

1 KODIAK/ALEUTIANS SUBSISTENCE  
2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
3 PUBLIC MEETING  
4 October 5, 2004  
5 9:00 a.m.  
6 Cold Bay Community Center  
7 Cold Bay, Alaska  
8 Teleconference - King Cove, Alaska  
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11 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:  
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13 Speridon Simeonoff, Sr., Acting Chair  
14 Della Trumble, Chair (Telephonic)  
15 Alfred B. Cratty, Jr.  
16 Vincent M. Tutiakoff  
17 Pete M. Squartsoff  
18 Richard Zacharof  
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20 Michelle Chivers, Regional Council Coordinator  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(On record - 9:07 a.m.)

MS. CHIVERS: Della, do you have all the meeting materials with you?

MS. TRUMBLE: I do. Is Al on line, too?

MR. CRATTY: Al's here.

MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. You're in Cold Bay?

MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.

MS. CHIVERS: Well, do you.....

MR. TUTIAKOFF: Call the role, you'll find out who's here.

Call the roll and find out who's here.

MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. I'll be doing that. Call the meeting to order and roll call.

MR. SQUARTSOFF: Al Cratty.

MR. CRATTY: Here.

MR. SQUARTSOFF: Ivan Lukin. Vince Tutiakoff.

MR. TUTIAKOFF: Here.

MR. SQUARTSOFF: Pete Squartsoff. Here. Patrick Holmes. Paul Gundersen. I know Paul's with you, isn't he?

MS. TRUMBLE: No, he's not. He will hopefully be here shortly though.

MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay. Speridon Simeonoff.

MR. SIMEONOFF: Here.

MR. SQUARTSOFF: Della Trumble.

MS. TRUMBLE: Here.

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Richard Zacharof.  
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3 MR. ZACHAROF: Here.  
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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We have a quorum.  
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7 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pete. We have a  
8 quorum. Maybe, Michelle at this time we can have who else  
9 is available with -- there's no one here right now but me.  
10 There was someone earlier, and he left. Paul should be  
11 here shortly.  
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13 MS. CHIVERS: Della, would it be easier if  
14 we actually Mitch kind of run it from here? Mitch run the  
15 meeting from here?  
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17 MS. TRUMBLE: I think that would be great  
18 for me.  
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20 MS. CHIVERS: Yeah. Because I don't know  
21 if everybody's hearing her fine. Some people in the  
22 audience are and some aren't, so maybe if we had Mitch run  
23 it from here, and then if you wanted to speak in or  
24 something, that might actually work better.  
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26 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. That's fine, Michelle.  
27 Go ahead.  
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right. Thank you,  
30 Della.  
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32 At this point we'll do -- I'd like to  
33 welcome everybody here. Thanks for coming, and we'd like  
34 to have introductions of everybody. I'll start with  
35 myself. I'm Speridon Simeonoff. I'm from Akhiok on Kodiak  
36 Island.  
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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Pete Squartsoff from Port  
39 Lions.  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Vince Tutiakoff, Adak. I'm  
42 supposed to read this adjusted language for disclosure?  
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44 MS. CHIVERS: Oh, wait, we'll get to that.  
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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. I was going to read  
47 them all.  
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49 MR. CRATTY: Al Cratty, Old Harbor, Kodiak  
50 Island.

1 MR. ZACHAROF: Richard Zacharof, St. Paul  
2 Island.  
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4 MS. CHIVERS: Michelle Chivers, Council  
5 Coordinator.  
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7 MR. CHEN: Glenn Chen with the Bureau of  
8 Indian Affairs.  
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10 MR. FRIED: Steve Fried, Fish and Wildlife  
11 Service, Office of Subsistence Management, Anchorage.  
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13 MR. LaPLANT: Dan LaPlant, Office of  
14 Subsistence Management in Anchorage.  
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16 MR. FISHER: Dave Fisher, Office of  
17 Subsistence Management, Anchorage.  
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19 MR. POTTER: Rick Potter, refuge manager,  
20 Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.  
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22 MR. SAITO: Brandon Saito, Fish and  
23 Wildlife Service, Kodiak.  
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25 MR. PYLE: Bill Pyle, Kodiak National  
26 Wildlife Refuge.  
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28 MR. SCHROF: Steve Schrof, Alaska  
29 Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak.  
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31 MR. SHAUL: Arni Shaul, Alaska Department  
32 of Fish and Game, Cold Bay.  
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34 MS. SOWL: Kristine Sowl, biologist,  
35 Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.  
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Della, do you  
38 have people there with you?  
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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes, Speridon, we have Earl  
41 Mack, Connie Mack, and Marvin Mack.  
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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.  
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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Hi, Big Shot.  
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47 MR. MACK: Hi, how are you doing over  
48 there, Pete?  
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: At this time we will

1 review and adopt the agenda before us. There was one  
2 handed out. I don't know if it's an updated one or the  
3 same as the one in the packet.

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5 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair, actually there's  
6 one addition that is not on the agenda, but they've asked  
7 that in the future we actually add it on so that we make  
8 sure that we do the financial disclosure at the beginning  
9 of the meeting. So after we review and adopt the agenda,  
10 if we could make that the next item, to go through and have  
11 the Council members each read out whatever their financial  
12 disclosure is.

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14 And the only items -- we don't have any  
15 proposals that we're going to be reviewing, but we have  
16 some FIS projects that Steve Fried will be going over, and  
17 so we just need to make sure that we read the financial  
18 disclosure before we get to that portion of the agenda.  
19 And so we'll have each of the Council members read.

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21 If you'll pull out, there's a sheet that's  
22 called the guidelines regarding financial disclosure by the  
23 members. On the back side there's a definition there as to  
24 what category you might fit under and you can say whether  
25 you have financial disclosure regarding those conflicts or  
26 not. But we can get to that after you go through the  
27 agenda.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Make a motion to adopt the  
32 agenda.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second.

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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It's been moved and  
37 seconded to adopt the agenda. Is there any discussion.

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: As amended. As amended  
40 with this.....

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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: As amended, yes.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no discussion,  
47 do we have any objections.

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50 MS. TRUMBLE: (Indiscernible)

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Are you saying  
2 something, Della? I can hardly hear you.  
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4 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes. What I'm looking at  
5 (indiscernible).  
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You're cutting out  
8 really bad.  
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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Get up next to the speaker,  
11 please.  
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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Try that.  
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15 MS. TRUMBLE: At this time (indiscernible)  
16 it's got an echo.  
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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Can you understand  
19 her?  
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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Something about having an  
22 echo.  
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24 MS. TRUMBLE: (Indiscernible - cutting in  
25 and out)  
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry, Della,  
28 we're getting just every other word. I cannot understand  
29 you at all.  
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31 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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33 (Working on teleconference)  
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35 MS. TRUMBLE: I was requesting that Paul  
36 Gundersen under absent, to list him as that he was  
37 (indiscernible) back to Anchorage.  
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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: She's talking about the  
40 minutes. Paul Gundersen absent.  
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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Where?  
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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right here on the minutes.  
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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Last meeting.  
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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, what was the -- the  
49 concern was Paul Gundersen being absent on the draft  
50 minutes?

1 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes.  
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We're still on the  
4 agenda here, Della.  
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6 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Now we're on them maybe.  
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, well, I was  
11 asking for objections on acceptance of the agenda, and I  
12 heard you on there. I thought you had some discussion on  
13 them. Is that correct?  
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15 MR. ZACHAROF: Call for the question.  
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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Adoption of the agenda.  
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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: This is not working  
20 very well.  
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22 MS. CHIVERS: It's all in favor. Simply  
23 say just all in favor.  
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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. The motion to  
26 -- there was a motion on the floor to accept the agenda  
27 with the addition. I asked for discussion, there was no  
28 discussion. I asked for objections, I didn't hear no  
29 objections, but I heard Della on the phone, and I thought  
30 she had some discussion there. If we'll just by-pass that,  
31 and if there were no objections then the motion will carry.  
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33 (No objections)  
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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Did you capture that  
36 okay, Della? Give me two clicks.  
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38 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay, she said.  
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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. On to the next  
43 one.  
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45 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair.  
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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.  
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49 MS. CHIVERS: Rick Potter has just stepped  
50 across over to the other office. He's going to see about

1 getting us another speaker phone, and we're going to try a  
2 different speaker phone. So I wonder if maybe we want to  
3 take.....  
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We'll take a  
6 break.....  
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8 MS. CHIVERS: .....take a break.  
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: .....until he comes  
11 back.  
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13 MS. CHIVERS: And try to get reset up  
14 again.  
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Call for a  
17 break until Potter comes back with another phone.  
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19 MS. CHIVERS: Well, we'll have to get set  
20 back up on line, so you want to say like a 15-minute break  
21 until 9:30?  
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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right.  
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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We'll come back at 9:30.  
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Let's break until  
28 Potter comes back. Do you hear that, Della? If you hear  
29 me, Rick Potter went to get another telephone, and we're  
30 going to disconnect for about 15 minutes and then try a  
31 different phone system. So we're going to take a 15-minute  
32 break.  
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34 MS. CHIVERS: And she can hang up.  
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36 MS. TRUMBLE: I'll be (indiscernible).  
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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.  
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40 (Off record)  
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42 (On record)  
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We'll call the  
45 meeting back to order, and I'll turn this chair back over  
46 to Della Trumble over in King Cove. You're on, Della. Did  
47 you hear me?  
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49 MS. CHIVERS: Della?  
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1 MS. TRUMBLE: I can hear you, Mitch, but  
2 not that well. You might get closer to the mike.  
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm not very close.  
5 I just called the meeting back to order, and I turn the  
6 chair back over to you.  
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8 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, you know, it might be  
9 easier, Mitch, if you continue on. It's kind of hard on  
10 this end. We also don't have all the paperwork you've got  
11 there, so.....  
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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.  
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15 MS. TRUMBLE: .....if you'll continue.  
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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. I appreciate  
18 that. Thank you, Della.  
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20 At this time we're on the review of our  
21 minutes from our March 18th, 2004 meeting in Kodiak and  
22 Larson Bay. Is there any discussion or corrections with  
23 those minutes?  
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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to approve.  
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27 MR. CRATTY: Second.  
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and seconded to  
30 approve. Is there any discussion.  
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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair, the only  
33 thing I see on it, it has March 18, 2004, Buskin River in  
34 Kodiak. It doesn't have Larson Bay on there.  
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Larson Bay was  
37 through teleconference.  
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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, the meeting was at  
40 Larson Bay. The Buskin was teleconference.  
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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, yeah. Right. You  
43 got a statement?  
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45 MS. CHIVERS: Uh-huh. Okay.  
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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other corrections?  
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49 MS. TRUMBLE: Mitch, this is Della.  
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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Della.  
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3 MS. TRUMBLE: What I was requesting was  
4 under absent, under members present, excused and absent, if  
5 we could move Paul Gundersen to excused, because he was ill  
6 for four days after he got back to Anchorage.  
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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, Della, this is Pete.  
9 I think I'd like to discuss that in executive session.  
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11 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Are you requesting  
14 executive session at this time for that item?  
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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.  
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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, there's a  
19 request for an executive session for discussion on the  
20 minutes.  
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22 (Off record)  
23  
24 (No executive session)  
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26 (On record)  
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28 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. Because I didn't have  
29 the public leave the room at this time. So if we just  
30 continue on, it would be fine.  
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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.  
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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to adopt the --  
35 well, it's already been moved, Mr. Chair.  
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: There's already a  
38 motion on the floor, it's been seconded. We're under  
39 discussion.  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So the agenda -- minutes  
42 will remain as they are until changed at a later date.  
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: So.....  
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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Question.  
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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The question is  
49 called. All those in favor say aye.  
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1 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Those opposed, same  
4 sign.  
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6 (No opposing votes)  
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Motion carries.  
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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.  
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent, go ahead.  
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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Item 5.A. is now Council  
15 disclosure, so you'll have to read the back page of your  
16 disclosure statement, whatever applies to you.  
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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, yeah, that's  
19 right.  
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21 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair.  
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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Michelle.  
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25 MS. CHIVERS: If you will, what we'll have  
26 each of the Council members do is state their name for the  
27 record, and there's some -- on the back side of the sheet,  
28 you can just use one of those suggested language as to how  
29 you're going to do your financial disclosure, as to whether  
30 there are any conflicts or not. And once everybody's  
31 completed, then I'll make a determination as to.....  
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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You've got to read the  
34 whole paragraph?  
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36 MS. CHIVERS: If you'd like, I can read it  
37 for you. I'll go ahead and read it into the record.  
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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead.  
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41 MS. CHIVERS: The guidelines state that the  
42 Department needs to obtain viewpoints and advice from  
43 members who are actively involved in subsistence activities  
44 and commercial activities that involve the land or  
45 resources of the region. So at the beginning of the  
46 meeting, they ask the council members to introduce  
47 themselves using the appropriate disclosure statement, and  
48 there's suggested language on the back, so they can  
49 disclose their financial interest relating to any agenda  
50 item, such as any commercial permits held, subsistence

1 activities, or business activities relating to guiding,  
2 transporting, outfitting, air taxi, or lodge operations  
3 that may directly or predictably affect the agenda item.

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5 So at this time, what we could do is have  
6 the Council members state their names, say if they're --  
7 state if they have any financial disclosures that may cause  
8 conflict, and then when it comes to that item, if there is  
9 a Council member who has a conflict with that, then that  
10 person would not be included in the discussion. But if it  
11 is determined that there are no conflicts, then everybody  
12 will be involved in that discussion.

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14 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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16 MS. CHIVERS: So you can start with  
17 whomever you want to start with.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I can start if you  
20 want. My name is Speridon Simeonoff, Sr. I live in  
21 Akhiok, Alaska, Kodiak Island. I subsistence hunt and fish  
22 in Federal lands and waters under consider -- well, I do  
23 not hold any commercial permits or conduct any business  
24 activities directly affected by any agenda item before the  
25 Council. Good enough.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: My name is Pete  
28 Squartsoff, and I live in Port Lions. I subsistence hunt  
29 and fish on the Federal lands/ waters under consideration  
30 at this meeting. I do not hold any commercial permits or  
31 conduct any business activities directly affected by any  
32 agenda item before the Council.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: My name is Vince Tutiakoff,  
35 Sr. I live in Adak, Alaska. I subsistence hunt or fish on  
36 Federal lands under consideration at this meeting. I do  
37 not hold any commercial permits or conduct any business  
38 activities directly affected by any agenda item before the  
39 Council.

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41 MR. ZACHAROF: My name is Richard Zacharof.  
42 I live in St. Paul Island. I subsistence hunt and fish in  
43 Federal lands under consideration at this meeting. I also  
44 hold a commercial fishing permit, but not in any of the  
45 areas under consideration at this meeting.

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47 MR. CRATTY: My name is Al Cratty, and I  
48 live in Old Harbor. I subsistence fish and hunt in Federal  
49 lands and waters under consideration at this meeting. I  
50 also hold a commercial fishing permit, operate a guiding

1 and transporting, outfitting, air taxi or lodge operation,  
2 but not in any of the areas under consideration at this  
3 meeting.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Della.

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: Mitch, I do not have that  
8 paperwork with me to read, but basically I'll just say that  
9 my name is Della Trumble, I live in King Cove, and I  
10 subsistence hunt and fish on Federal lands and water under  
11 consideration for this meeting. And I do not hold any  
12 commercial permits. And because I can't read the rest of  
13 it, and don't have it here, that will be that.

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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's good enough.

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. It's understood  
18 that from your statement that you have no direct advantage,  
19 personal advantage on any agenda item that is before this  
20 Council, correct?

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22 MS. TRUMBLE: That is correct. Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you,  
25 Della. Yeah, we're done with that.

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27 MS. CHIVERS: Well, Mr. Chair, at this time  
28 it does not look like anybody has any commercial interest  
29 that affect any proposal or the -- any of the agenda items,  
30 and so it is determined that there are no conflicts and  
31 everybody will continue on with all the discussions. Thank  
32 you.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Michelle.

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37 Okay. At this time we have -- we're at  
38 number 6. It's Council members reports. Start at the end  
39 of the table. Vincent.

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41 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Michelle.

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45 MS. CHIVERS: Can I explain this item?  
46 This was a new item added onto the agenda, and I apologize  
47 for not stating that. But what they've asked each of the  
48 Council members to do at each of the meetings now is kind  
49 of give -- it gives the Council members an opportunity to  
50 give a report for things that are happening in their area,

1 whether it be with wildlife or fish.....

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3 MS. TRUMBLE: Michelle is cutting in and  
4 out. We can't hear her.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Speak louder.

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8 MS. CHIVERS: Okay. Let me -- I'm sorry,  
9 Della, I'll start over.

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11 This is a new agenda item titled Council  
12 member reports. And they've asked that we give the  
13 opportunity to all the Council members to give a report for  
14 their area with regard to subsistence hunting and fishing  
15 and things that -- I'll give an example. Like in the  
16 Northwest Arctic, each of the Council members kind of gives  
17 a statement as to what they're seeing that's happening in  
18 their region, and so if it's something that needs to be  
19 brought to the rest of the Council's attention, say, to  
20 bring on a new proposal or something to that effect, that  
21 gives everybody an opportunity to hear what's happening in  
22 their area. So it's going to be kind of new to this  
23 Council, but, you know, you can just kind of go with  
24 whatever people say, and if it's something that we can add  
25 on to like say our annual report at a future date, that  
26 might be something we can consider as well, but it just  
27 gives everybody a change to give a report for their area.  
28 Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: So did you get that  
31 okay, Della?

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33 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes, I did.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We'll start  
36 with Richard.

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38 MR. ZACHAROF: Council member reports based  
39 on what? Salmon? Bird eggs? Fur seals?

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41 MS. CHIVERS: Whatever you'd like to report  
42 on.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Whatever you want to bring  
45 up.

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47 MR. ZACHAROF: Reindeer?

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Whatever you want to  
50 bring to the Board.

1 MR. ZACHAROF: Well, St. Paul is very  
2 subsistence oriented. We do have a population of a million  
3 fur seal, and we subsistence every summer about 500  
4 animals. We subsist off of reindeer. We also subsist off  
5 of -- we have a small salmon run that comes through our  
6 lagoon. We probably get about 100 salmon off that. Bird  
7 eggs, we get a lot of bird eggs. Community. Halibut fish.  
8 Crab fish. Commercial fishery. That's basically what we  
9 do, and that's my report.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thanks, Richard. Al.

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13 MR. CRATTY: Al Cratty, Old Harbor. I'd  
14 just like to say even though there's a lot of sports  
15 fishermen in Old Harbor this fall, that everybody's getting  
16 their share of silvers or coho salmon. There's a lot of  
17 silvers that showed up down there, so everybody's doing  
18 good.

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20 We have a lot of geese around there, and  
21 everybody's licking their chops, but there's no season on  
22 those.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Al.

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26 I'm Mitch Simeonoff from Kodiak Island,  
27 Akhiok. In Akhiok we have a lot of subsistence fishermen,  
28 and they're subsistence fish of choice is the sockeye, and  
29 their sockeye salmon streams are, you know, like 28 miles  
30 away. I mean, the sockeyes -- or the streams that are  
31 close by the village where they want to put sockeye, there  
32 are dogs and pinks. But they cannot enhance those streams,  
33 because it directly affects the commercial fishery. And  
34 their concern is how do we get the sockeye salmon streams  
35 closer to the village so that they don't have to travel so  
36 far and endanger their lives during bad weather to get this  
37 salmon. And that was one of the big concerns from Akhiok.  
38 That's all I have.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Pete Squartsoff, Port  
41 Lions. One of my concerns is still what's going on with  
42 Afognak Lake. I know that it was made our number 1  
43 priority a couple years ago. It's been worked on, and our  
44 stocks, or the returns are still declining. Also I noticed  
45 this year and last year that also declining in Port Lions  
46 because of that they were getting the eggs from Afognak  
47 Lake for the sockeye. But that was down this year also.  
48 Other than that, I think everything's okay.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thanks, Pete.

1 Vincent.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair.  
4 A lot of things have happened in Adak in the last year that  
5 has changed the ownership of Federal lands to private  
6 ownership, and it happened in March I believe, and since  
7 that's happened, 47,000 acres which was Federal property is  
8 now private property. And we've come head-to-head with  
9 guided hunters coming to Adak. And we filed -- lodged a  
10 complaint with the Federal subsistence department, and also  
11 the manager in Homer that they've issued a permit to allow  
12 guided hunt with airplanes and landing on Federal property.  
13 It's a special permit. It was not before the community for  
14 consideration, and therefore we do have a file right now,  
15 a claim that we feel it's unjustified issuing a permit.

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17 The City of Adak has issued a letter which  
18 I'm carrying with me today, and I'll give it to Michelle as  
19 soon as I can get copies made. Maybe this afternoon's  
20 meeting sometime. And it outlines their position in regard  
21 to this issue.

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23 We're not opposed to Federal guide hunts on  
24 Adak. What we are opposed to is use of property without  
25 proper authority. And that authority goes through my  
26 office. I'm the manager for Adak Development and Adak  
27 Transition Office.

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29 We issue permits for anyone, including  
30 locals to traverse or hunt on our property. And the guided  
31 people that did come out totally ignored our request for  
32 permits. They were issued a Federal permit, and under that  
33 permit they were also told that they must get authorization  
34 from the new land owner, which he did not do, and at this  
35 point is still giving us problems in Adak.

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37 In regards to the fishing on Adak, it's  
38 been great. Commercial fishing has been -- for cod has  
39 been outstanding. We are continuing to develop that  
40 species. And just recently, in December, the Aleut  
41 Corporation was transmitted or are new owners of pollack  
42 quota in the Adak area. And we are building a processing  
43 plant for pollack in Adak. We've built a two and a half  
44 million dollar -- or two and a half metric ton cold storage  
45 plant this spring, and it's in operation now. We're  
46 planning a 14 million metric ton cold storage plant into  
47 the future to take care of the other processors.

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49 So from the subsistence point of view, the  
50 community, there are approximately 80 year round, maybe it

1 will grow here in the next couple years. We rely heavily  
2 on the caribou, the fish, and, of course, the birds that  
3 are in Adak. And we're working with Fish and Wildlife to,  
4 especially around Clam Lagoon area, to try and keep their  
5 bird populations up, and not hunt their sea otters inside  
6 the lagoon, that kind of thing.

