by the
31 Marine Mammals Management Office in Anchorage. When
32 the results from this reevaluation of the methods are
33 available to us which we hope will be this fiscal year,
34 we'll -- our plan is to use that improved survey
35 methodology on Kodiak to get an updated estimate of sea
36 otter abundances.

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38 We've also been assisting Marine
39 Mammals Management in collecting prey species for sea
40 otters. They're studying -- Marine Mammals Management
41 is studying the diet of sea otters in Kodiak and Homer
42 areas using stable isotopes for the prey items and in
43 whiskers collected from beach cast, hunter harvested
44 and live captured animals.

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46 We also respond to calls from the
47 public if anyone finds dead sea otters along the road
48 system primarily or other areas we make efforts to get
49 out there, collect the sea otters which are then sent
50 to a lab to detailed necropsy to determine cause of

1 death. During this current reporting period within the
2 last six months we have not received any dead sea otter
3 reports.

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5 Sea otters are under the Marine Mammals
6 Marking and Tagging Program. Currently we have 15
7 taggers distributed in villages of Kodiak including two
8 at the Kodiak Refuge. And during this reporting period
9 Refuge staff tagged 41 sea otter hides and skulls.

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11 Moving on to migratory birds. During
12 the season -- this past season the Refuge initiated a
13 new study focused on marine nearshore birds. This --
14 surveys were conducted boat based in May and August.
15 The new surveys are randomly transect units along both
16 bays and exposed coastline and are more effective in
17 representing the entire nearshore community with less
18 effort. So the timing of these surveys have changed
19 from -- originally were in May and August are now in
20 June and August. So in June the majority of the
21 breeding birds have established nests and populations
22 are more stable and the August surveys allow us to get
23 an estimate of productivity of some species with
24 distinctive juvenile plumages such as marbled murrelets
25 and pigeon guillemots. So in this past summer the
26 Refuge surveyed the east side of Kodiak from Chiniak
27 Bay southwest to Alitak and Olga Bays which covered
28 approximately 1,600 miles of coastline. And you can
29 see on Table 2 on Page 40 the more common species that
30 we surveyed and others estimated and -- during the
31 August surveys and how that compares to estimates back
32 to 1998. More common species generally have stable
33 increasing population estimates based on our initial
34 results.

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36 I'm going to skip over the fisheries
37 information here. It's mainly information provided by
38 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, but I will note
39 that if funding allows the Refuge intends to work with
40 our partner, ADF&G to -- Sport Fish Division and Koniag
41 on a pilot study to investigate Chinook salmon
42 locations on Karluk River. This is due to low Chinook
43 salmon runs in the past couple years and the study's
44 intended to look at freshwater productivity of the
45 species.

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47 Also note that the results of the 2010
48 workshop on climate change which was sponsored by the
49 Alaska Science Center, USGS, and the Refuge are now
50 available in the form of a report and that report's

1 available at the Refuge.

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3 We have a number of different education
4 and outreach programs at the Refuge. And I won't go
5 through all the details here, but one is -- relates to
6 Old Harbor's Tribal Wildlife Grant. We had assisted
7 the village and ADF&G to support their efforts to
8 install an electric fence around their landfill and
9 burn box. From this Old Harbor has received a
10 Community Environmental Excellence Award from the
11 Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management
12 for their efforts in -- their efforts to make recycling
13 part of life and backhauling a lot of scrap metal. And
14 also Old Harbor Tribes won the Environmental Excellence
15 Award for -- at the Alaska Forum for the Environment
16 for their continued dedication to improve and educate
17 the community on environmental issues. They're going
18 to complete this grant with a presentation next week at
19 the Refuge Visitor Center given by Bobby Ann Barnowski.
20 This is part of our weekly talk series every Thursday
21 from noon to 1:00 at the Visitor Center now, we have
22 talks. And her talk will be living with brown bears in
23 Old Harbor and I hope you all can make it to that.

24

25 Moving on, we've also done a number of
26 village school visits which is an important component
27 of our outreach and education program and continues
28 throughout the year. And this is done primarily by
29 Tonya Lee and our Refuge Officer Isaac Bedingfield.

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31 We have a traveling visitor center that
32 plans to visit Old Harbor and Akhiok this spring to
33 offer a boat based traveling visitor center experience
34 and in partnership with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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36 And we also have our newsletter which
37 was last distributed last fall. And we plan to
38 distribute the next issue this coming spring.

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40 Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I got one
43 question. When you did the bird surveys, that list of
44 names of birds that you surveyed on -- around Kodiak
45 Island, do you also count the geese as you're doing
46 these surveys, the emperor geese, I mean, do you see
47 them, do you count them?

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49 MR. COBB: I'm going to defer to our
50 bird biologist who's here, Robin Corcoran. She's the

1 one that actually does those surveys so she would know
2 best.

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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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6 MS. CORCORAN: Hello, I'm Robin
7 Corcoran. I'm sorry I haven't made a meeting
8 previously, but it just hasn't worked out with my
9 schedule.

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11 We don't count geese on the summer
12 surveys, we don't see very many, we occasionally see
13 Canada geese, but for emperor geese we do a winter
14 aerial survey in cooperation with Migratory Bird
15 Management. So the Migratory Bird Management Division
16 out of Anchorage, they have several pilot biologists
17 and the last time we flew that survey was the winter of
18 2010. We hope if funding permits to do that survey on
19 a five year basis. And it primarily focuses on
20 Steller's eiders, but there's a lot of overlap in
21 habitat use between emperor geese and Steller's eiders
22 so we get good estimates on emperor geese as well. But
23 the summer surveys are focused on breeding birds so
24 it's mostly the nearshore community, it includes the
25 seabirds that nest at colonies and then some other
26 seabirds that nest on the mainland and then the
27 waterfowl, primarily harlequin ducks, that's our number
28 1 species, but also mergansers and Barrow's goldeneye
29 to a lesser extent, we have pretty low numbers of
30 goldeneye.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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34 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, Robin. I
35 was wondering, your seabird surveys and your report are
36 based on randomly select transects, are they linear
37 transects?

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39 MS. CORCORAN: They are, they're --
40 they cover roughly 20 percent of the coastline and each
41 transect is five kilometers long.

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43 MR. HOLMES: Okay. So it kind of
44 follows the coastline being -- rather than being
45 directly linear?

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47 MS. CORCORAN: Yes. We have -- there's
48 a nearshore and an offshore component.....

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50 MR. HOLMES: Uh-huh.

1 MS. CORCORAN:so the nearshore
2 component, those are -- they follow the coastline and
3 they're approximately 100 to 150 meters from the
4 tideline. And then for every other nearshore transect
5 we have an offshore component that basically.....

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7 MR. HOLMES: Okay.

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9 MS. CORCORAN:covers -- it is a
10 linear transect, it runs perpendicular to the shoreline
11 and it covers that zone from about 400 meters out to
12 about 4,000 meters. So about.....

