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8 Best Western Kodiak Inn
9 Kodiak, Alaska
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11 1:00 p.m.

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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Speridon M. Simeonoff
18 Vincent M. Tutiakoff
19 Patrick B. Holmes
20 Antone A. Shelikoff (Telephonic)
21 Richard R. Koso
22 Peter M. Squartsoff
23 Melissa M. Berns
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25 Regional Council Coordinator, Carl Johnson

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Kodiak, Alaska - 9/24/2013)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Call the meeting to order, Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council. Good to see everyone here. Welcome.

Before we get started, I'd like to make sure everyone has an opportunity to fill out their comment forms. They're available to anyone for comments on agenda items and non-agenda items.

And with that we'll have roll call, please.

MR. JOHNSON: Okay. Roll call. Antone Shelikoff.

MR. SHELIKOFF: Yeah.

MR. JOHNSON: Patrick Holmes.

MR. HOLMES: Here.

MR. JOHNSON: Richard Koso.

MR. KOSO: Yeah.

MR. JOHNSON: Samuel Rohrer. And Sam's absent, Mr. Chair. He contacted me and indicated he would be away this week with a client.

And the same for Thomas Schwantes who also indicated he is away for a family medical issue.

And next go with Peter Squartsoff.

MR. SQUARTSOFF: Here.

MR. JOHNSON: Vincent Tutiakoff.

MR. TUTIAKOFF: Here.

MR. JOHNSON: Della Trumble. Mr. Chair, Della contacted me and indicated that she had a conflicting work schedule this week. She's actually traveling for work this week, and waited until the last

1 minute to try to change it, but was unsuccessful.
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3 And then, of course, Mitch Simeonoff.
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Here.
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7 MR. JOHNSON: Melissa Berns.
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9 MS. BERNs: Here.
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11 MR. JOHNSON: All right. Mr. Chair,
12 with 7 of 10 seated council members in attendance, you
13 have a quorum.
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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Carl.
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17 I'd just like to call for a motion to
18 excuse or unexcuse the absences.
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20 MR. KOSO: Motion made.
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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Moved and
25 second to exclude the absences.
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27 Is there any discussion.
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29 (No comments)
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no
32 discussion, is there any objection to the motion.
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34 (No comments)
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Seeing none, then
37 the motion carries.
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39 Do we need to do a round of
40 introductions? We have a new member on board, Melissa,
41 so a round of introductions would be good I guess.
42 We'll start with you.
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44 MS. BERNs: This is actually my second
45 meeting. I was here last time. My name is Melissa
46 Berns and I'm from the Village of Old Harbor here on
47 Kodiak Island.
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49 MR. HOLMES: I'm Pat Holmes. I'm from
50 Kodiak. I've been on the Council, I don't know, 12, 13

1 years, and probably did another 10 years worth of work
2 with Fish and Game Advisory Committee. And I'm very
3 passionate about continuing subsistence for folks here
4 in our area. And I've worked as far west as Attu, so
5 I've got a lot of friends out west, and I think we're
6 all in the subsistence thing together.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: My name is Vince
9 Tutiakoff. I'm from Unalaska originally, lived in Adak
10 for 10, 12 years. I'm also the president/chairman for
11 my village corporation of Unalaska. I'm also president
12 of the Unalaska Native Fishermen's Association, and I
13 attend a lot of the fishery meetings, North Pacific and
14 ADF&G in Anchorage.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm Mitch
17 Simeonoff from the Native Village of Akhiok.

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19 MR. KOSO: I'm Rick Koso, originally
20 from King Cove, Cold Bay, and Aleutians. I'm
21 representing Adak and the Aleutian Islands pretty much.

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Pete Squartsoff
24 from Port Lions, born and raised in Ouzinkie.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: And we have one on
27 line is Antone Shelikoff. Can you hear me Antone?

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29 MR. SHELIKOFF: It cuts off, off and
30 on. I'm Antone Shelikoff. I'm based in Akutan.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.
33 Would the people in the audience care to speak up and
34 introduce yourself, please.

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36 MS. MARCHIONI: I'm Meredith Marchioni.
37 I'm a subsistence resource specialist with Division of
38 Subsistence with ADF&G.

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40 MS. LEE: Tonya Lee, the refuge
41 information technician for Kodiak National Wildlife
42 Refuge.

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44 MR. VAN DAELE: Matt Van Daele,
45 environmental scientist for Koniag.

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47 MR. CRIBLEY: I'm Bud Cribley. I'm
48 state director for Bureau of Land Management here in
49 Alaska. And I'm also on the Federal Subsistence Board.
50 And thank you, guys, for letting me come down and

1 listen to you today.

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3 MS. McCANDLESS: Tamara McCandless,
4 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I'm on a six-week
5 detail here at Kodiak starting today, but I work in our
6 headquarters in Washington.

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8 MR. CHEN: Aloha. My name is Glenn
9 Chen. I'm with the Bureau of Indian Affairs,
10 subsistence branch chief.

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12 MR. SUNDRETH: Kent Sundreth. I'm the
13 acting refuge manager at Kodiak National Wildlife
14 Refuge.

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16 MR. KRON: Tom Kron with OSM.

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18 MR. REFT: I'm John Reft, vice chair of
19 the Sun'aq Tribal Council.

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21 MR. POLASKY: Hello. I'm Bob Polasky.
22 I'm the CEO of the Sun'aq Tribe.

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24 MS. BUMSTED: Pam Bumsted, and I'm with
25 Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak.

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27 MR. PYLE: Bill Pyle, supervisor and
28 wildlife biologist, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

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30 MS. SCHWANTES: Brenda Schwantes. I am
31 an individual.

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33 MR. MALUTIN: I'm Iver Malutin. I'm a
34 little bit different, because I'm 82 years old now, and
35 I was born and raised in Kodiak. And we are people of
36 the sea, and that's why I'm here, to protect everything
37 that we can for all our people, and that includes you,
38 too. So I guess that's my really main concern. I've
39 served on all kinds of boards and councils, the
40 Commission on Aging, the Prince William Sound, and I'm
41 going to watch you guys. Do a good job.

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43 MR. EVANS: I'm Tom Evans. I'm a
44 wildlife biologist for the Office of Subsistence
45 Management, and I have Kodiak/Aleutians, North Slope,
46 and Southcentral are the regions that I've been working
47 on.

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49 MS. SKINNER: Rebecca Skinner, Kodiak
50 Chamber of Commerce.

1 MS. CHERNOFF: Coral Chernoff,
2 traditional Alutiiq artist, and subsistence user.

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4 MR. CRYE: John Crye, ADF&G,
5 subsistence area biologist.

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7 MR. SVOBODA: Nate Svoboda, I'm the
8 area wildlife biologist for Alaska Fish and Game.

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10 MR. POLUM: Tyler Polum. I'm assistant
11 area biologist for Fish and Game, Kodiak.

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13 MR. JOHNSON: Camai. I'm Carl Johnson.
14 I am the acting council coordinator for this Council,
15 but also the Council Coordination Division chief at the
16 Office of Subsistence Management.

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you. Our
19 recorder.

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21 REPORTER: Meredith Downing with
22 Computer Matrix Court Reporters. And I would ask that
23 anyone who has not signed in yet please do so, and
24 please print so I can spell your names right.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you for that
27 round of introductions.

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29 Before we get into our agenda, I'd like
30 to call for an invocation. Vincent, can I ask you to
31 do an invocation for us.

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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Sure. (In Native
34 language) Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy
35 name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as
36 it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and
37 forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
38 trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation,
39 but deliver us from evil. Lord, guide us in our
40 decisionmaking today as we discuss the various needs of
41 our people. Give us strength and understanding, and
42 work together that we may come to a good decision. In
43 Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you,
46 Vincent. Carl.

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48 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, I also wanted
49 to note that we have several people on the line in
50 addition to the Council member, but some folks from

1 different agencies, if we could also welcome them to
2 identify themselves.

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4 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, fine. I
7 didn't realize there were. Thank you for that.

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9 Can we get them to speak up and
10 introduce themselves. Any agency.

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12 MS. PETERSON: This is Chris Peterson
13 with Alaska Fish and Game in King Salmon.

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15 MR. DAMBERG: Hi. This is Doug Damberg
16 and Stacy Lowe at Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

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18 MR. RIVARD: Good afternoon, this is
19 Don Rivard, fish biologist with the Office of
20 Subsistence Management in Anchorage.

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22 MR. SHARP: Yeah. Good afternoon.
23 This is Dan Sharp with Bureau of Land Management. I
24 serve on the InterAgency Staff Committee here in
25 Anchorage.

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27 MR. BERG: Hello. This is Jerry Berg
28 with Fish and Wildlife Service out of Anchorage.

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30 MR. CRAWFORD: This is Drew Crawford,
31 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Federal Subsistence
32 Liaison Team, Anchorage.

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34 MS. KENNER: This is Pippa Kenner with
35 the Office of Subsistence Management in Anchorage. I'm
36 an anthropologist.

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38 MR. RIVARD: Carl, just so you know, it
39 was very, very difficult to hear anybody that was
40 speaking from the audience.

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42 MR. JOHNSON: That's understandable.
43 Most of them are at least 30 feet away from a
44 microphone.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thanks
47 again for the round of introductions.

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49 Once again I'd like to remind everybody
50 to fill out those comment forms if you have anything at

1 all. We'd appreciate it and love hearing from you.

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3 And next on our agenda is the adoption
4 of our agenda.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll move, Mr. Chair.

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8 MS. BERNES: Second.

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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
11 seconded. Discussion. Carl.

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13 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Chair. Matt Van
14 Daele from the Koniag has a presentation he would like
15 to do at some point in time at the Council's discretion
16 on the Karluk River AC's resolution. It's a handout on
17 the table there, but there's also a copy of it in your
18 folder. And that's in support of increased funding for
19 students to participate in a local project.

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21 And I had thought that that could be
22 suitable under either new business after the rural
23 determination review as Item E, 9.E., or it could be an
24 agency report under Native Organizations.

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26 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Did you say under
29 new business before the proposals? No?

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31 MR. JOHNSON: No, I indicated that we
32 could just put it at the end of new business, so that
33 would be item E, after the rural determination review,
34 when the Council takes up that business.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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38 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman, I would like
39 to suggest that somewhere we have a discussion of the
40 State Joint Boards Proposal 40. It's been a matter of
41 great discussion amongst the Kodiak tribes and other
42 folks here recently, and I think it could deserve some
43 discussion. I know it's too late to get whatever we
44 decide vetted according to Carl and get it to the Joint
45 Boards by their deadline of the 25th, but George
46 Pappas, the State liaison said that if we did reach a
47 consensus on that proposal that we could -- that he
48 would hand-carry it to the Joint Boards for their
49 meeting and get it entered in the record. And all the
50 folks from Sun'aq and Native Village of Afognak are

1 quite interested in that proposal, as well as a lot of
2 non-Native folks.

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4 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Where would
7 you suggest we put that, Pat?

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9 MR. HOLMES: Maybe we could put it on
10 the end somewhere maybe like after the discussion of
11 the rural determination review, because I think a lot
12 of folks will be here to go over what we talked about
13 last night, and then that would be a good time to maybe
14 take that up.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. It would be
17 Item F on new business.

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19 Any other additions to our agenda.

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21 (No comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there are no
24 other additions, are there any further discussion.

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26 (No comments)

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none, is
29 there any objections.

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31 (No comments)

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

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36 Review of our minutes from our last
37 meeting. I'm pretty sure everyone had a chance to go
38 over those minutes, so a motion would be in order to
39 accept those minutes.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I so move.

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43 MR. KOSO: Second.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
46 seconded. Any discussion or corrections.

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48 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman. I thought
49 it was a pretty good summary of our last meeting.

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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
2 discussion.
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4 (No comments)
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none, is
7 there any objection to the motion.
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9 (No comments)
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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Seeing no
12 objections, then the motion carries.
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14 Council member reports. Since you're
15 new, Melissa, I guess we can start with you. I don't
16 have a list, so I'll go around the table.
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18 MS. BERNS: Just basic check in, or
19 what.
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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Just whatever is
22 happening in Old Harbor that could be of interest to us
23 I guess.
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25 MS. BERNS: Well, I think with much of
26 Kodiak Island we're in full fall mode with putting up
27 all of our salmon. And, you know, we've got our fall
28 bear hunts are going to be taking place.
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30 And, you know, a lot of folks are
31 starting to get out and do their deer hunting. I think
32 there was discussion at the last meeting that we had
33 with the population of the deer being an issue for Old
34 Harbor, and it continues to be an issue. We do show
35 that the previous year, the hard winter that we had
36 really had an effect on our deer population, and that
37 is still true today with the population that we're
38 seeing this year.
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40 And so I think that's about all I have
41 from Old Harbor.
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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you,
44 Melissa. Pat.
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46 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman. I did a
47 little bit of tide pulling with kids this year.
48 Unfortunately my wife had surgery this summer, so I
49 couldn't go up to the Afognak camp like I usually do.
50 That's one of my highlights of my life.

1 We've got a lot more bears in town this
2 year.

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4 Folks I talked to looking for deer on
5 the road system and around the north end just are
6 having not much luck. It sounds like down the Aliulik
7 Peninsula on the south end where you're at is about the
8 only place with any deer.

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10 Let's see. I can give a report a
11 little later on about that cod retention and halibut --
12 on halibut subsistence long lines. And I'll just kind
13 of wait to do that a little later.

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15 Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes. Vince. Unalaska
18 has -- we had several meetings in Unalaska on the
19 Arctic issues relating to the ice and development of
20 the Arctic. The Alaska State Commission on the Arctic
21 and the Federal Commission on the Arctic all met in
22 Unalaska in early July. I attended as part of a group
23 representing the subsistence and the tribal entities.

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25 And we had a meeting last week on
26 tribal consultation regarding some other issues on the
27 Federal side.