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8 Other than that, Adak is continuing to  
9 move, and I'm sure that every meeting that this kind of  
10 update is going to be new, different. Thanks.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Vincent.  
13 Della, if we can get your Council member.....

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15 MS. TRUMBLE: Can you hear me?

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If we can get your  
18 Council members report. And we can hear you pretty good  
19 now. Go ahead.

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21 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. This is Della. I  
22 think there's a number of issues. I think just to start  
23 off, the commercial fishery was very slow out here this  
24 year. And most of -- a lot of the harvest for reds that  
25 people usually get under the State subsistence was hardly  
26 -- there was hardly any fish to do that. And that's mainly  
27 your reds, your sockeyes.

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29 The one thing I think that we noted even  
30 with the pink salmon run, they were quite late. Really  
31 late. I don't now that I've ever seen it come in as late  
32 as they did this year.

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34 And the other item that I think that needs  
35 to be brought to the attention of this Board, because I  
36 hope it never happens again, but the subsistence caribou  
37 opens on August 1st. We did not receive those permits  
38 until about the 8th or maybe even as late as the 10th of  
39 August, and they shouldn't have been that late.

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41 the other item that's changed out here  
42 State subsistence fisheries permitting. When you pick up  
43 your permit one year, and then if you filed your report,  
44 you automatically get a permit the next year, and so you  
45 don't have to file for a new permit, which has actually  
46 been a nice thing. It's taken a lot of paperwork out of  
47 the system.

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49 And I think Marvin Mack did have a couple  
50 of comments he would like to make, too, at this time, so

1 I'll let him go ahead and speak.

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3 MR. MACK: Yeah, Mr. Chair, you know, I  
4 talked to Vince on this Federal subsistence hunt on Federal  
5 lands, and I'm getting my guide license and stuff. And if  
6 there's -- and I kind of totally disagree with the Federal  
7 Government with the way they're doing things. It's like  
8 Cold Bay Refuge. They automatically, you know -- and being  
9 a guide that you have to register the lands that you're  
10 going to hunt on, whether it's private lands, corporation,  
11 and Federal lands, and Kind of disagree with them turning  
12 over the whole Cold Bay Refuge to a guide, and then you  
13 can't hunt within a mile of the refuge lines, and -- I  
14 think it's a mile or a half a mile, for other guides.  
15 Anyway, but there again is with the State, with the feds,  
16 and, you know, like lock up a refuge just to certain  
17 guides. Now, I don't know how they're going to handle it  
18 out in Adak, but -- and the way Cold Bay is run on that --  
19 on the refuge there, hunting around Frosty and the  
20 corporation lands are right close there, and that there's  
21 been a conflict with some of the guides. So that there is  
22 my only comment. Thank you.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Can I ask a question?

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Vince.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, Big Shot, are you  
29 saying that the new practice in Izembek is to issue one  
30 permit to one guide, or what's that?

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32 MR. MACK: Well, that there's it, Vince.  
33 That's the way they've got it up there. There's one guide  
34 that's -- he's got a lot of that refuge and so many acres,  
35 and then if he don't show up to guide that season, you are  
36 required to get the okay from him, and he gives the okay to  
37 the refuge for another guide to come in and hunt his lands.  
38 So in other words, once you register your lands with the  
39 State through the refuge, you know, when you're hunting on  
40 Federal land, during the hunting season, then, you know,  
41 you're required to hunt it, but then if not, it's just like  
42 the guides that are out on Unimak Island.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, maybe -- I think that  
45 has to be reviewed and brought to somebody. It seems to me  
46 an opportunity for local guides to bring in, to be able to  
47 hunt on what you call public, quote/unquote, property,  
48 which they're reminding us of all the time, but it doesn't  
49 seem to be public if that seems to be their direction, and  
50 we need to maybe talk more about it.

1                   And I'll be over in King Cove probably  
2 tomorrow or next day, whenever I can get over there, and we  
3 need to it down and talk.

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5                   MR. MACK: Yeah. Okay, Vince. that would  
6 be great. That will be really great, yeah. You know, me,  
7 I'm going to get my guide license for the next season  
8 hopefully here, so -- my master guide. I've been assistant  
9 guide for some time. And that there would be great, Vince.  
10 thank you.

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12                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is that all you have,  
13 Della.

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15                   MS. TRUMBLE: Yes, that's all.

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17                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. That was your  
18 Council member's report. The next item is the Chair's  
19 report. And that's you, your report.

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21                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's the 805 letter in  
22 the book.

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24                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The 805 letter that's  
25 -- it's in the book. Page 12.

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27                   MS. TRUMBLE: That's correct, Mitch. And  
28 if I may also, I'm not sure where it would be appropriate,  
29 but we also did have the Area M public meeting in April,  
30 and then we also had some other activity. And if it's  
31 appropriate, I'd like to just go ahead and report on that  
32 at this time.

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34                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You have the floor,  
35 Della.

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37                   MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you. You have before  
38 you the 805(c) letter. That's fairly self-explanatory.

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40                   The other issue that we had that affected  
41 the Kodiak/Aleutians was the Area M Federal  
42 extraterritorial jurisdiction request by four or five of  
43 the Regional Councils. And we had the public hearing in  
44 April. It went very well. There was I think a full day of  
45 public testimony. The testimony by all the members was  
46 done really well. The people were very respectful of each  
47 other. We had very good representation from the Aleutians  
48 East, and that we need to thank I think the Aleutians East  
49 Borough, the cities and the tribes, and the regionals, and  
50 the nonprofits and regional profits. They helped supported

1 our cause by testifying.

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3 The end result of that, we had to wait for  
4 the letter from the Secretary of Interior, and she  
5 basically supported us working closer together, and getting  
6 more educated on this whole process.

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8 One of the requests that we had had in our  
9 resolution that we drafted and submitted in the meeting in  
10 Larson Bay and Kodiak was to have various members from the  
11 various regions come out in June to get a better sense of  
12 the fishery, and better educated with the people out here.  
13 We had a number of Federal staff people and Regional  
14 Council. We weren't able to get as many as we had liked.  
15 What we found, and we know this has been a problem in the  
16 past, is that everybody is busy trying to harvest their  
17 salmon, their subsistence fish that time of year, so it  
18 does conflict with their schedule. We had a lot of  
19 interest in people wanting to come out, but at the end it  
20 didn't quite work out, except, you know, we did have the  
21 two Regional Council members.

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23 We spent quite a bit of time wandering  
24 through the harbor talking to a lot of fishermen until, you  
25 know, nine, 10 at night. We got to spend -- they had the  
26 Fishermen's Ball, they attended that, and spent some time  
27 with a lot of the local people. We also had the annual  
28 Fireman's Fundraiser, which is a big, large picnic in the  
29 community. And Stanley and his brothers and Big Shot all  
30 played accordions and guitars and it was real -- it was  
31 very nice. It was very well done.

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33 Then the other members, we had scheduled I  
34 think a total -- I believe it was six tenders that we  
35 disbursed the group of people out in different areas, from  
36 the Shumigans all the way to south Unimak, and the guys got  
37 to go on the boats, talk to the fishermen, watch and  
38 observe how the fish were being harvested. The weather  
39 wasn't that great, and I think that myself was just to get  
40 -- it gave them a better idea of what we go through to  
41 harvest any fish out here to continue to survive.

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43 Overall, it was very positive. It went  
44 really well. The two gentlemen that were here got a really  
45 good sense, and were appreciative of the people in the  
46 community, and I think finally we've broke some solid  
47 ground, and I know that Stanley will -- you know, we want  
48 to continue to do this next year, if more people want to  
49 come out and try to do the same thing, we're more than  
50 happy and willing, because I think overall it was very

1 positive, and hopefully we'll continue with the regions to  
2 continue to work together on this issue.

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4 That's all I think I have with that report.  
5 If there's any questions.

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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No questions from  
8 here, Della.

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10 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. That's my report.

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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you.  
13 Item No. 8. Michelle.

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15 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair, the office just  
16 asked that we make a statement on here that the Kodiak  
17 Aleutians did not have any fish proposals that we would be  
18 reviewing.

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20 But they also wanted to make a statement  
21 there, the next item is going to be the call for proposals  
22 for the wildlife regulations. And that is -- it's just a  
23 call for proposals, and so if you want to accept any  
24 proposals from the public, or if the Council members have  
25 any wildlife proposals, or any of the agencies.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: In Items 8 and 9,  
28 that's call for proposals.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We have until October  
31 22nd.....

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33 MS. CHIVERS: Yes.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....to file.

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37 MS. CHIVERS: Yes.

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. I'll be submitting  
40 one for Adak to change the regulations on caribou hunting  
41 in Adak.

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43 Also I have a question and Greg Cetanic  
44 (ph) did not get back to me like they were going to about,  
45 prior to this meeting, but we're going to discuss the  
46 possibility in regards to Adak for having a cooperative  
47 agreement with the Federal Government, Fisheries and  
48 Wildlife people, and the community of Adak, or a another  
49 designated tribal entity.

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1                   As you know, Adak does not have a  
2 designated tribal entity. We do have an entity called  
3 United Aleut Nations, which is a representation of every  
4 village, community in the Aleutians. And that entity is  
5 still a viable entity, is still alive and well. We just  
6 need to revitalize it. And I believe, Richard, aren't you  
7 on that council?

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9                   MR. ZACHAROF: Yes.

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11                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: So maybe we could do two  
12 proposals, one to limit the -- what is right now, there's  
13 -- anyone can go in there and hunt, and get as many as you  
14 want of the caribou. I think we need to set a limit on  
15 that for hunts. And also submit a proposal to the Fish and  
16 Wildlife for a co-management agreement which Greg Cetanic  
17 has agreed that we need to do that. We just haven't had an  
18 opportunity to meet prior to this meeting. So I think we  
19 have until October 22nd. We can work on that when we get  
20 to King Cove.

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22                   MR. ZACHAROF: Okay.

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24                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: And get it to Michelle.

25 Thank you.

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27                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: I guess I have more of a  
28 question than a proposal about opening a subsistence goose  
29 hunt on Kodiak for the Canadian honkers. I don't know what  
30 the -- if we can do it this way or.....

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32                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: For -- I'm sorry,  
33 Pete, could you state your name and where you're from?

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35                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: Pete Squartsoff from Port  
36 Lions on Kodiak.

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38                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Who is that?

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40                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: Can somebody answer that?  
41 Or do we want to put in a proposal to open the goose season  
42 on Kodiak.

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44                   MR. PYLE: Currently.....

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46                   MS. DOWNING: Come up to the microphone,  
47 please.

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49                   MS. TRUMBLE: We can't hear.

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1 MS. DOWNING: Come up to the microphone.  
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Can you come up to the  
4 mike?  
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6 MS. DOWNING: And state your name.  
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8 MR. PYLE: Do you want to take this?  
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10 MR. POTTER: I don't know.....  
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12 MR. PYLE: It's relative to subsistence  
13 harvest of migratory birds. There are no seasons at this  
14 point right now that have been established.  
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16 MR. POTTER: Yeah, Pete, Rick Potter, with  
17 Izembek Refuge. Let me see if I can help a little bit.  
18 Are you proposing that under the spring/summer  
19 migratory.....  
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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, the fall. I mean,  
22 yeah, I don't like to hunt birds in the spring.  
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24 MR. POTTER: Yeah. That would be the only  
25 place you could do it under the -- but that would be under  
26 the Co-management Council, recommendations to them if it  
27 was to be during that time period. Otherwise it's outside  
28 of the subsistence, as far as I know, because they have --  
29 because there is a State/Federal migratory bird hunting  
30 season, and a change like that would have to be done  
31 through there as far as I know.  
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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. But I think on that  
34 it's been proven that these aren't migratory birds.  
35 They're local.  
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37 MR. POTTER: I see.  
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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So.....  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That might require.....  
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43 MR. POTTER: Yeah.  
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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That would probably  
46 require.....  
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48 MR. POTTER: It's sort of, yeah, a gray  
49 area as far as I know.  
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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It probably would require  
2 State involvement to determine whether they're local birds.  
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4 MR. POTTER: Yeah. I think you'd want  
5 some.....  
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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I know there's been  
8 samples sent out.  
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10 MR. POTTER: .....an official designation  
11 that they're local birds, and it might go way beyond that.  
12 I don't know. I'm just guessing.  
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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.  
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16 MR. POTTER: I really don't know much about  
17 it.  
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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I don't know,  
20 whatever -- but I think, you know, it's come from the past  
21 mayor of Old Harbor, when we had our meeting there was  
22 saying something needs to be done about all them geese.  
23 They're running out all the other -- and there's a lot of  
24 people on Kodiak would like to hunt them, so.....  
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26 MR. POTTER: And there's no State season  
27 right now.  
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29 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.  
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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's in the book, but it  
32 has -- there is -- and in the back, and it says, you know,  
33 except Kodiak Island is excluded.  
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35 MR. POTTER: Yeah. I think that would be  
36 the place to go, to the Game Board and just get that  
37 amended to allow it.  
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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry. Della, did  
40 you have a question?  
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42 MS. TRUMBLE: Maybe more of a comment,  
43 Mitch. I'm wondering if a request from this Council to the  
44 Migratory Bird Council would be appropriate. I'm thinking  
45 that no matter what happened, it's still going to be to the  
46 Migratory Bird.  
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48 MR. POTTER: Well, I think the timing is  
49 wrong, Della. It's outside of their purview if he's  
50 looking to do it at any time after September 1st, because

1 that's when the subsistence seasons end. I mean, I guess  
2 potentially they could delve into that, but I don't think  
3 it's allowed under the current rules. But again, I don't  
4 know everything about this by any means.

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6 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, I think what I'm  
7 thinking, Rick, and I know it's after September 1st, but  
8 it's a process that maybe can be looked into, and at the  
9 winter meeting in Kodiak find out whether or not a  
10 resolution or something of support can be forwarded.

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12 MR. POTTER: Sounds good.

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other proposals.

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19 (No proposals)

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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any proposal from the  
22 public on King Cove, Della.

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24 MS. TRUMBLE: No, unless Rick wants to let  
25 us have subsistence fish out of Russell Creek and  
26 Mortenson.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, we'll move along  
29 then. The next item is Fisheries Resource Monitoring.  
30 Steve Fried.

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32 MR. FRIED: Good morning. My name is Steve  
33 Fried from the Office of Subsistence Management, the  
34 Fisheries Information Services Division.

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36 And starting on page 14 in the Council  
37 books, there's some briefing materials on the program for  
38 2005. It starts with introduction and background. I think  
39 most of you are probably pretty familiar with the program.  
40 It started in 2000. It funds studies that support, excuse  
41 me, Federal management of subsistence fisheries. It's a  
42 collaborative approach. There's five Federal agencies  
43 involved in this: The Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of  
44 Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian  
45 Affairs, and the Forest Service. And we do work with the  
46 Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Regional  
47 Councils, and Alaska Native organizations and other rural  
48 and local organizations to implement this program.

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50 There's a fairly formal project evaluation

1 process. We have a call for proposals usually in November.  
2 The proposals come in February. They're evaluated by a  
3 Technical Review Committee, which has representatives from  
4 the five Federal agencies, and also three representatives  
5 from the Department of Fish and Game, one each from  
6 Commercial Fish, Sport Fish, and Subsistence Divisions.  
7 And it's chaired by the Chief of the Fisheries Information  
8 Services Division.

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10 What they do is they look at four factors  
11 that they judge these proposals on. One is the strategic  
12 priority, which includes, you know, the connection to  
13 Federal subsistence management, whether or not we have a  
14 conservation problem with that particular resource. You  
15 know, the role of the resource to subsistence users, the  
16 local concerns, whether or not we have a lot of  
17 information. Also we look at the -- and particularly they  
18 look very hard at the technical scientific merit of the  
19 project to make sure that what the investigator's proposing  
20 can actually be done, and it's being done correctly, and  
21 they can actually achieve the objectives that they would --  
22 that they're saying they can achieve. Also part of the  
23 evaluation is to look at the past performance and expertise  
24 of the investigators, to make sure they do have the  
25 training and the experience and knowledge to do the  
26 studies. And the other thing that's looked at is the  
27 partnerships capacity building.

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29 It's a very important part of the program,  
30 too, to make sure that the studies as much as possible can  
31 include appropriate partners from local areas, and also  
32 contribute to the capacity of these organizations and local  
33 community's residents to participate in Federal fisheries  
34 studies and management.

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36 So this first go-around by the TRC with the  
37 proposals basically sorts out the ones that will be  
38 forwarded for investigation plans. And I'll talk about  
39 that a little bit later, but there are some guidelines, and  
40 you can -- as far as how the funding is distributed among  
41 areas to make sure that every area at least gets an  
42 opportunity to have studies done in its area. There's some  
43 guidelines about making sure that we do studies not just on  
44 the resource, that are called stock status and trend  
45 studies, but also studies on harvest monitoring and also  
46 traditional ecological knowledge.

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48 Proposals can be funded up to three years.  
49 After three years, if there's some -- you know, if there's  
50 a need to continue them, then that's re-evaluated, and they

1 need to submit another proposal.

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3                   There are some activities that aren't  
4 eligible for funding under the monitoring program, and  
5 these include habitat protection, restoration, enhancement,  
6 hatchery propagation, restoration, enhancement,  
7 supplementation, and also contaminant assessment,  
8 evaluation and monitoring. It's not that these activities  
9 aren't important, but the Subsistence Board felt that these  
10 would be mostly -- would be more appropriately addressed by  
11 land management agencies rather than by this particular  
12 program.

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14                   And I guess the last policy that is  
15 probably of interest, that we tried to make sure that a  
16 minimum of 60 percent of the funding is dedicated to non-  
17 Federal sources. And there's a little pie graph on Page 19  
18 in the book, and you can see that, you know, we've been  
19 successful in doing that, and that most of the funding  
20 actually goes to the State, Alaska Native organizations and  
21 other organizations, rather than just being put back into  
22 the Federal Government.

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24                   On Page 18, you can get an idea of the  
25 number of investigation plans that were -- that are up for  
26 evaluation, and possible funding in the entire region. And  
27 also the guideline harvest amounts.

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29                   And I guess at this point I'll stop for a  
30 little while to see if anybody just has any questions in  
31 general about the program before I get into this specific  
32 region.

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34                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: It says here you're funded  
35 for five million in 2000, is that on-going for a five-year  
36 period, or how long?

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38                   MR. FRIED: This year we had a total of a  
39 little over two million dollars to spend on new projects.  
40 In general there's about seven million dollars. A million  
41 dollars goes to Partner's positions in various areas.  
42 There aren't any partners in Kodiak/ Aleutians area right  
43 now. The rest of the money goes to either funding like the  
44 second or third year of projects that have been funded in  
45 the past, the continuing study. And for 2005 there's  
46 actually -- after all that's done, there's about two  
47 million dollars left to fund new studies in various areas.  
48 And statewide there as a total of I think -- I think it's  
49 31 investigation plans that are under consideration right  
50 now.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And two million dollars  
2 towards new projects, that's.....  
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4 MR. FRIED: Right, statewide. It's not a  
5 real big year, but I think next year is supposed to be even  
6 less money available, because of, you know, all the  
7 continuing projects. I think the year -- either the year  
8 after that or another one, it's like every two or three  
9 years we have a lot money as these other projects are  
10 completed.  
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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.  
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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I guess I have one. Pete  
15 Squartsoff from Port Lions.  
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17 On like Afognak Lake, is that funding going  
18 to be continued, because we did, what, like a three-year?  
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20 MR. FRIED: Yeah, the funding for Afognak  
21 Lake will go through 2006. So we had -- you know, this  
22 summer, and then we'll have two more years after that.  
23  
24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So if it needs to go  
25 further, they may resubmit it or.....  
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27 MR. FRIED: Uh-huh. Yeah, then the  
28 investigators would resubmit for funding beginning in 2007.  
29 So sometime in 2006 they'd send in a proposal.  
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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We can't do it sooner to  
32 make sure it stays in there?  
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34 MR. FRIED: Well, I mean it's there for  
35 2006, so I.....  
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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Right.  
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39 MR. FRIED: .....you know, I guess what you  
40 do is the year it's going to end is when, you know, you put  
41 the proposal in to do that. Because the program has, you  
42 know, that guideline where it's three years, and after  
43 that, you know, re-evaluate.  
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do you have a  
46 question? Do you have any questions for Steve Fried,  
47 Della?  
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49 MS. TRUMBLE: No, I do not. Thank you.  
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1 MR. CRATTY: I have one. Al Cratty, Old  
2 Harbor.  
3  
4 How about the funding for the Buskin River?  
5 Does that carry on for a few more years or.....  
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7 MR. FRIED: Buskin River. Yeah, I think we  
8 either have another year or two to go for Buskin also.  
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10 MR. CRATTY: Okay.  
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12 MR. FRIED: So that's an on-going. In  
13 fact, I'll mention some of that stuff when we get into the  
14 region. If no more questions at this.....  
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No more questions.  
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18 (No questions)  
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20 MR. FRIED: I'll just get into the regional  
21 studies then, and those start on Page 20.  
22  
23 And basically we -- you know, one of the  
24 ways that these -- during the call for proposals and during  
25 the evaluation process, and one of the ways that we look at  
26 strategic importance, is to use the list that the Councils  
27 have developed, you know, with public input, and hopefully  
28 agency input, to make sure that we're at least trying to  
29 address, you know, the most important issues in the region.  
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31  
32 And as far as on-going project, which we  
33 began to talk about, I think for the Kodiak/Aleutian area,  
34 there's a list of on-going projects on Page 22. And out of  
35 those, I believe there's six projects that began in 2004 in  
36 this region that will be going through 2006. It includes  
37 the Mortinsen's Creek weir project, McLees Lake weir  
38 project.  
39  
40 Afognak Lake project which began with an  
41 out-of-cycle request, and it was just a one-year evaluation  
42 study to determine whether a smolt mark/recapture study  
43 could be done. That was successful, so we went ahead and  
44 funded three more years of smolt work, and then we kind of  
45 withheld funding for the limnology and some spawning work  
46 until the investigators came up with some past analyses on  
47 that past data to show that it was worthwhile to continue  
48 that work, and they did do that. And so we have released  
49 full funding for that project, and so this summer they did  
50 do their limnology work. And they were going to do the

1 spawning ground work, and they were unable to, so they'll  
2 be doing that next year. But they do have full funding for  
3 that. The Council I think will be happy to hear that.