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14 MR. HOLMES: Okay.

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16 MS. CORCORAN:four kilometers
17 out.

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19 MR. HOLMES: So it's really sort of a
20 stratified survey and then you have more intensive
21 survey where you've got the majority of the population
22 usually and then an offshore component to just see what
23 portion is farther offshore?

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25 MS. CORCORAN: Exactly.

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27 MR. HOLMES: Okay. Because I know like
28 on sea otters for a while they were doing straight
29 linear surveys and, you know, having been in the field
30 when those are going on and, you know, survey plane
31 goes right down and you're sitting over next to a cove
32 and the wind's been blowing easterly and the -- all the
33 otters or the birds or whatever are all right up on the
34 side. And so I'm glad you have that ability. You
35 know, some agencies have gone to, you know, adaptive
36 surveying where you have something that tends to be
37 more spread out and so I'm glad to see that you have
38 that more intensive coverage.

39
40 I also wonder -- I know that you set up
41 your schedules in advance and your surveys on the east
42 side of the island, Sitcalidak and Alitak and the south
43 end looks like the harlequin numbers are basically up
44 and, you know, the soup ducks are kind of a point of
45 concern as you've probably been told over in Uyak Bay
46 and the previous survey show that it continued to go
47 down. And so I know the folks that I've chatted with
48 over in the Larsen Bay are, you know, concerned about
49 that because that's kind of the center for the trophy
50 duck hunting. And I know some of the guides are very

1 fastidious on limiting the harvest and, you know, I
2 know one that's even so severe he says one shot, one
3 duck, that's it. And yet, you know, some of the lodges
4 are kind of moving into that. And so there's a -- I
5 think our Council has expressed a concern over several
6 years of wanting to know what the harvest is there and
7 I know the Refuge does an effort to try to discourage
8 flagrant hunting or just trying to convince the folks
9 that are involved in it to keep it down, but that is a
10 place of concern. And I'm sorry that our former
11 member, Alex Paramanoff, Jr., from Larsen Bay isn't
12 here to address that, but I would sincerely express my
13 concerns and folks I've chatted to from that neck of
14 the woods of maybe considering trying to get funding or
15 doing some kind of a harvest log book with people that
16 are involved in that so that you know what the removals
17 are because if the rest of the island is going up and
18 that's going down then maybe some of the ones that are
19 more mobile in their operations could spread out and,
20 you know, encourage the ones that couldn't as you have
21 been doing to be much more restrictive. And I know
22 some folks on Kodiak, you know, don't eat harlequins,
23 others do, you know, farther west. I know Rick has
24 said that's -- you know, that's an important soup duck.
25 And we had a really nice program at the Alutiiq Center
26 with cooking up duck soup and I'd forgotten how tasty
27 it is, you know.

28

29 But anyway thank you very much and
30 overall a really nice report.

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32 MS. CORCORAN: Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
35 questions?

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Just one simple
40 question. When is that Ursa Major -- what date in May
41 are you planning to have it out in Old Harbor and
42 Akhiok?

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44 MR. COBB: You're referring to the
45 roving visitor center?

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.

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49 MR. COBB: I'm not sure that we have
50 dates yet, but I -- and I don't know what those are

1 offhand so I can look that up and get back to you
2 though.

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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. I'd like to
5 get that information out to the school because in May
6 there's a lot of families commuting back and forth to
7 Kodiak.

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9 MS. CORCORAN: And I can actually speak
10 to that. I believe it's around May 5th and Tonya Lee,
11 the Refuge Information Technician, she is coordinating
12 with the teachers.....

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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16 MS. CORCORAN:to try and get the
17 classes out onto the boat.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Will she be
20 onboard or are you.....

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22 MS. CORCORAN: No, Tonya.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Cool. Okay. Kids
25 will love that. She came to our kids' camp and they
26 just loved her.

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28 Thank you.

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30 MR. COBB: Thank you.

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32 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, if there's no
33 other comment I would like to also compliment Tonya Lee
34 for not only her communications with the tribes, but
35 folks I've chatted with where she's brought her program
36 just think she's absolutely wonderful and anyway I just
37 thought I'd pass that on.

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39 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della.

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43 MS. TRUMBLE: I just want to -- just
44 exactly what Pat said, it's interesting that in my
45 travels that Kodiak Refuge comes up, you know, quite
46 often and how well they do in their outreach and
47 working with the communities.

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49 But I also wanted to thank both, I
50 think, the Izembek and Kodiak for their very -- their

1 reports, I think they were both very well done and I
2 very much appreciate it.

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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.

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6 Okay. Fish and Game.

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8 MR. POLUM: Mr. Chair, members of the
9 Council, thanks for giving me the chance to speak for
10 just a moment. Okay to go ahead?

11

12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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14 MR. POLUM: Okay. Just wanted to make
15 sure.

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17 MR. JENNINGS: Introduce yourself.

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19 MR. POLUM: My name is Tyler Polum, I'm
20 with the Sport Fisheries Division in Fish and Game here
21 in Kodiak. We manage the Buskin River weir project
22 funded through OSM. So I'm going to give a quick
23 update. Many of you were in Cold Bay in the fall and
24 saw the same update, I had a Powerpoint presentation
25 then, just an update of our 2011 season for the Buskin
26 weir and the smolt project that we had and I'll give
27 you a quick outlook for Buskin and answer any questions
28 you may have.

29

30 And I don't have a -- I did not print
31 out my presentation for you, but if you're interested
32 it -- I can get it for you, it's the same as it was in
33 the fall and the information's presented in the 2008 to
34 2011 report to the RAC for both our smolt and our adult
35 sockeye projects that were -- that are available now.

36

37 So 2011 we had a much better run for
38 sockeye than in 2008 through the 2010. As you may know
39 we saw a downturn in the adult sockeye run in 2008 and
40 2009, 2010 was -- we met our escapement goal that was
41 eight to 13,000 and in 2011 we implemented a new
42 escapement goal of five to 8,000 fish and came in right
43 about 12,000. And that was with increasing the -- the
44 Commercial Fisheries Division increasing the open
45 waters of the subsistence fishery to -- right to the
46 mouth of the Buskin as well as increasing the sport
47 fishing bag limit to five sockeye per day for part of
48 July. So it was a -- as far as the sockeye return goes
49 we had a very good year for sockeye and we expect a
50 very similar return this next season.

1 We also as far as the project goes we
2 implemented a new -- well, we moved the weir downstream
3 about 100 yards in 2010 mid season to try and count
4 coho and we found out that that alleviated a lot of the
5 problems we had with flooding and not being able to
6 count fish. So we implemented that in the beginning of
7 the season in May to count sockeye as well and kept the
8 weir in its new location about 100 yards downstream
9 throughout the entire season which allowed a lot better
10 flow as well as it didn't get nearly as deep when the
11 water came up at least for the early part of the season
12 in September, there's just not a lot you can do about
13 that.