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29 As far as salmon this year, the reds
30 were a month early. Over a month early showing up in
31 Unalaska. And they hit and were gone within -- by the
32 time that they usually show up, they were already up
33 the river. And so that's kind of interesting. They
34 had a good count at McLees Lake early, but by June
35 20th, they'd had their escapement requirement.

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37 The silver salmon this year are bad.
38 They just didn't show up. They haven't showed up. And
39 so I'm kind of wondering what's happening down here
40 around Kodiak and other communities, because Akutan,
41 maybe Antone can jump in on that, but they had a pretty
42 bad year also I'm understanding.

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44 In regards to the halibut for
45 subsistence, I think I caught four all summer, and
46 they're an average weight of about maybe 25 to 30
47 pounds. And I went out at least 12 to 15 times, along
48 with about 10 other boats. And every one of those got
49 nothing. And I attribute that to the line that was --
50 that we discussed and the support that this Council

1 gave for the trawling efforts within the community. We
2 need to stop that. And I'm going to be really pushing
3 and asking the other communities to really get on board
4 and support the line or some line, whatever the
5 community needs to have for their subsistence use, that
6 we need to get them out of this area, outside of the
7 cultural fishing grounds. Unalaska's a good example of
8 why it should not be happening. My son went all the
9 way to Makushin and spent three days and came back with
10 two halibut that weighed no more than 30 pounds. And
11 that's crazy. So I don't know what's going to happen
12 next year, but it's really not sounding too good.

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14 One of the concerns that I had at the
15 meetings on the Arctic and the development in the
16 Arctic for subsistence would be the traffic going in
17 and out of Unimak Pass. We get 400 ships right now a
18 year. We're looking at 3200 in 10 years. That
19 impact's going to really impact our subsistence way of
20 life, if not tragically a ship going aground and
21 causing more problems.

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23 So that's my concern, and I'll be
24 weighing in on several issues as we go down on the
25 agenda.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Vince.
30 Rick.

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32 MR. KOSO: Yeah. I'm originally from
33 King Cove like I said. I've fished Aleutians, born and
34 raised on Aleutians, and I represent Adak right now.

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36 And Adak has a little bit different
37 history behind it. We don't have a village corporation
38 or any tribal entities in Adak. We do have a city
39 council, second-class city, and we also have what is
40 the Adak Development Corporation for Adak. And we've
41 been dealing mostly trying to get a fish plant going
42 and whatnot.

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44 Most of the local people, they did do
45 fine on their subsistence fishing this year. Halibut
46 wasn't a problem. Cod wasn't a problem. But the
47 salmon were definitely a problem. They didn't get the
48 reds that we normally get that come into the certain
49 areas that we get them out there this year. As Vince
50 was talking, there was definitely a shortage of red

1 salmon out there. A lot of people didn't get their
2 supply that they normally get for their subsistence use
3 this year, but they made it up with the halibut and
4 stuff, so I never heard anybody complaining too awfully
5 bad.

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7 I did spend three weeks in Cold Bay,
8 did most of my subsistence fishing there. I talked to
9 a lot of residents, and they're pretty happy with the
10 permit caribou hunt they had this year and last year,
11 so that worked out really well. So I'm hoping that our
12 caribou keep increasing and we'll be able to have a
13 regular hunt eventually.

14

15 Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, this is Pete
20 Squartsoff. I'm still concerned about the deer
21 populations down around Old Harbor and Akhiok. I think
22 the Refuge management should look into that and talk to
23 the people and maybe come up with an emergency proposal
24 or something to lower the limit. I understand the
25 State advisory board wanted to leave it the same, but I
26 don't see how we can leave it the same when the numbers
27 are as low as they are. It's definitely going to be a
28 problem for the local people down there.

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30 And also the halibut on the north end,
31 or Kejulik Bay anyway are way down. So I think it's
32 happening all over. I've never ever had to set my
33 little skate three times to get three halibut, so it's
34 changing.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pete.

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38 Antone, do you have a Council member
39 report.

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41 MR. SHELIKOFF: Just red salmon during
42 June and July. They seem to be intercepted by sea
43 lions when I'm fishing for them. So the red salmon
44 were not there. I mean, it seemed like they were less,
45 because of the interception of sea lions. And mostly,
46 I don't know if they target the halibut, but I notice
47 they were smaller, because I don't target them, because
48 of commercial fishing I conduct -- or I get my halibut
49 from the commercial fishermen. That's why I don't have
50 any cod and fish them any more, because I don't want to

1 interfere with them. And the western stock of sea
2 lions seems to be coming back fine, and interfering
3 with the (indiscernible).

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5 But the silvers, I didn't notice any
6 difference. I mean, when -- they're probably there,
7 but we've had a bad wind storm come up, and that's -- I
8 can't cross when it's windy so they're probably there,
9 but we'd have to put some more effort into getting
10 them. But I haven't noticed any difference in the
11 population of silvers like Vince and them I think were
12 being impaired with.

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14 As far as birds, I don't target any
15 birds this time of year. I actually don't target them
16 at all.

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18 That's all I had for now.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
21 Antone.

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23 I'm Mitch Simeonoff. I'm from the
24 Native Village of Akhiok.

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26 In our March 26th and 27th meeting here
27 in Kodiak produced a couple letters. One of those
28 letters was to Joseph Masters, the Commissioner for the
29 Department of Public Safety, concerning the illegal
30 harvest of king crab. And we've asked that they become
31 more visible in their enforcement. And I believe they
32 have, because in Alitak Bay I've noticed that they were
33 out there checking everybody's crab pots, making sure
34 they had -- they were marked correctly. And there were
35 a couple times that I seen them at the Ocean Beauty
36 Cannery, and they had crab pots on board and they said
37 they weren't marked, and they were -- they looked like
38 homemade pots to me, but they weren't regular crab
39 pots. They were made of aluminum, but they were not
40 marked, so when they find pots that aren't marked, they
41 just take them and destroy them or whatever they do
42 with them and deal with that.

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44 Another letter we produced, addressed
45 to Karl Johnson, not this Karl Johnson, Karl Johnson at
46 the Alaska Board of Fisheries. And that concerned the
47 near-shore trawling. That the concern was that
48 trawling was catching a lot of fish as bycatch out in
49 the Unalaska area, out in the ocean. I know we have
50 the same problems on Kodiak Island with draggers and

1 trawlers. They take a lot of bycatch, and that
2 includes halibut. And, you know, it's sad to say.

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4 I follow what Vincent was saying, he
5 went out quite a few times and didn't catch any halibut
6 at all. I went out quite a few times this summer and
7 we were lucky to get a 40-pound halibut, but that's
8 only one halibut all summer long. Before, you know, a
9 few years ago we'd go out there, we'd be catching big,
10 100-pound halibuts. If there are a bunch of them, we'd
11 catch, you know, 20 pounds, 30 pounds. Even those are
12 getting scarce.

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14 And the deer population, the same. It
15 appears to be healthy, but they're way back, way up
16 high. I've talked to hunters that are out there, and
17 they're finding deer, but they're traveling further out
18 in the field to get them. And we used to go to a known
19 place where there was deer. We'd go there and just,
20 you know, wait around for a day, and the herd would
21 walk by, but it doesn't happen any more. You've got to
22 either go out deep in the mountains or high up on the
23 mountains to get them. You know, I don't know what it
24 will take to get the population just to spring back up,
25 but I know they're down. And if it's a severe winter
26 kill, that could be it.

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28 But what it takes to bring them back
29 may be lowering the bag limit. You know, just about
30 every animal we have out there is a subsistence staple
31 to people in the villages, and lowering the bag limit
32 for them is, you know, like taking away Safeway for
33 Kodiak. I don't know if that's a good example, but out
34 in the village, you know, you don't have the big stores
35 that you can drive to. You've got to buy gas, make
36 sure your boat is ship-shape, and make sure you're
37 healthy enough to go out there and harvest what's out
38 there.

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40 But what we discuss and what we hope to
41 accomplish is sustainable resources for the people that
42 live out in the village, and in Kodiak. And I do
43 understand there's some heavy discussions coming up
44 tonight on the processes of rural determination.

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46 Yeah, that will be it for now for me.

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48 Pat.

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50 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman. I forgot a

1 couple thing.

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3 Folks in town I've heard are having
4 similar problems on halibut. They're small and not
5 very good numbers.

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7 One of the things I think of
8 significance in the subsistence community is the tribes
9 and non-Native folks have been working pretty hard this
10 fall on discussions, preparing discussions on the
11 criteria for the Federal determination and Proposition
12 40. And several of them are here.

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14 And Margaret Roberts with the Woody
15 Island Tribal Council, she apologized, but she's kind
16 of feeling a bit out of sorts, but she would have come
17 to our meeting today and the hearing tonight as well.

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19 But one thing of I think importance
20 where we've weighed in so many times, and if Della was
21 on line, she'd be chiming in, too, is the predator
22 situation on Alaska Peninsula. And I recently had
23 breakfast with Steve Hakala, he's been a pilot out
24 there, what would you say, Rick, 40 years or so? But
25 his observations this summer is that he's never seen so
26 many wolves and that the caribou population on South
27 Peninsula is just really hard to even find them. And
28 he said that it looked like they wolves are moving more
29 north and are starting to take out the moose. And so I
30 think that's a really important point.

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32 And I was a bit indignant on the
33 response that we got on predators and the suggestion
34 that it's habitat. And Rick I think would second this,
35 and anybody that's been to Cold Bay. Thirty years ago
36 you'd go down, and sometimes they'd have to chase
37 caribou off the runway with a truck so the plane could
38 land. And the blueberries were maybe six inches high.
39 And I know the last time we were down to Cold Bay, and
40 Mr. Kron was my blueberry guide, and a lot of the berry
41 bushes are up to your chest. And to say that there's
42 not forage on the South Peninsula for caribou is just
43 fallacious, because all you've got to do is talk to
44 anybody that's lived there, Port Lions, False Pass,
45 anywhere, and it certainly isn't habitat. And as a
46 biologist I'm insulted by the comments they sent back
47 to us saying, gee, it must be something else other than
48 wolves.

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50 And I'm not a proponent of killing all

1 the wolves. I think the little experiment they did by
2 taking 23 adults out, that brought up the herd enough
3 for us to have that hunt for folks at King Cove and
4 Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point. And it's just a little
5 bit of, you know, removals. It would be nice if we
6 could somehow ship all of those wolves up to Anchorage
7 and then have them, and then see what happens up there.

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9 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.

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13 Now, in your books you have a copy of
14 the reply I got from Tim Towarak, the Chairman of the
15 Federal Subsistence Board, for our annual report. At
16 the end of this meeting we'll work on this year's
17 annual report to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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19 If you've had a chance to look it over,
20 if there's any questions that we can bring forward or
21 if there are none, then we'll move on. It's at Page 15
22 in the book. If there are no questions to that, we'll
23 move on on the agenda.

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25 (No comments)

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: At this time we'll
28 invite public comment on non-agenda items. Do we have
29 any, Carl.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Chair. I've
32 received four slips. Two of them deal specifically
33 with the rural criteria, so we can hold those until we
34 get to that point on the agenda. But the other two did
35 not identify any particular issue that they wanted to
36 testify about, so I would guess they might fit into
37 this category.

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39 The first one would be, and I'm going
40 to apologize, John, it starts with an R. I can't out
41 if it's R-E-S.....

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43 MR. REFT: John Reft.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Or John Barnett.

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47 MR. REFT: R-E-F-T.

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Come up to the
50 mic.

1 MR. JOHNSON: R-E-F-T. Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Come up to the
4 table and the mic.

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6 MR. REFT: Okay. I'm the vice chair of
7 the Sun'aq Tribal Council, and basically as a council
8 member I'm representing the membership. And we have
9 lots of people here locally that need to have the
10 subsistence in order to live in this costly town. The
11 food is so expensive. You all know from the villages
12 how much it costs. Well, in town you realize how much
13 it costs, too, with the cost of living here. The
14 rental and the flying in and out, and hospitals, what
15 have you. But that's basically what I'm talking right
16 now as the vice chair of the membership.

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18 The personal point of view is that our
19 subsistence that we have in this little area out here
20 called the Buskin River is essential for the people of
21 this town that are residents, that are entitled to this
22 fishery in order to sustain life for the winter, just
23 like you people in the villages. There's no
24 difference. And if we lose that, it would be
25 detrimental to a lot of people, not only the families
26 that go out and hunt it, but the families that support
27 members, families, and elders. They need this food in
28 order to sustain life. And if they don't have it,
29 their health is not good, because they're used to this
30 food from being kids and growing up. And when you move
31 here, and you have this food at hand, you get used to
32 it and you need it to sustain life.

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34 So there's a lot of pressure on us here
35 to lose this rural determination.

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37 And in closing, to make it short, that
38 if we should lose the Buskin River area for
39 subsistence, that would force us to go out, launching
40 out of Anton Larsen Bay. Port Lions is directly across
41 from us. Ouzinkie is very close, around the corner.
42 And so far all these years as local Kodiak Natives, we
43 have stayed away from there as much as we could. We
44 haven't infiltrated into their given right area for
45 subsistence. But if we should lose our rural status
46 here, we'd be forced to infiltrate these other areas.
47 We don't want to do that. And all I can say is that we
48 need to sustain this rural determination in order for
49 us to exist with the cost of living in Kodiak, which is
50 so high.

1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, John.

4 One more?

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6 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Also
7 Iver Malutin has indicated he has some non-agenda items
8 to address.

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10 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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12 MR. MALUTIN: Thank you for giving me
13 the opportunity to speak.

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15 And I've just got to back up John for
16 what he said, because everything he said was the way it
17 should be.