4  
5 We also have the Buskin River project, and  
6 that's been funded I think since 2000. It was again funded  
7 for three more years beginning in 2004, so that project  
8 will be going through 2006. There is a short report in the  
9 back of the council book on the Buskin River project. We  
10 actually have operated a weir not only at the outlet of the  
11 Buskin Lake, but also further down on a tributary stream  
12 that drains some smaller lakes, so I think that's going to  
13 improve that project and give them a solid, better idea of  
14 what their actual escapement is in there. And that run  
15 actually looks very healthy.

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17 Also there's two fisheries assessment  
18 projects and traditional ecological studies that are going  
19 on in this region that began in 2004. One is looking at  
20 the Aleutian Islands/Alaska Peninsula area, and the other  
21 one is being done in the Kodiak area. And I'm not quite  
22 sure if those are for two or three years. A lot of times  
23 those studies are only for two years.

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25 So those are six studies that were just  
26 funded last year that are on-going. That's the good news.

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28 As far as new studies for 2005, there  
29 really aren't -- there aren't any investigation plans  
30 within this Kodiak/Aleutian area to consider for 2005.  
31 There are actually three proposals that were forwarded  
32 during the proposal process that were received in February,  
33 but none of them were forwarded for investigation plan  
34 development by the TRC this year for various reasons. I  
35 mean, one proposal spoke to Kagalaska and requesting a  
36 weir. Since Adak is still non-rural, they kind of decided  
37 to wait on that until that was resolved. They take the  
38 same tack to on like Cook Inlet projects. We're having  
39 some discussions about what areas are rural, what areas  
40 aren't, so until that's resolved, there probably won't be  
41 a study there.

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43 There's also a proposal for an Unalaska  
44 weir and also Olga Bay sockeye salmon genetics. And both  
45 of them were -- during the review process, they were looked  
46 at as of fairly low importance, and they just didn't rise  
47 up high enough to be forwarded for investigation plan  
48 development at this time.

49  
50 Let's see, other than that, there were some

1 proposals in Bristol Bay that weren't forwarded for  
2 investigation plan development, and I can, you know discuss  
3 those, or any other questions you'd like at this time, but  
4 that's basically the status right now of the program.  
5 We've got six on-going programs that are going, you know,  
6 through 2006, but no new start-ups unfortunately for 2005.  
7 I guess we just have to do some better work to get some  
8 more proposals for this area. I don't like to see it when  
9 a region doesn't have any new proposals.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Questions.

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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Steve, on this  
14 Kodiak area project, 04-457, why did that have to go  
15 through KANA.

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17 MR. FRIED: 30 -- 457. It's the one on  
18 fisheries harvest assessment, traditional ecological  
19 knowledge in Kodiak. I think that was just the  
20 investigators that happened to put in the proposal. I  
21 think it was Fish and Game and KANA. So it didn't have.  
22 It just -- that just happened to be who the cooperators  
23 were.

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.

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27 MR. CRATTY: Do you -- getting back to that  
28 same area, I think this was requested by us when we had  
29 seen that Chignik was doing the same thing. If not in last  
30 spring's meeting, I think it was last fall's. I think  
31 that's when we brought it up. We had seen Chignik was  
32 doing it so we wanted it also.

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34 MR. FRIED: The harvest assessment study?

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36 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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38 MR. FRIED: Yeah, it's very important. I  
39 mean, it's very basic information.

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41 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, I'd just like -- I feel  
42 the same way as Peter does. I think, you know, why KANA is  
43 involved when we've got the people in our tribes to take  
44 care of it just as well as KANA does. I'd just like to say  
45 that.

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47 MR. FRIED: Yeah, I.....

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: KANA is a non-profit  
50 health organization.

1 MR. CRATTY: Yeah. I think our tribes  
2 could deal with it just as well as KANA could.

3  
4 MR. FRIED: Yeah, that's -- it's a very  
5 interesting point. Like I say, the only thing I know about  
6 that is that that's -- those were the organizations that  
7 put the proposal in, and I'm usually not directly involved.  
8 I usually look at the stock status ones. I'm a fisheries  
9 biologist. I know I read all of them, but that's the only  
10 thing I know about that particular one.

11  
12 MR. CRATTY: Yeah. Right.

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14 MR. FRIED: We have been encouraging the  
15 agencies when they submit proposals to try to get a local  
16 organization to partner with them, and I guess it's a plus  
17 that they did find somebody, but, you know, maybe there was  
18 a better one, or maybe all three should have been doing  
19 that study.

20  
21 MR. CRATTY: Yeah. And we've worked with  
22 Liz Williams before, you know, like the Old Harbor Tribal  
23 Council, and, you know, just bypassing KANA is a lot  
24 better. It's a lot easier for, I think, the tribes to work  
25 on something like this with her. Like I know Liz Williams  
26 good. I'm the tribal chief in Old Harbor, and I talk to  
27 her all the time. Instead of going through KANA which like  
28 I said the Kodiak Area Native Association's health  
29 facility.

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31 MR. FRIED: I will pass that along to the  
32 social scientist. It's usually -- it's Amy Craver. We  
33 actually were short on anthropologists, social scientists,  
34 and Polly Wheeler was trying to do the entire state. Now  
35 she has somebody working with her, Amy Craver. And  
36 hopefully she'll be able to start working a lot more  
37 closely with some of these local organizations to try to  
38 make sure that, you know, they know about the program, and  
39 if they're interested in proposals, link them up with the  
40 appropriate agency if they need some help with that. So  
41 hopefully we can fix that.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do you have any  
44 questions so far for Steve, Della?

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46 MS. TRUMBLE: No, but I do have one  
47 request, Mitch. The people -- there's a number of people  
48 here that have to leave probably within the next half hour.  
49 And after Steve is done, if we could move to the Izembek  
50 National Wildlife Refuge report, which is Rick Potter.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: He'll give us an update of  
2 who's there.  
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4 (Whispered conversation)  
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Has Paul  
7 arrived?  
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9 MS. TRUMBLE: No, he has not.  
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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: How about other people  
12 at the meeting in King Cove, do you have new people come in  
13 that need introduction?  
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15 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, we have Delores  
16 Kachuten (ph) who is with the Bulkosky (ph) Tribe, and then  
17 other people that were here earlier.  
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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. No other  
20 questions for Steve.  
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22 (No questions)  
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24 MR. FRIED: Okay. And the only other short  
25 item I'd bring to your attention is on Page 49, the  
26 strategic planning update. And essentially I mentioned  
27 before that one of the things we used to judge proposals  
28 and to all for proposals, are these issues and information  
29 needs list that we've developed through the Councils. And  
30 it's been discussed for quite a while, and we're trying to  
31 start a more formal project to make sure everybody is  
32 involved. We call it strategic planning, and we just began  
33 last spring, holding two workshops. One was for  
34 Southcentral, and one for Bristol Bay. And basically  
35 getting agency reps and Council reps and maybe people from  
36 the university, and any local organizations together to,  
37 you know, review the Council list, come up with goals,  
38 objectives for the program, and information needs. And on  
39 top of that, try to prioritize these, which is something we  
40 haven't been able to do in the past, and after they're  
41 prioritized, to then gather information that has been or is  
42 being collected, so that we can actually see where the gaps  
43 are, where there's very little information or no  
44 information available, and where there's a lot of  
45 information available so that we can see how maybe better  
46 to focus some of the proposal calls. So in other words, I  
47 mean, you might have something that's a very high priority,  
48 and you really need that information. But maybe we're  
49 already doing a pretty good job doing it, so maybe you need  
50 to go down the list for maybe something that isn't quite as

1 important, but there isn't any information for. Anyway,  
2 we've had trouble in the past prioritizing things. We've  
3 had these long lists, and it wasn't clear what was more  
4 important until we had, you know, a problem such as, you  
5 know, Afognak, and then that would jump to the top. But we  
6 were hoping that this would be a way to make sure that, you  
7 know, we're focusing our attentions and our money on the  
8 most important issues.

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10 And probably in the next year or two we'll  
11 have this, you know, effort on Kodiak/Aleutians, and we'll  
12 be getting back to you on this and holding some workshops,  
13 too. So we'd like to finish up these two first and see how  
14 it works. But that's all I had today, so unless there are  
15 any questions about that, I'm done.

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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there are no  
18 questions.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, this is Pete  
21 Squartsoff. I think that strategic planning is a good  
22 thing, and I look forward to it for our region.

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24 MR. FRIED: Yeah, it was very interesting.  
25 I think everybody got a lot out of it. And it's almost --  
26 I think you get as much out of just participating as you do  
27 with the products that come out if it, so I think it will  
28 be very helpful.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: When do you plan -- do we  
31 schedule that, or are you as Staff going to recommend when  
32 this is going to happen for our region?

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Do you want to have them  
35 all 10 by 2007.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All in November.

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39 MR. FRIED: Well, we're going to -- yeah,  
40 we're kind of hoping we can finish it all by 2007, but  
41 we'll see how it goes. We've got two areas going right now  
42 just as test cases, and we've got some meetings coming up  
43 this November and December to hopefully finish that off, so  
44 then we'll be trying to decide, you know, what next to do,  
45 the next one, which ones to do, so.....

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Hopefully you get to  
48 Kodiak/Aleutians before we lose everything. For subsistence  
49 anyway.

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1 MR. FRIED: Yeah, we'll begin in  
2 Kodiak/Aleutians probably in the next year or two.  
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other questions.  
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6 (No questions)  
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right. Thank you,  
9 Steve.  
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11 MR. FRIED: Thanks very much.  
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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, Della, did you  
14 develop any questions for Steve at this point?  
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16 MS. TRUMBLE: No, I don't. We really did  
17 have a hard time hearing him though. He was cutting in and  
18 out.  
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20 MR. FRIED: Okay. Sorry about that. I  
21 kind of wish we were all together some place. Anyway, I'll  
22 be here for the rest of the meeting if anybody does have  
23 any questions. Please feel free, and, you know, call me in  
24 Anchorage if anything comes up. Thank you.  
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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, at this point  
27 there was a request by Della to take a little jump in our  
28 agenda to get into the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.  
29 Do we need a formal action to do that, or is it  
30 something.....  
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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: If there's no objection,  
33 just move to it.  
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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there are no  
36 objections, then we'll just jump to Item B.  
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38 (No objections.)  
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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Rick Potter, you're  
41 on.  
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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Item B.  
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Under agency report.  
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47 MS. CHIVERS: Page 77.  
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49 MR. POTTER: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair,  
50 Mr. Co-Chair, Council, appreciate it.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Maybe we can turn this  
2 around, because the people in King Cove want to hear this,  
3 so.....  
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5 MR. POTTER: Sure.  
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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....let's put it on your  
8 table. That's okay.  
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.  
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12 MR. POTTER: Okay. There we go.  
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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: There. We can year you.  
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16 MR. POTTER: Can you hear me over there in  
17 King Cove now?  
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19 MS. TRUMBLE: We can hear you loud and  
20 clear.  
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22 MR. POTTER: Good deal.  
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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: He's afraid of that.  
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26 MR. POTTER: Well, I'll start out with my  
27 little agency report here. We have hired a new pilot.  
28 He's got quite a few hours of flight time under his belt,  
29 about 18,000, so we're really pleased to have Ken  
30 Richardson on our staff now. He had been working with  
31 Regal Air Service in Anchorage, and was looking for a  
32 chance to come here and give us a hand. So we're -- he's  
33 in Anchorage right now getting his OAS certification. OAS  
34 is Office of Aircraft Services, who's our flight agency.  
35 And also with our Fish and Wildlife Service. He'll be  
36 going through a little bit of other training to get on  
37 board with doing waterfowl surveys and other kinds of  
38 training like that, but we look forward to being able to  
39 get a caribou count done this winter, as well as a moose  
40 count, and continue on with our waterfowl surveys that we  
41 do.  
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43 Unfortunately, he won't be probably here in  
44 time to catch Lem Butler as he comes down the Peninsula to  
45 do the caribou composition survey that we co-fund in  
46 October with them, so that should be happening in the next  
47 week or so. We look forward to Lem being down in this  
48 area.  
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50 We had a big program this past July. In

1 other words we held a biological program review of our  
2 refuge. In essence, what that entails is bringing in a  
3 panel of State and Federal agency personnel that -- and  
4 educators, or any other experts that might have some  
5 information or ability to help us take a look at our  
6 biological program, and determine if we're going down the  
7 right roads or not. We had invited Della Trumble as your  
8 Council Chair, and also -- I can't think of his name now.  
9 Mental blank. Our mayor.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Stanley?

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13 MR. POTTER: Stanley Mack, thank you. And  
14 unfortunately, Stanley was fishing and Della got tied up  
15 over in King Cove with the road construction, but they were  
16 able to send over some delegates, three young ladies that  
17 really helped contribute to our biological review, and I  
18 think picked up some good information on sort of how the  
19 refuge operates, and what kind of things are going over  
20 here. So it was a very good exchange of information for  
21 sure.

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23 The results of the biological review are  
24 still being formulated and analyzed, and eventually we'll  
25 come up with a road map as to what research or what  
26 surveys, now the surveys are done for this refuge.

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28 And that's sort of a tie-in to our  
29 comprehensive conservation planning process which has been  
30 initiated now as well. Scoping meetings which in the  
31 public comes and participates and provides any kind of  
32 comments for the refuge were held, oh, it was like two  
33 weeks ago I believe it was, in Cold Bay, King Cove, and  
34 Sand Point. I'll be doing some follow-up meetings in  
35 villages of Nelson Lagoon and False Pass. And I think  
36 Nelson Lagoon is due to be visited I think around the 12th,  
37 if I remember right from my calendar.

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39 Basically those scoping meetings, it's  
40 basically just an open forum for people to make comments  
41 and to say, you know, what they see may be good about the  
42 refuge, that they'd like to see more of, or negative  
43 aspects of it, you know, things that might be able to be  
44 changed, you know. So it's just an information gathering  
45 process. It's a very initial kind of an effort, and is by  
46 no means the end of it, because it just really starts the  
47 whole process down the road.

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49 And what will become of that is our agency  
50 will put together some various alternatives to put into our

1 comprehensive plan, and then those will go out in draft  
2 form to the public for review, and then we'll come around  
3 to all the villages again, and include Anchorage, et  
4 cetera, and gather comments on those alternatives, and  
5 then, you know, once that's done, then we'll go through  
6 those and then go back. And so it will be a lot more  
7 public involvement that will be coming forth in the local  
8 communities here.

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10 Basically you have the information on our  
11 waterfowl surveys. We concluded our eider banding for the  
12 year of Stellers eider. We do that in September annually.  
13 Our goal is 2500 birds captured with usually we get about  
14 50 percent recapture rate on those, and 50 percent new  
15 bands that we put out. And this year we had about 2100,  
16 was it, Kristine? Yeah, 2100 birds that we handled this  
17 year. So we did pretty good. We had a lot of drives this  
18 year. We had some good weather. Unfortunately our birds  
19 didn't cooperate. They were very persnickety. They didn't  
20 want to go into our traps very well, so we had some trouble  
21 catching them, but we did pretty good overall, and pretty  
22 satisfied with our effort. We did cover all the four key  
23 areas of the Izembek Lagoon that we like to cover, from  
24 South End Creek to Glades Knapp on up to, oh, out Blaine  
25 Point, up in that area, up on the north end.

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27 I guess the one last thing that I had was  
28 this will be my last meeting of this Council.  
29 Unfortunately I'm -- well, sort of fortunately and  
30 unfortunately. Fortunately I'm being transferred closer to  
31 my family down in the Lower 48. Unfortunately I'll be  
32 leaving Alaska. And this will be occur in January, so I'll  
33 miss your next March meeting. But it's really have enjoyed  
34 -- I really enjoyed working with this Council. I feel it's  
35 probably one of the better ones in Alaska, and I think  
36 you're all doing really fine work, and a good job.  
37 Outstanding members and chairs during the last six years  
38 that I've been here. And it's really been a pleasure to  
39 know all of you and work with you. And my thanks.

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41 Any questions.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Before.....

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: This is King Cove. I will  
46 turn this over to Marvin Mack first.

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48 MR. MACK: Okay. Good morning, Rick, how  
49 are you doing.

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1 MR. POTTER: Good morning. Good.  
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3 MR. MACK: I hear you're leaving the  
4 district.  
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6 MR. POTTER: Yes, in January.  
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8 MR. MACK: It's going to be -- oh, okay.  
9 Well, you'll be around for a while then. I don't know if  
10 you can help me. But I've got a few questions.  
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12 That 35-mile road, the monies that were  
13 appropriated for fixing that up, if there was -- the reason  
14 for that, I'd like to know the reason for it. And was it  
15 just so to give access to the bird watchers and the duck  
16 hunters?  
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18 MR. POTTER: Are you talking about the work  
19 we did to improve Outpost Road out towards Pintail Lake?  
20  
21 MR. MACK: Right. Yeah. The 35-mile road.  
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23 MR. POTTER: Okay. Yeah. That was just  
24 basically done because this time of year it was only  
25 accessible to people with the extreme four-wheel drive  
26 vehicles, and even those would have to occasionally go out  
27 of the road tracks and create new tracks. And you could  
28 see out there there were several splittings of the road and  
29 a lot of habitat damage. So to prevent that and make it  
30 more accessible for everyone, not just recreational  
31 hunters, but subsistence hunters as well, we put a little  
32 of our station force account money, which basically force  
33 account means we just did it with our own staff and our own  
34 equipment and materials. And basically just put some time  
35 and effort into that, and got it fixed up to where it's  
36 more accessible now to folks to be able to get out in those  
37 areas.  
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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is that what I see.....  
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41 MR. MACK: Yeah. Okay. I appreciate that.  
42 It's very good, and back to subsistence hunting, you know,  
43 we've got a subsistence season now and stuff and which, you  
44 know, we're very grateful for, and thanks to the  
45 Subsistence Board. I take my hat off to you people.  
46 You've done a great job on getting us to get subsistence  
47 hunting. But then we sit here, this refuge is sitting is  
48 sitting on the greatest hunting place in the world for  
49 subsistence hunting and regular hunting, and which us over  
50 in King Cove, we have no honkers, and we have no brandt

1 hardly, and stuff, and it's -- like I say, the only brandt  
2 we get is during the subsistence hunt, and everything nests  
3 in Cold Bay where definitely a lot, a lot of commercial  
4 hunters come in, and they've got how many outfitters  
5 they've got? I think six outfitters in Cold Bay now, Rick?  
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7 MR. POTTER: I believe we've only got two  
8 permits issued for waterfowl guiding this year.  
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10 MR. MACK: Oh, okay. But then again, too,  
11 you know, getting back on the subject, a lot of people over  
12 here can't afford boats, and especially can't afford Pen  
13 Air at 75, \$70 a pop, and you can't even bring 50 pounds  
14 back, so, you know, getting back to the subject, and we  
15 really appreciate you doing stuff for the people in Cold  
16 Bay, and spending all that money for them, and then the  
17 whole thing is, speaking in behalf of myself, and all the  
18 subsistence hunters in King cove, why can't we go ahead and  
19 with some of your monies, and the Borough monies, and  
20 Federal monies, put that road over to Cold Bay so we can  
21 appreciate and enjoy some of our subsistence culture.  
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23 MR. POTTER: Yeah, unfortunately there's  
24 that laws prohibit doing that right at the moment.  
25 Congress would have to designate a road corridor through  
26 there.  
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28 And besides that point, biologically we  
29 feel it would be detrimental to the refuge. Because of the  
30 narrowness of that isthmus, which about three miles in  
31 width, and the proximity of Pinzerof Lagoon and Izembek  
32 Lagoon to that area, we just don't feel it's biologically  
33 a sound idea to do such and have that kind of traffic  
34 through there.  
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36 The wildlife resources found in that area  
37 that utilize that area are very critical to the refuge, as  
38 well as to themselves as a population in some cases, such  
39 as the Stellers eider. Eider, the caribou migration, the  
40 bear denning and natal area in the Joshua Green Valley, so  
41 there's a lot of biological reasons why, you know, we're  
42 against something to that affect, but legally it can't be  
43 done until a law is changed, which is basically the  
44 Wilderness Act.  
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46 MR. MACK: Yeah, I understand that. You  
47 know, it's really great that you have, you know, the  
48 Steller eiders and all this here stuff that you're doing  
49 and stuff. That there's your business, you know, and what  
50 -- anyway, what it does come down to is subsistence issues.

1 I just -- I wish you people at that refuge, I don't know  
2 who's going to replace you, but I'm sure you're voting for  
3 Kerry, but that there's all right. But, you know, just to  
4 keep that refuge intact, but that there's my opinion, and  
5 I appreciate your opinion, Rick, but I just -- it's kind of  
6 hard with subsistence hunters and stuff, but that's all  
7 right though. We'll just get boats and come over there and  
8 get our birds I guess. Just hope we don't get harassed by  
9 your people, and what -- because there are people over at  
10 King Cove that are definitely concerned on subsistence  
11 hunting, and it's hard to come over there and hunt, just,  
12 you know, the availability, and I appreciate you fixing  
13 that road up, you know. I'll be one of the first ones when  
14 I come over to use it, so that's all I've got. Thank you.

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16 MR. POTTER: Well, thank you, Marvin, I  
17 appreciate your comments.

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19 Vince, I think you had a comment.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, I was going to -- in  
22 regards to the legal issues of the Wilderness Act and how  
23 that's worked, you know, it's kind of amazing to me what I  
24 see happen in Adak. Adak was a wildlife refuge, at least  
25 to the Federal -- to the Navy, yet you go through Adak  
26 there, and you've got roads going 40 miles to nowhere, and  
27 to benefit primarily the military, to do their hunt, their  
28 subsistence hunt.