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15 We also -- well, as a little
16 background, I guess, as I'm sure many of you know the
17 Buskin River supports the largest sockeye subsistence
18 fishery in the Kodiak/Aleutians, usually about 40
19 percent of the total sockeye subsistence harvest comes
20 from the Buskin for that area. It -- that's just in --
21 on average, in general. The Buskin also has a
22 tributary creek called -- that flows from Lake Louise
23 and Lake Katherine on the Coast Guard base that
24 supports a sockeye run. That run has fluctuated
25 anywhere from over 2,000 fish that we saw in the early
26 part of the decade down to a low of 360 that we saw in
27 2011. So while the Buskin -- the mainstem of the
28 Buskin received a very average run, but very healthy
29 run, the Lake Louise saw the lowest one we have seen
30 yet. We've only had a weir on that creek since 2002
31 though so we don't know what that run looked like
32 before that. But the 2011 run for the Buskin River,
33 the mainstem Buskin River, was right about the 10 year
34 average where we saw some very, very high runs,
35 escapements earlier in the decade and then the lower
36 ones. So it was -- I think it was a few -- it was
37 within a few hundred fish of the 10 year average. And,
38 of course, the Lake Louise escapement fell far below
39 the 10 year average, but we saw similar age composition
40 in the run as well with the majority of the fish at
41 Buskin Lake were age 2.2 and 1.3 fish. So it was a
42 little -- we had a little higher percentage of age 2.2
43 fish this year, but it wasn't -- it wasn't anything
44 that didn't look different than the -- than what we've
45 seen in previous years.

46
47 We also sample -- well, maybe I should
48 mention that we sample sockeye at the Buskin River,
49 Buskin Lake, the Lake Louise tributary as well as the
50 subsistence fishery out in front of the Buskin for both

1 -- for age, sex and length information as well as we
2 take genetic samples from the Buskin subsistence
3 fishery. And those samples will be analyzed by our
4 Department's genetics lab not this next year, but the
5 next winter after a five year cycle has been completed
6 for that.

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8 And we also put the weir in at Buskin
9 Lake a little bit late this year on May 27th just due
10 to some pretty severe flooding in mid May.

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12 We hired two interns as well this year,
13 Myra Schultz and Connor Murphy and our internship
14 continues to be an excellent program where we have two
15 local high school students or recent high school
16 students that we hire to work with our technicians on
17 the Buskin and they -- so far we've seen about two-
18 thirds of those interns come back to work as Department
19 employees in some capacity. So it's been a great
20 program for recruiting as well as teaching community
21 members about what we do as far as fisheries management
22 goes.

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24 I'll mention quickly about our smolt
25 project too. 2011 was the second year of a two year
26 feasibility project or a study for -- to try and assess
27 the out migration of smolt, sockeye smolt, coming out
28 of Buskin River and Lake Louise tributaries. And 2010
29 was the first year, 2011 was the second year of this
30 two year project. We counted smolt coming out of three
31 locations, Buskin Lake, Lake Louise as well as down
32 near Bridge 2 if you're familiar with that area in the
33 middle part of the Buskin River below the confluence of
34 Lake Louise and the Buskin River. We sampled Buskin
35 Lake and Lake Louise smolt for age, sex and length as
36 well as weight or age and length and weight
37 information. We took genetic samples from the lower
38 trap as well, below the confluence of the two rivers.

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40 2010 we -- definitely was a learning
41 experience for us as it was a brand new project, we
42 tried all sorts of methods and means to capture smolt
43 and sample them. In 2011 we instituted some new
44 equipment, new traps particularly and some new designs
45 to capture those smolt, new methods for the dye release
46 which is a mark/recapture study that we conducted to
47 try and estimate the total population. The Buskin Lake
48 trap was not 100 percent capture so we did -- and as
49 well as the lower trap were not -- did not capture
50 smolt -- all the smolt leaving the river so we dyed

1 some of the fish, let them -- released them again and
2 performed a mark/recapture study to try and estimate
3 the total out migration whereas at Lake Louise we
4 captured or we estimated we captured all of the smolt
5 leaving that system from mid April until to the end of
6 June.

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8 In 2010 we weren't really able to come
9 up with an estimate due to inconsistent capture of fish
10 -- smolt due to our equipment as well as our dye
11 testing procedures, but this year we came up with three
12 estimates because of -- we after the season we had
13 discussions with our biometricians and decided that we
14 don't have enough years of data to come up with a solid
15 estimate, but we came up with a range of estimates
16 based on different methods. And so our high estimate
17 based on our genetic sampling for the Buskin River as
18 well as our -- the addition of the Lake Louise count
19 was about 124,000 smolt for the entire drainage. Just
20 for the mainstem Buskin with the -- based on our
21 mark/recapture study we estimated 118,000 smolt or
22 about 118,000 and if you combine the dye test with some
23 error in ID we found -- in our fish ID we found in the
24 genetics portion of our study we had a low estimate of
25 about 67,500 smolt, sockeye smolt.

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27 Then again that was a two year
28 feasibility study so in the future we hope to be able
29 to improve on that data.

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31 And as far as a summary and a outlook
32 goes, we again increased our sport fish bag limit to
33 five sockeye per day this year as a result of the good
34 returns and Commercial Fisheries Division opened
35 subsistence to the mouth so there was plenty of
36 opportunity there. I don't think people quite
37 understood that that was legal because there was a lot
38 of people that were accosted by local, well meaning
39 residents to -- because they were fishing right near
40 the mouth of the river, but I think as word gets out
41 that'll change if that happens again.

42
43 Our internship again was successful and
44 we're looking forward to hiring two more interns. I'm
45 in the process of interviewing those people right now
46 and we'll hopefully hire them within the next couple of
47 weeks.

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49 And we don't have a formal forecast for
50 Buskin sockeye, but we expect to meet the goal, the new

1 escapement goal is five to 8,000 sockeye and we expect
2 to meet that escapement goal without any problems and
3 we've never had -- we've never seen a sockeye
4 escapement below 5,000, the new lower goal yet. So we
5 don't expect anything other than a good run this year.
6 And our management for sport fisheries at least will
7 start out with two fish per day bag limit on the Buskin
8 as we always do. And again we're in the process of
9 setting up our crew this year too.

10

11 Are there any questions?

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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15 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I'd like to commend
16 you folks for the internship program and didn't you get
17 your start doing the same thing?

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19 MR. POLUM: I did. I did.

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21 MR. HOLMES: And we've had some really
22 bright young Kodiak folks go through that.

23

24 I was wondering on your smolt project
25 even though you didn't get the best estimates in 2010,
26 maybe if you could make a guess on the age composition
27 and then maybe how robust those smolt were, could you
28 give us -- I know you're expecting at least the minimum
29 escapement goal, but, you know, if the little guys were
30 going out fat and happy, I guess that's my question,
31 were they and could that have an influence on our
32 returns for this year and next year?