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19 And I wrote down a lot of notes, and
20 since this is opened, one of the things I would like to
21 see, and I really am thankful that Vince and Richard
22 are here, because they're representing a large area.
23 And there's so many villages that are out west that are
24 not being represented here, and I hope that we could
25 somehow have some new members designated somehow at
26 each really so that they could contact each village and
27 see if they have any concerns. They probably do that,
28 but I wish they would do that, because there's a lot of
29 villages not here. And Richard could probably get to
30 Atka really easy and see what their concerns are. He's
31 probably already got them. But anyway that was my
32 concern is that we cover all these areas, because
33 everybody has the same needs.

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35 And I wanted -- we have a new member in
36 Melissa Berns, and I just want to congratulate her for
37 the super job that Old Harbor did with the Kulik in
38 preserving their subsistence foods at Old Harbor. Old
39 Harbor took the bull by the horns and they single
40 handedly took care of the whole problem which they
41 didn't need Kodiak. So I just commend you guys and all
42 that you do. Thank you.

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44 There was a depression during the 30s,
45 and when they had a depression here, nobody even knew
46 that there was a depression, because we didn't have any
47 money, we didn't need any money, but we had food. We
48 have food for the table. And that's why we are people
49 of the sea that have know we needed food for the table.

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1 And the last reports that we got from
2 the ADF&G on the study that they had made was that 97
3 percent of the fish, of all the resources are still
4 going commercial, one-half is going the Natives. And
5 I'm not sure if that still stands today, but regardless
6 if it does or doesn't, it's way up there.

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8 I see the a cannery coming in. Logan
9 and I went down there the other day. There was 24 vans
10 in front of that one processor. And I see all the new
11 crab boats that are coming -- excuse me, draggers that
12 are coming in here, and I don't like the looks of them
13 draggers. They're super pretty boats, but I just don't
14 like the looks of them, because some of the things that
15 you're relating to and talking about here are caused by
16 the draggers.

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18 Okay. Let me see. And my goal here is
19 to educate every single one of you the best that I
20 could, and I hope I can do a good job. And also we've
21 got to get to Mike Towarak, because -- and the Federal
22 Subsistence Advisory Board. We've got to educate them
23 as well. And little do we know the importance of
24 subsistence to Kodiak. And really it isn't
25 subsistence, it's our lifestyle. Our way of life.
26 Subsistence came into Kodiak in 1959 with Statehood.
27 That's where that goofy word came in. And it's just my
28 goal to train or to teach every one of you board
29 members here to vote for the lifestyle of the Native no
30 matter where they are, who they are, or what they're
31 doing.

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33 Thank you very much.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Iver.

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37 Is there any more, Carl.

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39 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair. The only
40 other slips I have at this time have indicated they
41 wanted to speak on the rural determination issue.

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43 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.

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48 Now, old business. There's a customary
49 and traditional paper in the book on Page 31. Has the
50 Board had a chance to review that.

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair.
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Peter.
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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Mr. Chair. I'd
6 just like to make a little comment on what John and
7 Iver both said, you know, about the Native people in
8 Kodiak and Port Lions and Ouzinkie. Well, there's a
9 separation. There's Federal lands and State. And
10 Ouzinkie, Port Lions, Kodiak are all on State lands,
11 with the exception of a small section out the Buskin.
12 Old Harbor, Akhiok, Karluk, Larsen Bay are on Federal
13 lands. And there's a big difference in that, between
14 the State and the Federal, so we're all State up on
15 this end of the island, so we go under State regs. And
16 what this Board is for is on Federal lands, and we have
17 a small section of Federal lands out here at the
18 Buskin. So there is a difference between the State and
19 the Federal.
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21 MR. MALUTIN: And Afognak Island is
22 Federal.
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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Within one-quarter
25 mile of Afognak waters is Federal.
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27 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Peter, I'm
28 thinking on Federal, too, Buskin. It's Federal out
29 there.
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31 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair. If I might
32 make a slight clarification. The reason that we are
33 here is because we do cover a broad area. And, yes,
34 folks in Kodiak and Ouzinkie and Port Lions are on
35 State lands, but we've already been determined through
36 the rural process of the Federal Board to be able to be
37 participating on Federal lands and Federal waters. And
38 so, you know, we are blessed by having two different
39 definitions and, you know, we do live in different
40 places, but one set of regs and one set of
41 determinations greatly effects what happens otherwise,
42 even if you live off of the Refuge.
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44 Thank you, sir.
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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thanks for
47 that, Pat. Take a couple of minutes to review this.
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49 Glenn, do you have something.
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1 MR. CHEN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair
2 and Council members. Glenn Chen from the Bureau of
3 Indian Affairs. And the Office of Subsistence
4 Management has asked me to lead the discussion about
5 C&Ts. So when you're ready for that particular agenda
6 topic, I'll come back up here to the microphone.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.

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11 This customary and traditional use
12 determination briefing requires action, so take a
13 couple minutes to review that, and then we'll take
14 action on it.

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16 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Rick.

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20 MR. KOSO: Yeah. I guess maybe I'm
21 just a little loss on this. I know you want to take
22 action on this traditional determining, but if you look
23 on our schedule here, this rural determination review,
24 we're supposed to have a public hearing tonight at
25 seven, and then we were going to go in tomorrow and
26 have more action on this thing tomorrow if I'm not
27 mistaken. So am I missing something, or is that kind
28 of the same deal?

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm following the
31 agenda in the book.

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33 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.

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35 MR. KOSO: Well, I'm looking at the
36 book and I've got an agenda here that I received. But
37 if you take a look at -- see, the thing is, we've got
38 two agendas here. Yeah. Yeah.

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40 And I guess just for clarification in
41 my mind, I just need to know what we were talking about
42 on this.

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44 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. The rural
47 determination review will be at the discussion at the
48 meeting tonight over across the street.

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50 MR. KOSO: No, right here. It's here.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No, it's at --
2 right here? Oh. Okay. Right here. This one here.
3 Yeah. Customary and traditional use determination.
4 That's like if Kodiak got a request from a tribe in the
5 mainland to come over and use their lands, and
6 establish customary and traditional use where they
7 would -- where they'd come in annually and use that
8 land to harvest. Just the process they list here -- I
9 had this experience with Ninilchik. They wanted to use
10 Koniag lands on Barren Islands and Afognak, and my
11 advice was to contact the tribes in Kodiak to establish
12 with them your customary and traditional use of
13 wildlife on those lands.

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15 And if you review this, then we can
16 take action on it or make changes, whatever this
17 Council wants to do.

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19 But it's a matter of tribes
20 communicating with tribes to establish their customary
21 and traditional use.

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23 Speaking for Akhiok, and Akhiok's
24 population comes from -- we come from Karluk, we come
25 from Red River, we come from Akhiok, and there was an
26 old village across the Aliulik Peninsula, and some of
27 our people that moved to Old Harbor. And that doesn't
28 mean that the people of Akhiok can go to those places
29 and harvest fish and wildlife without getting
30 permission from the tribe. And to establish customary
31 and traditional use the tribes need to communicate.
32 The tribe that is using needs to communicate with the
33 tribe that has a history of using that land. Like the
34 lands on Afognak, tribes in Kodiak, Ouzinkie, and Port
35 Lions have been using those lands forever. And a tribe
36 from the mainland want to establish customary and
37 traditional use, they must first establish
38 communications with tribes on Kodiak.

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40 Getting permission from the State or
41 Federal government is not establishing customary and
42 traditional use. And that's my idea. That's what I
43 think, that if another tribe wants to use another
44 tribe's land, you don't go ask somebody else. You
45 know, it's just that simple. You've got to ask the
46 tribe that you want to go into their land and harvest
47 wildlife and fish.

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49 But that's what this is about. Maybe.
50 No? Carl.

1 MR. JOHNSON: What this briefing
2 addresses is the factors that the Federal Subsistence
3 Board currently uses when they get a request from a
4 community to recognize that community's customary and
5 traditional use of a resources. It's used for
6 different reasons. A recent example would be with
7 like, say, for example, there was an authorized
8 harvest, but a limited harvest of caribou, and you need
9 to identify what communities in that area are going to
10 get the opportunity to harvest that caribou, so you
11 establish who has -- who already has an existing
12 customary and traditional use of that resource, and
13 then you identify in regulation, okay, here are the
14 communities in this, and they do it by the game
15 management units, in this game management unit that
16 have a customary and traditional use for this
17 particular caribou. So when there's a shortage, those
18 communities will have the priority to harvest that.

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20 It's not quite the same as, I don't
21 believe, what you're talking about, which is
22 recognizing -- you know, one tribe recognizing, you
23 know, the traditional lands of another tribe. That
24 would be more of a tribal-to-tribal to tribal
25 relationship, whereas this is the Federal Subsistence
26 Board establishing by regulation what communities
27 already have an existing pattern of customary and
28 traditional use, and then recognize that formally in
29 regulation in case that there is a need to identify
30 certain communities that get the opportunity to
31 harvest.

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you for
34 that, Carl.

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36 Pat.

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38 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair. I think it
39 would have been handy to have Bert Adams, Bertram
40 Adams, the Chair of the Southeast RAC to be able to
41 communicate directly with us. I've had a chat with
42 him, because he helped out quite a bit during the rural
43 determinations, because of the parallel problems of
44 Sitka and Kodiak.

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46 And the feeling I get, and if you look
47 through this letter at Page 31, 32, 33, there's a
48 couple of places that I think hits on what their
49 feelings are. And, oh, the third paragraph from the
50 bottom says, note the Board does not use customary. At

1 the end, the last sentence, the Southeast Council is
2 concerned that the effect of C&Ts is to exclude those
3 Federally-qualified residents who do not generally
4 exhibit those factors in subsistence harvest in
5 particular areas. And I think their Council has had
6 some experience where they feel that the Federal C&T
7 process is being restrictive and excluding people that
8 have traditionally used a specific resource.

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10 And when we -- you know, when this was
11 polled before, I think nine of the Councils kind of
12 felt, including ours, that it worked pretty good for
13 us. And I know the C&Ts that exist for Kodiak, all
14 those things will have to be gone through if there's
15 any change in subsistence status. It isn't just making
16 a clique there; you've got to go through all those.
17 And so for us that's been a pretty good thing.

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19 But for their area, if we go to the
20 next page, right in the middle in that indented
21 paragraph, in the middle of it they basically say that
22 they think it's an inappropriate method for them in
23 which citizens can harvest fish and wildlife in the
24 area and may result in unnecessarily restricting
25 subsistence users. And that's I feel from reading this
26 letter and chatting to Bert, I think that's the thing
27 that they're worried about in Southeast.

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29 And I was wondering, Mr. Chair, to Carl
30 or the OSM people, is it possible to have different
31 applications in the State where, you know, the rest of
32 the Councils that feel it works for them say, we like
33 it, and Southeast, if they don't like it, could go
34 their own way? You know, I'd certainly like to support
35 them, but I wouldn't want to go through all those
36 arguments again here.

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38 That's my feeling, Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thanks, Pat.

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42 Mr. Chen, you have something? I see
43 you standing back there.

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45 MR. CHEN: I'm just standing by. Mr.
46 Chairman. I was just standing by to offer any
47 assistance to the Council on this particular topic.
48 And I appreciate Mr. Johnson's clarification about what
49 action the Federal Board is seeking from this Council.
50 They wanted you to review the Southeast Regional

1 Advisory Council's proposal to do perhaps a different
2 way of looking at C&Ts that's captured in Pages 31, 32,
3 and 33. As Mr. Holmes mentioned, they prefer perhaps a
4 different way of doing C&Ts. They would like a
5 community's area of subsistence, geographic area of
6 subsistence to be recognized, and then using that
7 geographic area of subsistence use, everything in that
8 area would be allowed to be harvested by the community,
9 so not saying that they can only harvest moose, or they
10 can't harvest caribou, but every species that they use
11 for subsistence in that area should be recognized. So
12 that would be a different system than the one we
13 currently employ under our customary and traditional
14 use findings.

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16 But the Board is seeking action from
17 you guys on this one. And the reason why it's listed
18 as old business in your agenda is because it has come
19 before you before as Mr. Holmes mentioned, and all the
20 other Councils felt pretty comfortable with the system
21 that's in place, the one exception being the Southeast
22 RAC. And the Chairman in that Council specifically
23 sent a letter to all the Councils asking for each of
24 the Councils to take another look at C&Ts, and to
25 consider their viewpoints as well.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Mr.
30 Chen.

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32 I feel that we have good opportunity
33 here to encourage tribes to make and develop management
34 plans. If tribes do not have their own management
35 plans, we're going to have somebody else making
36 management plans for you. If we deal with subsistence,
37 if we deal with our way of life, most of us every day,
38 because we live it. And we report to our tribal
39 governments about what we see out there. And most
40 tribal governments are not governments of today. Our
41 governments are coming in and they're using the
42 practices of Federal or State of putting things on
43 paper. Before it was people, elders telling their
44 younger people of where to hunt, where there was most
45 -- where the game and fish was most plentiful. Those
46 unwritten regulations, we have an opportunity to do
47 this, to send a message to our tribes and say, you
48 know, produce your local management plans.

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50 Now, I can say there is a start.

1 There's a couple of communities on Kodiak Island that
2 have management plans for the harbor seal. And it's
3 the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission that started a
4 pilot project and went to several villages, and Akhiok
5 being one of them, and they produced an ordinance with
6 the tribe and a local management plan for harbor seals.
7 And that can be expanded to include all fish and
8 wildlife. The tribal government is a Federal
9 government. They can make regulations and they can ask
10 -- in their ordinances they can ask the troopers and
11 they can ask their public safety officer, they can ask
12 those people for enforcement. Once again if tribes
13 don't do it, it's a good example right here, somebody's
14 going to do it for you.

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16 Has the Council had enough to review
17 this. Peter.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair. I would
20 like to read a couple paragraphs here. I mean, I'm
21 looking at it a little different I guess. It says,
22 note, the Board does not use customary and traditional
23 use determinations to restrict amounts of harvest. The
24 Board makes customary and traditional use
25 determinations, relative to particular fish stocks and
26 wildlife populations, in order to recognize a community
27 or area whose residents generally exhibit eight factors
28 of customary and traditional use.