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30 Now that those areas are owned by the Aleut  
31 Corporation, the majority of them, we're having to deal  
32 with the Federal Government on the same level that if you  
33 put it into perspective of what's happened in King Cove,  
34 we're going to be in that situation in a couple of years  
35 where we will, you know, be shut off from being able to get  
36 into areas, but preferential treatment will be given to  
37 commercial guide hunters. And this is something I'm going  
38 to be closing watching, and as long as I'm around in Adak,  
39 I'm going to continue to support the subsistence hunters,  
40 the guided hunters as long as we're all treated equally.

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42 I see this area here in King Cove and the  
43 Izembek, and for as long as I've been on this Board, which  
44 is about 12 years or so, whatever it was, it's always been  
45 a confrontational issue here. And I think getting this  
46 road in will take a lot of the aggravation not only from  
47 you as your department and job, but the community. I think  
48 you'll see a less stressed issue. And I'm in total  
49 support, and when I go back to talk on behalf of the  
50 subsistence people, wherever they are in Alaska, I'm going

1 to speak that they -- we need to get around this, get by  
2 this issue of this is mine, this is yours, because we all  
3 own it. I think the people of the Aleutians and Kodiak  
4 have been in Alaska for a quite a while, and they seemed to  
5 manage it fairly well. And we seem to get in regulation  
6 and laws where it cuts off the traditional use of  
7 properties, and that's not where we're headed here. And I  
8 think you've done a great job in managing it here, but we  
9 still have a confrontational issue with the community. We  
10 need to stop that, and I think we need to address it at a  
11 Council level at some point on how we can recommend this  
12 thing can be resolved.

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14 MR. POTTER: Well, I guess I'm not really  
15 sure I understand how constructing new roads through  
16 pristine areas is a subsistence issue.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's not a subsistence  
19 issue. It's on the same -- you're using it as a  
20 subsistence issue, but you've got a critical community that  
21 has needs. Getting in and out of King Cove, and loss of  
22 life, is more important to me than, you know, the ability  
23 to go subsistence hunting. That's a secondary use. But I  
24 think the road going into King Cove from Cold Bay is  
25 essential. And it would resolve is what I'm saying. It's  
26 not the only need. I think it would resolve a lot of these  
27 confrontational issues, and we can't really put subsistence  
28 over the livelihood and the need and the health and safety  
29 of the community. And that's where it sits. And I think  
30 when it comes down to it, Congress will eventually change  
31 and recommend that this road go through, and direct that it  
32 go through. And I'm going to continue to support it. You  
33 know, that's.....

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35 MR. POTTER: Well, I guess the way we, you  
36 know.....

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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Building a road out here to  
39 Pintail, wherever it's at, I don't necessarily know where  
40 it's at, but it sounds to me from what I'm hearing both  
41 sides here, the only advantage for that road is for  
42 commercial hunters. I mean, those people that.....

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44 MR. POTTER: Well, that's totally not true,  
45 Vince.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Those that come over that  
48 can come over and get over here, that's the problem, to  
49 utilize it. And, you know, I just -- I mean, I just see  
50 it, feeling it here. I just don't know. I'm not living

1 here, I don't participate in this community, but just what  
2 I see, and what I've heard from Marvin there, I don't know  
3 what the confrontation is.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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7 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah, I just have a comment.  
8 I agree with -- this is Richard Zacharof. I agree with  
9 Vince totally, and Marvin. I mean, the difference between  
10 subsistence hunters and commercial hunters.....

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12 MR. MACK: Mr. Chair.

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14 MR. ZACHAROF: .....if there is a  
15 difference.....

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17 MR. MACK: I'm out here in King Cove. I've  
18 got one more question for Rick Potter. I'm sorry, I didn't  
19 ask it ask it. I forgot all about it, but I had it written  
20 down here.

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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hold on, Marvin,  
23 Richard was trying to talk. You must not be able to hear  
24 him.

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26 MR. ZACHAROF: Excuse me, Marvin. Anyhow,  
27 I concur with Vince totally in regards to subsistence and  
28 commercial hunts. I mean, if there's between a commercial  
29 and subsistence hunt, there isn't very much difference.  
30 We're all out hunting for subsistence.

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32 And I think subsistence in relationship to  
33 King Cove and the economics in King Cove in relationship to  
34 fisheries, the fisheries in King Cove is not all that great  
35 as in previous years, so I think their lifestyle is  
36 changing, and there's more subsistence use as the economy's  
37 going down. And a community thrives on subsistence. They  
38 live on subsistence. That's their traditional way of life.  
39 And to better their subsistence use, I see this road  
40 benefiting that community. And the use of that road is  
41 important, critical to the economy of Kind Cove. And I  
42 support that road coming into Cold Bay, to help diversity  
43 King Cove. And maybe becoming guided outfitters such as  
44 you have two permits here. I don't if they're local  
45 permits, or how the permit system works, but I see some  
46 potential for a couple of folks from King Cove to diversity  
47 and become guided outfitters in relationship to the  
48 fishery, as the fishery is crashing, and the price of the  
49 salmon are going down. I think it's critical that this  
50 road is put and built and brought to Cold Bay.

1                   As far as the birds and the -- I've heard  
2 a story about using a hydroplane or some other means of  
3 transporting folks from King Cove to Cold Bay. With the  
4 noise of a hydroplane versus a road coming to King Cove, I  
5 don't see the logic there. So my question to you, Rick,  
6 is it okay for a hydroplane to travel from King cove to  
7 Cold Bay? Is that authorized or is that permissible?  
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9                   MR. POTTER: Yeah. There were -- during  
10 the King Cove access project, during the EIS, the  
11 environmental impact statement development, there were  
12 several alternatives looked at, viable alternatives. And  
13 that was the one that was selected by the Aleutians East  
14 Borough and the residents of King Cove and everybody else  
15 who commented basically, was to build -- construct the road  
16 up to the northeast corner of Cold Bay, and then run a  
17 hovercraft across from there over to Cold Bay community.  
18 And basically that project's been funded, and it's being  
19 constructed right now. So, yeah, it's going to happen.  
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21                   And the decibel levels of the particular  
22 machine that -- the hovercraft that will be purchased is  
23 going to be dependent upon where it's bought and the  
24 design, et cetera. But we'll be monitoring the wildlife  
25 populations to see if it's detrimental, and make  
26 recommendations from there, but basically it's just going  
27 to be a straight line run, trying to avoid the area of  
28 Kinzerof Lagoon, which is most critical.  
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30                   MR. ZACHAROF: That may be the alternative,  
31 I mean, the hydroplane, but, you know, in my sense a road  
32 is more logical, I mean, for the noise. And the pristine  
33 environment of Izembek and the bird population, the  
34 wildlife, I could see that more detrimental in itself with  
35 the hydroplane. Of course, the only option for the folks  
36 in King Cove was to have an alternate plan, and that's the  
37 alternate plan, due to the fact that they were unable to  
38 build the road, you know, all the way to Cold Bay on that.  
39 And that's all I have to say.  
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41                   MR. POTTER: Yeah, and that's because, you  
42 know, Congress deemed it important to have that area as a  
43 wilderness area, and it's also protected as a national  
44 wildlife refuge to some extent. And the resources are  
45 invaluable basically if you step back and really take a  
46 look at what this area really means to not just the local  
47 people, but to the nation. This is a very special area.  
48 It shouldn't be scoffed at to say, well, you know, we'll  
49 just build a road through there and it won't make a  
50 difference. It will. And you will see the resources

1 diminish because of it. The brandt require, you know, as  
2 little disturbance as possible.

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4                   You know, the construction of a road could  
5 bring all kinds of increased activities that's not  
6 necessary. The oil and gas development, helicopters going  
7 back and forth. That's going to cause a lot more  
8 disturbance. You keep adding these things up, eventually  
9 stuff has got to give, and the population will give. Then  
10 the subsistence users will really be crying. They'll  
11 wonder, what happened. So be cautious about where you go  
12 with this stuff, because it's going to lead down a long,  
13 long road to no return. You'll end up looking like, you  
14 know, Lower 48. You know, you go down there, what have  
15 they got? You know. Not as much as they used to have.

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17                   MR. ZACHAROF: Well, I don't know what the  
18 influx of commercial hunting is, or how many guided, you  
19 know, people travel to Cold Bay. And since we're, you  
20 know, hunting versus subsistence users, but, you know,  
21 I.....

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23                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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25                   MR. ZACHAROF: .....that may even have an  
26 impact itself.

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28                   MR. POTTER: Yeah, it's pretty  
29 important.....

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31                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I believe we have  
32 a.....

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34                   MR. POTTER: .....for some recreational  
35 users that come out here, but to answer your question about  
36 the permits, anybody that -- our permit system is not  
37 closed for waterfowl hunting. We do have, you know, right  
38 now if Marvin Mack wanted to apply for a waterfowl guiding  
39 permit, he could get one.

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41                   Now, big game guiding, that's a different  
42 story, because those are -- that's done on a prospectus  
43 application process. In other words, they devise their  
44 plan of operation. Those plans are then ranked and  
45 categorized, and then basically it's a point system, and  
46 it's on a criteria of 10 different items, et cetera. So  
47 it's a very involved process, but those are five-year  
48 permits that are issued, and somebody with a big game  
49 guiding license could have applied for the recent round of  
50 openings that we had, but right now they've all been

1 issued, and we don't have any openings right now. But if  
2 somebody dropped out, gave up their area, then it would be  
3 readvertized, so there's some opportunity there.

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5 Big game guiding is a little bit more  
6 stringent than, say, air taxi or waterfowl guiding, or  
7 sport fish guiding. That's pretty well much open until we  
8 see some resource damages from the activity, so -- which,  
9 of course, we're concerned about.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Marvin, you had a  
12 question. You may go ahead now.

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14 MR. MACK: Yeah, I think Rick just answered  
15 on the big guiding and stuff, and the five-year permit  
16 process. And my question is, does he have any further  
17 ideas to put forward. I know that's -- I know how the  
18 process goes, you know. You're not teaching us nothing,  
19 you know, and everybody's got to go through the same  
20 process with the State on registering our land and working  
21 with you on your lands and stuff, and you're coming back to  
22 a real, you know, touchy subject and stuff. And like I'm  
23 going to get my guide license, and I'm going to put in for  
24 that area. And it's like I say, if the guide don't -- if  
25 the guy ain't going to be there, why can't you just go  
26 ahead and give it to the first option of somebody else  
27 that's going to be there? Is there any trouble with that,  
28 or can you get that changed?

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30 MR. POTTER: The guide area is issued to  
31 the winner of the area, and we have, you know, sort of set  
32 limits at to how many for an area. And sometimes it's  
33 based on what their plan of operations are. For instance,  
34 we can offer a multiple use area, and we have some of those  
35 already. And if when we get all the prospectuses in, and  
36 if somebody says, well, I just want to guide, you know, for  
37 two or three clients for bear in this area of this unit,  
38 and then somebody else puts in for another part of the area  
39 for guiding, then those basically can and probably will be  
40 issued as a joint use area and have more than one guide in  
41 it. We've got about two or three of those. I think two of  
42 them right now.

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44 And -- but unless you basically have gone  
45 through that process and are the holder of that permit,  
46 it's not transferrable. Otherwise it's considered  
47 subletting if somebody else comes in and used the area. To  
48 operate commercially on a national wildlife refuge, you  
49 have to have a special use permit, whether it's for air  
50 taxi operation or waterfowl guiding or big game guiding, so

1 in essence.....

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MR. MACK: Okay.

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MR. POTTER: .....no, there's no opportunity for somebody to just step in and take over if the big game guide is, say, ill, you know, can't do the hunts, et cetera.

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MR. MACK: Yeah, I understand that. Okay.

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Second question. You talk about noise and stuff, the road and everything, stuff, do you have any minimum altitudes for Pen Air flying around, and anybody else flying around that there lagoon? Or what's going on there? You know, how come you're shutting the road down when you don't shut the airlines down? If you want to do something, shut everybody down and let us go back to dog sleds.

MR. POTTER: Yeah, I'd love to be able to restrict the air space, but unfortunately that's not anything that we can do. There are some aircraft notems on the aircraft charts that it is a national wildlife refuge and the recommended altitude is 2,000 feet. Obviously that's only a notem and it's recommended, and if they fly lower than that, and they're not demonstrated to be harassing wildlife, there's nothing we can do about it.

MR. MACK: Yeah. I appreciate that. Make sure that Ken Richardson know about it, okay, that 2,000 feet when he comes out, because the other airplanes with the turbos, I've watched them out there when I was hunting, and they were down at 200 feet. So just make sure he knows about it, because when I'm out there hunting, I'll turn it, you know, in, so be ready.

Thank you. That's all I've got to say, Rick. Have a good trip wherever you go. Good luck.

MR. POTTER: Thank you, Marvin. Appreciate it.

MS. TRUMBLE: This is Della. I do have a number of questions or comments.

CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Della, before you start, may I ask you, has Paul arrived?

1 MS. TRUMBLE: No, he has not.  
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Go ahead.  
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5 MS. TRUMBLE: I think first if we can take  
6 a look at this comprehensive conservation plan, there was  
7 discussion, and this is not new. I brought this up before,  
8 but we've talked about the idea or the possibility of  
9 allowing a certain percentage of these guides to be  
10 residential once they have they're certifications as  
11 guides. And I think that still needs to be addressed as  
12 part of this public process. Too many times I think we  
13 have guides that are not resident to the region, and they  
14 are outside of the region, and I think the region guides  
15 should have first precedence. I mean, it's a way for them  
16 that they actually make some money to survive out here.  
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18 The other issue is the Steller eider. On  
19 one of my trips, and I know this is not new, Rick, I think  
20 I asked you this when I last saw you about a month, or  
21 month and a half ago in Cold Bay, is maybe this spring, or  
22 sometime -- yes, it had to be the spring, that I overheard  
23 some discussion by a couple of people that were working at  
24 the refuge while I was waiting to leave on Pen Air, about  
25 doing the survey on the Steller eiders, and I had asked  
26 whether or not we were going to have that in this meeting,  
27 or what actually came out of all that. And I do not see  
28 anything in our meeting material at this time. But can you  
29 tell me what the status of that survey is at this point?  
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31 MS. SOWL: Was that the spring?  
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33 MR. POTTER: You were talking about the  
34 spring one that was done?  
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36 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes, that's correct.  
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38 MR. POTTER: Okay. Have we got that at the  
39 office there?  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is that the Steller eider?  
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43 MR. POTTER: Can you go get the -- hold on  
44 a second, Della, I'm asking the biologist. Just a second.  
45 Can we get that out of the office and bring it over this  
46 afternoon?  
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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: There's another mike  
49 up here. Rick, if you want to bring them up.  
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1 MS. CHIVERS: Have her come up to the mike.  
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3 MR. POTTER: No, it's just.....  
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5 MS. SOWL: I don't think I have this year's  
6 report.  
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8 MR. POTTER: Okay.  
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10 MS. SOWL: It's not -- I don't know if this  
11 year's report is written yet, but I can check on it.  
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13 MR. POTTER: Yeah. We're not sure if this  
14 year's report from the spring is compiled yet, but we'll  
15 check on it during the lunch break and see if we can have  
16 it for you this afternoon. We also have some of the local  
17 pilots here, and if we can catch up to them, they may have  
18 the figures themselves.  
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20 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. I think it's important  
21 that we see some of that material as soon as possible, even  
22 if it's a draft, as we have our meeting, because we only  
23 have two meetings a year.  
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25 I'll move on to the caribou. I know that  
26 the refuge staff were really busy with the meetings that  
27 you had; however, I very much am concerned with the  
28 lateness of the permitting that happened this year. You  
29 know, we've got to take advantage of that last month,  
30 couple weeks of fishing in August to be able to harvest the  
31 caribou while they have their boats on the water, and to be  
32 eight to 10 days late has had an impact. And I'm hopeful  
33 that in the future that that does not happen again, and  
34 that they get them in time, at least by that last week in  
35 July, have them available.  
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37 MR. POTTER: Yeah, we're -- yeah, we  
38 obviously didn't like that either, and we had discussions  
39 with the subsistence division to try an insure that it  
40 doesn't happen again.  
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42 MS. TRUMBLE: The other issue I want to  
43 talk about are the bears. In looking at the report that  
44 you gave, and the report that was given to us last year on  
45 that population on Unimak and the Joshua Green/Alaska  
46 Peninsula, that population of bears is getting close to  
47 that threshold mark. In looking at your report, there's  
48 still more of an increase. Now, I know this community has  
49 had a very -- a summer, a second summer in a row that  
50 there's just been a large population of bears in these

1 communities. There's a concern. I've been talking with  
2 King Salmon. We're working with them on trying to do some  
3 issue -- trying to resolve some issues of the landfill that  
4 will hopefully address some of these, and the dumpsters.

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6 But my concern is this large population on  
7 both Unimak and the Peninsula, and the impact, the predator  
8 control that technically is not in place at this point.  
9 When we look at the amount of guides that are in place for  
10 the area, the limited amount of guides, and the areas that  
11 they serve, I think that needs to be looked at more closely  
12 to find out whether those areas can be smaller and have  
13 more guides to be able to have a larger harvest.

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15 The other thing that we had talked about  
16 with this Council was to try to get the State to increase  
17 the period for the bear hunting season to maybe three weeks  
18 instead of two or whatever. At least adding a week to that  
19 amount of time.

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21 I think in the next couple years, this  
22 population seems to be fairly stable. It is growing at a  
23 good rate, and the impacts of it I think are going to have  
24 more of a detrimental impact to the other species within  
25 these areas than you are by human subsistence hunters. And  
26 I think it really needs to look -- you need to take some  
27 really -- start looking at this closely, because there's  
28 going to be a problem at some point in time, and if it is,  
29 it's going to be at the cause of man.

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31 MR. POTTER: Yeah. As you know, I think in  
32 your discussions with Lem, he's been looking at doing such  
33 as far as increasing the harvest in this area. I lost my  
34 thought. But anyway that was probably the biggest point.  
35 I just wondered, have you had any discussions with him  
36 about that?

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: We've had a couple of  
39 discussions, but I think, Rick, this needs to -- I think,  
40 I would be hopeful that whoever takes your place puts  
41 effort -- some effort is made into taking a close look at  
42 this. And what -- because of the timing, it takes a year  
43 or two years to get something in place, and I think in two  
44 years time we're going to have a problem.

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46 MR. POTTER: Yeah, and basically, as you  
47 know, bears are basically a State jurisdictional animal.  
48 We assist them where we can with surveys, et cetera. So  
49 they obviously had the lead on it, and they're the place to  
50 really go to make recommendations to. Obviously we do give

1 some input and Kristine Sowl, our biologist, she'll be  
2 here, and she'll be continuing on with the surveys and  
3 recommendations, et cetera.

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5 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, I think when you look  
6 at cost and other things out here, Rick, it's -- I would be  
7 hopeful that the refuge is going to take some lead role in  
8 trying to start something and work cooperatively with the  
9 State on this.

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11 MR. POTTER: Oh, yeah. No doubt.

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13 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm going to kind of go back  
14 and address a couple of issues. I wasn't able to make it  
15 over to the gathering in Cold Bay, and I was looking  
16 forward to it. However, it was at a time that we started  
17 the paving from the Harbor Road to the airport, and things  
18 were fairly crazy around here for about two weeks for me.

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21 I will -- I'm thankful that the girls that  
22 went from my office had -- were able to participate. They  
23 learned a lot through that whole process.

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25 However, they came back with some questions  
26 I think that I really hadn't thought about, and points.  
27 And one of the big ones, in talking, and I know the road  
28 isn't something you want to talk about, but it's something  
29 that comes up I believe a number of times in just about  
30 every one of our meetings when we're in the Aleutians.

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32 But the question and part of that process,  
33 when talking about impacts of a road or a hovercraft or  
34 access to Cold Bay, was what studies or what's being done  
35 to study when all these banding and these surveys and the  
36 fly-overs of the different birds in different areas, and  
37 any studies being done on what kind of impacts, stress  
38 impacts that are imposed on these species at various times  
39 by the refuge and staff when they're doing this sort of  
40 work. And that is a good question. When we point fingers  
41 and look to why -- or possible impacts, there are more than  
42 one, and I think all of them need to be considered when we  
43 are addressing them.

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45 So you compared that refuge to the Lower  
46 48. When you look at the population and the areas, there  
47 really isn't a comparison. We're looking at a large area  
48 with a small population of people. The more impacts that's  
49 put on these is made mostly by the public, and I will say  
50 it is by sports guides and fishing. So I think like you

1 say there's a lot to it, and all of this can be mitigated  
2 and enforced. And it's going to -- it could be -- it's an  
3 effort that needs to be made by all parties involved.

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5                   When we talked -- we worked on a three-year  
6 economic development grant and looked at Cold Bay and the  
7 possibilities of tourism and the sports guiding and  
8 fishing, well, that access is going to allow local  
9 residents to be able to participate in that, and to be able  
10 to continue to survive out here when we are and have had at  
11 least four years in a row of bad salmon seasons.

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13                   And so I want to make that point that there  
14 are comparisons and there are different sides to all of  
15 this. But we shouldn't -- neither side should be put into  
16 a block that that door is never opened. Thank you.

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18                   MR. POTTER: Well, it sounds like a lot of  
19 that really wasn't subsistence related comments, and really  
20 not appropriate probably for this forum, but I know that  
21 people in King Cove as well as the people of Cold Bay and  
22 the other villages do rely on this refuge for subsistence,  
23 and that's, you know, one of the purposes of the refuge,  
24 and we do keep that at highest concern. So, you know, any  
25 time we have concern for the wildlife, we do have the  
26 subsistence hunter in mind, for sure, as well as other  
27 general public that we serve.

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29                   MS. TRUMBLE: Well, that is your biggest,  
30 one of the biggest issues is the access for subsistence,  
31 and it's probably top on the priority list.

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33                   I don't have anything else at this time.  
34 You don't have a comment? So I believe King Cove is done,  
35 Mr. Chair. Thank you.

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37                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: I have one. Pete  
38 Squartsoff. Rick, I've enjoyed working with you over the  
39 years, since I got on this Board, and I really appreciate  
40 it. I think you've done a wonderful job out here, but the  
41 only thing I do not agree with is your not supporting the  
42 road to King Cove.

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44                   MR. POTTER: Yeah, and I'm afraid I can't,  
45 because there's other viable alternatives for health and  
46 safety that don't require the destruction of wilderness and  
47 associated wildlife species. I'm just looking to the big  
48 future, not the short-term financial goals of local people.  
49 I look at a bigger picture, and wildlife are or more  
50 concern.