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34 MR. POLUM: Mr. Holmes through the
35 Chair. Mr. Holmes, I'd have to look that up as far as
36 our condition factor for those fish, but I can comment
37 based on our adult age composition that we've seen over
38 time this year are parent years for this year primarily
39 2007 was before our -- the 2008 and 2009 returns that
40 were so low. And so we expect a decent number of smolt
41 that left that year and will be returning this year.
42 As far as their condition in 2010, we didn't get very
43 many samples so it's really hard to comment on that as
44 far as making a prediction for this next year or the
45 smolt leaving these last two years. So this year we --
46 I would have to look up what our 2011 condition was for
47 our smolt, our condition factor, the ratio of the
48 weight to the length in case you're not familiar with
49 that.

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1 MR. HOLMES: Well, doing smolt's always
2 a difficult and a long learning process and I'm sorry
3 that the -- whatever bureaucratic errors there were and
4 not getting funding for the upcoming year for smolt
5 didn't work out, but I sure hope that you can get your
6 submission in for the next cycle because that's
7 probably -- once you've got those information on
8 condition factor and rough numbers of smolt it often
9 gives you the -- probably the first inkling of how
10 things are going to be transpiring in two to three
11 years following their out migration.

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13 And I guess one thing that I've asked
14 before, but I think is really good to clarify and there
15 are some folks that feel that the decline that came in
16 2008 an '9 were due to over harvest or commercial
17 harvest and could you clarify that, was that the case
18 or was it just over escapement and over competition in
19 the lake amongst the fry or best guess?

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21 MR. POLUM: Yeah, I'll try my best. We
22 don't do any limnology work on Buskin Lake so it's hard
23 to comment on the actual health of Buskin Lake as far
24 as over escapement goes. With the commercial harvest
25 -- the commercial harvest of Buskin sockeye is very,
26 very low generally. I think -- I can't think of the
27 numbers off the top of my head, but it's usually below
28 100 fish. And this last year we saw, I think, nine
29 sockeye harvested in the Buskin area and those were in
30 the early part of September. So they were not Buskin
31 bound, we can reasonable assume that they weren't
32 Buskin bound. So commercial harvest of Buskin sockeye
33 is usually not an influencing factor compared to
34 subsistence and sport harvest. But we did see very
35 large returns, over 20,000 in some cases, for at least
36 five years prior to 2008 and 2009 and so that could
37 have had an affect on the 2008 and 2009 returns.

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39 MR. HOLMES: Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You said you were
42 a part of a sport fish organization?

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44 MR. POLUM: I'm with the Sport Fish
45 Office, the Fish and Game Sport Fish Office here in
46 Kodiak, we manage the weir, our projects are Federally
47 funded.

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Fish and Game
50 Sport Fish Department?

1 MR. POLUM: Yeah.
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, okay.
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5 MR. POLUM: Yeah.
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You didn't have
8 any other information concerning other weirs on the
9 island?
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11 MR. POLUM: No, but the -- but Steve
12 Schrof is here who is in charge of the other
13 Federally funded weir.
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15 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair, I also noticed
16 that we have a Commercial Fisheries Area Coordinator
17 and he'll probably give us some highlights on the rest
18 of the island and out west.
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20 MR. POLUM: Thanks.
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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.
23
24 MR. SCHROF: Hello, Council members.
25 My name is Steve Schrof, I'm with the Alaska Department
26 of Fish and Game, Commercial Fish Division here in
27 Kodiak. I'm -- I -- this morning I dropped kind of a
28 two page, a front and back of Afognak Lake salmon
29 project summary for you guys to look at. Just -- and I
30 -- mainly I'll just kind of hit the highlights of this
31 project going on.
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33 As you know the Afognak Lake's run
34 declined quite a bit back in 2001 prompting
35 investigations for the Department to evaluate -- well,
36 let me step back. Commercial Fish Division is -- has
37 had an adult enumeration weir on the Afognak River
38 there for many, many years, 30 years or so since '78 or
39 so in the present location. And then the runs -- you
40 know, returns back to the Afognak system declined early
41 in 2000s. Based on escapement information concerns
42 were raised as to what was going on in the system as a
43 whole and we had limited information on the freshwater
44 environment. So we put in a proposal to look at the
45 smolt coming out of the lake and also to do lake
46 limnology to try and, you know, tie more of the whole,
47 look at it on more of a holistic basis. And we've
48 continued to submit proposals to the Office of
49 Subsistence Management to continue to look at these
50 investigations and at this point we're -- we just

1 completed the ninth year of looking at sockeye salmon
2 production at Afognak Lake, there's -- we have two more
3 years of funding, this year, 2012 and then 2013. So
4 and basically what I did is I broke it down into
5 smolt/adult and then on the back page it's the lake
6 production has to do with the lake limnology portion.
7 And then lastly we also are looking at juvenile diets
8 of the rearing juveniles in the lake system through a
9 bioenergetic study.

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11 But starting off with the smolt we do
12 similar to what Sport Fish was -- that Tyler was
13 alluding to. We do employ a mark/recapture estimate on
14 the sockeye smolt migrating out of the lake and we've
15 been doing that like I said since 2003. This Figure 1
16 shows basically the smolt estimates using this
17 mark/recapture, a brown dye test. For 2011 we
18 estimated about 330,000 coming out of the lake. And
19 then we have it further broken down in the various ages
20 that came out of the lake. The predominant age class
21 migrating out were age ones at 250,000 and then a much
22 smaller amount of age two smolt coming out. You can
23 also look at the mean of the lengths and weights of
24 each age class. What these indicate -- typically the
25 Afognak Lake smolt are smaller than -- well, most of
26 Afognak Island juveniles are typically smaller than
27 Kodiak sockeye going out, but for this particular
28 system the size and condition of these fish looks
29 pretty healthy. The system based on age ones as the
30 predominant age class coming out indicates that it's a
31 fairly healthy system. And then you can just look at
32 the graph here that the estimate is just about average
33 for 2003 through 2011. So it's a -- kind of a
34 reasonable number estimate of smolt going out.

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36 Moving on to the adult portion of the
37 project, we obviously set up a weir on the Afognak
38 River, 49,000 -- we counted 49,000 fish coming back
39 into the system. We have it broken down into
40 predominant age classes returning, 1.1s and 1.3s are
41 the dominant ones so the freshwater ones continue to
42 come back as the dominant age class coming back which
43 indicates, you know, a fairly healthy system. The
44 commercial harvest this year was close to 14,000,
45 subsistence harvest based on returning ticket
46 information was 16 -- just over 1,600 subsistence
47 caught sockeye this year for a total run of just under
48 65,000. So it looks like things have -- you know, as
49 you can see have been improving in the last couple
50 years. We kind of expect to still see maybe not quite

1 as high this year, but we don't do a formal forecast on
2 this system either, but it should -- we should have no
3 problem meeting the
4 escapement goals and I think that, you know, the run
5 should come back with, you know, good opportunities for
6 catching fish in 2012.