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30 And in 2009 all 10 Regional Advisory
31 Councils were asked for their perspectives on customary
32 and traditional use determinations during the 2011
33 winter cycle meeting. Nine Councils did not suggest
34 change to the process, Appendix B. The Southeast
35 Council, however, suggested one modification, which was
36 included in its annual report. The modified regulation
37 reads as follows:

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39 The Board shall determine which fish
40 and wildlife, they cut out stocks, and wildlife, cut
41 out populations, have been customary and traditional
42 used for subsistence. These determinations shall
43 identify the species community or area's use or, they
44 cut out specific fish stocks and wildlife populations,
45 all species of fish and wildlife that have been
46 traditionally used in their past and present geographic
47 area for the areas managed by the National Park
48 Service.

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50 Okay. In other words, once a customary

1 and traditional use determination is made for an area,
2 residents in that area would have customary and
3 traditional use for all species. There would be no
4 need for customary and traditional for specific fish
5 stocks and wildlife populations or on a specific -- or
6 species-by-species basis.

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8 And then further down, if there is a
9 shortage of resources, Section .804 of ANILCA provides
10 directions in the correct method of allocating
11 resources.

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13 So that's why I don't support this,
14 because it talks about everything, where here we're
15 talking about the fish out at the Buskin, which is
16 great. No problem. Have we ever had a shortage? I
17 don't know of ever having one here in Kodiak or around
18 Kodiak. But this here lumps in all species. The deer,
19 the elk, whatever, are all lumped into one. They'll
20 automatically have the rights to use that resource the
21 same as the people down in Akhiok, Karluk, Larsen Bay
22 and Old Harbor. That's the way I understand it.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Glenn.

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26 MR. CHEN; Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28 And, Mr. Squartsoff, I'm really glad
29 you read these things in the record, because they
30 specifically lay out some of the things that the
31 Southeast RAC wants this Council to consider.

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33 Now, that last section that you were
34 talking about has to do with .804 ANILCA. Now .804
35 comes into play currently when the resource is not in
36 sufficient abundance to let everyone harvest. So, for
37 example, you might be talking about a particular
38 caribou herd. And one in particular I'm thinking about
39 has to do with, in the Interior, the Chisana Caribou
40 Herd. So there's so few caribou out there, but lots of
41 people want to harvest those caribou. So they had to
42 make an .804 determination and decide which communities
43 has the highest priority for harvesting that caribou.

44
45 But .804 again only comes into play
46 when the resource is in shortage. Things such as
47 salmon, red salmon, sockeye salmon, that are pretty
48 abundant, and at this point in time there's usually not
49 a need to restrict who can harvest those fish.

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1 So I just want to make that
2 clarification that .804 only comes into play when a
3 particular resource is in shortage.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Carl.

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7 MR. JOHNSON: But I wanted to add to
8 what Mr. Squartsoff was saying, and that is currently
9 in the absence of some type of restriction by
10 community, whether it's a C&T analysis or Section .804
11 analysis, all those other villages you talked about can
12 go theoretically anywhere in the State on any Federal
13 lands and harvest whatever, because they're rural
14 users. So if there does come some day, let's hope it
15 doesn't, but say there does come a time when there is a
16 shortage on the Buskin, then you're looking at which
17 system would you prefer to use to determine which
18 communities get to have a priority over that resource.
19 Which system works better. And do we want to wait
20 until there's a shortage, or as the Southeast Council
21 suggests, you know, sometimes it's being used when
22 there's not a shortage, to still give priority to some
23 communities over others, even though they're all rural
24 Federal subsistence users.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Rick.

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28 MR. KOSO: Yeah. Carl, I'd just like
29 to question that a little bit, in the aspect of ADF&G,
30 when you get a salmon stream that is depleted or
31 depleting, and conservation is of question, it seems to
32 me that they already have a procedure in place where
33 the commercial fishermen are down first and then the
34 subsistence fish are down second. I've never seen them
35 take an individual group and break them into individual
36 groups. I've always seen them break it into
37 conservation issues. They shut it down until they get
38 the right conservation, whether it's to commercial or
39 to subsistence use. But it's already set up in a
40 prioritized way to take care of that supposedly. I've
41 never seen them break it down and say, okay, this group
42 could fish them, because we don't have enough there.
43 But if you take like the Buskin, for instance, it would
44 be real tough in my mind to break it into where, okay,
45 we've got this Native group here on the island, well,
46 they can go fish it, but this Native group can't. I
47 just don't see that happening. I see it happening more
48 in a conservation type of thing where the ADF&G
49 actually does the conservation part of it, and they
50 already have their prioritized way of doing it. And to

1 me it seems like we're doing something that we don't
2 have any control over anyway right now is what I see
3 here. So maybe I'm wrong on this deal, but it doesn't
4 seem to me -- but I think we're doing something that
5 we're not going to have any control over anyway,
6 because the State controls that. At least at the
7 fishery part.

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9 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Carl.

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13 MR. JOHNSON: I can't speak to what
14 Fish and Game was. I was just speaking hypothetically
15 about a location if there were a resource shortage.

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17 Currently, the Federal side, they
18 follow a similar process. You know, they will enact a
19 closure to non-Federal-qualified user, because, you
20 know, then it's you can't hunt or fish in those areas
21 under State regulations, just the Federal if you're a
22 Federal user. But then once you got to a point -- once
23 you get to a point where even after there's been a
24 closure in place, now there's still a diminished
25 resource, we still want to allow some subsistence
26 opportunity, so then what methods are in places to
27 determine who gets to take advantage of that. Will it
28 be all Federal users statewide, or just the people in
29 the region that are traditionally using that resource.
30 So that's where Section.....

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32 MR. KOSO: Well, you know, that did
33 happen up in Yukon-Kuskokwim there these last few
34 years. The same deal, is that they closed the
35 fisheries down to subsistence fishing, the king salmon
36 particularly. I mean, they didn't close it down to an
37 individual Native group. They still went through their
38 checkpoints.

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40 But, you know, when it comes right down
41 to it, they're not going to let anybody fish it if the
42 resource is that dangerous from getting depleted. So
43 conservation would always take a priority over even the
44 subsistence users, which has been proven this last
45 couple years up in the Yukon.

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Peter.

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49 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair. I just see
50 that as bottom line we've got to protect the resource

1 for future generations.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Pat.

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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair. You know,
6 I think we're getting around to the point, and I
7 certainly agree with Pete and everybody else on this.
8 And, you know, I think overall it's good to know that
9 there's an .804 process. And in some places that might
10 apply, but I think overall the Fish and Wildlife
11 Service and ADF&G and the other agencies are moving
12 together to basically protect the resources. So if
13 there's a shortage, then, hey, you go through this
14 thing and you eliminate the commercial and the sport,
15 and, you know, then when you've got to shut it down,
16 you shut the whole thing down.

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18 I would wish -- in the past that, you
19 know, on a whole different issue, on marine mammals,
20 you know, that's what happened with the belugas up in
21 Cook Inlet, because I've talked to some Native friends
22 of mine from the west side of Cook Inlet, and, you
23 know, the Marine Mammals Act allows anybody to harvest
24 beluga anywhere. And so the -- you know, the Native
25 folks in Cook Inlet weren't the ones that wiped them
26 out. It was folks coming down from Kotzebue that were
27 wintering in Anchorage, going out with big power boats
28 and automatic weapons and blowing them away. And I can
29 recall one time when we got stuck in Anchorage between
30 Cold Bay and here, and going to a friend's house, and
31 here was a pickup saying, fresh beluga, you know. And
32 they were selling it out of the back of a truck. And
33 they were not by any means any Indian person that I'd
34 ever met from Cook Inlet, you know.

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36 And, you know, so there is a need for
37 that I think certainly in other critters and
38 management, but I'm quite comfortable with what we're
39 doing here. And, you know, if the Southeast Council
40 wants to go for a different route, then, you know, they
41 jolly well should be able to do that.

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43 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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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: Is there a motion
50 needed to move this thing?

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We should probably
2 get into a motion so that we can further our
3 discussion.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, I'll throw it out
6 for discussion. I move we keep the present C&T process
7 in place, recognizing the issues of the Southeast, that
8 we do not necessarily support them.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
13 seconded. That's it. That's a specific motion then,
14 to keep -- do not adopt this, do not make any changes.
15 Keep what we have.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: While recognizing what
18 we have in this.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Vincent.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, my point is, you
23 know, I think they have a point, but it's not what
24 people want in most of Alaska. If you read the other
25 RACs', and all 9 out of 10 have said, you know, they
26 like the present system. There is some flaws in it,
27 but .804 is there to protect the user. There's a
28 process in place to maybe even go back and recognizing
29 there's a problem. If there's a species decline in one
30 area, then we can identify it and take care of it;
31 whereas in this process with Southeast, we'll recognize
32 it and then the species will be gone. Then what do you
33 do? You have everybody in the whole state going to one
34 area to get one species then you're going to have a
35 problem. You're going to have community fighting
36 communities. And that's never happened in Alaska. And
37 I think we've got to recognize traditional rights and
38 uses and villages' uses, but we've got to respect also
39 the need for the food.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you,
42 Vincent.

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44 Antone, do you have any questions or
45 comments on the C&T paper.

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47 MR. SHELIKOFF: No, I don't. It's kind
48 of hard for me to hear here, but I have no questions.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.

1 MR. HOLMES: Call for the question, Mr.
2 Chair.
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The question is
5 called. All those in favor say aye.
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7 IN UNISON: Aye.
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.
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11 (No opposing votes)
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13 MR. HOLMES: I'm in favor, but it would
14 be good to read the motion again if possible.
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.
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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: My motion was to
19 support the present C&T process, and the .804 process
20 is there to protect our user groups, recognizing the
21 efforts of Southeast, but not supporting it.
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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. The
24 question was called, so that ends the discussion. All
25 those in favor of the motion say aye.
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27 IN UNISON: Aye.
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed.
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31 (No opposing votes)
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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries.
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35 Pat, you have something.
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37 MR. HOLMES: I guess I would like to --
38 at least my thoughts for the record is that Southeast
39 would be able to do what they want for their own area.
40 Wasn't that kind of our consensus?
41
42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.
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44 MR. HOLMES: Okay. I just -- we need
45 to have that I think just to make it smoother.
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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Moving
48 right along, does anybody need a break.
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50 SEVERAL: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Well, 10
2 minutes.

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4 (Off record)

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6 (On record)

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Let's get
9 back to the table. Let's call the meeting back to
10 order. It's been a long 10 minutes. Okay. We're back
11 to order.

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13 The next item on our agenda is wildlife
14 proposals. The first one is a statewide proposal,
15 Wildlife Proposal 14-01, require trap markings,
16 establish a time limit for trap/snare checks, and
17 require harvest reports.

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19 MR. EVANS: Good afternoon, Mr.
20 Chairman and members of the Council. I'll do a
21 presentation on the next two proposals. the first one
22 will be the 14-01, which is a statewide proposal, and
23 then the next proposal will be 14-08, which is the --
24 14-20, I'm sorry, which is for Unit 8 for brown bear.
25 So if we're ready, I'll go ahead.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yep. First up is
28 agency comments. And the proposal will be found on
29 Page 44 of your book.

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31 MR. EVANS: Okay. Proposal 14 -- well,
32 first of all I should introduce myself. My name is Tom
33 Evans. I work for the Office of Subsistence Management
34 as a wildlife biologist. I've been there about a year
35 and a half. And I'm one of three biologist, and then
36 we have our Wildlife Division supervisor, Chuck
37 Ardizzone.

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39 Proposal 14-01 was submitted by Kevin
40 Bopp of Nome, requests the establishment of a new
41 statewide provisions for the Federal trapping
42 regulations that require trapping identification tags
43 on all traps and snares, establish a maximum allowable
44 time limit for checking traps and establish a harvest
45 trapping report form to collect data on non-target
46 species captured in traps and snares.

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48 The proposed requirements could lead to
49 more humane trapping methods under Federal regulations;
50 however, these regulatory provisions would not likely

1 be manageable on a statewide basis due to vast
2 differences in land ownership, populations
3 concentrations and habitat. Regulations of this nature
4 would be better suited for in response to issues on an
5 area-specific basis. One example would be the Kenai
6 National Wildlife Refuge special use permit
7 requirements.

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9 Alignment issues would require
10 substantial increase in law enforcement and public
11 education efforts.

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13 Also requiring trappers to check traps
14 during inclement weather could lead to health and
15 safety issues.

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17 In many instances, Federally-qualified
18 subsistence users could simply trap under the State
19 regulations to avoid the additional proposed Federal
20 regulations.

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22 While the information gathered from a
23 harvest report form in non-target species caught in
24 traps and snares could provide useful information, it
25 would be a unnecessary requirement for Federally-
26 qualified subsistence users. The report would require
27 additional time commitments from Federally-qualified
28 subsistence users and Federal staff which are currently
29 unwarranted. Similar reports would be more useful in
30 areas with specific issues with specific capture of
31 non-target species such as areas with threatened or
32 endangered species or significant user conflict users.

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34 OSM's preliminary conclusion is to
35 oppose this proposal. Thank you.

36

37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Thank you.
38 Federal agencies. Do we have Federal agencies on line
39 that want to comment on Proposal 14-01.

40

41 (No comments)

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43 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Carl.