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I was looking at it  
2 for the health and safety of the people of the community.

3  
4 MR. POTTER: Yeah, the health and safety  
5 for access, I think there's other alternatives that are  
6 much more viable and much more safer than a road. You  
7 know, winter conditions around here are tough sometimes,  
8 and unless you're following right behind the snowplow,  
9 which we've got some pictures of this past winter of, you  
10 know, trying to get out to our quonset hut at Grant Point,  
11 you know, if you weren't right behind the snowplow, the  
12 road closed in behind you, and, you know, if somebody takes  
13 off and goes out on their own, you know, things can happen  
14 that way, where if you go by a commercial conveyance,  
15 there's a little more safeguards put in place. Regulations  
16 and rules, et cetera.

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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. I just feel, Rick,  
19 that there is a way that it could be worked out. I mean,  
20 you know, it could be limited to access on the road or  
21 whatever, but just for the safety of people, their lives  
22 are in danger, I really felt that the refuge should support  
23 it for that reason.

24  
25 MR. POTTER: Well, see, I see it just the  
26 opposite. Once wildlife takes it in the head and gets  
27 hammered, it very well may not come back. And then you've  
28 lost big time. Your future generations, and my future  
29 generations, et cetera. I don't see the short-term win on  
30 that, because there are other viable alternatives for  
31 health and safety access to this airport.

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33 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, Della, go ahead.

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: I think, Rick, maybe what I  
38 tried to say didn't necessarily get portrayed the right  
39 way. When I look at reliable access, you guys -- if we had  
40 something, you wouldn't be sitting in Cold Bay, and I  
41 wouldn't be sitting here. The ability for the people in  
42 these communities to be able to voice their concerns in a  
43 face-to-face manner is what helped the process. This  
44 telephone/ teleconference is not necessarily that  
45 affective. What I'm saying is that working together with  
46 the refuge and in essence Cold Bay to try to better work as  
47 to what you have available there. You have the ability to  
48 have people going out to watch birds, to go hiking, to  
49 guide on these Federal lands, to fish on these Federal  
50 lands. And the point was we don't necessarily have good

1 economical access and ability to do it. Especially when  
2 you've got to go up there and pay for hotels and food and  
3 other things. Those costs add up.

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5 But the need I think to work cooperatively  
6 with the communities, surrounding communities, and the  
7 refuge system, and the City of Cold Bay, and the Borough,  
8 that to be able to -- so that everybody has that access and  
9 that opportunity, not necessarily who can get into Cold Bay  
10 and that's as far as they go.

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12 MR. POTTER: I'm not sure I see the point  
13 completely. The access points are Cold Bay. King Cove  
14 Corporation owns land on this side, has a hatchery, has  
15 lands that could be developed for housing, et cetera, or  
16 commercial enterprises. I'm not sure what the point is.  
17 It's available here.

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19 MS. TRUMBLE: I think access for them to be  
20 able to -- you know, to access what they need to to be able  
21 to do something with those properties. The access to be  
22 able to -- for me to go over and be able to hunt birds. I  
23 don't have a way to get over there and hunt birds. And I  
24 don't have the funding to be able to spend, you know, to  
25 pay for hotels and then try to rent something to get  
26 around. What this issue is, affordable access and ability  
27 to do what everybody else gets to go to Cold Bay and do.

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29 MR. POTTER: Well, I thought that's what  
30 \$20 million was being spent on.

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32 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, I believe at this  
33 point this issue may be something that needs to be  
34 addressed in a different forum, and we can go on for days  
35 on this one. So I'm going to ask to move on.

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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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39 MR. CRATTY: I've got one question for Mr.  
40 Potter. On 9(E) I've -- I'm looking at 9(E) in here. I'm  
41 wondering why people of Kodiak, or subsistence users of  
42 Kodiak, some of us go over there and moose hunt. Why we  
43 can't shoot the caribou over there, when they say just the  
44 residents of Chignik -- Unit 9(E) is residents of Chignik,  
45 Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Igiugig, Ivanof Bay,  
46 Perryville, Pilot Point, Ugashik, and Port Heiden/Meshik.

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48 MR. POTTER: Yeah, that area is within the  
49 Bristol Bay Council, Regional Council.

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1 MR. CRATTY: Well, I'm just wondering why  
2 -- you know, we travel with our boats to do subsistence  
3 hunting, too. And I had a chance to go over this year with  
4 some of my Native friends from Kodiak, and they could not  
5 shoot a caribou over there, because they weren't a resident  
6 of 9(E) or whatever, or from that area. I've just got a  
7 question. There's a lot of caribou over there, and I feel  
8 we should have the same advantage that they do.

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10 MR. POTTER: I believe 9(E) is -- the  
11 caribou population is declining and it's crashing. And  
12 they're under a Tier II program under the State right now.

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14 MR. CRATTY: So we'd have to go to the  
15 State with this?

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17 MR. POTTER: Well, or you would go to the  
18 Bristol Bay Regional Council for your recommendation to  
19 include Kodiak residents.

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21 MR. CRATTY: Okay. Thank you.

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23 MR. POTTER: Uh-huh.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Just a quick comment. I  
30 want to thank Rick for all your work in guiding the Council  
31 in its early years. Structure-wise this council has gone  
32 through a lot of movements. We've gone from full  
33 subsistence type board to now we're including sports  
34 fishermen, guided hunters, commercial fishermen. They're  
35 all going to have a seat here. I made my comments known in  
36 Kodiak, several times at Kodiak, that if we don't watch how  
37 we're being advised by the Fish and Wildlife Service, we  
38 won't have a subsistence voice. And I know that that's one  
39 of my comments.

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41 And the other one was in regards to maybe  
42 Marvin, the issue of non-resident versus resident guided  
43 hunting. I addressed that issue in my complaint in regards  
44 to Adak. And the comment, I guess the quoted comment to me  
45 by Susan, I can't remember her name.

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47 MR. POTTER: Showmeister?

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Showmeister, who issued the  
50 permit, for Adak at that particular time was that we looked

1 at U.S. in general. Anyone who is a U.S. citizen who meets  
2 their guidelines. And it's not based on residency, whether  
3 you're from Alaska or not. You can be a guide from Vermont  
4 and come into Alaska and hunt on Federal properties. So I  
5 don't know if we can get around that or not, unless we go  
6 regional wide and go to our Senators and have all of them  
7 agree that, you know, their local guided people should be  
8 on the list first, because that won't change. That's a big  
9 organization you're dealing with. And you're dealing with  
10 the Federal entities, because they are working, in my  
11 opinion, together to make it happen. But I don't know if  
12 we can ever change that.

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14 But again I'd like to thank you for your  
15 help, and with you good luck wherever you go. Hopefully  
16 you'll come back up and visit some day and see different  
17 changes, and see that road to Cold Bay happen.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 MR. POTTER: I don't think so. But thank  
22 you.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do you have any  
25 further questions for Rick, Della, from your people there?

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27 MS. TRUMBLE: Just kind of a follow-up I  
28 think to what Vince just said. And I know Rick and I have  
29 talked about this, and whether that can be addressed as  
30 part of a CCP, and if someone can follow through to find  
31 out if it is possible, and what maybe that language could  
32 look like, that we could possibly do that, as the new plan  
33 gets developed.

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35 MR. POTTER: Refresh me. What is that in  
36 this case? I don't follow the topic that you.....

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm sorry.

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40 MR. POTTER: What's the topic that  
41 you're.....

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: CCP plan.

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45 MR. POTTER: No, I know the CCP, but what  
46 was it that you were looking to have in the CCP?

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The road.

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50 MR. POTTER: The road?

1 MS. TRUMBLE: The guides, the percent of  
2 residential guides and all other.  
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4 MR. POTTER: Okay. I follow you. It has  
5 some potential.  
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7 MS. TRUMBLE: We've had this discussion  
8 before, Rick.  
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10 MR. POTTER: Yeah. It has some potential,  
11 Della, to be included in there, but one of the problems is  
12 this is a regional policy, it's not just for this refuge.  
13 The big game guiding is done regionally under, oh, a very  
14 strict set of rules that have been looked at, you know, to  
15 make sure that they follow proper procedures and, you know,  
16 are not discriminatory. So I don't look for a lot of help  
17 in that aspect.....  
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19 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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21 MR. POTTER: ....but definitely it's  
22 something to bring up at the meetings, and make sure that  
23 it does get at least mentioned so that it can be looked at  
24 and answers be sought.  
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26 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah. I think it at least  
27 needs to be looked at. And I know this isn't just this  
28 region. You know, I've heard it's statewide in other  
29 regions as to why this happens. And I think that that  
30 should be addressed.  
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32 And I do want to say, Rick, I know -- I  
33 appreciate having been able to work with you over the  
34 years, and at least, you know, you did make an honest  
35 effort to try to work these relationships with these  
36 communities, outlying communities, and Izembek and Pavlof  
37 sectors, and Unimak. And I would hope, you know, maybe it  
38 takes years and years until we get to the point where we're  
39 all comfortable with who we are and where we are and how we  
40 work together, but I think it's an effort that needs to  
41 continue, and I do thank you for that.  
42  
43 MR. POTTER: Well, again, I appreciate your  
44 chair abilities and what you've done for this Council, as  
45 well as Vince's, and I do appreciate the Council members.  
46 You've got a great Council here. I worked in Bristol Bay  
47 for a while, and they've got an excellent Council when I  
48 worked up there as well. I think they still do, but I've  
49 got no complaints. It's been great. Thank you.  
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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's all I have.  
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is there anything  
4 further from King Cove, Della?  
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6 MS. TRUMBLE: No, thank you.  
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Well, we'd like  
9 to take a break at 11:30 for a lunch break. I thank  
10 everybody in King Cove for attending, and please invite  
11 them all back.  
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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: At 1:00 o'clock?  
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15 MS. TRUMBLE: Are we coming back at one,  
16 Mitch?  
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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry, say again?  
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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Coming back at one?  
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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Come back at one.  
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24 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you.  
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26 MR. ZACHAROF: Mr. Chair.  
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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hang on.  
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30 MR. ZACHAROF: I wanted to talk in  
31 executive session with our Council and with Della on board  
32 before we break.  
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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Maybe we could do that  
35 right now.  
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37 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah, for 15 minutes of so.  
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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We can call an  
40 executive session right now before we break for lunch.  
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42 MS. TRUMBLE: That will be fine.  
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44 (Off record - 11:22 a.m.)  
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46 (Executive Session/Lunch)  
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48 (On record - 1:05 p.m.)  
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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The time is 1:03. And

1 we're supposed to hear from another person from Izembek.  
2 Before he arrives, we can go ahead and get into these  
3 written reports. Yeah. If the Board members have had an  
4 opportunity to read these reports, we can go over them real  
5 quick and get them passed. If you need a few minutes to  
6 review them, let's do that right now. The written reports  
7 from.....

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Page 50.

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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Page 50.

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: 50 is the first one.

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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, it starts on  
16 Page 50, and then go up to Page 58.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, I would move to  
19 approve the written reports, 11.A.1. through 4 only. I  
20 would like discussion on number 5.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved by Vincent  
25 Tutiakoff, seconded by Peter Squartsoff.....

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Call the question.

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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: .....to approve 1  
30 through 4 only. Is there any discussion.

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32 (No discussion)

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no discussion,  
35 is there any objection.

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37 (No objection)

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no objection  
40 to the motion, then the motion carries.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, I would like  
43 Micelle to walk us through the request for reconsideration  
44 on the related sale of handicraft, and why they want us to  
45 -- at least explain the process here.

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.

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49 MR. LaPLANT: Mr. Chairman, my name is Dan  
50 LaPlant, and hopefully I can try to answer some of those

1 questions about the RFR if you would like. Again, for the  
2 record, my name is Dan LaPlant with the Office of  
3 Subsistence Management.

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5 And the issue here is the request for  
6 reconsideration that the Board received from the Alaska  
7 Department of Fish and Game, and the request is for  
8 reconsideration of the regulation the board passed in  
9 November dealing with the sale of handicraft items made  
10 from the fur of brown bear.

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12 A little background on that. The Board in  
13 May passed a regulation that allowed the sale of  
14 handicrafts made from the fur of brown bear. Two years  
15 prior to that, they had passed a regulation allowing the  
16 sale of handicrafts made from the fur of black bear. The  
17 proposal this year or this past year was to add brown bear  
18 to that list.

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20 When the Staff put together the analysis of  
21 that proposal, we noticed that the Federal definition of  
22 fur was different than the State definition of fur, and the  
23 Federal definition included claws. The Federal definition  
24 says that for bear, fur is the external covering of the  
25 bear with claws attached. So we brought this to the  
26 attention of the Board in May when they were considering  
27 adding brown bear to that list of species that you could  
28 sell handicrafts made from fur from, expecting them to give  
29 us approval to make that correction in the definition.  
30 However, they didn't. They made it clear to Staff that  
31 they wanted bear claws to be included in the list of items  
32 that could be used in handicrafts.

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34 So the Board passed the regulation in May  
35 to allow brown bear fur, which includes claws to be used in  
36 handicrafts, and they made it specific to three regions in  
37 the State: Southeast, Eastern Interior and Bristol Bay.

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Excuse me, can we move that  
40 phone over there? I heard Della in the back saying she  
41 couldn't hear. And maybe turn it up, too.

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43 MR. LaPLANT: Can you hear me now, Della?

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: (Indiscernible) you're clear,  
46 thank you.

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48 MR. LaPLANT: I didn't hear you. Can you  
49 hear me now?

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1 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes, I can hear you clear,  
2 thank you.

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4 MR. LaPLANT: Okay. We're having a little  
5 bit of trouble hearing you, but I'll continue on then.

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7 But anyway the Board's decision in May to  
8 approve the sale of handicraft items made from the fur of  
9 brown bear applied only to those three regions. and that  
10 was consistent with the Regional Councils' recommendations.  
11 Only those three Regional Councils had supported the  
12 proposal to allow the sale of handicrafts made from brown  
13 bear fur. So that was the regulation that the Board had  
14 passed in May.

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16 And then in August we received a request  
17 for reconsideration from the Alaska Department of Fish and  
18 Game, and their opposition to the regulation focused on the  
19 fact that the Board's regulation included claws, and if you  
20 look on -- let's see if I can find the page here real  
21 quick.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: 62.

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25 MS. CHIVERS: 59.

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27 MR. LaPLANT: On 59. Yeah, 59 and 60 is  
28 the request for reconsideration from the State. They make  
29 four major claims in their requests.

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31 On Page 61 is their first claim. It says  
32 the proposed regulations are inconsistent with sound  
33 management principles and the conservation of healthy  
34 populations of fish and wild life. Again, this is focused  
35 on the use of bear claws in handicrafts. And then they  
36 give a lot of background justification for that claim,  
37 referenced a lot of the transcripts from the main Board  
38 meeting.

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40 On page 68 is their second claim. They  
41 claim that the proposed regulations are inconsistent with  
42 ANILCA, because they authorize transactions that are not  
43 customary and traditional, and again followed with their  
44 argument.

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46 And on page 74 is the other two claims.  
47 Claim C is that the regulations allow commercial use of  
48 brown bear, and then the last claim is that the regulations  
49 are arbitrary and capricious.

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1                   So after receiving the request for  
2 reconsideration in August, we made this available to all  
3 Regional Councils, and we're in the process right now of  
4 analyzing this request.

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6                   Our schedule is to complete a threshold  
7 analysis by the end of October, and we'll bring this to the  
8 Board. They have a meeting scheduled for the 1st of  
9 November. And what they'll do at that time is decide  
10 whether this claim meets the criteria for a request for  
11 reconsideration. In other words, does the State have a  
12 legitimate argument.

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14                   And if they feel that some of these claims  
15 are legitimate, or have potential to be legitimate, they'll  
16 ask the Staff to do a more detailed analysis, come back to  
17 the Councils at their spring meeting with that analysis,  
18 and then it will go before the Board for a final decision  
19 at their May meeting.

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21                   The other alternative that the Board may  
22 take the 1st of November is to determine that none of these  
23 claims meet the criteria for accepting a request for  
24 accepting a request for reconsideration, and they may  
25 reject it at that time. And that would be the end of the  
26 process for the request for reconsideration.

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28                   So that's where we are with the RFR at this  
29 time, Mr. Chairman.

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31                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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33                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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35                   MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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37                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, Vincent.

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39                   MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, Della.

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41                   CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Oh, Della, do you.....

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43                   MR. LaPLANT: Go ahead, Della.

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45                   MS. TRUMBLE: (Indiscernible - cutting in  
46 and out) do they have to get (indiscernible). And I wish  
47 to maintain the (indiscernible).

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49                   MR. LaPLANT: Della, we can't.....

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Ask if we can call back on  
2 a different line. Maybe we'll get a better.....  
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4 MR. LaPLANT: Yeah. We can't hear you,  
5 Della. We're going to try and hang up and call you back  
6 and see if we can get a better line.  
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8 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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10 (Trying to re-establish teleconference)  
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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: At the May meeting, on page  
13 71, March 19th transcripts, the Kodiak/Aleutians opposed  
14 adding brown bear.  
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We did not support the  
17 proposal.  
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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We did not support the  
20 proposal, so.....  
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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: What we have here.....  
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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....you know, we're here  
25 to reaffirm that nonsupport basically, so that they can get  
26 it on the record. We're not here to say, okay, now we  
27 support it.....  
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Right.  
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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....because that's what  
32 they're opposed to. Okay.  
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34 MR. LaPLANT: The regulation that the Board  
35 did pass like I said does apply only to Southeast, Bristol  
36 Bay, and Eastern Interior, so they did take your  
37 recommendation.  
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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: They did pass it for.....  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: There was four, right?  
42 Four regions?  
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44 MR. LaPLANT: Three. Just three.  
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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It says in here four, on  
47 Page 68, or 5 -- yeah, 68.  
48  
49 (Establishing teleconference)  
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1 MR. LaPLANT: Oh, good, we can hear you  
2 loud and clear. Go ahead with your question.

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4 MS. TRUMBLE: I think mine was more of a  
5 comment. I read through this twice, and I will have to  
6 admit that I do agree with the four issues that the State  
7 has outlined of areas of concern. And I do I believe side  
8 with them on this in the fact that allowing this could have  
9 the potential of being more of a commercial than a  
10 subsistence use issue.

11  
12 MR. LaPLANT: Okay. One thing, we're in  
13 the process at OSM of going through the same thought  
14 process as well as we're putting this analysis together.  
15 And one of the things that we recognize in this draft  
16 analysis is that the regulation that the Board passed  
17 doesn't change the harvest limit for brown bears, so, yeah,  
18 commercialization is a concern, but the subsistence users  
19 would still be limited to the regional harvest limits, one  
20 bear a year, in some cases one bear every four years, so  
21 that's a little bit of the argument on the other side. So  
22 we're taking both, you know, both sides of this argument,  
23 and we'll be describing that to the Board when we meet with  
24 them on the 1st of November.

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26 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah. I think that it  
27 further states sometimes, you know, as subsistence users,  
28 I hate so much to use it in a sense of to use it, and in  
29 taking a bear and then, per se, without a permit, without  
30 asking the permit system, and then to turn around and say,  
31 well, technically this is a subsistence use. So I just  
32 think it might open a door that maybe might create more  
33 problems than anything else.

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35 MR. LaPLANT: Okay. Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Before we continue  
38 with this discussion, Michelle, has Rick Potter's group  
39 come in? You said they needed to get right back. This has  
40 to do with the questions that Della had earlier, and  
41 Michelle told me you had to get right back to another  
42 meeting.

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44 MR. POTTER: Thank you. Yeah.

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46 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry.

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48 MR. POTTER: Yeah, thank you. Della, this  
49 is Rick Potter with Izembek refuge again. We just happened  
50 to have an answer for you on your Stellers eider question,

1 and whatever others you might have regarding Stellers  
2 eider. The pilot/biologist from our Migratory Bird Office  
3 is here, and is ready to answer any of your questions, fill  
4 in some information gaps you might have. Bill Larned.  
5 Bill, do you want to come up here?

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7 MR. LARNED: Sure.

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9 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Rick.

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11 MR. POTTER: You're welcome.

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13 MS. TRUMBLE: Bill, my questions earlier  
14 had to do with I was aware that there had been some data,  
15 or maybe surveys done on the Steller eider in the spring.  
16 And I had requested of Rick to hope we had that information  
17 available for this meeting. So I think anything that you  
18 can report at this time would be helpful.

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20 MR. LARNED: Yeah, I wasn't exactly sure  
21 what you wanted me to do here. You know, whether you want  
22 an overview of the big picture on Stellers eiders or  
23 whether you want something more specific. The survey's  
24 that I do are -- with Stellers eiders are -- they're annual  
25 spring migration counts, which is about the best that we  
26 can come up with for distribution and population count.

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28 Can you hear me okay?

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes, I can hear you fine.

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32 MR. LARNED: Okay. So do you want kind of  
33 an overview of what our -- the kind of model of population  
34 situation is with Stellers eider kind of briefly, or would  
35 -- or do you want something more specific like just this  
36 year's survey results or something like that?

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm curious as to the survey  
39 results this year, and how they compare to other years is  
40 what I'm looking for.

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42 MR. LARNED: Okay. Well, just to put that  
43 in a little bit of context, the reason we're doing these  
44 spring counts, it started up actually in conjunction with  
45 another survey, emperor goose survey, and it so happened  
46 that they share a lot of the same habitats during spring  
47 migration, during staging. And Rod King and Chris Dow and  
48 others had done some of these surveys in past years.  
49 Unfortunately, those surveys focus -- they're designed for  
50 emperor geese, and though they use the same lagoons, they

1 use different portions of the lagoons, and it's difficult  
2 to do a really good job of counting one while you're  
3 counting the other, because you -- for instance, when  
4 you're in there counting Stellers eiders, you're spooking  
5 the geese out, and then they disappear, and you can't count  
6 them, and vice versa.

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8                   So I started in 1992 which is when the  
9 whole Stellers eider -- the concern really started, that  
10 there was a petition to list them as threatened because of  
11 declines on the Yukon Delta, and you know all that  
12 background I imagine.