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8 Moving on to the lake production which
9 is the lake limnology data, I didn't really put all
10 that data here, it would just take up a lot of space,
11 it has to do with nitrogen, phosphorus, zooplankton
12 samples. I just basically summarized that in 2011 the
13 phosphorus concentrations and seasonal zooplankton
14 densities remain relatively low for this system,
15 chlorophyll-a concentrations remain moderate based on
16 historical comparisons. Seasonal nitrogen
17 concentrations slightly rose and the overall condition
18 of the emigrating smolt relating back to what I already
19 talked about, seem to remain at a health level.
20 Obviously the age one smolt, 70 percent going out is a
21 good indicator.

22
23 As part of this four year study we also
24 looked at juvenile diet activity. Two years of -- at
25 this point we have two years of diet and bioenergetic
26 analysis on juveniles still rearing in the lake. And
27 as you can see by these two graphs we had a difficult
28 time in July, August, September, October catching
29 juveniles, we just -- we tried all these various
30 techniques to try and catch juveniles later in the
31 season and we just had a difficult time with that.
32 We're hope -- going to employ some new -- well, we've
33 got a new boat and we're going to -- we bought a new
34 tow net to try and catch, you know, some of these
35 juveniles in the lake throughout the whole season to
36 get a better idea of, you know, what we're looking at.

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38 But one thing that's just noted here,
39 you know, all the juvenile, all the ages, they
40 primarily consume -- out of the two years so far of
41 data that we do have they primarily consume insects in
42 the spring and then gradually shifting as zooplankton
43 is their primary food source later on in the summer
44 even though these two graphs don't indicate that, the
45 2010 data does indicate that they shift preys. A lot
46 of that has to do with, you know, the hatches of
47 insects in the springtime and then as the water
48 temperature warms up as you move farther into the
49 summer, there's more biological activity, zooplankton
50 blooms occur in June and in August depending on what

1 type of zooplankton species we're dealing with. So
2 basically what this bioenergetics analysis gives us is
3 more indication of what they're actually eating.
4 Typically we've assumed that juvenile sockeye salmon
5 primarily consume zooplankton. Obviously there's been
6 other studies that indicate that, you know, they're
7 opportunistic feeders, they'll eat insects too, but we
8 always assume that they would primarily prey on
9 zooplankton, but the -- at least with our initial work
10 here you can see that the high proportion earlier in
11 the season is insect consumption.

12
13 So we're looking at that aspect of it
14 too to try and get just an overall, you know, approach
15 as to what's going on with the sockeye salmon
16 production there in Afognak Lake. And as you can see
17 the adults are -- returns are coming back pretty good,
18 increased commercial fishing opportunities and an
19 increase in subsistence harvests.

20
21 So I guess, you know, in summary the
22 system seems to be doing relatively a lot better than
23 what it was doing early in the 2000s.

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25 So that's all I really have for an
26 update. I -- thanks for the opportunity to present the
27 data. Any questions?

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Questions? Pat.

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31 MR. HOLMES: Well, I just have a
32 comment. I can recall when the system crashed and it
33 was, you know, the first one on the island closed and,
34 I mean, some just really dismal subsistence runs. And
35 some of the Council members were around then when we
36 stopped off and had a chat in the Anchorage office
37 about the importance of the system for subsistence and
38 were able to convince support for doing the work. And
39 I recall when you got your smolt program coming, that
40 was the first indication to the public that we were
41 going to be having increasing runs for subsistence.
42 And I just wanted to thank you folks for all your hard
43 work because it's really tough to get that information
44 and I think that that was really the really good
45 justification to fund your project to date and it's
46 certainly given us a lot of good information.

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48 Thank you very much.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other

1 questions.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none,
thank you for your report.

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MR. SCHROF: All right. Thanks.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do you have other
reports from Fish and Game?

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Questions?

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MR. WADLE: Well, we believe that at
least for sockeye there's -- oh, Mr. -- sorry, Mr.
Chair. The sockeye probably was an over escapement
problem, we had some incredible years for about five
years in a row and looking at the limnology and the
condition factor of the smolt, it was pretty evident
that they had eaten themselves out of house and home
and we saw that effect in 2006 and on. As far as
Chinook, that's hard to say. I -- maybe the Sport Fish

1 could help me on this, but they did have some fairly
2 decent escapements in Karluk, but probably a lot of it
3 had to do with ocean factors because we saw this happen
4 throughout the State in a lot of different rivers. So
5 just my opinion it was probably mostly due to ocean
6 conditions.

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8 And as far as what's going to happen,
9 Sport Fish did put out an emergency order that they
10 were going to go to nonretention for Chinook in the
11 Karluk. Right now the management staff, they'll most
12 likely put out a nonretention, but we usually don't
13 make those decisions until after we get a weir count.
14 So while we're in mid May and then we'll see what the
15 escapement is and then we'll make a decision, but most
16 likely it'll be nonretention to commercial fisheries.
17 And it is a stock of concern at this point.

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19 MR. HOLMES: And then I was wondering
20 -- oh, pardon me. I was wondering how things are
21 looking farther west. I know Chignik's not turf, but
22 we do have a few folks that live in Kodiak and most of
23 them really don't get connected to the other Council.
24 And then I was also wondering about farther west at
25 McCleese Lake because that one has had some radically
26 huge escapement and then some really big declines. And
27 so if you could just briefly touch on those that would
28 be very informative I think to our Council.

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30 MR. WADLE: Okay. As far as sockeye and
31 Chinook for at least Chignik or.....

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33 MR. HOLMES: Yeah.

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35 MR. WADLE: Well.....

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37 MR. HOLMES: Just ball park.

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39 MR. WADLE:last year Chignik had
40 an incredible early run, it was one of the biggest
41 we've seen. This year we expect it to be smaller, but
42 still a good run. The Chinook, we've never had trouble
43 with Chinook in Chignik, it's been a pretty stable run,
44 well managed fishery. So and as far as McCleese we got
45 funding through AKSSF, and I'm not an expert on this,
46 but one of my biologists did manage to procure funding
47 for three years. Federal staff had a weir there for
48 several years and they were kind enough to let us use
49 their equipment so we're beginning hiring for that and
50 see what happens, it should be a good project.

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MR. HOLMES: Well, that would be great, I know that'll be real important to Vince and folks out in Unalaska because that's kind of -- that is there main source for sockeye because Unalaska Lake really isn't all that productive. And so I think that would be some good news to have monitoring of that and be able to take a look at it and give folks out there their -- you know, some help on getting their fish.

And I'll leave it to Vince if he has more questions on that one.

MR. TUTIAKOFF: Looks good.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you for your report.