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47 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. Whoever's on the
48 line, if you could please remember to mute your phone
49 when you are not speaking to the Council. Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The Federal
2 agencies, are they on line.
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4 MR. JOHNSON: They're there, Mr. Chair,
5 but I'll presume that hearing no response, nobody has
6 any comment on this particular proposal.
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Any tribal
9 comments.
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11 (No comments)
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13 MR. JOHNSON: I would invite Alaska
14 Department of Fish and Game. I know that they're on
15 the line. I think they would probably have a comment.
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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. They were
18 first on the list. Sorry, I just skipped right over
19 them. Sorry about that.
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21 Department of Fish and Game.
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23 MS. PETERSON: Hello. This is Chris
24 Peterson at Fish and Game in King Salmon. Is it time
25 for our report? Hello?
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hello. You're
28 with the Department of Fish and Game?
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30 MS. PETERSON: Yes. This is Chris
31 Peterson in King Salmon. Is it time for our report?
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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No. No.
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35 MS. PETERSON: I'm having trouble
36 hearing you folks. I'm not sure.
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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No, it's time for
39 your comments on Wildlife Proposal 14-01.
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41 ** MR. CRAWFORD: This is Drew Crawford. I'm with
42 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Anchorage.
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44 Regarding Wildlife Proposal 14-01, the
45 Department is opposed to this proposal. We agree with
46 OSM's preliminary analysis and their conclusion not to
47 support it.
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49 Over.
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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Roger. Got you
2 clear.
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4 (Laughter)
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Keep me on
7 track, Carl. We're getting kind of hyper here.
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9 MR. JOHNSON: Certainly. You had last
10 asked if there were any tribal councils or
11 organizations that.....
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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Tribal, village
14 and others, comments on Wildlife Proposal 14-01 for
15 trapping.
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17 (No comments)
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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: And none. Then
20 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.
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22 (No comments)
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: None there. Okay.
25 Advisory groups. As you can see on your paper, there
26 was no actions by the other RACs. Neighboring Regional
27 Councils, local Fish and Game Advisory Committees.
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29 (No comments)
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: National parks and
32 Service.
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34 (No comments)
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Written comments.
37 I didn't see any written comments.
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39 MR. EVANS: I don't think there are
40 written comments.
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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Two opposed.
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: There are two
45 comments that opposed the proposal.
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47 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Chair. There
48 were two written comments provided. They can be found
49 on Page 52 of the meeting book. Both are in opposition
50 to the proposal. The first one is from the Ahtna

1 Customary and Traditional Use Committee. And the
2 second one are from residents from the Lake Minchumina
3 area, Miki and Julie Collins, also opposed.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Any public
6 testimony.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Mr. Chair. At
9 this time nobody from the public has provided me a slip
10 about testifying on this particular proposal, but we'd
11 welcome to have anybody come forward if they do.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Peter.
14 None. Okay.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Are we done? Do we
17 need to make a motion?

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No.

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll make a motion to
22 oppose.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. That comes
25 up next. Regional Council recommendations. Motion.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair. I would
28 like to make a motion to oppose WP14-01.

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30 MR. KOSO: Second, Mr. Chair.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair. It must be a
33 positive motion.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. I was going
36 to say, it should be.

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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to approve it or
39 move it, and then vote it down.

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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Make a motion to
42 approve and then we can vote it down.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.

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46 MR. KOSO: I make a motion to approve.

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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. I'm going

1 to stop right there, you guys. I've got to ask Pete to
2 withdraw his original motion.

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll withdraw my
5 motion.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: And the second?

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9 MR. KOSO: Withdraw my second.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: And now your
12 motion is to approve Proposal No. 14-01.

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14 MR. KOSO: Yes. My motion to approve
15 Proposal 14-01.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
20 seconded.

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22 Discussion. Pat.

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24 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair. I chatted with
25 some of the local Fish and Game AC folks about some of
26 our proposals, and Sam Rohrer can't be here, and Paul
27 Chernavak, and I would expect that the AC would not be
28 in favor of this.

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30 And having done some trapping when I
31 was a puppy, it's basically non-enforceable. And I'm
32 just so surprised, having spent time in Nome, maybe the
33 culture's changed there, but I'm surprised that this
34 fellow can live in Nome and make that kind of comments
35 and proposals, because it's an awfully small little
36 town, and, you know, you don't go and mess with people,
37 the way they do things traditionally.

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39 And I see no way that you could have
40 enforcement on six-day placement of your traps and
41 inspecting them, because, you know, up there when you
42 get the wind, it's just like down here, and sometimes
43 you can't do anything for 20 days.

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45 To me it's wishful thinking, but I'm
46 probably going to go and vote to oppose it.

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thanks, Pat.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We have a
2 -- further discussion.
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4 (No comments)
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: None. Can we have
7 a roll call vote on this proposal, please. Wait a
8 second, Carl, I keep forgetting Antone on line.
9
10 Antone, do you have any comments or
11 questions on Wildlife Proposal 14-01.
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13 MR. SHELIKOFF: No, I don't. I just
14 won't vote on this proposal, because I really don't
15 have a lot of experience or information on this. And
16 also I can't hear very well on the phone.
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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
19 Antone.
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21 Carl, can we have a roll call vote,
22 please.
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24 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Chair. A roll
25 call vote. Please indicate in favor of the motion by
26 saying aye, and opposition to the motion by saying nay.
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28 Antone Shelikoff.
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30 MR. SHELIKOFF: I'll abstain.
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32 MR. JOHNSON: Abstain. Patrick Holmes.
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34 MR. HOLMES: Nay.
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36 MR. JOHNSON: Richard Koso.
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38 MR. KOSO: Nay.
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40 MR. JOHNSON: Pete Squartsoff.
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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Nay.
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44 MR. JOHNSON: Vince Tutiakoff.
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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No.
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48 MR. JOHNSON: Mitch Simeonoff.
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Nay.

1 MR. JOHNSON: Melissa Berns.
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3 MS. BERNS: Nay.
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5 MR. JOHNSON: The motion passes -- or,
6 correction, the motion fails. Mr. Chair.
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Carl.
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10 Next on the agenda is Wildlife Proposal
11 14-20.
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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair. I move to
14 approve WP14-20.
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do I hear a
17 second.
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19 MR. KOSO: Second.
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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
22 seconded. Discussion.
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24 MR. EVANS: Mr. Chair.
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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.
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28 MR. EVANS: Do you not want me to make
29 a summary of the proposal or not?
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, go ahead,
32 please.
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34 MR. EVANS: Okay. Proposal 14-20,
35 submitted by the Subsistence Kodiak/Aleutians Regional
36 Advisory Council requested an increase in the number of
37 brown bear permits available in Unit 8 for the
38 communities of Akhiok and Old Harbor.
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40 The brown bear hunt is used to help
41 mentor young hunters in families in the traditional use
42 of bears and provides an additional food source.
43 Currently there are more hunters in Old Harbor and
44 Akhiok that are interested in hunting brown bears than
45 the number of permits available. An additional permit
46 for each village would provide more opportunity for
47 other hunters to harvest a brown bear.
48
49 A summary of the regulatory history.
50 In 1996 the Federal Subsistence Board adopted Proposal

1 P96-26 which established a positive customary and
2 traditional use determination for the residents of Unit
3 8. In 1997 Proposal 96-27 created a brown bear hunting
4 season and a community harvest quota for the villages
5 of Akhiok, Karluk, Larsen Bay, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie,
6 and Port Lions.

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8 Under the current Federal regulations,
9 Akhiok has -- Akhiok and Karluk have one permit. Old
10 Harbor, Ouzinkie and Port Lions have up to two permits.
11 And Larsen Bay has up to three permits for brown bears.

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13 The Federal permits are valid only for
14 Federal public lands and require that the meat must be
15 salvaged for human consumption.

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17 In 2002 the Kodiak Archipelago Brown
18 Bear Conservation and Management Plan was developed by
19 a citizens advisory committee. The three main
20 recommendations of the plan were to continue
21 conservation of the brown bear population at current
22 levels, increase the outreach and education to teach
23 people how to live with bears in Kodiak, and protection
24 of brown bear habitat, with allowances for continued
25 human use for the Kodiak -- for use of the Kodiak
26 Archipelago.

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28 The State management goals for brown
29 bear management in Unit 8 are to maintain a stable
30 brown bear population that will sustain a harvest of
31 150 bears that's composed of at least 60 percent males.
32 They also recommend that maintain a diversity in the
33 gender and age composition of the brown bear population
34 with adult brown bears of all ages represented in the
35 population as well as in the harvest.

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37 Population estimates from the most
38 recent survey in 2005, which is several years ago was
39 3,096 on Kodiak Island, and 430 bears in the islands
40 north of Kodiak. The Kodiak Archipelago brown bear
41 population was estimated to have increased 16.7 percent
42 between 1995 and 2005.

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44 More recent surveys have been conducted
45 on the peninsula in May 2009, and in the Karluk Lake
46 drainage in May 2010. The bear density on the
47 peninsula increased from the previous two surveys
48 conducted in the same area in 1993 and 2002. In
49 contrast, the bear density in the Karluk Lake area
50 declined from 2003 to -- declined to 2010 from 2003.

1 However, based on information from residents, hunters
2 and guides, it is believed that the Karluk population
3 has not really declined, but it was under-counted as a
4 result of the exceptionally late emergence of bears and
5 lack of normal movement of bears during that year.

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7 They did another survey in 2013, but
8 the results are not yet available to see if the
9 population had gone up.

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11 The harvest and population data
12 indicate that the bear population in Unit 8 is healthy
13 and productive and can support the existing harvest
14 pressure.

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16 And from 2001 to 2010 the mean annual
17 harvest 217 brown bears. And the harvest has been
18 approximately five percent of the population for that
19 entire time period.

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21 From 2001 to 2010, the same time
22 period, approximately 26 percent of the Federal
23 subsistence harvest permits issued have been used.
24 During this time, 13 bears were harvested by the
25 residents of the six communities mentioned earlier.

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27 If Proposal 14-20 were adopted, it
28 would increase allowable harvest by one bear for the
29 communities of Akhiok and Old Harbor, providing more
30 opportunity to mentor young hunters and provide
31 additional food. The additional harvest of two bears
32 is not really a conservation concern.

33
34 OSM's preliminary conclusion is to
35 support Proposal WP14-20.

36
37 Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you. Alaska
40 Department of Fish and Game, agency comments.

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42 ** MR. CRAWFORD: Yes. This is the Alaska -- Drew
43 Crawford in Anchorage.

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45 The Department of Fish and Game also
46 supports Wildlife Proposal 14-20.

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48 Over.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.

1 Federal agencies. Any Federal agencies wish to make a
2 comment on Proposal 14-20.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none,
7 Native tribal, village, and others. Yes.

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9 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chair, this Tom
10 Kron from OSM.

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12 Our office did tribal consultation on
13 September 11th, and my understanding is during that
14 discussion the Aleut Corporation commented on Proposal
15 WP14-20, and they're in favor of giving villages more
16 opportunity to take brown bears.

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18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.
21 Advisory group comments.

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23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Neighboring
26 Regional Councils, local Fish and Game Advisory
27 Committees.

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29 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair. The advisory
30 committee chairman, Paul Chernavak, is out on a hunt.
31 His vice chair is in Seattle, and they hadn't had a
32 quorum or a meeting even. But having participated in
33 that group for many years, and last year sat in for
34 Herman several times, and then for the other
35 subsistence rep, I would guess that from my chats with
36 them as individuals that they would probably strongly
37 support this.

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39 Thank you. And that's just my personal
40 opinion, but I think it probably reflects reality
41 there.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.

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45 National Park Service Subsistence
46 Resources Committee.

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48 (No comments)

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any written

1 comments. One written comment? None? No.

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3 MR. JOHNSON: No. Mr. Chair, no
4 written comments have been provided on this proposal.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes. Okay. Thank
7 you.

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9 Public testimony.

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11 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair. Nobody has
12 indicated they wish to testify on this particular
13 proposal.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Regional
16 Council recommendations. At this time we'll vote on
17 the motion.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair. I'd like
20 to make a motion to adopt.

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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry, Pete.
23 There's already a motion on the floor. Vincent made
24 that motion.

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26 So we can use a roll call vote.

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'd like to have a
29 little comment for.....

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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Pete, go
32 ahead.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'm wondering. I live
35 in Port Lions and I grew up in Ouzinkie, but these
36 permits, it has Ouzinkie and Port Lions in there, but
37 it says by the Refuge, and Ouzinkie/Port Lions are not
38 on Refuge lands. So how do they fit in on that?

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40 MR. EVANS: My understanding is you're
41 right, Ouzinkie and Port Lions are there. They may not
42 be on Federal lands, but they can hunt on Federal
43 lands. They can go somewhere else and hunt on Federal
44 lands by permit, if they get the permits from the.....

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So if they got the
47 permits, they wouldn't be able to hunt around Port
48 Lions; they'd have to go to Federal lands?

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50 MR. EVANS: That's my understanding.

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh, okay. Because I
2 know a guy tried to get one -- I thought he was going
3 to shoot one by Port Lions, but nobody wanted the meat,
4 so he didn't get it.

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6 MR. EVANS: Now, the -- yeah. That's
7 correct.

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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
10 Peter. Any further discussion.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. If there's
15 no further discussion, will we have the roll call vote,
16 please.

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18 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Chair. Roll
19 call vote on the motion to support WP14-20. Please
20 indicate your support of the motion by saying aye, and
21 your opposition by saying nay.

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23 Antone Shelikoff.

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25 MR. SHELIKOFF: Aye.

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27 MR. JOHNSON: Patrick Holmes.

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29 MR. HOLMES: Aye.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: Richard Koso.

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33 MR. KOSO: Aye.

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35 MR. JOHNSON: Pete Squartsoff.

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Aye.

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39 MR. JOHNSON: Vince Tutiakoff.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Aye.

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43 MR. JOHNSON: Mitch Simeonoff.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Aye.

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47 MR. JOHNSON: Melissa Berns.