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14                   And even focusing on Stellers eider  
15 primarily the way I do on this survey, it's still a very,  
16 very rough, very crude annual index. And any one year  
17 means almost nothing, and even a five year or a longer  
18 stretch means very little. And I'll be the first to admit  
19 that. And there's a number of reasons for that.

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21                   One is you're estimating large flocks.  
22 I've tried using aerial photography, and the way the birds  
23 behavior is, it doesn't -- it isn't satisfactory. To get  
24 the entire flock on the surface at one time is a really  
25 good trick most of the time. So I've had some success, but  
26 very limited in doing that sort of thing. And you're also  
27 kind of shooting at a moving target of the birds during  
28 migration.

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30                   And migration is a very poor time usually  
31 to do a survey, but that's about what we're left with with  
32 Stellers eiders, because our first choice would be probably  
33 doing a survey on the breeding grounds, but unfortunately  
34 they're mostly in Russia, and we don't have the liberty of  
35 doing that, and they don't have the resources to do those  
36 over there.

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38                   So the second best would probably be when  
39 they're established in the wintering grounds. And in the  
40 first place, established on the wintering grounds, since  
41 we've been doing satellite telemetry work, they never  
42 really seem to get established on the wintering grounds.  
43 They're moving. Even at that time they're moving from  
44 place to place, and most of the area where they are which  
45 is the Pacific population, the majority of them are between  
46 about -- between the Near Islands, the Aleutians and  
47 Kodiak, Cook Inlet, and all in that range, and south of the  
48 -- on the south side of Bristol Bay, Alaska Peninsula.  
49 It's not a very good place to be flying around doing  
50 surveys, coastal surveys in the winter. I've tried that,

1 and had limited, very limited success there.

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3 So we -- our model for counting them in the  
4 spring survey is that there is a period of time when the  
5 majority of the birds that winter on the east side of the  
6 Bering Sea, which is, we believe, the vast majority of the  
7 birds in the Pacific population, we believe that there is  
8 a period of time between late March and early May when all  
9 the birds are within this count area that we have, which is  
10 essentially from about Nunavak Island to Cold Bay, so we do  
11 a survey then.

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13 And in early years we did several  
14 replicates. We had the money to do -- it was quite a fresh  
15 flush of money from Endangered Species to do work with  
16 Stellers and spectacled eiders. We used some of this to do  
17 replicates, to fine-tune our timing, and get the best --  
18 the highest count, and take the highest count that we got  
19 and use that as the annual index. And more recently we've  
20 either had no money to do an annual count, or most years  
21 we've had enough to do one.

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23 So what I'm saying with all this is we have  
24 a string of numbers, and it so happened that for several  
25 years, and again this is an index that's targeted not at  
26 the Alaska population, Alaska breeding population, which is  
27 a tiny fraction of it, but it's of the Pacific population,  
28 which is most of the birds in the world, Stellers eiders in  
29 the world.

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31 Where was I? I lost my flow.

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33 MR. POTTER: You're number looking for  
34 numbers this year.

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36 MR. LARNED: Yeah. So.....

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38 MR. POTTER: Compared to other years.

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40 MR. LARNED: .....anyway we have a string  
41 of numbers, and up till about two years ago, they so  
42 happened that they lined up in a nice little decline of  
43 about seven or eight percent per year. And with not  
44 estimate of precision, I think people like numbers, and  
45 they see one number and they say, well, that's it. These  
46 guys are the experts, and they know how many there are.  
47 This is nothing but a crude index, and what I am -- what we  
48 really need for this.....

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50 Oh, and let me continue on that before I

1 digress again.

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3                   We had this decline and it ended up the  
4 last index count we had was a couple of years ago, was  
5 about around 60,000 as I remember. And since then, we've  
6 had good timing in our surveys. We felt good about the  
7 last couple of years, and particularly the current year.  
8 And I haven't got the report out yet, because I've got a  
9 couple other reports ahead of it, but it came out to be  
10 around 80, 90,000 I believe, something like that, for this  
11 current year. And it so happened that this year the timing  
12 in relation to bird movements, weather, wind patterns, and  
13 so forth, and the way that we did the survey, we felt  
14 extremely good, so we thought we had the bulk of the birds  
15 covered. And sure enough, our numbers came up a little  
16 bit.

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18                   So the long and short of it is my feeling  
19 since we started these surveys from '92, is we've got  
20 pretty much a level trend on the Pacific population. There  
21 isn't any convincing decline in that population.

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23                   And that's -- what would be really nice,  
24 and I'm going to push for, too, is to have a second  
25 independent count, and about the only thing that I can  
26 think of, and I'm going to present this to the recovery  
27 team this year, about the only thing that I can think of  
28 that would fit that would be a molting survey. And they're  
29 probably photographable, much more so than in the spring  
30 when they're molting in the lagoon systems, and a couple of  
31 other areas that we know about further north. And if we  
32 could fit those two surveys together, neither of which  
33 would have a good measure of precision, but a fair  
34 substitute for a measure of precision is consistency  
35 between two surveys, between two independent trend  
36 estimates.

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38                   So that's -- maybe that's way more than you  
39 wanted, but I thought I'd better give you a little bit of  
40 background. Are there any questions on that so far?

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42                   MS. TRUMBLE: No, and that's very well.  
43 Thank you. All of that was good.

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45                   The other question I guess I have is what  
46 is the population threshold that everybody is going to be  
47 comfortable with, and is this -- to get this off the  
48 endangered species, and does that need to be a three-year  
49 count before that gets removed from the endangered species  
50 list potentially?

1 MR. LARNED: You know, I would have to  
2 defer that to the -- and you may not be able to find that  
3 out until a little bit later, defer that to the recovery  
4 team, because I'm not absolutely sure that we've got a hard  
5 and fast number, and particularly -- the recovery team is  
6 focused on the Alaska population, and I think that -- well,  
7 of course, the Alaska population is essentially zero  
8 breeding population on the Yukon Delta. We're now finding  
9 a handful of nests again after several years of no nesting  
10 found. And then on the North Slope it's an on again/off  
11 again in at best the low thousands. And we don't even have  
12 a good survey to estimate those on the North Slope. We've  
13 got a moratorium now on satellite telemetry because of  
14 impacts to the birds and the very small population on the  
15 North Slope.

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17 So I can't even answer that right now. You  
18 could probably -- probably a call to Ted Swim might get you  
19 a little better answer than I can give you. He would be a  
20 little bit more on top of that than I would. Sorry about  
21 that.

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23 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah. Go ahead? Okay. Do  
24 you have any idea when -- you know, does the recovery team  
25 do an annual report that's published or what is that  
26 process?

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28 MR. LARNED: They're going to have a  
29 meeting in November I believe, early November. I'm  
30 supposed to go to that, and I have it on my calendar, but  
31 I -- anyway, it's in November over in Seward at the Sealife  
32 Center. And they will discuss a lot of these things at  
33 that time, and I'll present my annual results to them.

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35 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you.

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37 MR. LARNED: You're welcome.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Anybody else have  
40 questions.

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42 (No questions)

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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della, this is Mitch.  
45 Has Paul arrived?

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47 MS. TRUMBLE: No, he's -- I'll just say  
48 right now he's not here.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do you have further

1 questions for Rick and his associate here? Can you hear  
2 me?  
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4 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Ask them if they have any  
5 questions.  
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Ask her if she.....  
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9 MR. POTTER: Did you have any other  
10 questions of me, Della, or Bill Larned?  
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12 MS. TRUMBLE: No, and I thank you very much  
13 for that report. And I'll wait to see what the recovery  
14 team report looks like.  
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16 MR. POTTER: I know you -- to follow up on  
17 a question I missed when we were talking earlier, you'd  
18 asked about our disturbance of in particular eiders in our  
19 work out there. We have to go through a process of getting  
20 permits ourselves to go do that work, so the recovery --  
21 the Endangered Species Office issues those permits, and  
22 they look at everything from recovery. And like Bill  
23 mentioned, some has been curtailed, because of the listing,  
24 et cetera. So -- but in our area they feel it important to  
25 follow the trend as to what the population's doing, so  
26 we're continuing with the banding here.  
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28 So we try not to do efforts out there that  
29 are harmful to the species. We try not to do extraneous  
30 work. We try to do what's necessary and needed, and that's  
31 all.  
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33 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you, Rick.  
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35 MR. POTTER: You're welcome. Thank you.  
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.  
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39 MR. LARNED: I didn't get to use my map.  
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41 MR. POTTER: Had a map of the whole world.  
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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Can you turn that  
44 phone sideways? I think Della hears it better when the  
45 mike was.....  
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47 Okay. Where were we. We were talking  
48 about bear.  
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50 MR. LaPLANT: I believe Vince had a

1 question about which Councils?

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. I was reading on  
4 page I believe it was 61. No, it's Page 60. And it shows  
5 a four to two vote. Is that the same vote you're talking  
6 about?

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8 MR. LaPLANT: Well, that was the vote of  
9 the Board was four to two. Four.....

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, and you mentioned  
12 three.

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14 MR. LaPLANT: .....Board members -- well,  
15 those were the Board members that voted for the proposal.  
16 But there were.....

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: For -- oh, I see.  
19 Board members.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That was the  
22 reconsideration.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The Board adopted  
25 the.....

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27 MR. LaPLANT: Yeah. The Board first voted  
28 a vote of three to three to reject the proposal, and then  
29 later on in the meeting, I believe it was the next day,  
30 they brought it back up for reconsideration, and at that  
31 time the Board passed the motion on a vote of four to two.  
32 But they had amended the original proposal, and the  
33 proposal was to have the brown bear claw -- or the brown  
34 bear fur, which includes claws apply to only three regions.  
35 And those three regions I said earlier were Eastern  
36 Interior, and Southeast, and Bristol Bay.

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38 So as I said earlier, the process we're in  
39 right now is putting together an analysis for the Board to  
40 consider on the 1st of November when they meet, and at that  
41 time they'll be making the decision whether to accept the  
42 RFR or not.

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44 And the criteria for accepting an RFR is in  
45 section .20 in the regulations, and I'll just read it here  
46 real quick. It says, the Board will accept the request for  
47 reconsideration only if it's based upon information not  
48 previously considered by the Board, demonstrates that the  
49 existing information used by the Board is incorrect, or  
50 demonstrates that the Board's interpretation of

1 information, applicable law or regulations is in error or  
2 contrary to existing law. So that's what the Board is  
3 going to be deciding, whether this request meets that  
4 criteria.

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6 And again, if it does, then we'll do a  
7 little more detailed analysis and have that analysis before  
8 the Regional Councils at their spring meeting. So if you  
9 wanted to make a statement on the record now as to your  
10 position on it or reaffirm your previous position, that  
11 would be fine, but this issue will be coming back, If the  
12 Board does accept the RFR, it will be coming back to the  
13 Councils at the spring meeting. If they don't accept it,  
14 then it will just be rejected and it will require a totally  
15 new proposal for the Board to take up the issue in the  
16 future.

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I have a question. So  
21 where are we now, Mr. Chair? Are we ready to vote or do  
22 you want to hear some more comments? I've been writing  
23 some stuff down, but I'll wait to see if other members have  
24 comments.

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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any Board members have  
27 any other comment.

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29 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, I'd like to state a  
30 comment. Al Cratty, Old Harbor.

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32 I kind of feel the way this is stated. I  
33 feel we'd run into a problem in the future. I'd like to  
34 see, you know, where people can sell some of their bear  
35 parts, but I can see it becoming a problem like they're  
36 stating in there. I just want to state that for the  
37 record.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Richard.

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41 MR. ZACHAROF: I feel the same way as Al  
42 and everybody else, that selling any bear parts is -- you  
43 know, I'm not for that.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Peter.

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47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I really don't have  
48 anything other than what's been said.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I know in Kodiak it's

1 been stated by our elders that it's disrespectful to  
2 display a bear in any of its form, except for cultural  
3 items, like they use the claws to make part of the regalia  
4 for dance. We've been allowed a subsistence bear, but  
5 we've always been reminded that when you get the bear, when  
6 you -- after you've either processed it or cut it out, you  
7 take the entrails and the bones and everything else back  
8 out to the field where you got it and leave it there. You  
9 know, with due respect to the animal. This report says  
10 it's going to create an overharvest of bears for the bear  
11 claws and the bladders. We're asking to see what they're  
12 asking for furs, that they're targeting claws and bladders,  
13 which is not our purpose.

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MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.

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MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, in regards to all the  
20 animals, whether they're birds, caribou, seals, the Aleut  
21 culture, you know, and the whole history of the Aleut  
22 culture, there were laws that in certain villages that they  
23 were not allowed to possess certain parts of an animal,  
24 based on your heritage, your family, whether you were part  
25 of a certain clan. Those things are known. And I think  
26 that in order to respect the wishes of, you know, those  
27 that are around the Peninsula and into Kodiak, there seems  
28 to be a concern that we may create a commercial enterprise.  
29 We are not here to do that. We are here, although, to  
30 support those who want to have a cultural or a religious,  
31 you know, reflection of the animal, and that's it. And I  
32 think the way this was written I think goes to the fact  
33 that -- what Al just said. You know, he supports the use  
34 of the bear for ornamental or religious services, or  
35 cultural services, but not necessarily creating a  
36 commercial enterprise. And I think we need to maybe work  
37 the wording that we can submit that we'd be supportive of.  
38 I don't know. I mean, our cousins in the Southeast have  
39 used the claws in ornamental, you know, their use, and  
40 those up in the north have used the polar bear I believe in  
41 part of their religious programs or services. And I think  
42 we ought to, you know -- I'm not totally opposed to using  
43 brown bear parts, but I am opposed to using for commercial  
44 use. And it's awful hard for me to vote yes or no, for or  
45 against the bear, brown bear. But if it comes down to  
46 commercial issue, I'll vote no, and I'll stick with our  
47 original proposal. But I need some more comment.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I'm Pete Squartsoff.

50 I was wondering if we can go region by region on this like

1 we did, or does it have to be either we oppose it or we  
2 support it.

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4 MR. LaPLANT: Mr. Chairman, when the issue  
5 was before the Board in May, that they did hear each  
6 region's concerns as you're expressing now. And that's why  
7 they came to the conclusion that it should only be  
8 legalized in three regions. So they did listen to each  
9 region's expressly stated concerns. And, you know, I would  
10 recommend that you, you know, express those concerns again.  
11 But the time for that -- I mean, you can do it now, but the  
12 more critical time for that would be if the Board decides  
13 to accept this RFR and look at it more closely, it will be  
14 coming back to you for your opinion on it in the spring  
15 meeting. But if you want to, you know, put something, put  
16 these comments on the record now, they will certainly be  
17 available for the Board to look at when they meet in the  
18 1st of November also.

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20 But the information at the 1st of November  
21 meeting that they'll be looking at is whether the RFR  
22 submitted by the State meets the criteria expressed in the  
23 regulation. That's the specific point that they'll be  
24 looking at. So that's, you know, where we're at with the  
25 process right now.

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I have a question somebody  
28 might be able to answer. Sorry, Mr. Chair. When a brown  
29 bear is taken, where is it taken, Kodiak for subsistence  
30 use at all right now? Any region right now?

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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Old Harbor got a  
33 couple.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Now, they're  
36 required to turn in the bladder or whatever it is, and the  
37 claws to Fish and Wildlife?

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No.

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41 MR. CRATTY: No. No, we retain the whole  
42 hide. Whoever shoots the bear can have the hide.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But would there be an  
45 opposition to that being instituted into the law, that, you  
46 know, you can go out and do your subsistence, but you turn  
47 in the bladder and the claws? I mean, that could deter  
48 commercial use. Fish and Wildlife can decorate their halls  
49 with claws and bladders.

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1 MR. CRATTY: Well, I don't think there's a  
2 problem.....  
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4 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I don't think that's what  
5 we're after, community's after.  
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7 MR. CRATTY: I don't think there's a  
8 problem there, Vince. I haven't heard of anybody taking  
9 the bladder out. They take the hide and the meat out and  
10 that's it. There's no problem existing like that in Old  
11 Harbor right now. And I see a few people that make things  
12 out of bear claws, but there's nobody ever tried to sell  
13 anything. I mean, that's.....  
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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But there are a few out  
16 there that's causing this problem. It seems to have been  
17 a problem before, or it could be I guess is what they're  
18 saying.  
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20 But the way it's proposed to us now, Mr.  
21 Chair is that we would have to vote yes or no for  
22 reconsideration. And at this point I'm not willing to  
23 change our vote. I mean, I think we have to come back with  
24 a better proposal in regards to the brown bear.  
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26 MR. CRATTY: Yeah. Another thing I'd like  
27 to state, Vince, you know, when these guys go hunting, we  
28 let them know this is something that we're privileged to  
29 get. It took us a lot of fighting, and we don't want to  
30 lose it, so we don't want to be breaking any laws.  
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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Uh-huh. I understand that.  
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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Michelle, so a motion  
35 would be in order then to.....  
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37 MS. CHIVERS: Well, I think at this time,  
38 as Dan stated, right now this is going to be taken up at  
39 the Board meeting, and then we will.....  
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41 MS. TRUMBLE: Mitch, this is Della. We  
42 cannot hear any of the discussion, and what we can hear is  
43 being cut in and out.  
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Sorry, Della.  
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47 MR. LaPLANT: Okay. We're going to ask  
48 Michelle to speak up a little bit louder.  
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50 MS. CHIVERS: I'm sorry, Della. I was just

1 stating that from what I understood of what Dan said, is  
2 that at this point, this is what the Board will be taking  
3 up in their meeting in November, and they're either going  
4 to reject it, or they're going to ask for an analysis, and  
5 that will be brought to the Council in our winter meetings,  
6 and at that time is when we would go ahead and make a  
7 recommendation on that proposal. Right now this RFR is  
8 being placed in front of the Board and the Board will  
9 determine whether they're going to take action on it or  
10 reject it.

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12 MR. LaPLANT: Right. And you're already on  
13 record as opposing the use of bear claws in handicrafts, so  
14 -- or bear fur and claws in handicrafts, so unless you  
15 intend to change your position, and that's not what I hear  
16 you saying right now, so, you know, you're on record as  
17 being in opposition to it, and that's what will be before  
18 the board when they discuss this in the future.

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20 MS. CHIVERS: At this point, it's just an  
21 informational item to let you know the update as to where  
22 it stands.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.

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26 MR. CRATTY: I think we're in opposition to  
27 a certain point like Vince stated, if like the people down  
28 there do use it, I think they should be allowed to.  
29 That's, you know, their traditional way. But where we are,  
30 we're in opposition to it.

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Mr. Chair, I feel  
33 we need to take no action.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. It's been  
36 recommended by one of the Board to take no action.

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: (Indiscernible)

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Della said -- ask her if  
41 she has. Della.

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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It's been recommended  
44 here, Della, that we take no action.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: She can't hear us. I guess  
47 you've got to pull that over here.

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: You've got to bring  
50 the phone up here.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It must be the room, the  
2 echo.  
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della, can you hear  
5 me?  
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7 MS. TRUMBLE: Go ahead.  
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, there was a  
10 recommendation here that we take no action on this item  
11 concerning the bears and the bear claws and the bladders  
12 and stuff.  
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14 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, I would agree.  
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, we're.....  
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18 MS. TRUMBLE: One other comment. I.....  
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry?  
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22 MS. TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Mitch, I can't --  
23 I'm having a hard time hearing you. Go ahead.  
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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. We're already  
26 on record as opposing this proposal. And right now we're  
27 just saying that we take no action. Okay.  
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29 MS. TRUMBLE: That's fine.  
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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Then we'll move on.  
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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.  
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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.  
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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Maybe for the record state  
38 that -- ask for anybody -- ask if there's anyone who wants  
39 to take action, then say so. And if not, there will be no  
40 action. Because we need to have something on this number  
41 5. We approved all the rest of them.  
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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Then a motion  
44 would be in order to take no action, just to have it on  
45 record.  
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47 MS. CHIVERS: You'd just make a motion to  
48 approve it as is, and it's going to come -- it came before  
49 the Board in the spring meeting, or it may not. And you  
50 can just approve it as is if you'd like.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Approve it as it is.  
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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So move.  
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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second.  
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved by Peter,  
8 seconded by Vincent. Is there any discussion.  
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10 (No discussion)  
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no discussion,  
13 do I hear any objections.  
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15 (No objection)  
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17 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no objections,  
18 then the motion carries.  
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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Thank you.  
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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Item C, Kodiak  
23 National Wildlife Refuge. Bill Pyle.  
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25 (Off record discussion re location of  
26 telephone.)  
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28 MR. PYLE: Mr. Chairman, thank you for this  
29 opportunity, as well as other Council members. And I would  
30 refer you to Pages 80 to 83 of your handbook. This is our  
31 activity report for the last six months. I will highlight  
32 some of the items in this report as well as provide a few  
33 updates, information that has become available to us since  
34 we submitted the report in August. Following this, I'd be  
35 glad to field any questions.  
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37 Regarding fisheries, just a couple of  
38 things I wanted to mention. After a year and a half we  
39 filled the position of fisheries biologist/pilot, and the  
40 new person, Kevin VanHatten, arrived in May. And he is  
41 mainly spending a lot of time tooling up, becoming familiar  
42 with refuges operations as well as he is in training as a  
43 pilot. He had his private license, and he's been in  
44 California for the last month getting his -- some  
45 additional training. And that's a process that's pretty  
46 extensive, and will require a lot of his time over the next  
47 year, is getting qualified to be a survey pilot. Okay. So  
48 we're grateful that Kevin is on, and he'll be working with  
49 a fisheries technician directly on a range of fisheries  
50 projects and also cooperating with the Department of Fish

1 and Game.

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4 And then there was some information that  
5 was presented regarding a harvest assessment study that  
6 this Council supported that has actually started operation  
7 of that project in Kodiak, and is being headed up by the  
8 Fish and Game Department's Subsistence Division, Liz  
9 Williams, and we're in coordination with Ms. Williams on  
10 that project. We look forward to participating in it.  
11 Specifically I know that Tanya Brockman, our refuge  
12 information technician, will be heading out to village  
13 communities with Liz in November. And any assistance that  
14 we can provide, we'd like to do that, and we look forward  
15 to applying the results here when they become available,  
16 probably in three years.