Next, Native organizations. What -- can you help me out with that, Tom? That must be Pat.

MR. KOSO: Where we at here?

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Native organizations, item F on.....

MS. PETRIVELLI: I just had an announcement. And I know you guys know Glenn Chen, my boss, but he's involved for three years, this is the third year of a tribal marine science workshop and there's four spots open and it's from April 9th to April 16th. And it's -- there's some fisheries bay on the other side of Kachemak Bay, but he does it with Seldovia Tribal Organization. And the person that's helping him also is Cathy Needham, she's an Environmental Consultant out of Juneau. But they spend -- and Iver Malutin is their traditional consultant. But they spend a week there doing fieldtrips and looking at marine sciences and measuring stuff. And so if you know any tribal participants that would want to go there for a week, it's -- once you get there it's all free, they just spend the week there. But there's four spots open. And, of course, it's only two weeks away. And there might be a potential of a small grant to help with travel cost to get to Homer, but once you get in Homer then somehow they've arranged for the boat to go to Seldovia and then I guess there's a 45 minute drive down to the lab. It's some lab, I forget what the lab is. But they have facilities there and it's

1 one of those projects, but it's a whole week.
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Where is that at
4 again?
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6 MS. PETRIVELLI: Seldovia.
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Seldovia.
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10 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah. And it's a week
11 long marine science workshop put on by Seldovia Tribal
12 Organization. And so -- and Glenn Chen's helped
13 organize it.
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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is he also the
16 contact person for getting.....
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18 MS. PETRIVELLI: The travel grants.
19 Well, I guess he is, yeah, because even though he's
20 going to be on -- he's going over to the Fish and
21 Wildlife Service for three months to do local climate
22 control or the LCC, he'll be the science coordinator
23 for the Bering Sea, but he's still doing this workshop.
24 So yeah, he would be the contact.
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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is there a
27 specific age group he's looking for?
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29 MS. PETRIVELLI: I think any tribal
30 like employee, I think that's what he was looking
31 at.....
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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
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35 MS. PETRIVELLI:employees not
36 students.
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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tribal employees?
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40 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah. That would be
41 like in resource management or potential resource
42 management.
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I see. Gotcha.
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46 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah.
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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I was
49 thinking.....
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1 MS. PETRIVELLI: Child -- students?
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:children.
4 Yeah.
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6 MS. PETRIVELLI: No, it's for adults
7 and I think it's.....
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.
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11 MS. PETRIVELLI:like the IGAP
12 people, you know, it -- I think it -- those
13 environmental type people, yeah. I have an agenda,
14 it's seven pages, but -- because it's a nine day
15 workshop, but I don't have a paper copy. But I could
16 forward it to anybody if you want more information. I
17 could forward it to everybody if you want more
18 information, I'll do that.
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
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22 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah.
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I think
25 everybody's got email, you can just email it.
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27 MS. PETRIVELLI: So I'll get the email
28 from Tom and I'll forward it to everybody, yeah.
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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Pat.
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32 MR. HOLMES: Pat, I'd suggest a couple
33 of people. One, Nancy Nelson at NVA, she's going to be
34 taking over for Roxanne who's been doing the program at
35 Native Afognak. You might chat with Nance and see
36 who's there at NVA and the ladies from Woody Island had
37 to leave earlier, I can get you a couple names and
38 phone numbers. And there's a gentleman at Seldovia
39 with the Seldovia Tribal Council, he's Chris Opine's
40 son and I can't remember who he is, but his family
41 moved up from Kodiak up there and he was over at NVA
42 last year helping out on doing some looking at plankton
43 at the kids. And so that's somebody right in the
44 community that might be out of the loop. And I don't
45 know who's doing it down at Sun'ag, but anyway, I hope
46 that helps.
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48 MS. PETRIVELLI: Thank you.
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.

1 Okay. We confirm our calendar. Our
2 next meeting will be in Sand Point.....
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4 MR. ROHRER: Mr. Chair.
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:September 5th
7 and 6th.
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9 Yes, Sam.
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11 MR. ROHRER: Is it possible to move
12 those meeting dates a little bit later, I won't be able
13 to make those dates as it stands right now, but there's
14 some openings, September 24th and 25th I sure could.
15 Is there any chance of moving those?
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17 MR. KOSO: That's good for me. That
18 would be good for me.
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: September 24th and
21 25th.
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23 MR. KOSO: 24th and 25th.
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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom.
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27 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, Mr. Chair and to
28 Sam. The only limitations that we have in scheduling
29 all the Councils is no more than two Councils meet in a
30 week because we don't have the staff to support more
31 than that. So if that's the Council's choice then if
32 there's not that conflict.
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34 Thank you.
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. So it would
37 have to happen the week of the 17th.
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39 MR. HOLMES: Well, no, no, there's only
40 one Council meeting in Sitka and so there's room for
41 another one during that week. And I'd sure recommend
42 that because all the years I worked out west if you get
43 in that early, mid part of September, you get some rip
44 snorting southeasters and Rick could testify on that.
45 And I just particularly think it's real important to
46 have Rick involved and then Sam's a very productive
47 part of our organization and I'd suggest that we try
48 for that 24th, 25th or first week of September.
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Southeast is

1 happening on that week.
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, I.....
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5 MR. HOLMES: They can do two.
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: He.....
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9 MR. HOLMES: Can't you do two?
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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, you can do
12 two, no more than two. Okay.
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14 MR. HOLMES: So let's get it before
15 somebody else does.
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17 MR. KOSO: Yeah.
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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So 21st to the.....
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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: 21st to the 26th.
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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF:or 23rd to the
25 25th. 23rd to 25th, a travel day I guess the 23rd.
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: For me it would be
28 the 21st through the 26th.
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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, you got to travel
31 early.
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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: So starting
34 September our flights change to Monday, Wednesday,
35 Friday. So if I leave on Monday I ain't going to make
36 it, if I leave on Friday I have to weekend somewhere.
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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Cold Bay.
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40 (Laughter)
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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'll come to Adak.
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44 MR. ROHRER: We'll fly direct and pick
45 you up.
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47 MR. KOSO: Yeah, that goes direct to
48 Adak, you know, there's no stopping, that'll help.
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