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49 MS. BERNs: Aye.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Motion carries, Mr.
2 Chair.
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Carl.
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6 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman. I was
7 wondering if I might ask a tongue in cheek question of
8 Kent, the Refuge manager. I was wondering if the
9 Refuge stationed out here on the Buskin is considered
10 to be Federal lands. And, you know, with all the
11 bloody bears in town, I was wondering if we could maybe
12 get a couple permits for Kodiak and whack them out
13 there. They would find somebody to eat them.
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15 MR. SUNDSETH: Mr. Holmes through the
16 Chair. Actually our site out there is an
17 administrative site, and those sites do not qualify.
18 They don't fall within the legislative boundaries of
19 the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Good question
20 though.
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22 Thanks.
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We are at
25 Item B, draft 2014 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan.
26 That's on Page 59 of your book. And that will require
27 an action.
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29 Carl.
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31 MR. JOHNSON: Don Rivard, are you still
32 on the line?
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34 MR. RIVARD: Yes, I am.
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36 MR. JOHNSON: All right. This is your
37 item on the agenda.
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39 MR. RIVARD: Okay. We're at the
40 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan for 2014. And that
41 starts on Page 59 in your Council book.
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43 Again, my name is Don Rivard. I'm the
44 fisheries biologist -- well, the fisheries biologist in
45 the Fisheries Division of the Office of Subsistence
46 Management.
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48 The first few pages, from 59 to 63 are
49 some general background information a little bit of the
50 history of the program. If it's okay with the Chair,

1 I'll kind of assume that everybody's read that, and
2 we'll just go on to Page 64. That gets more specific
3 for projects in your region for the 2014 and beyond
4 time frame.

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6 Are you still there?

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, we're still
9 here.

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11 MR. RIVARD: I'm now on Page 64, the
12 2014 notice of funding opportunity for the Southwest
13 Alaska Region identified two priority information
14 needs. One was to obtain reliable estimates of Chinook
15 salmon escapements, for example, projects using weir,
16 sonar, and mark/recapture methods. And the second
17 information need is a description and analysis of
18 social networks underlying the allocation and
19 management of subsistence salmon fisheries in villages
20 in the Bristol Bay/ Chignik area.

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22 Since the inception of the monitoring
23 program in 200, 50 projects have been funded in the
24 Southwest Region, and you can find them on Pages -- on
25 Tables 1 and 2 on Page 73 I believe it is. On Page 73,
26 yes.

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28 The ongoing projects address salmon
29 harvest in the Aleutian Islands and Lake Clark climate
30 change trends.

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32 Three investigation plans for research
33 in the Southwest Alaska Region were submitted to the
34 Office of Subsistence Management in response to the
35 2014 notice of funding opportunity. And this past June
36 the Technical Review Committee reviewed those three
37 investigation plans and recommended two for funding,
38 which you can see as well on Tables 3 and 4 on Pages
39 75.

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41 So the two recommended for funding,
42 they're at the bottom of Page 64, and that's the Buskin
43 River sockeye salmon stock assessment and monitoring,
44 and the Afognak Lake sockeye salmon stock monitoring.
45 And summaries of these projects are on Page 65.
46 There's also for one to not fund there at the bottom of
47 Page 65.

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49 And then if you wanted more information
50 on each of these projects, the following pages have

1 more on each of the projects.

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3 Mr. Chair. That's it. There were
4 three projects submitted to the office here and two
5 have been recommended for funding. And so this is an
6 action item for your Council to decide what you want to
7 do with these three projects, if you go along with what
8 the Technical Review Committee said, is to fund the two
9 out of three or any combination of that, it's time for
10 your Council to weigh in on this.

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12 Thank you.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Vincent.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to support 14-
19 401 and 14-402 for funding as recommended.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do I hear a
22 second.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
27 seconded. Discussion.

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29 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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33 MR. HOLMES: I'm tending to agree with
34 going along passing these. These have been our recent
35 priorities for years. That along with McLees Lake, but
36 State's doing McLees Lake now.

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38 And I just had a question on -- is
39 Meredith here from the State Subsistence? I was just
40 wondering if this topic hasn't been covered sometime
41 before on doing social networking of shared subsistence
42 salmon in Bristol Bay? Or maybe it's just some
43 communities that haven't been covered?

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45 MS. MARCHIONI: It's communities that
46 haven't been covered.

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48 MR. HOLMES: Oh, I see.

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50 REPORTER: You're not on the record.

1 You have to be on record (indiscernible - noise on
2 telephone connection) your answer.
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4 MR. HOLMES: Got to give you some
5 reason to be at the meeting.
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7 (Laughter)
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9 MS. MARCHIONI: Pat, I believe that's
10 for communities that haven't been covered yet.
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Push the button.
13 There you go.
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15 MS. MARCHIONI: I believe that's for
16 communities that hadn't been covered yet.
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18 MR. HOLMES: Okay. Well, thank you
19 very much, because, you know, there's been in my
20 recollection a tremendous amount of work done at
21 Bristol Bay. And so this is a good idea, but if -- in
22 my mind, if the Staff recommendation is not to fund, I
23 certainly don't want to see that jeopardize the Buskin
24 and Afognak. So thank you so much for that
25 clarification.
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
28 discussion.
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30 (No comments)
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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none, is
33 there any objection to the motion.
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35 (No comments)
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no
38 objections, then the motion carries.
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40 Who's the Partners Program. Carl.
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42 MR. JOHNSON: That would be briefed by
43 Palma Ingles from OSM, if she is on the line.
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45 MR. RIVARD: This is Don. She had to
46 leave, so I will take care of that briefing, if you're
47 ready.
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49 MR. JOHNSON: We are ready.
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1 MR. RIVARD: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
2 Chair, Council members. This is an update on the
3 Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program. I'm going
4 to highlight a few things about the program.

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6 The program was created to build
7 capacity with rural communities to become involved with
8 subsistence fisheries research and management. Tribal
9 and rural organizations can apply for funding which
10 supports the employment of a fisheries biologist or
11 social scientist or an educator. These are the type of
12 positions that we fund with our partners.

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14 This is a competitive grand funded
15 program through the Office of Subsistence Management.
16 The funding cycle is for up to four years. And the
17 Partners Program is an important link between the
18 Federal Subsistence Program and rural Alaskans.

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20 The partners roles include to live in
21 the community that receives funding so that they are on
22 the ground as a resource to local subsistence users.
23 They are to serve as an investigator on Fisheries
24 Resource Monitoring Program projects that we just
25 discussed. Another role is to work with local youth
26 and provide opportunities for youth to become involved
27 with fisheries research through high school summer
28 camps and college internships. Another role is to work
29 as liaison to bridge a gap between local subsistence
30 users and the regulatory agencies. They also provide
31 timely information to local communities about fisheries
32 regulations and research. And they also provide
33 information to our office about local concerns
34 regarding fisheries.

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36 And the next call for proposals for the
37 Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program will be late
38 in 2014. Right now we're in a cycle where the next
39 call will be for 2014.

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41 And that's the briefing, and it's a
42 brief brief. If there are any questions, I'll try to
43 answer them.

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45 Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We have no
48 information on this in our book. We have no -- and we
49 didn't even get a chance to read up on it.

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1 MR. RIVARD: Yes. And I apologize, Mr.
2 Chair, but this briefing did get done after your book
3 was in production. So some of the other -- the later
4 meetings will have some of this briefing in it, but it
5 didn't make it, and I apologize for that.

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What are the deadlines
8 again.

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10 MR. RIVARD: Well, the next call for
11 the Partners Program will be this fall. Well,
12 actually, excuse me, fall of 2014. So we're just kind
13 of giving you a head's up that we're about a year away
14 from when the next call will be to do the Partners
15 Program. I think the Bristol Bay Native Association
16 has participated in this program for many years as well
17 as others in Alaska.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. So as the
20 time gets closer, we'll expect to have more information
21 and something to read up on it so that we can have
22 it.....

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24 MR. RIVARD: Yes.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF:in our minds
27 when we come to this meeting?

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29 MR. RIVARD: Yes, maybe in the spring,
30 but certainly again a year from now.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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34 MR. RIVARD: Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.

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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: On Project No. 14-451,
43 you mentioned that Bristol Bay was involved with this
44 -- the speaker mentioned that Bristol Bay was involved
45 with the partnering program for many years. And I see
46 when I read this executive summary the new communities
47 involved are Chignik, Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon,
48 Egegik, and Nondalton, Port Heiden, and Togiak. So I'm
49 assuming that this proposal will come up again next
50 fall again in a project cycle utilizing this fund.

1 MR. RIVARD: We're talking about two
2 different programs here. The Fisheries Resource
3 Monitoring Plan, the program there is to fund the
4 research and studies out in the field. And then the
5 Partners Program is to fund organizations to have
6 certain positions in their organizations.

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8 So for the Bristol Bay one that you're
9 talking about, the 14-451, that is a project that was
10 not recommended for funding under the Fisheries
11 Resource Monitoring Program. But the lead -- principal
12 investigator, excuse me, is being encouraged to
13 resubmit that proposal for 2016 funding cycle, so about
14 two years from now is when we'll probably announce
15 that.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Thank you.

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19 MR. RIVARD: And that's for a project
20 that would start most likely in the spring or summer of
21 2016.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All right. Thank you.

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25 MR. RIVARD: Did that help clarify,
26 Vince?

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. Thank you.

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30 MR. RIVARD: Okay. Thank you.

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32 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair. I have a
33 question now. When this comes out for 2016 proposals,
34 is this going to be a Partners type thing for Bristol
35 Bay only or over a broader area, because there isn't a
36 whole lot of information from Chignik.

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38 MR. RIVARD: Well, that was one of the
39 communities I believe that they said that they were
40 going to investigate. Yes. And if you look on Page 71
41 in the executive summary of this particular project,
42 under recommendation do not fund, the middle -- the
43 second paragraph kind of listed the different
44 communities that they were contemplating studying. So
45 it says Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon, Egegik,
46 Nondalton, Port Heiden, and Togiak. So they may or may
47 not submit those same communities again in two years,
48 but you might encourage -- if you think that's what
49 needs to be done, you would encourage -- or you could
50 just let us know again, and we'd make sure, because

1 what we do is for every -- just before every call for
2 proposals, we check with the Regional Councils to make
3 sure we're addressing what they consider their priority
4 information needs.

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6 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair. My comment
7 back to the speaker is, you know, even though Chignik
8 is in a different Regional Council area, we certainly
9 have a significant portion of all the villages out
10 there that live here in Kodiak now, it being so
11 expensive to stay out there. And, so, you know, we
12 have -- we'll probably end up having people come into
13 our meeting to see what's going on, even though that's
14 out of our turf. But I think as far as that would be
15 of benefit to the Town of Kodiak, I think it would be
16 peripherally at least interesting to a lot of friends
17 of mine, and then our elder Iver Malutin is married
18 into the Skonbergs I believe. Anyway it sounds like a
19 good idea. I hope there's a way to fund it.

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21 Thank you. And that's just my personal
22 opinion.

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24 MR. RIVARD: Yeah. And if I may, I
25 just want to remind the Council there that this is the
26 Southwest Alaska Region for the Fisheries Resource
27 Monitoring Program, and so it covers both your Council
28 and the Bristol Bay Council's area. That's why you see
29 that here, coverage for Southwest Alaska.

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31 Thank you.

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33 MR. HOLMES: One more question, Mr.
34 Chair. Several years ago there was a joint RAC review
35 committee on these projects where we used to have
36 somebody from Kodiak that would go to the discussion of
37 the merits of various projects. But that's
38 disappeared, hasn't it, and that's just a budget cut?

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40 MR. RIVARD: We were in the past able
41 to kind of send one Council member from one Council to
42 a meeting of the other. Yeah, with the way our budgets
43 are going, it's much more difficult to do that. In
44 hindsight we could have maybe had somebody on
45 teleconference from the Bristol Bay Council in
46 attendance being now, but we did not do that.

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48 MR. HOLMES: Thank you.

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50 MR. RIVARD: That's one way to do it,

1 instead of appearing in person, they could at least be
2 participating via teleconference like I'm doing.

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4 MR. HOLMES: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
5 Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
8 questions or comments.

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10 (No comments)

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing none,
13 thank you for that information.

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15 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We are at
18 Item E. Matt Van Daele. The resolution I believe is
19 in your book.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's on the table here
22 somewhere.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It's on paper.

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. Council members.
27 The resolution you should find in your brown folder
28 that had the supplemental materials.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. I've got
31 it.

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33 MR. JOHNSON: And if you don't have a
34 copy, I can grab you one.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You've got to come
37 up to the mic, Matt.

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39 MR. VAN DAELE: Well, thank you, Mr.
40 Chair. And if you've all had time to review this
41 formal recommendation, I could give you a quick
42 overview of the history of the Karluk River Advisory
43 Committee and what we're proposing here.

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45 The Karluk River Advisory Committee was
46 formed in 2008 to review and discuss management of
47 Koniag's lands in Karluk River and Sturgeon River
48 basins, and is comprised of shareholders and
49 descendants from the villages of Karluk and Larsen Bay.

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1 And even though it primarily focuses on
2 management of those lands, a lot of the issues that
3 come up during meetings of the advisory committee are
4 pertinent across the Kodiak Archipelago, and primarily
5 one of them being education, professional training,
6 development opportunities for youth of the communities
7 outside of the hub here in Kodiak.

8
9 And just a quick plug for the Buskin
10 River project that you guys just discussed, Tyler Polum
11 who will be presenting information tomorrow and I are
12 two of the original interns for this Buskin River
13 project. And it set me on the trajectory of trying to
14 obtain higher education in natural resource sciences
15 and management.

16
17 And on Page 66 of your booklet here,
18 under the Buskin River sockeye objectives, number 6 is
19 actually to provide education and career development
20 opportunities for all Federally-qualified subsistence
21 users. And unfortunately with the funding the way that
22 it's set up in the current project, students that
23 aren't residents of Kodiak Town here are not eligible
24 for participation in this program, because there's not
25 suitable funding for a stipend for room and board for
26 them to actually come into the Town of Kodiak to live
27 and work during the cycle of this project.