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Sea otters.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry, Bill. You  
20 had Brandon, is he your assistant, or.....

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MR. PYLE: That's correct, and I will get  
23 to Brandon.

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CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Thank you. Go  
26 ahead.

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MR. PYLE: Regarding sea otters, I got a  
29 lot of this information from our Marine Mammals division.  
30 There's been a lot of activity here over the last couple  
31 years, and some new activities this year. As you all  
32 know, the Service proposed to list sea otters in southwest  
33 Alaska as Alaska as threatened under the Endangered Species  
34 Act. Presently the Service is evaluating public comments  
35 and writing the final rule, publication of which is  
36 expected in spring of 2005.

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Additionally, sea otter populations were  
39 surveyed throughout the Kodiak archipelago this summer.  
40 And preliminary results from that survey indicated that the  
41 population is essentially not expanded or shrunk since the  
42 last survey in 2001, and that there was a slight up tick in  
43 the numbers of otters since the last survey. Those are  
44 preliminary results. The final results are expected here  
45 over the next month or so. So they figure that somewhere  
46 between a 10 and 20 percent increase in the number of  
47 otters since the last survey.

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Also, the Alaska Science Center, USGS, in  
50 collaboration with the Service initiated a study of sea

1 otter health, survival, and reproduction. In August 2004,  
2 46 sea otters were captured in various bays of northern  
3 Kodiak and Afognak Islands. Animals were screened for a  
4 variety of health parameters, including disease. In 2005  
5 otters will be captured and implanted with radio  
6 transmitters to evaluate movements, pup production, and  
7 survival.

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9                   And there's a lot of questions about the  
10 sources of population, ups and downs and variation in  
11 Kodiak and these studies will help us in further  
12 understanding of what may cause those changes in  
13 populations. And so the refuge will be participating in  
14 some of those studies as we have filled some of our  
15 staffing needs.

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17                   Down to Sitka black-tailed deer. Sitka  
18 black-tailed deer, of course, are the main source of game  
19 meat, subsistence meat in the Kodiak area. We conduct  
20 mortality surveys on an annual basis, and this past year we  
21 did them in late April and early May, three sites  
22 representing different portions of the winter ranges on  
23 Kodiak Island.

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25                   Preliminary results from our surveys  
26 indicated that there was moderate mortality of deer that  
27 occurred this past winter on the western side of Kodiak  
28 Island that fronts the Shelikof Strait. The area that we  
29 survey is up on the Spiridon Peninsula.

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31                   On the other hand, you go across the island  
32 down in the Old Harbor vicinity, there along Sitkalidak  
33 Strait, and we found a lower level of mortality. And then  
34 going down towards Olga Bay, we found very low, it was very  
35 difficult to find any deer carcasses.

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37                   And by the time we do the survey, I might  
38 note that what we do find is, you know, there's quite a  
39 possibility that, you know, you may not see much for fawn  
40 mortality, because it's pretty easy for carrion feeders to  
41 move those carcasses. But if there's any real amount of  
42 deer mortality, we usually see it on the ground.

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44                   And so overall, you know, we've already  
45 been a couple months into the subsistence deer season there  
46 at Kodiak, but things really start rolling in terms of  
47 hunting interests right about this time of year, and  
48 especially later October, November and December.  
49 Subsistence deer hunters can expect ample harvest  
50 opportunities over all. I mean, since 2000, year-to-year

1 survival and productivity has consistently been high in the  
2 eastern and southern Kodiak, while limited over-winter  
3 mortality has periodically occurred in western Kodiak  
4 Island. We've been in more or less as far as the population  
5 goes overall in the archipelago have been in an upswing  
6 since the last big die-off in the winter of '98/'99.

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8 Okay. Regarding the refuge's comprehensive  
9 conservation plan revision, the public -- that document,  
10 the draft plan is scheduled for release on October 17th,  
11 and the public review period will extend from October 21st  
12 to January 21st of 2005. Public meetings will occur in  
13 village communities likely in mid to late November in  
14 conjunction with the visits that Fish and Game is making  
15 regarding subsistence harvest assessment for fisheries.  
16 And then we're also planning on two public meetings, one  
17 each in Kodiak, and then Anchorage in early December. So  
18 that's important to note, and we'll be in contact with the  
19 tribal councils and village governments in regards to  
20 coordinating the best time to come down, and/or providing  
21 an option of just teleconferencing into the Kodiak meeting  
22 if that's more desirable.

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24 In June of 2004 Mr. Brandon Saito, my  
25 colleague that is in the audience behind me, many of you  
26 have met, arrived at the refuge. He's currently with the  
27 Service's Student Career Education Program candidate. And  
28 he joined the refuge, and upon successful completion of  
29 that appointment, Mr. Saito will be offered employment with  
30 the refuge as a subsistence wildlife biologist.

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32 That's all I have Mr. Chairman. Are there  
33 any questions.

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pete.

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Bill, I have one on  
40 your sea otters. It says here received a total of 6700  
41 comments in response to the listing proposal. Were there  
42 comments from all over or just from.....

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44 MR. PYLE: That's right.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: .....statewide?

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48 MR. PYLE: Everywhere.

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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

1 MR. PYLE: Kodiak as well as wherever else  
2 in the region, in the southwest region, say the Aleutians,  
3 I mean, all of Unit 8 and other adjacent units. Anybody  
4 who had a concern anywhere, those are the total number of  
5 comments.

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Could some of those have  
8 been tourists?

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10 MR. PYLE: It could have been anybody.  
11 Anybody had -- you know, anybody has a right to comment.

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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Because if the numbers are  
14 stable and increasing a little bit.....

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16 MR. PYLE: Well, and that's just for  
17 Kodiak.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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21 MR. PYLE: And that's the very far eastern  
22 range of the southwestern stock of sea otters that is  
23 represented by the distribution of otters in Kodiak. Then  
24 you go all the way out to Attu Island, you've got the  
25 other. And the situation throughout the majority of the  
26 range of the southwestern stock of sea otters has been  
27 essentially the same problems that I'm sure, you know --  
28 the population trends that Vince has seen outside of Adak  
29 have been represented of the big picture for that portion  
30 of the population where the otters have declined and the  
31 populations have stayed very, very low.

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33 So Kodiak is more of a mystery. The  
34 population has gone down. IT seems to be -- I mean, really  
35 the representation with the survey information that we have  
36 is it's essentially stable at this point, given our latest  
37 result. So, I mean, there's a little bit of a bright spot,  
38 and we'd like to know why, what accounts for the difference  
39 between what we're seeing at Kodiak compared to the  
40 Aleutians, and there are some theories about that, and some  
41 of the factors that seem to be influencing the population  
42 seem to be different in the two areas. For example, killer  
43 whale, prey populations. There's other factors as well.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I have a question.

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47 MR. PYLE: Yes, sir.

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: They had a six-day  
50 survey training in Ouzinkie. Was Old Harbor or Akhiok

1 represented at that training?

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3 MR. PYLE: No. This was really -- this was  
4 an effort that was led, really instigated by Herman  
5 Squartsoff, and it was pretty much directed for the survey  
6 interest related to Ouzinkie itself, and the area around  
7 there. And he coordinated with the Steller Sea Lion and  
8 Sea Otter Commission folks, as well as the folks out of our  
9 Marine Mammal Division. Doug Burnes, for example, from  
10 that Division travelled to Ouzinkie and met up with Herman  
11 and went around, and, you know, because they have -- he was  
12 sharing, you know, his perspective about how to do surveys.

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14 So I would encourage other village  
15 communities that have that interest to, you know, contact  
16 the Commission regarding their interest, as well as, you  
17 know, either the refuge or Marine Mammals, and we'd be glad  
18 to forward that, because certainly the refuge has an  
19 interest in doing something a little more, for our part,  
20 getting a little more of a consistent read-out on  
21 population trends in important areas from year to year  
22 versus every five years. I mean, that's typically been the  
23 frequency that we were doing this aerial survey where we,  
24 you know, count the whole area. We think that it is  
25 desirable to actually track trends on a more short-term  
26 basis, particularly in areas that are of concern to those  
27 that are involved in harvest activities. And harvest  
28 hasn't been implicated as any -- as a factor in any of the  
29 population declines. But some people have an interest in  
30 understanding more about what's going on about the otters  
31 locally, and I know that the Commission has supported  
32 Herman's effort up there in the Ouzinkie vicinity.

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34 MR. CRATTY: I've got a question, Bill, on  
35 the goats. How are our goats doing? I'd just like to  
36 comment that the registration hunt went really well last  
37 year, and the people out at Old Harbor that did harvest the  
38 registration goats really enjoyed them. They were good  
39 eating. They weren't after the hide, mostly they were  
40 after the food source.

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42 MR. PYLE: Well, the refuge is glad to see  
43 that the concern of subsistence users and the opportunities  
44 for harvesting mountain goat in villages is being met one  
45 way or the other, and in this case through State  
46 regulations. And hopefully that becomes a consistent  
47 situation. I mean, the goat population is very healthy, no  
48 question about it. I mean, you guys have just over the  
49 last four or five years seen a pretty large change, a  
50 continued increase in mountain goats, and the State, of

1 course, last year increased the number of permits, a very  
2 significant increase in permit availability, plus the  
3 change with the village-based registration hunts. So it's  
4 hoped that the availability is maintained.

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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Peter.

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8 MR. PYLE: Yes, sir.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I have one. And I would  
11 like to welcome Brandon aboard, and I look forward to  
12 working with him in taking Robert's place.

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14 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right. Della.

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18 MS. TRUMBLE: I have a question in regard  
19 to the earlier comment on the public hearing or the public  
20 comment period and the total of 6700 comments in response  
21 to the listing proposal. Are there any numbers that will  
22 show how many of those are actually statewide, or is that  
23 a nationwide public comment period, or was that just  
24 basically Alaska?

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26 MR. PYLE: My understanding is that  
27 comments, that was just the total comments submitted by all  
28 individuals and organizations. And I'd be glad to forward  
29 your question to Marine Mammals and have them respond to  
30 the Council in terms of what the breakdown on comments was.

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32 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, I'd be curious, and the  
33 reason I'm curious, sometimes when you're looking  
34 populations opposed -- in regard to Alaska, as opposed to  
35 the rest of the nation, those numbers do have some sort of  
36 impact, and I'd be curious to see what those numbers are.

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38 MR. PYLE: We'll be following up with you.

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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42 MR. PYLE: You're welcome.

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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any other questions.

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46 (No questions)

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: None. Thank you,

49 Bill.

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1 MR. PYLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members  
2 of the Council.

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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Item D is a written  
5 report, or is Mike Edwards here.

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7 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair, Mike Edwards was  
8 unable to make it to the meeting, so it's just at this  
9 point going to be a written report, and there's no action  
10 needed. It's just an update, and it is in the book.

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12 (Whispered conversation)

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14 MS. CHIVERS: He did state that if there  
15 were any questions from the Council, I can forward them to  
16 him, and get back with the information. If you have any  
17 questions at this time.

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19 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Are there any  
20 questions.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think Della might have.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You might as Della.

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26 (Whispered conversation)

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della, do you have any  
29 questions for the King Salmon Fisheries Resource Office?

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31 MS. TRUMBLE: No, I don't, Mitch.

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Very good.

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35 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm having a hard time  
36 hearing on this tend.

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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, Mike Williams is  
39 not here for the King Salmon Fisheries Resource Office. If  
40 you had questions, I don't know who we'd direct them to.

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42 MS. TRUMBLE: I guess the only question I  
43 have, and I'm not sure who would be able to carry this  
44 forward, but I noticed that the three years on the study  
45 and the work on Mortensen's is pretty well, that in looking  
46 at the next three years, two more years of that is  
47 continued. Is there a reason why that is continuing on?

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49 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Della, Arni is here.  
50 Maybe he can answer.

1 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. We're getting a lot of  
2 static at this end. My guess is we might be getting some  
3 sun spots.

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5 MR. CRATTY: We hear you real good.  
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7 MR. SHAUL: Yes. Arni Shaul. We've been  
8 using the weir data down there quite a bit, especially for  
9 sockeye, to regulate both commercial fishery and the  
10 subsistence fishery, liberalize the subsistence fishery  
11 when we're getting a large number of fish up through the  
12 weir, and we use it to keep a close watch on the commercial  
13 fishery down there in the King Salmon office to extend it.  
14 Does that answer your question?

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You're just using it as a  
17 tool to monitor subsistence -- commercial fishing?

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19 MR. SHAUL: We use it for both subsistence  
20 and commercial.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Did you hear that, Della.

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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Did you get that,  
25 Della?

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27 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm sorry, I cannot hear a  
28 thing that's being said. There's some really bad static on  
29 this end. I don't know if you want to try to call back  
30 again.

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32 MR. SHAUL: Yeah, I'll give it one more try  
33 there, Della, to see if you can hear.

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35 We've been using the Mortensen's Lagoon  
36 weir for the last couple of years. It's been helpful for  
37 regulating both the commercial fishery and the subsistence  
38 fishery. When we get the upriver escapement goal, we're  
39 liberalizing the subsistence fishery on sockeye.

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41 Also, it's a good check on the other method  
42 we use, for aerial surveys, estimating what the total  
43 escapement in Mortensen's is. We're able to go tack and  
44 check it with a weir count, see how close we are on that.  
45 That was from our perspective the advantage of having it in  
46 there, and King Salmon Fisheries Office extended it. I  
47 think that was probably a large part of the reasons why  
48 they did.

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50 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is that okay, Della?

1 MS. TRUMBLE: Thanks. Yeah, I heard you  
2 that time. Yeah, I heard that okay. Thank you, Arni.  
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Any more questions,  
5 comments on the.....  
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7 (No comments)  
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Anything else, Della,  
10 on Mortensen?  
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12 MS. TRUMBLE: No, that will be fine. Thank  
13 you.  
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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Item E, ADF&G, Afognak  
16 Lake Project. Steve.  
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18 MR. SCHROF: I'm going to need a couple  
19 minutes to set up the projector.  
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21 MS. CHIVERS: Take a break.  
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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: He needs a couple  
24 minutes to set up.  
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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Take a break.  
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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We're going to take a  
29 five-minute break, Della.  
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31 (Off record)  
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33 (On record)  
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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Are you ready to  
36 proceed? We'll go ahead and call the meeting back to  
37 order. Steve, you're on.  
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39 MR. SCHROF: All right. Well, good  
40 afternoon, Mr. Chair, members of the Council. My name is  
41 Steve Schrof with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game,  
42 and I'm here to talk about the sockeye salmon stock  
43 assessment and production monitoring at Afognak Lake, and  
44 basically to provide a summary of the project activities  
45 undertaken by the Department this summer.  
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47 As you know, sockeye salmon returning to  
48 Afognak Lake has been an important resource to the  
49 villagers from Ouzinkie and Port Lions, and also to the  
50 residents of Kodiak. The closure of the subsistence

1 fishery in Afognak Bay in 2002 was unprecedented, and was  
2 of great concern to all subsistence users. The subsistence  
3 fishing in Afognak Bay was also closed in 2003, and again  
4 this year in 2004, because of poor returns to the system.  
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7 This graph shows the sockeye salmon runs to  
8 Afognak from 1990 to 2004, the escapement. The bars, the  
9 dark bars here are the escapements. The bar, the cross  
10 bars are the actual harvest. The upper horizontal line is  
11 the upper escapement goal of 60,000 back to the lake for  
12 sockeye, and the lower horizontal line is the minimum  
13 threshold of escapement in the system. It's established at  
14 40,000.  
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16 And just to summarize, throughout the 90s  
17 we saw, you know, incredible escapements into the system.  
18 And we also had some pretty productive years of harvest  
19 which would include commercial, subsistence and sport fish  
20 harvest have all combined into these graph, into the bars  
21 here. And then beginning in 2000, we started -- we'll  
22 actually I should jump back.  
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24 Back in the 1980s, late 1980s, early 1990s,  
25 this system was classified as a depressed system to sockeye  
26 stocks, so the Department the regional aquaculture  
27 association put forth a proposal, and they implemented a  
28 project where they started fertilizing the lake in 1990,  
29 and it ended in 2000. So every year there was  
30 fertilization going on from 1990 to 2000 with some back  
31 stocking program to accelerate the rehabilitation process.  
32 So that's probably a very good indication of why we were  
33 seeing the high escapements and high harvest throughout the  
34 1990s. We stopped -- well, the regional aquaculture  
35 association stopped fertilizing in 2000, and whether it's  
36 related or not, obviously the indication is that it is,  
37 escapement started to decrease here.  
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39 Obviously it's -- these returns, the  
40 juveniles were rearing in the lake in the late 1980s (sic)  
41 during the fertilization, so they were a product of the  
42 fertilization. However, we started to see, you know,  
43 declines here, beginning in 2000. We did meet the  
44 escapement goal into the system, but beginning in 2001, we  
45 started seeing actual declines to the run as a whole, so  
46 obviously in 2001 through 2004 we have not been able to  
47 achieve the minimum escapement goal of 40,000 back into the  
48 system, and as a consequence, commercial and subsistence  
49 and sport fishing harvest opportunities have been either  
50 closed or curtailed or restricted to try to get the

1 escapement, to meet the escapement goals back into the  
2 system.

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4 This graph just shows the subsistence  
5 harvest throughout the 1990s into 2000, and basically this  
6 is just to show how we did have pretty high levels  
7 throughout the 1990s, and how the subsistence has followed  
8 along with the escapement, based on restrictions to the  
9 fisheries to try and get the escapement back into the  
10 system.

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12 2002, or 2001, 2002, 2003 and also 2004,  
13 the minimum escapement goal was not achieved, and so for  
14 the past three years commercial and subsistence fishing has  
15 been restricted. Well, commercial fishing never opened  
16 this year, sport fishing was not opened for sockeye salmon,  
17 and the subsistence fishery closed in June after the  
18 managers determined that the escapement goal would not be  
19 met.

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21 So the stock assessment of Afognak Lake  
22 sockeye salmon run was funded for three years. Well, an  
23 Steve Fried alluded to an initial study was started in  
24 2003. It was a feasibility study. And then beginning in  
25 2004 we obtained three years of funding to do a more  
26 thorough stock assessment of the lake.

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28 And project objectives of the stock  
29 assessment were to estimate sockeye salmon smolt  
30 immigrating to the ocean, and determine the age and size of  
31 the immigrating smolt, and also to look at the run timing  
32 of the smolt. The second was to evaluate the water  
33 chemistry, nutrient status and plankton production of the  
34 lake on an annual basis. The third objective was to  
35 measure usable spawning habitat available for sockeye  
36 salmon in Afognak Lake. A fourth objective is to estimate  
37 rearing and spawning capacity in the lake, and calculate  
38 adult production potential for sockeye salmon in Afognak  
39 Lake, and then also to report the historical fishery and  
40 limnology data that has been collected on this system, and  
41 compile it into a report.

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43 So the first objective, determine sockeye  
44 salmon smolt production from adult escapements, estimate  
45 the number of sockeye salmon smolt by age immigrating,  
46 evaluate length, weight and condition by age of the  
47 immigrating smolt, and determine the run time by age of the  
48 smolt immigration.

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50 So we operated a smolt trap and

1 approximately -- in 2004, we operated a smolt trap in  
2 approximately the same location as we did in the  
3 feasibility study in 2003. The trap was operated from May  
4 11th to July 3rd, which was pretty much similar to the  
5 2003. We got the trap in and were fishing one day earlier  
6 this year. Then we captured 67,528 smolt during that time  
7 period.

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9                   And then to estimate the total -- we just  
10 caught a portion of the population, and to estimate the  
11 total out-migration of sockeye smolt from the lake, we  
12 employed a mark/recapture technique, and we dyed -- we  
13 conducted five dye tests throughout the migration period to  
14 determine the weekly percent of immigrating smolt that were  
15 captured in the trap. The trap efficiency estimate was  
16 then applied to a formula to estimate the weekly smolt  
17 immigration, and then the weekly smolt immigration counts  
18 were summed to come up with a population estimate. And in  
19 2004, we estimated 430,000 sockeye salmon smolt immigrated  
20 from the Afognak Lake system.

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22                   We also sampled a portion of the migration  
23 for age, size and health. And again age one as was the  
24 case last year -- age one smolt accounted for 90 percent of  
25 the migration, while age two smolt comprised the remaining  
26 10 percent of the migration. And average size of the age  
27 one smolt was 76 millimeters, 3.9 grams in weight and had  
28 -- the K is a condition factor, which was .8. And for --  
29 as you can see for age two, the remaining 10 percent of the  
30 immigration, the age two smolt were slightly larger in  
31 length, but were the same as the age ones, so we didn't see  
32 a significant size difference between the two ages, and it  
33 had a slightly lower condition factor of .74. And for  
34 folks who don't know, the condition factor is a measure we  
35 use to determine the well-being of the smolt. The larger  
36 the condition factor, typically the heavier, more robust  
37 the smolt would be. And typically a lower threshold for  
38 looking at a smolt to be considered healthy would be  
39 greater than .7. So these, both age classes were  
40 considered -- had healthy smolt coming out of the lake,  
41 because they were both slightly above the .7 threshold.

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43                   This graph shows the immigration timing and  
44 proportion of age one and age two smolt by dye test period,  
45 was the way it was broken down. Age two smolt left --  
46 typically leave the lake earlier, which is the case here,  
47 although since the majority of -- 90 percent of them were  
48 age one, age one still dominated, you know, the whole --  
49 migration throughout the whole time period. But it does  
50 follow the general pattern that the older fish typically

1 migrate out first, and then the younger fish tend to  
2 migrate out at a later date, so it did follow a similar  
3 pattern, although it was dominated by age one smolt.

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5                   The second objective again was to evaluate  
6 the lake water chemistry, nutrients and plankton  
7 production. We collected water sample and plankton tows  
8 every month from May to September to monitor the chemistry  
9 and nutrient status, and also to look at the seasonal  
10 zooplankton abundance and biomass.

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12                   At this time the water chemistry and  
13 nutrient analysis results are not available. The lab  
14 hasn't finalized the results, so I don't have anything to  
15 talk about in terms of the chemistry and nutrient status.  
16 That will be reported later on here.