1 MR. KOSO: Adak, I'll tell you what,
2 would be a good spot, you guys.
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4 MR. HOLMES: Would it help your
5 schedule, Mitch, if, you know, that were moved sometime
6 toward -- more towards the middle of the week?
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, it don't
9 matter.
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11 MR. HOLMES: Because if you come in on
12 Monday maybe we could have our -- if you get in town in
13 time -- oh, that's what -- when's the flight leave from
14 Anchorage out to Sand Point?
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16 MR. KOSO: They got that -- probably
17 got two or three flights. I know they go in the
18 morning, afternoon and sometimes in the evening.
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20 MR. HOLMES: Well, I might suggest that
21 we just move to reschedule and to set first week of
22 September and then if the coordinator can, sorry, to
23 dump on you, Tom, check and see when we can get people
24 there because, you know, we might be able to move it a
25 day or two into the week and be able to get both Rick
26 and Vince up from out west and Mitch into town and then
27 down on the flight to Sand Point. I don't know what's
28 feasible, but if plane schedules were better then.
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30 MR. KOSO: What if the three of us said
31 that we could make the 24th, 25th, the three of us, I
32 don't about Pete, but.....
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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pete probably
35 could.
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37 MR. KOSO: Yeah. So that's good for me
38 and I don't have a problem with that.
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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, he's in Port
41 Lions, he can get out any day of the week.
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43 MR. KOSO: Huh?
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: He can get out any
46 day of the week. I'm -- the winter schedule restricts
47 me to three days a week only.
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49 MR. KOSO: Yeah. Well, whatever you
50 got to do, you know, if you have to come early that's

1 the way it is.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If I come in -- if
4 we have the meeting on 25th and 26th I fly all day on
5 Monday, the 24th, that's fine with me.

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7 MR. KOSO: Can we have it at the same
8 -- if we got stuck in Sitka, but that won't make any
9 difference will it, could we have it the 26th and 27th?

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11 MR. JENNINGS: There's no conflict
12 there in what -- excuse me, Mr. Chair. That's
13 considerate to let him get his travel day in.....

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15 MR. KOSO: Right.

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17 MR. JENNINGS:and there's no
18 conflicts. Southeast.....

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20 MR. KOSO: I could come out of Adak on
21 Sunday. I got a Sunday/Thursday flight.

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23 MR. JENNINGS: That works for you, yes.
24 That's good. And.....

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26 MR. KOSO: Well, I don't know, we may
27 change, I'll ask Caroline, may be their last day until
28 June. So it's hard to tell who will be flying out of
29 Adak after that. More than likely PenAir. If that's
30 the case then I go right straight to Cold Bay because
31 they -- they'll stop in Cold Bay.

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33 MR. JENNINGS: So.....

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35 MR. KOSO: That would be actually
36 easier.

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38 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, I have one
39 question, excuse me. Maybe your other two Council
40 members that may be on line yet, if we got any other
41 comments on those dates.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Della.
44 Antone.

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46 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm -- I don't have any
47 comments. I think those dates I have enough time to
48 try to get into Sand Point if I can get out of here.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. What about

1 you, Antone?

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3 MR. SHELIKOFF: No comment. I mean,
4 I'll do it.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. The only
7 thing would be getting me out of Akhiok on Monday and
8 all the way out there.

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10 MR. KOSO: Well, Mitch, are we talking
11 the 25th, 26th, is that what you're saying?

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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15 MR. KOSO: Okay. So that's fine with
16 me.

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18 MR. JENNINGS: Okay. Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Tome.

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22 MR. JENNINGS: So I've got September
23 25th and 26th for the fall meeting date being moved
24 from what's on the calendar at this time. And you all
25 seem to be in agreement.

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27 I'd refer you to the next page for the
28 winter calendar, looking down the road. There are two
29 councils that have chosen their dates that don't show
30 up on what's been printed on here because of when they
31 met and when they -- so that wasn't -- they weren't
32 ready when they published this. But on February 20th
33 and 21st Southcentral is going to meet. So that week
34 is shot, that's not available. And then on March 5th
35 and March 6th Northwest Arctic is meeting as well as
36 Western Interior. So those two weeks have two Councils
37 scheduled so they're -- those are limited.

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39 Thank you.

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41 MR. KOSO: How about the 19th, 20th
42 maybe, I think Sam and myself could make it, what about
43 you, Vince?

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, no problem.

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47 MR. KOSO: The three of us could do
48 that.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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2 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, the 19th, 20th
3 sounds good to me.
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della, Antone,
6 March 19th and 20th?
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8 MR. SHELIKOFF: Okay.
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10 MS. TRUMBLE: That's fine for me.
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12 MR. KOSO: Where we going to have it,
13 in Hawaii, Della, Maui or somewhere.
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15 MR. HOLMES: Might be cheaper.
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17 MS. TRUMBLE: Given the weather this
18 year, your guess is as good as mine.
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20 MR. HOLMES: Well, it still would be
21 fun to get a rise out of Pete and I'd like to move that
22 we hold our meeting in Old Harbor on the 19th and 20th.
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24 MR. KOSO: Are they going have
25 facilities there during that time because he told me
26 today they didn't have facilities there during that.
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28 MR. HOLMES: I don't know.
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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We know the
31 Alutiiq lodge will be closed, but there are other --
32 there are two other lodges there.
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34 MR. KOSO: No, I think it'll be just
35 fine. We've got the money master here.
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Mr. Kron.
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39 MR. KRON: Pat knew he was going to get
40 a response and this is going to be consistent with what
41 I mentioned earlier that I was to tell you at Pete's
42 request and that is last year we had a 10 percent
43 budget reduction in travel. We've got 20 percent this
44 year. So the request is to book strongly at the hubs
45 and that request applies to Pat as well.
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47 (Laughter)
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49 MR. KOSO: So in otherwise Kodiak then.
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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Keep it at Old
2 Harbor and then I'm sure our cost analysis will come
3 out and push it back here.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What about Cold Bay.

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7 MR. KOSO: Cold Bay.

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9 MR. ROHRER: Yeah, Mr. Chair, in
10 regards to the meeting location in terms of balancing
11 it on your Council, we're trying -- I know discussions
12 in the past have been an agreement to try to make sure
13 that meetings are, you know, on the island and then
14 also down on the peninsula area. So in the year.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MR. JENNINGS: Mr. Chair, I do know
19 that Antone sent an email to a few of us and I think he
20 directed it at Patrick Holmes because he chose his
21 instigator well, but he threw out Dutch Harbor, however
22 that's another good example of, you know, some of the
23 logistics here. We had our meeting last year in Cold
24 Bay and Della couldn't get there, she lives the
25 closest, Antone couldn't get into Dutch Harbor to come
26 here, but so, you know, you know what you're facing on
27 all that stuff. It doesn't make it easier when we do
28 use a hub though just pulling some of this stuff off.

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30 Thank you.

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32 MR. KOSO: Find out when the ferry
33 runs, it runs the first part of April. Have it turn
34 and pick everybody up on the way down there.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, we're still
37 at March 19th and 20th in Old Harbor.

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39 MR. KOSO: That sounds good.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. So with
42 that said then we're back with the draft Federal
43 Subsistence Board report. Do we want to just keep that
44 draft or do we want to add anything else that we've
45 discussed today?

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47 Pat.