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29 So what the Karluk River Advisory
30 Committee is proposing is that we figure out a way to
31 work out details to increase some funding for this so
32 that these opportunities are available to any eligible
33 student across the Kodiak Archipelago more so than just
34 the ones that reside here in Kodiak. And just as the
35 Buskin River is essential for subsistence use, it also
36 could be essential for professional development
37 education for our youth here in the archipelago,
38 because education and professional development is
39 something you can take with you no matter where you end
40 up.

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42 That's all I have. And I appreciate
43 the time that you've given me, Mr. Chair, and also Mr.
44 Secretary, for helping me get on the agenda, a little
45 late, but thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Matt.
48 I'm not sure that this Council can help you look for
49 funding, but we can certainly support your efforts. We
50 can probably -- if you're taking this resolution and

1 looking for funding from somewhere, we could probably
2 get a letter of support from Kodiak/ Aleutians.

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4 Carl.

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6 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair. Based on
7 certain prohibitions about activities that this Council
8 can engage in, the Council could not issue a letter of
9 support for funding, because that would be considered
10 lobbying under the Hatch Act, but they could issue a
11 letter supporting the efforts of the program, and then
12 that could be used perhaps in some other capacity, but
13 the Council -- you're correct, the Council itself could
14 not take an action supporting funding specifically.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. If we
17 produced a letter of support, what would we address it
18 to? To Don's program or you?

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20 MR. VAN DAELE: I would imagine, Mr.
21 Chair, you would address it probably to Don Tracy and
22 Tyler Polum.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
25 Matt.

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27 Does anybody have questions for Matt.

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29 MR. HOLMES: No, I just have a comment.
30 I think it's a most commendable program, and I've seen
31 some really sterling young folks from our community
32 that have progressed through that to their present
33 careers, and being Matt Van Daele and Tyler, the
34 assistant sportfish biologist. And I just think the
35 concept of internship, building through mentoring is
36 just so important. And being able to get folks in from
37 the villages to be able to enjoy the benefits of that
38 -- I know when I worked for the Department, I'm gone
39 long enough so they can take no action against me, but
40 I used to cheat like made to hire local kids, because
41 they understood the weather, they understood the
42 problems. You'd send them out to do a job, and give
43 them a couple cans of Spam and some pilot bread, and
44 they'd get the job done. And so I think that this is
45 most commendable. And I would hope some day to see
46 something expand where we could have, you know, a
47 number 1 candidate from each of the villages on the
48 island being able to participate in something like
49 this. And, you know, it leads to the ability to hire
50 really quality people to work for the agencies, and

1 that nothing like having a local to understand the
2 resource.

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4 And I don't know what I did with my
5 hat, but it's off, and I really commend Koniag and you,
6 Matt, for working on this. And I wish you all the
7 success in the world.

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9 MR. VAN DAELE: Thank you, Mr.
10 Secretary. And, Mr. Chair, if at some point in the
11 future this Committee or Council would be able to
12 determine a means to work on funding or -- and a change
13 to this program, I would be very interested in
14 participating and cooperating with you.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.

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18 MR. POLUM: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Would you come up
21 to the mic, please?

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23 MR. POLUM: Yes. Hey, not to -- Mr.
24 Chair, my name is Tyler Polum. I'm with the Department
25 of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division. I actually
26 along with Doug Tracy run the Buskin weir project
27 funded through OSM.

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29 And I just wanted to make a comment
30 before -- I'm later on in the agenda at the end --
31 before things got too far, that I don't think we would
32 be the appropriate people to address that letter to,
33 just so you're aware. We recently reapplied for
34 funding for that project, and it's already been
35 submitted to OSM and gone through the Technical Review
36 Committee. And so this wouldn't be a program that we
37 could administer as a department, but it would have to
38 be something that was pursued outside. We would
39 definitely love to take advantage of a program such as
40 this, but the Department wouldn't necessarily be the
41 appropriate person to direct that to. Probably OSM or
42 some other source would be.

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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We have
45 just the guy. All right. Thank you.

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47 MR. HOLMES: Well, Mr. Chair, if we
48 find out who to write it to, I'd be glad to work with
49 Carl on doing that.

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1 And one can't help but think that long
2 range it would be good to have something like that
3 developed for the other Fish and Game divisions. I
4 know Fish and Wildlife Service brings up interns from
5 stateside all the time, and very seldom locally. And I
6 would really like to see all the division of Fish and
7 Game and all the agencies involved here to be
8 considering some similar programs like that. And, you
9 know, if it could be facilitated through Koniag or one
10 of the tribes or the school district, whoever, I think
11 that that would just have a bunch of merits, so I would
12 certainly encourage you to use this as a stepping point
13 and try to expand it.

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15 And if we can help, once we figure out
16 who to write a letter of support, we'll do it.

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18 MR. VAN DAELE: Mr. Chair. If I may
19 make one final comment. In the meantime, I guess I'll
20 just volunteer myself then. If you need to write a
21 letter, go ahead and address it to me, and then we can
22 work it out from there.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
25 Matt.

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. I think it's a
32 great program. I think our whole process of being on
33 the Board here through the years has been to get young
34 people involved, and we do that with meetings amongst
35 our communities, and getting them involved in culture
36 camps and culture programs, that eventually they grow
37 up to be Council members here at the Board, because
38 they have a real need to protect their fish and
39 wildlife resource.

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41 So I'd like to recommend that this
42 Council get a letter of support for the program to
43 Matthew there. And you can get it written and
44 authorize you to sign it.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Carl and I
47 can work on that.

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49 Any other questions, comments for Matt.
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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Matt.
4 Appreciate it.

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6 Okay. Next is Joint Board proposal.
7 Pat, that's yours, you wanted that on the agenda.

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9 MR. HOLMES: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I
10 don't know where we are timewise, but I need to give a
11 buzz to the people at Sun'ag and Native Village of
12 Afognak for them to trot down and put their information
13 in. Rebecca Skinner is one of the members of the local
14 Kodiak Rural Round Table that worked on that, but if we
15 could maybe have a short postponement, and I'll try and
16 call them and let them know to come down. Or would we
17 want to take this up tomorrow? I thought that's
18 probably where we did it. Oh, 3:50. Yeah. Probably
19 better for me to call them.

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do you want to
22 take 10 minutes to take the call or do you want to try
23 to put this together right now?

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is this an action item.
26 It's not an action item, just informational?

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28 MR. HOLMES: Well, it's an action item,
29 because.....

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31 REPORTER: Your microphone, Pat.

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33 MR. HOLMES: Pardon me. I beg your
34 pardon, Mr. Chair, and the lady there reminding me.

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36 They had wanted to have the KA-RAC
37 weigh in on the State proposal, because the State
38 proposal is to eliminate Kodiak under State law as a
39 subsistence community, and so those folks want to bring
40 that to your attention and to get the Council's support
41 against the proposal.

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43 The deadline is tomorrow, the 25th.
44 George Pappas with OSM said that, and Carl, that it's
45 too late, but if we reached consensus, then that George
46 Pappas would take it physically to the Joint Boards
47 with our Council's recommendations on the question.

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49 So I can give those folks a call and
50 ask them to hustle down here if you'd like. Ten

1 minutes?

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Take 10 minutes.

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5 MR. KOSO: Do we have the proposal?

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do you have a
8 copy.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I don't have a copy of
11 it.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We don't have
14 copies here.

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16 MR. HOLMES: All right. Let me look in
17 my briefcase.

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19 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. This is George
20 Pappas, OSM.

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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, George.

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24 MR. PAPPAS: Good afternoon. The
25 proposal itself is very simple. I can read through it
26 for you. I'd like to brief you on this proposal and
27 one other proposal regarding the State subsistence crab
28 fisheries for your area.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Go ahead.

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32 MR. PAPPAS: It's very simple. Reading
33 out of the book here, it says, create Kodiak non-
34 subsistence area as follows. Kodiak would be a non-
35 subsistence area. The issue. The Community of Kodiak
36 qualifies as a non-subsistence area.

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38 What happens if nothing will be done?
39 The Joint Boards would be out of compliance with State
40 law.

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42 And it says, other solutions
43 considered. Ignore State-mandated law.

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45 Proposed by Allen Barrett. And that's
46 the entire content of the proposal.

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We'll go
49 ahead and take a break until Pat gets his people on
50 line, or he gets a copy of that proposal.

1 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you. I'll stand by.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, George.

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5 (Off record)

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7 (On record)

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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. At this
10 time we're at Item F with the Joint Proposal No. 40. I
11 guess Pat has all the information. I'll turn it over
12 to you, Pat.

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14 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chairman. The Kodiak
15 Rural Subsistence Round Table has several members from
16 the tribes and Koniag and all of the different ethnic
17 groups in town trying to provide information.

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19 And there's a proposal before the State
20 Boards of Fish and Game, and I'm sorry, I thought I had
21 it with me. But it all boils down to a proposal from a
22 gentleman up north, Mr. Allen Barrette or Burnette, who
23 feels that Kodiak, there's another proposal for
24 Dillingham, that we don't merit remaining subsistence
25 under State regulations.

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27 And a couple members are here, Melissa
28 Borton, if you wanted some comment from the Rural Round
29 Table, could probably just say a couple of words, but
30 basically I think what the Round Table needs is a
31 simple letter of support from our Council saying that
32 we oppose Proposal 40 which would make Kodiak a non-
33 subsistence area. So if you needed a little more
34 reinforcement, we have some folks from that group. But
35 that's it in a nutshell, and we could do it so simply
36 as to just even, you know, a motion on the table.

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38 It looks like Vince has got something.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's it there.

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42 MR. HOLMES: Oh, that's it. Okay.

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44 The Proposal is 4-05, AAC 99.15, Joint
45 Subsistence Areas, non-subsistence areas. Create the
46 Kodiak non-subsistence area as followed. Kodiak would
47 be a non-subsistence area.

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49 The issue is the Community of Kodiak
50 qualifies as non-subsistence in this person's mind.

1 What will happen if nothing is done.
2 The Joint Boards would be out of compliance with state
3 law. I think that's in error, but that's the
4 gentleman's opinion.

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6 His opinion is also quality of
7 resource, harvest of products be improved. No answer.

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9 Who's likely to benefit. No answer.

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11 Who's likely to suffer. No answer.

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13 Other solutions considered. Ignore
14 mandated State law. By Allen Barrett.

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16 And also he doesn't really describe
17 what Kodiak is. Is it the island, the town, road
18 system. I think it doesn't have a ghost of a chance of
19 making it, but I think our Council just making a simple
20 statement to the Joint Boards that we oppose Proposal
21 40, and that Kodiak should remain a subsistence area
22 would be adequate. And then Mr. George Pappas of OSM,
23 we can't make the deadline, but he said that he would
24 hand-carry it to the Board and submit it when that time
25 comes.

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27 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Pat.

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31 Carl, what's our process and timelines
32 for producing something like this?

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34 MR. JOHNSON: Well, Mr. Chair, I could
35 work on language with Patrick. I'm sure he already has
36 a few things in mind that he wants to say in the form
37 of a letter. And ideally if I could work with him on
38 drafting a language that the whole Council could look
39 at perhaps tomorrow before we adjourn, then we could
40 have a clear understanding of what the Council wants in
41 a letter, that I would take it back to OSM. it would
42 undergo a review there with myself and the deputy and
43 the Assistant Regional Director. They would approve
44 it, get your signature.

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46 And then as George Pappas indicated
47 while the deadline tomorrow is for the materials that
48 would go into the -- you know, formally presented in
49 their meeting materials, kind of like your meeting
50 book, you could still always hand-carry it on the day

1 of the meeting, so then George Pappas would hand-carry
2 the letter for the Council to that Joint Board meeting.

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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: So you're saying
5 we would have time by tomorrow to have the letter to
6 George Pappas to take to his meeting?

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8 MR. JOHNSON: No, it wouldn't be done
9 by tomorrow, but it would be done in time for that
10 joint meeting, because as George has described to me,
11 and he can correct me, you know, if I'm incorrect, the
12 Joint Board will still accept testimony on the day of
13 the meetings, just like, you know, with the Federal
14 Subsistence Board, you know, we have written comments
15 that we provide by the deadline that make it into the
16 Board book, but then on the day of the meeting, you
17 know, people can still come in in person. They can
18 provide oral testimony or they can submit written
19 testimony on the day of the meeting. So we would make
20 sure that the Council's letter would be prepared in
21 time in order to be ready for delivery on the day of
22 the joint meeting.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. So then if
25 we -- the Board has had time to read this proposal, it
26 doesn't say much, but it is an insult to Kodiak I'm
27 sure. But if we have the time to produce a letter and
28 have it at the Joint Board meeting, I would like to do
29 that. And if Pat's in a real big hurry, is there some
30 way we can get a comment that George can take with him.
31 Yeah. October 12th through 16th, so we've got plenty
32 of time.

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34 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Chair. We
35 could meet that October 12th meeting deadline.

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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Yeah, we
38 can produce a letter from this Council then and review
39 it tomorrow, and we can send it to the Joint Board on
40 the 12th and 16th of October. Okay.

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42 And I notice that Melissa and Bob can
43 in. I'd like to just give them an opportunity if they
44 wanted to speak to this proposal.

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46 MR. POLASKY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
47 My name is Bob Polasky. I'm the tribal administrator
48 for Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak.

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50 And, yes, we did respond to the

1 Proposal 40-5, and we put together and faxed a letter
2 outlining our opposition. And basically the proposal,
3 as you said, we also feel it's insulting that we as
4 tribal governments as one entity have to respond to
5 such things like this. And this proposal had no data
6 substantiating its reasoning for wanting Kodiak to be
7 named an urban area.

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9 And so we also don't feel that people,
10 or individuals -- and we respect the right of
11 individuals to offer proposals, but they should at
12 least take the time to answer the questions on a
13 proposal. If you look at the proposal, I don't know if
14 you have it right in front of you, but, you know, he
15 doesn't -- the gentleman from Fairbanks didn't even
16 bother to take the time to fill out some of the
17 questions that just any general proposal asks.

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19 So we're opposed to it, and we'll be
20 glad to give you a copy of our letter if you'd like.

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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, we have a
23 copy here.

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25 MR. POLASKY: All right. Do you have a
26 copy of the letter that the tribe sent? If you're
27 interested in that, we could.....

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That will be
30 great. I'd appreciate it.

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32 MR. POLASKY: You bet. Thank you.

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34 MS. BORTON: Camai, Mr. Chair. Melissa
35 Borton, tribal administrator for the Native Village of
36 Afognak.

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38 Obviously we're opposed to the
39 proposal. I'm not going to repeat everything that Mr.
40 Polasky did.

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42 But I guess the other point that I'd
43 like to add is the Department staff remain neutral on
44 this proposal in their recommendation to the Joint
45 Board, and they didn't necessarily state why they
46 remain neutral, but their recommendation to the Board
47 was to review Kodiak. So I also feel that from the
48 Department's standpoint, they should have justified why
49 they were not opposed to the proposal, especially since
50 the proposal didn't meet their own guidelines in

1 submission.

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3 So those are just the additional
4 comments that I'd like to share. Thank you for your
5 support.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you,
8 Melissa.

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10 MR. KOSO: Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Rick.

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14 MR. KOSO: So in response to this
15 proposal, 40-5, are you going to need a proposal on
16 that -- or a motion on that today so that we could
17 follow through on the letter tomorrow?

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, I do need a
20 motion so that we can produce a letter opposing this
21 proposal.

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23 MR. KOSO: Well, Vince had it down.
24 Vince, why don't you make the proposal then?

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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28 MR. KOSO: You could go ahead and make
29 that proposal. You had the information. Or motion,
30 excuse me.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, for the record,
33 Mr. Chair, then I make a motion to oppose Proposal 40-5
34 and submit it to the Joint Board of Fish on October --
35 in October.

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37 MR. KOSO: Second.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
40 seconded. Any discussion. Yes, go ahead.

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42 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. You might want
43 to make the motion in the affirmative and then again if
44 there's opposition, oppose the motion.

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46 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A friendly amendment,
49 Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Vince.
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: With the second's
4 approval, then I'll move to support Proposal 40-5 so we
5 can vote it down I guess.
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.
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9 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.
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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Carl.
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13 MR. JOHNSON: May I make a suggestion
14 on the wording of the motion that would make sense.
15 And that would be that move to draft a letter to the
16 Joint Board of Game expressing opposition of Proposal
17 40, because then it's in an affirmative. You're taking
18 an affirmative action by drafting a letter, but then
19 stating your intent of the letter as part of the
20 motion.
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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Vince, you
23 might as well.....
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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Then I'll amend my --
26 again.
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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It might be easier
29 just to.....
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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Just to get a letter of
32 support.
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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Remove your
35 motions and make a motion that Carl stated. The Chair
36 asks the motion maker to rescind his previous motion.
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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I rescind both of them.
39 Start over.
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41 MR. KOSO: The second agrees with that.
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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Go back.
44 Go ahead.
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46 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. It would be to
47 draft a letter in opposition to Proposal 5, because
48 unlike when you're taking action on our own proposals,
49 stating in the affirmative, this is a little different.
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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. We're not
2 taking action on this proposal. If we took action on
3 this proposal, we'd make a motion supporting it and
4 then vote it down. But right now we're just making a
5 motion to produce a letter in opposition of this
6 proposal. Are we clear?

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8 (Laughter)

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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That will be the
11 motion made by
12 Vince.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So move.

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16 (Laughter)

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do I hear a
19 second.

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and
24 seconded. Discussion.

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26 MR. HOLMES: I would like to say this
27 last discussion has been conducted under not
28 necessarily the Robert's Parliamentary Procedures, but
29 under the procedures of Alutiiq and Anongun culture.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any further
34 discussion. Hearing no discussion -- go ahead, Vince.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I was just reading the
37 letter from the Tribe of Kodiak, and if we could
38 similarly follow the wording, because I think some of
39 what we're trying to accomplish here is the support of
40 this letter, like some of it here. I think some of the
41 wording should be included when you write your letter.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MR. HOLMES: Yeah. And then I've got a
46 bunch of bullets from the Round Table folks, so I've
47 got lots of material I can poke in there quite quickly.
48 And when I get home to my own computer, I can grab it
49 and lump it together.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Keep it down to one
2 page though.
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4 MR. HOLMES: Oh, yeah. Yes, sir.
5 Scout's honor.
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7 (Laughter)
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Any further
10 discussion.
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12 (No comments)
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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no further
15 discussion, is there any objection to the motion.
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17 (No comments)
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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Seeing none, then
20 the motion carries.
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22 Okay. Do you think we need to take a
23 break for dinner before the hearing at seven.
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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to recess.
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Carl.
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29 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair. George Pappas
30 wanted to bring to your attention another motion, or
31 another proposal. That's Proposal 337. That's for
32 just the Board of Fisheries for this area. And he was
33 going to brief you on that since we're talking about
34 State Board issues. And we could either deal with that
35 now or.....
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No, let's deal
38 with it.
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40 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
41 Thank you, Carl. Do you want me to just run, Mr.
42 Chair.
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, go ahead.
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46 MR. PAPPAS: Okay. Proposal 337. Pat
47 Holmes contacted me and me to take a good look at a lot
48 of the Board of Fish proposals. Bottom line, a
49 proposal was submitted to repeal the prohibition on
50 subsistence tanner crab fishing 14 days before

1 participating in a king and tanner crab commercial
2 opener in the Kodiak area. Bottom line, the proponent
3 feels that subsistence fishing for tanner crab in the
4 Kodiak area is prohibited for two weeks before the
5 start of the commercial fishing season, and also
6 commercial regulations prohibit commercial fishermen
7 from subsistence or sport fishing for tanner crab prior
8 to the start of a commercial season to prevent vessels
9 from prospecting and preempting the fisheries ground.

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11 The proponent feels there's no reason
12 to hold subsistence fishermen to the same standards as
13 they do not participate in the commercial salmon
14 fishery.

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16 Now the Federal subsistence
17 regulations, we have the same regulation where
18 subsistence crab fishermen in waters under Federal
19 subsistence fisheries jurisdiction cannot fish within
20 waters greater than 25 fathoms prior 14 prior to a
21 commercial king or tanner crab fishery.

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23 So I just wanted to ask you guys for a
24 position on this. And the meetings not until January,
25 but I'll definitely have the opportunity to talk to you
26 guys before your next RAC meeting.

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28 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Questions,
31 comments from the Council.

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33 MR. HOLMES: Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pat.

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37 MR. HOLMES: 30 years ago or so when
38 this came up in the commercial fishing regs, I was
39 assistant area shellfish guy. And the problem was, is
40 that commercial fishermen were prospecting and then
41 using, under the guise of subsistence fishing, and then
42 if they found a good little pocket, then they were
43 already fishing it before the season opened by saying
44 they were subsistence. And then when that was -- in my
45 recollection was, they came in saying commercial
46 fishermen couldn't subsistence fish, blah-blah-blah.
47 But then they avoided that by bringing along somebody
48 on the boat that wasn't a commercial fisherman, and
49 they said it was his pots. And anyway they tried
50 everything they could to finagle.

1 And what had happened, I know of some
2 places where folks over towards Spruce Island, up in
3 the head of the Gut there, where there were some folks
4 stateside that were, quote, subsistence fishing. They
5 shouldn't even have been subsistence fishing, but they
6 found a nice little pocket where, you know, Ouzinkie
7 folks would go put their pots out.

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9 And so in first view you think, well,
10 that would be great, let's just do away with it and let
11 the subsistence do what the commercial does, but they
12 would basically mess it up for subsistence, and then
13 they cheated on their fellow commercial fishermen. And
14 so I just would be very suspicious of this proposal
15 myself. And usually at the time of the year the -- I
16 think just leaving things the way they are protects
17 subsistence fishing for tanners better than, you know,
18 trying to divide it up and leave another little sweet
19 pocket for somebody to cheat and basically go in and
20 clean out a whole cluster where subsistence people
21 might be doing it, you know. That's just my opinion.

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23 Pete, you've kind of got lots of
24 experience in that line, too.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. No, I agree
27 with you on that, Pat. I just -- you know, things have
28 changed a lot since then, but I still think, you know,
29 when they had the short commercial fisheries, the ones
30 that the subsistence definitely had the advantage. So
31 I think it's all changed now, but it may still happen
32 on the tanner side, but I mean those were the king crab
33 days.

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35 MR. HOLMES: Well, Mr. Chair, I don't
36 know where to go on this. On one hand it looks up
37 front to be something that would help subsistence, but
38 on the other hand, all my time in Kodiak here makes me
39 rather skeptical, and I'd be more inclined to oppose
40 the proposal. But that's kind of the way I feel.

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Mr. Chair. We
43 do have a lot of time to discuss this and get more
44 input maybe.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, but that
47 meeting's in January, correct? And our meeting's not
48 until March. So by the time we have our meeting in
49 March, it will already have happened. So we don't have
50 -- I guess our time is now. We don't have another

1 meeting before January.

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3 MR. HOLMES: I guess that maybe one way
4 to approach this is I'll make a motion that we support
5 the State Fisheries Proposal 337 that would modify
6 subsistence harvest prior to the commercial season.
7 And then I'd need a second and then we can chew it up
8 and throw it away.

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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is there a second.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll second it for
13 discussion.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It's been moved
16 and seconded. Discussion.

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18 I've got a question. You said they
19 would close subsistence two weeks before and after a
20 commercial season. Now, during the commercial season,
21 you can -- where can you subsistence fish?

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23 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. George Pappas.

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25 During a commercial fishing season, if
26 a subsistence user, Federally-qualified subsistence
27 user wants to fish in Federal waters, they can.
28 There's no restriction.

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30 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,
33 George.

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35 MR. HOLMES: Excuse me, Mr. Chair. To
36 Mr. Pappas. Isn't there in both the State and Federal
37 regs that it's in waters deeper than 20 fathoms; is
38 that correct?

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40 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. Mr. Holmes,
41 that's 25 fathoms; greater than 25 fathoms.

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43 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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45 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, because I was
46 thinking about that, because a lot of, you know, skiff
47 fishermen really don't have the capacity to fish that
48 deep, or just barely. I mean, that's a lot of line to
49 pull, don't you think? And I'm not that strong any
50 more. But I think that -- you know, so it doesn't

1 really exclude probably the legitimate village tanner
2 crab guy with his old Korean long-line pot that he
3 scrounged 20 years ago, or built out of rebar.

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5 So I think I'd just be opposed to it.
6 And I hope that the rest of the Council has some
7 similar feelings. I think it would -- should just
8 leave it the way it is, because I think that will give
9 more protection to the true subsistence user.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other
12 questions or comments.

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14 I've got one I guess. Nursery areas
15 are considered to be in waters less than 25 fathoms.
16 What are we doing fishing there? I mean, it doesn't
17 make sense to fish out a nursery area. You're going to
18 -- even for subsistence. You know, I go subsistence
19 fishing, my whole family does, but we don't go and wipe
20 out an area just so that we could get a lot of it. I
21 mean, crab fishing in a nursery area just doesn't make
22 sense.

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24 Any other discussion.

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26 (No comments)

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Can we take
29 a roll call vote, please.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: Roll call vote on the
32 motion to support Board of Fisheries Proposal 337.
33 Please indicate support by saying aye, and opposition
34 by stating nay.

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36 Antone Shelikoff.

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38 MR. SHELKOFF: Abstain again.

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40 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. He's abstaining
41 again.

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43 Patrick Holmes.

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45 MR. HOLMES: Opposed.

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47 MR. JOHNSON: Richard Koso.

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49 MR. KOSO: Opposed.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Pete Squartsoff.
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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oppose.
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5 MR. JOHNSON: Vince Tutiakoff.
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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oppose.
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9 MR. JOHNSON: Mitch Simeonoff.
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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oppose.
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13 MR. JOHNSON: Melissa Berns.
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15 MS. BERNS: Oppose.
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17 MR. JOHNSON: Motion fails, Mr. Chair.
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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Carl.
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21 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you, Mr. Chair and
22 members of the Council. If the Board of Fish does
23 approve this proposal, we will inform you, and it might
24 necessitate a proposal to the Federal Subsistence Board
25 if you want to match that action.
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27 Thank you for your time.
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, George.
30 Appreciate it.
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32 Carl.
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34 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Chair. Is it
35 the Council's desire that a letter be prepared
36 expressing the Council's opposition to this proposal
37 and that it be transmitted to the Board of Fisheries.
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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes. That would
40 also require Board action so that we can produce it, or
41 do we just.....
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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Do it by direction.
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45 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. Actually, Mr.
46 Chair, you have enough on the record right now to
47 authorize me to draft a letter on your behalf and have
48 it, you know, approved by you and sent to the Board.
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.

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George, do you have anything more for us.

MR. PAPPAS: That's a negative. And I will be referencing in the official comments to the Board of Fisheries this conversation and reference to the transcript record.

Thank you for letting me budge in here.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you. Okay. Now, do you wish to take a dinner break.

SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We'll see you back here at 7:00.

(Off record)

(PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONTINUED)

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I, Salena A. Hile, Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify:

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taken electronically on the 24th day of September 2013, beginning at the hour of 1:00 p.m. at Kodiak, Alaska;

THAT the transcript is a true and correct transcript requested to be transcribed and thereafter transcribed under my direction;

THAT I am not an employee, attorney, or party interested in any way in this action.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 8th day of October 2013.

Salena A. Hile
Notary Public, State of Alaska
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