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49 MR. HOLMES: I was wondering and I'm
50 not being tongue and cheek, but I was wondering

1 considering some of, you know, Pete's comments and, you
2 know, he had the discussion on tribal consultation and
3 I was wondering if we could, you know, make another
4 shot and have an issue for tribal consultation and say
5 that there's a need to develop funding to provide
6 facilitation of the Kodiak/Aleutians RAC to travel to
7 villages in our region to provide direct discussion
8 with local and tribal folks. We used to go to villages
9 and if we could find some additional funding perhaps
10 from the consultation group that would allow us to have
11 much more intimate input from the villages and as I --
12 I guess for the transcripts, you know, we all know that
13 even at Kodiak it's difficult for folks to separate
14 from their cultural background and come to meetings.
15 And so I was thinking if we could maybe approach that
16 we might find a little additional funding to try and
17 get us out to the regions. And maybe by having this
18 comment in there then, you know, perhaps we could get
19 some assistance from local tribes or Kana or Koniag or
20 somebody that's trying to promote that or if there's
21 actual funding in consultation maybe we could, you
22 know, find some way to once a year get someplace off of
23 the beaten path.

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25 And so I guess with that said if you
26 guys agree to that concept I could basically use my
27 first three sentences and work with Tom and spell it
28 out and insert it and then get it emailed to folks.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: This report,
31 that'll be a -- this will be a working document until
32 -- when's that FSB Board next?

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34 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I don't
35 know if -- what the hard date is on getting that
36 completed, but it is.....

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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Can we present
39 this in January?

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41 MR. JENNINGS: No.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No.

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45 MR. JENNINGS: Again this is a report
46 on -- of last year's activities and.....

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.

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50 MR. JENNINGS:concerns.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, okay.

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3 MR. JENNINGS: So it's relevant what
4 you're saying, I mean we had the discussion today,
5 however we started the tribal consultation process and
6 you could present that as something that you recognize
7 is lacking and this added activity is this tribal
8 consultation and we -- you know, we're limited on the
9 funding to do that as has been pointed out. I mean,
10 this is a Presidential Executive Order or whatever it
11 was, but we were directed to do more things again with
12 no more added funding to do those things. So bring
13 that up.

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15 Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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19 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair, but I think again
20 in terms of timing on this that the report will
21 actually need to be done in the next month or so
22 because I know during the summer months -- during the
23 summer months the Federal Board will be working on
24 their response back to you.

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26 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you. Okay.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Sounds good to me.

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32 MR. KOSO: Same here.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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36 MR. HOLMES: One closing thought. I
37 was thinking that we might want to take Iver's
38 suggestion very seriously. He kind of hit us with
39 should be able to testify without a piece of paper.
40 And I was thinking that if we do get to villages or
41 maybe we should loosen up our program so that if a
42 person feels awkward with that, I mean, we're small
43 enough and relaxed enough if somebody from the audience
44 wants to raise their hand and say hi, I'm Pat
45 Petrivelli from Atka and I'd like to say something if
46 it fits in on that topic then we say come on, Pat. And
47 I know it doesn't quite fit with a formal structure of
48 like the big Boards, but, you know, I think if we could
49 be a little more relaxed it would make our group more
50 friendly to tribal folks an local.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I think it is
2 friendly and I don't want to have people standing up
3 and, you know, discussing a topic.....
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5 MR. HOLMES: That's true.
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:longer than
8 we're supposed to.....
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10 MR. HOLMES: True.
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:longer than
13 we need to.
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15 MR. HOLMES: Uh-huh.
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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I think just
18 giving them an opportunity via this filling out the
19 form to say I would like to testify, keeping it just a
20 little bit formal is pretty good in my eyes. You know,
21 I have tribal council meetings where members come in
22 and we don't have this formality and we're in there all
23 day long just shooting the breeze about a topic that
24 should have been done in a couple of minutes.
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26 MR. KOSO: You're thinking of shooting
27 the breeze. I make a motion to adjourn.
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. I'll set
30 aside that motion, first I need you guys to take this
31 opportunity to make Board comments.
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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, I thought we were
34 -- oh, we didn't have -- you need -- just need a
35 directive, right.....
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF:to supplement that
40 letter, the draft letter that's submitted with the
41 changes from -- that were suggested by Tom and Pat.
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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.
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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.
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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.
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49 MR. KOSO: I thought you said that was
50 going to be just a working order that you were going to

1 do between the two of you.
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, we can work
4 that out. We got the information.
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6 MR. KOSO: That's what I thought was
7 going to happen.
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
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11 MR. KOSO: I didn't realize you had to
12 -- yeah, I'm all for that, that's good.
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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Don't mean
15 to be so harsh or anything, but I don't want to give
16 away our -- what little formality we have.
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18 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I think that's very
19 wise in reference to several folks, true.
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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Sam, you
22 have a comment?
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24 MR. ROHRER: No.
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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. I don't
27 have a comment, but I'd like to.....
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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What was the other
30 letter, there was one other item that you were going to
31 discuss or put to the end, was that the same one, 8021,
32 is that the same thing?
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34 MR. KOSO: 805.
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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: 805.
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38 MR. KOSO: The Chairman's letter.
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40 MR. JENNINGS: No, Mr. Chair and Vince.
41 That was addressed I think, Mitch. The 805(c)
42 letter.....
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.
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46 MR. JENNINGS:that was -- that's
47 a draft letter. It -- at this point in time and that's
48 just waiting Tim Towarak's signature. And so that --
49 Mitch addressed those Board actions. And again that's
50 another administrative thing that we've going to just

1 complete, but the information is for you.

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3 I did think of the letters that I
4 couldn't remember and I just want to confirm that will
5 you. One of them is to the Federal Subsistence Board
6 regarding Member Johnson and another one was regarding
7 emperor goose proposal to AMBCC, I believe. And I'm
8 not sure, you voted on supporting the SRC from the
9 Gates of the Arctic, I don't know if we need a letter
10 on that or what, but those are the other two letters
11 that I can recall from my notes.

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13 Thank you.

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15 MR. KOSO: We just condole their deal,
16 that's all, we don't -- I don't think -- if they need
17 something they can come to us. If they want to read
18 our minutes they can.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, I think that
21 was a statewide -- wasn't that a statewide proposal for
22 advancing the per diem on all the RACs not just theirs,
23 that's why I voted no.

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25 MR. KOSO: I thought it was just
26 theirs.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tom.

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30 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, their
31 letter was considered by the YK Council and Eastern
32 Interior and neither of -- both of those Councils
33 supported the thinking in the letter, but they didn't
34 draft their own letter. Again all the meetings have --
35 will have transcripts, you know, it'll be possible to
36 get out of those transcripts all the information like
37 this.

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39 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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43 MR. KOSO: You told us we had to have
44 an act of Congress in order to get more money so what
45 good is that, they're talking to the wrong people.

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Anything
48 further?

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50 (No comments)

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2 motion now.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'll hear your

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MR. KOSO: I make a motion to adjourn.

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MR. ROHRER: I'll second.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We're adjourned at

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