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18                   As far as the zooplankton goes, Afognak  
19 Lake zooplankton biomass, there were again five tows that  
20 were made and sample contents were analyzed for biomass and  
21 density. This graph shows zooplankton biomass from 1987 to  
22 2004. And in the background is a picture of a zooplankton.  
23 This is a Bosmina, which is a prey species for juvenile  
24 sockeye salmon.

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26                   And I guess what I wanted to show you here  
27 is we do have, you know, zooplankton information from --  
28 beginning in 1987 all the way up into 2004. And as you can  
29 see, the zooplankton levels follow a similar pattern as the  
30 escapements have, where we've seen a big drop off beginning  
31 in 2000, it's continued into 2004, which also follows the  
32 lake was no longer fertilized after 2000, so we would  
33 expect to see a decrease in zooplankton production in the  
34 lake system.

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36                   So in 2004, I guess I just wanted to point  
37 out that we did see lower levels, but if you can see down  
38 here, which is, even though very small amount, that the  
39 Daphnia levels did slightly increase comparatively to the  
40 three previous years where we're not even seeing much sign  
41 of Daphnia. And what the Daphnia area, is they're the  
42 preferred prey species for juvenile salmon. They will feed  
43 on all these other zooplankton, but they prefer the  
44 Cladocerans, which are the Daphnia and the Bosmina. The  
45 Bosmina are the checkered numbers, and they did slightly  
46 decrease, although Daphnia did increase in 2004. So there  
47 obviously were enough -- there were some juvenile -- or  
48 Daphnia that did -- levels that did increase in 2004. So  
49 I just -- so that's somewhat encouraging.

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1                   And we went on to the next one. The  
2 Afognak Lake, the density levels, which these levels follow  
3 a similar trend to the biomass, because biomass numbers are  
4 calculated from the density and the individual millimeter  
5 -- size of the zooplankton, which are measured in  
6 millimeters. So those, the density and the size of the  
7 zooplankton is used to determine biomass. So you would  
8 typically see density levels follow biomass levels, and  
9 this graph pretty much shows the same as the previous graph  
10 I showed, but I just thought I would display it, because we  
11 typically look at biomass and densities.

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13                   And this is another -- this is a picture,  
14 background picture of a Daphnia, which is the preferred  
15 prey for the juvenile sockeye.

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17                   Now, going on to the third objective, was  
18 to -- of the stock assessment is to measure the potential  
19 spawning habitat available for sockeye salmon, and as Steve  
20 Fried alluded to, we didn't do this work this year, and we  
21 have it scheduled to complete next year, in 2005. So we  
22 still plan to do this work, we just didn't complete it this  
23 year.

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25                   Objectives four and five of the stock  
26 assessment were to calculate sockeye salmon production  
27 potential using rearing and spawning data, and to report  
28 the historical fishery and the knowledge and data collected  
29 on Afognak Lake. And currently the Department of Fish and  
30 Game is evaluating the escapement goal for Afognak Lake  
31 sockeye salmon using this history fishery, and the  
32 knowledge and data. And we're currently -- the review of  
33 the escapement goal recommendation will be provided to the  
34 Board of Fish at their upcoming meeting in January of 2005.  
35 So I guess as part of the objectives here of this project,  
36 we are currently compiling this data for the escapement  
37 goal, but we will be putting it into a report as part of  
38 the objective for this stock assessment here sometime this  
39 -- well, this winter and into next year.

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41                   So in summary for -- summary of the 2004  
42 season for the smolt portion. A smolt estimate of 430,000  
43 was lower than we expected out of here. We didn't have any  
44 expectations for a specific number, but we thought that  
45 maybe we'd still see similar numbers of smolt coming out as  
46 we did in 2003. And as it's stated, this year's estimate  
47 was 24 percent less than the 2003 estimate of 565,000.

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49                   Age one smolt are still the dominant age  
50 class, and their health conditions appear to be normal to

1 good compared to other systems that we looked at on Afognak  
2 Island. Again, five marked release trials produced a trap  
3 efficiency ranging from 11 to 30 percent with an average  
4 trap efficiency of 18.6 percent. And this follows along a  
5 similar number that we saw in 2003 of 19.9 percent. So our  
6 trap fishing are pretty consistent from year to year, so we  
7 feel our numbers are fairly accurate, or that we're  
8 capturing, you know, a representative portion of the  
9 migration coming out, and then it's a reliable estimate.

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11 This is just -- this graph just is showing  
12 the daily counts, and then the cumulative count that gets  
13 up to close to 70,000. It just shows the peaks and just  
14 daily counts by day. Most of the peak of the migration  
15 occurred within the early part of June.

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17 For the lake sampling portion of the  
18 project this year, zooplankton production was 60 milligrams  
19 per square meter of zooplankton which was considered the  
20 biomass. 51,000 animals per square meter is the density.  
21 2004 results were slightly lower than the 2003, but looked  
22 a little bit more promising than the 2000, 2001. Again,  
23 Cladocerans, which are the Daphnia and Bosmina, these are  
24 the Bosmina, Daphnia, are the preferred prey for juvenile  
25 salmon. Daphnia are considered the primary prey. Seasonal  
26 Daphnia levels, which is really still hard to see down  
27 here, did increase by quite a bit, even though it doesn't  
28 show it, by quite a bit it did increase, while Bosmina  
29 levels decreased a little bit from 2004 -- or from the 2003  
30 results.

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32 Getting to the adult portion, the  
33 Commercial Fish Management Division operates a weir outside  
34 of this stock assessment program, and its adult sockeye  
35 salmon escapement of 15,181 was the lowest weir count  
36 recorded in 27 years. Early season counts looked strong,  
37 indicating a fairly -- indicating the run may be stronger  
38 than in the last three years. However, the run dropped off  
39 and really never developed, and the number of sockeye never  
40 did increase. So on June 12th, the State and the  
41 Department of Interior closed Afognak Bay to subsistence  
42 fishing, and commercial fishing and sport fishing were not  
43 opened throughout the sockeye salmon run.

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45 And, finally, looking at the Afognak  
46 studies for 2005 through 2006, we plan to continue to  
47 monitor -- the sockeye salmon smolt migration monitor to  
48 help with the smolt. We also plan to continue to monitor  
49 the varying environment through the lake sampling program,  
50 and we also plan to look at the potential spawning habitat

1 available in Afognak Lake, continue to compile the  
2 historical fishery and the knowledge and data to evaluate  
3 the escapement goal for the Board of Fish meeting as I  
4 stated earlier, and report this historical data in a report  
5 in the near future. And again to reiterate, we -- with  
6 the stock assessment, we hope to establish a long-term  
7 strategy that will hopefully get the Afognak Lake sockeye  
8 salmon run back up to higher levels, and hopefully  
9 stabilize it for resource for subsistence users and other  
10 users in the future.

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12 And that's all I have for today. Anybody  
13 have any questions.

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I do, Steve. Pete  
16 Squartsoff.

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18 On your first chart there, you show for the  
19 '90 to '95 or whatever it was, on the -- when it was being  
20 stocked and fertilized. I mean, how much it increased, and  
21 then when you stopped, and it just dropped.

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23 MR. SCHROF: Uh-huh.

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: My question is I guess  
26 could the predator like the dolly varden have increased  
27 them same years because of.....

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29 MR. SCHROF: Sure. I mean, we were  
30 obviously seeing a higher level of juvenile production,  
31 which, you know, there may have been more predators, you  
32 know honing in or, you know.....

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Because of that increase?

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36 MR. SCHROF: .....congregating in that  
37 area, because maybe there was a higher availability of food  
38 for them, although we don't -- I mean, obviously we don't  
39 -- we haven't looked at the dolly varden and the other  
40 predation factors associated with that.

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42 One other possibility, too, is the  
43 zooplankton levels were -- have been on the decrease. You  
44 know, sticklebacks, there's a fairly large stickleback  
45 population in the Afognak Lake that inhabit similar areas  
46 in the lake system as this juvenile sockeye. They could be  
47 competing for zooplankton and other, you know, organisms  
48 that the juvenile sockeye salmon would be, too. So, you  
49 know, and then with the decline, you know, in production,  
50 that they may have been -- they may be competing or

1 obviously competing with the food source there in the lake,  
2 too.

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. Yeah. Well, what  
5 I was getting at is if that population is increasing, the  
6 dolly varden and the stickleback, and what is their life  
7 expectancy compared to like the salmon? I mean, they die  
8 out and they don't -- you know, the dolly varden will go  
9 back out in the ocean and come back into the lake.

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11 MR. SCHROF: Right. Yeah, they -- well,  
12 yeah, as you were saying, the dolly's move back and forth  
13 between systems, and.....

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: How many years do they  
16 live?

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18 MR. SCHROF: They can -- I guess eight  
19 years, 10 years. I mean, I know we did a study on Spiridon  
20 Lake when we were just capturing some of the dollies in the  
21 lake itself, but we had some aged up six, seven, eight  
22 years old, so -- and they could be obviously even older  
23 than that. But I guess I don't really know that -- what --  
24 how old these fish are. I think some of them would be more  
25 around four or five also, but they could be older.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I mean, you know, to me  
28 that just seemed they're living in that lake, after all  
29 that food, and they increase and now that the salmon are  
30 down, you still have all those dollies in there feeding on  
31 the fry and the spawn as their spawning.

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33 MR. SCHROF: Uh-huh. Yeah, they could be  
34 having a definite impact, because before there were a large  
35 enough production during the fertilization period that, you  
36 know, any predation may have been -- you know, there were  
37 enough numbers of juveniles being produced that it didn't  
38 have an effect on the predation, so that's a possibility,  
39 but, you know, we're obviously not addressing that part of  
40 it, so -- any other.....

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, would that study be  
43 worth pursuing?

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45 MR. SCHROF: It would be.....

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47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: On the age of the.....

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49 MR. SCHROF: a pretty involved project to  
50 study, since they are migratory, you know, between the

1 system and I think it would be a pretty expensive and quite  
2 involved project to undertake.

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4 MR. CRATTY: Well, do you think the dollies  
5 don't live there in the winter? They move out and then  
6 come back in? Don't they mud down for the winter?

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8 MR. SCHROF: Well, they've done some other  
9 studies on the Buskin Lake area. They did a dolly varden  
10 study there, and they found out that the -- and they tagged  
11 dolly varden, and they moved, you know, throughout a lot of  
12 the local systems, and they did over-winter in like, for  
13 example, in Buskin Lake, and then they would move out in  
14 the springtime to various, you know, outlets of the lakes,  
15 or even down into the salt water, you know, to prey on  
16 juvenile salmon migrating out of these -- you know, out of  
17 the systems. But they move from system to system, and, you  
18 know, I guess they had tagging studies where they moved to  
19 the American River and all the way through throughout the  
20 -- you know, Chiniak Bay, other river systems in the area,  
21 too, so they do move around, but a lot of the -- some of  
22 the dolly varden at least in that study did over-winter in  
23 Buskin Lake.

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. I think I have  
26 another one that's pretty important, too. I just found out  
27 this spring from a local in Port Lions, we were talking  
28 about the dolly varden and stuff, and he said when they  
29 were building Port Lions, when they were digging the dam  
30 with the backhoe, and this was in wintertime, everybody was  
31 taking buckets of dollies home that were buried in the mud,  
32 in the gravel.

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34 MR. SCHROF: Oh, really?

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So that was very  
37 interesting. That's the first time I ever heard that.

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39 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, I have known that.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: They said they had a lot  
42 of dollies come out of there when they were digging it out.

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44 MR. SCHROF: Yeah, I never heard of that.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Yeah.

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48 MR. CRATTY: So what's Fish and Game got to  
49 say over dollies if Peter was to get a group of his Native  
50 friends together and they wanted to go seine them? Is that

1 illegal?

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3 MR. SCHROF: I conduct the field portions  
4 of the project. I would say it wouldn't be too favorable.  
5 They wouldn't act favorably on it, but I guess you could  
6 submit a, you know, proposal, but I don't.....

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, yeah, I know years  
9 ago we used to get a permit from Larry Malloy to seine up  
10 dollies, and we were using them for halibut bait in the  
11 spring, and we got cut off because they found out that some  
12 of the dollies were getting over in Whale Pass, they said  
13 they were going back to the Buskin.

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15 MR. SCHROF: And so they didn't want  
16 them.....

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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So they didn't want us to  
19 take any more, because people were fishing them in the  
20 Buskin.

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22 MR. SCHROF: Oh, because of the  
23 recreational potential. Well, you know, I don't think they  
24 would allow it in this day and age to be able to go do  
25 that. I mean, predator control. I mean, I was reading  
26 about that with the wildlife portion and stuff like that.  
27 I'm sure it would be something along those lines, too.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I think it's pretty  
30 soon -- not predator, because my dad used to tell me when  
31 he was -- they used to have a bounty on dollies. So -- and  
32 the salmon came back real good.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Bill.

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36 MR. PYLE: A couple questions, Steve.

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38 MR. SCHROF: Yes.

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40 MR. PYLE: One question would be are the  
41 levels of escapement and escapement combined with the  
42 harvest that you've observed since 2001, comparable to the  
43 fertilization levels that you observed?

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45 MR. SCHROF: Well, that.....

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47 MR. PYLE: Because that's not a part of  
48 your chart.

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50 MR. SCHROF: There -- let's see here. Now,

1 I guess it -- I don't have the weir -- actual weir report  
2 prior to that. Prior -- in the -- prior to this, they were  
3 still getting the escapement goals. There's -- basically  
4 in late '87, '88 they were achieving their escapement goals  
5 prior to that, to the fertilization, so, yes, we were  
6 meeting escapement goals prior to the fertilization, and  
7 there was commercial fishing, well, basically and  
8 subsistence harvest were occurring during that time period  
9 even before -- prior to fertilization. So production was  
10 -- throughout the 80s was still fairly high, too, but there  
11 were some years when they hardly made escapement goals, and  
12 that's why they went in to do a rehabilitation project, and  
13 that's where fertilization occurred in 1990 and with that.  
14 So I don't have -- but you're right, I don't have the  
15 specific numbers, but there were some harvest, and they  
16 were meeting the escapement goals in the 80s, but it was  
17 pretty sporadic.

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19 MR. PYLE: Is it possible that one of your  
20 recommendations, or a subsequent recommendation might be  
21 that in order to once again restore productivity, at least  
22 to a level to satisfy user concerns that may entail  
23 fertilization?

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25 MR. SCHROF: Well, I guess if you want to  
26 accelerate, you know the process. I mean, obviously by  
27 indications here during the -- throughout 1990 to 2000, you  
28 know, you've seen pretty high production. But that's if  
29 people want to see -- try and get it back to a higher level  
30 in a shorter time period. But, I mean, we've had other  
31 systems where we've allowed them to recover on their own.  
32 It's just taken a lot longer, so -- yeah, I mean,  
33 fertilization doesn't always work. I mean, in this system  
34 it shows that it did pretty well, but it doesn't -- I know  
35 there's other systems in the Kenai area and stuff that  
36 they've shown that fertilization didn't work in different  
37 systems, so that's -- I think it's a case by case  
38 situation. It's not indicative of all systems, but it  
39 depends on the site, and how the -- you know, now the  
40 project's conducted also. So I guess to answer your  
41 question, that would be a quick way of possibly getting it  
42 back up to higher levels, which is primarily for all users,  
43 but, you know, that may not be the (indiscernible).

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45 MR. PYLE: What's the policy of the  
46 Department, is.....

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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I don't think Della's  
49 hearing you guys converse over there.....

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1 MR. SCHROF: Oh, sorry.

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: .....so you need to  
4 speak up or finish the talk.

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6 MR. SCHROF: Okay. Well, I guess, like I  
7 said, the policy of the Department, I mean, we have been  
8 conducting fertilization projects in conjunction with the  
9 Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association, so, I mean, we  
10 have done fertilization projects, but again you have to go  
11 through the RPT and the whole process. So the Department  
12 is favorable, or could be in favor of it, depending on what  
13 is being proposed, and, you know, all that, funding sources  
14 and all that stuff. So it depends on the situation. So,  
15 I mean, we have done that all the way up to 2000, the  
16 Department was working cooperatively with the Kodiak  
17 Regional Aquaculture Association on other lakes, for  
18 example, Laura Lake on Afognak Island, was doing it in  
19 Melina Lake on Afognak Island. We were doing  
20 rehabilitation projects. Those were two of them in  
21 conjunction with Afognak Lake that we were doing  
22 fertilization and back stocking projects on. And we were  
23 able -- we have been able to get those lakes up to meeting  
24 their escapement goals in the last, I don't know, five,  
25 six, seven years now. So escapement goals -- and we did  
26 stop fertilizing in those systems in 2000 and 2001, and  
27 they are still meeting their escapement goals today, like  
28 this year on Melina and the Pauls Lower Lake system, met  
29 their escapement goals this year, and they're not being  
30 fertilized. So it has been proven successful, obviously,  
31 you know, as Steve Fried pointed out, they don't fund  
32 restoration or, you know, rehabilitation projects, so --  
33 it's obviously it's an option in the Department depending  
34 on how the project is laid out. You know, they could  
35 support it, but I'm not in a position to know. You would  
36 have to talk with somebody higher up who makes those kind  
37 of decisions.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. I think Peter  
40 had a question.

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I have another question,  
43 Steve. Now that -- without fertilization and all that  
44 stuff, is it possible that those escapement goals could be  
45 lowered?

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47 MR. SCHROF: Right now the Department is  
48 currently reviewing the escapement goals, you know, right  
49 now for the up -- excuse me, the upcoming Board meeting in  
50 January 2005, and there will be a recommendation put

1 forward to the Board from the Department, whether or not to  
2 make changes or not make changes, to keep the escapement  
3 goals the way they are, and that's currently -- we're in --  
4 it's in the process right now. That's why I was saying we  
5 compiled the information, and we're working on that right  
6 now as we speak, so that's going to be discussed here in  
7 the very near future. And we may be making recommendations  
8 to change the escapement goal. At this point, if anything  
9 would -- you know, the escapement goal would most likely be  
10 lowered or, you know, obviously stay the same, but that  
11 hasn't been decided at this point. It will be decided in  
12 January. So, yeah, that's under review right now.

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Thank you.

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16 MR. SCHROF: Any other questions?

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Della, do you have any  
19 questions for Steve?

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21 MS. TRUMBLE: No, I don't. Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: All right. Thank you,  
24 Steve.

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26 MR. SCHROF: You're welcome.

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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: F is a written report.

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31 MR. CRATTY: Make a motion -- do we make a  
32 motion to accept Buskin River Weir Project update.

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34 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Written report. Have  
35 you read through it?

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. Second.

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39 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do you have something,  
40 Vince?

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No, I moved -- seconded the  
43 report.

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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That would be reports  
46 from 11.A.5 down to Item F. That would be all agency  
47 reports?

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49 (Whispered conversation)

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to approve all  
2 reports from 11.A.5. to 11.F.  
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4 MR. CRATTY: Second.  
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved by Vincent,  
7 seconded by Alfred. Is there any discussion.  
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9 (No discussion)  
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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no discussion,  
12 do we have any objections.  
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14 (No objection)  
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no objections,  
17 then the motion carries. Council Charter review. How do  
18 we proceed?  
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20 MS. CHIVERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, I'll  
21 cover that one. Della, can you hear me okay?  
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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You'll probably have to  
24 move the phone.  
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26 MS. CHIVERS: Della, can you hear me okay  
27 now? Hello?  
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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Hello. Della.  
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31 MS. TRUMBLE: I can hear you fine,  
32 Michelle.  
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34 MS. CHIVERS: Okay. Thank you. Sorry.  
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36 I'm going to go -- the Council charter is  
37 an official document which is signed by the Secretary of  
38 the Interior every other year. The charters are good for  
39 two years, and so next year the charter will have to be  
40 resigned again. And so at this time, what they're going to  
41 be doing is taking recommendations from the Councils as to  
42 changes that can be made to the charter before it's  
43 officially changed again.  
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45 So the changes the Council can make to the  
46 charter -- well, actually the charter is on pages 101  
47 through 103, if you wanted to kind of take a look at it.  
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49 The changes that the Council can make to  
50 the charter is the Council name, the size of the member --

1 the membership size, and the criteria for removing a  
2 member. But I also wanted to point out that if you look at  
3 page 103, number 10 is a new item in our current charter,  
4 which was signed on November 4th, 2003. And it's the  
5 ethics responsibilities of the members. And this is the  
6 portion that comes in -- it was added once we added on  
7 members that may be guides or transporters, and so this is  
8 an ethics portion that they wanted to make sure that we had  
9 the Council disclosure statements added on to the beginning  
10 of each meeting. And so what our office is trying to do,  
11 and I apologize for the changes on the agenda when we had  
12 new items on there, but they're trying to standardize the  
13 agenda and standardize the charters as well, so that  
14 there's -- the Councils have the same opportunity to not  
15 only disclose their financial -- to do their financial  
16 disclosures, but also to add any items on to the agenda or  
17 bring them up to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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19 But like I said, at this time they're  
20 looking to see if the Council would like to make a change  
21 to the name of the name of the council, the membership  
22 size, or the criteria for removing a member. So if you  
23 guys would like to make any changes at this time, it will  
24 go before the Staff Committee when they have their meeting,  
25 and it will be brought forward to the Board to see if they  
26 want to make the changes to the charters, and then it will  
27 actually go forward to the Secretary of the Interior at the  
28 end of this year for her approval.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to keep things as  
31 they are. Well, I don't know, if keep them as they area.  
32 You want just comments on this, right? You're going to  
33 need a motion on it?

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35 MS. CHIVERS: Well, actually we're taking  
36 recommendations. If the Council would like to change the  
37 name or if you want to change the size of the membership.  
38 Like for instance, the Seward Peninsula, they just met two  
39 weeks ago, and they opted to up the number of their Council  
40 members from 10 to 13, so they did make a change. They're  
41 requesting us to increase the size of their membership.

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43 And the other item that is standard in all  
44 charters is the criteria for removing a member, and that  
45 was an item that -- the newest thing that they just added  
46 to the removal of member was the member may also be removed  
47 due to misconduct.

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49 So if you want to make any changes to any  
50 of those three items, now would be the time to make a

1 recommendation, and it will be forwarded on to the  
2 Secretary of the Interior. So that's what we're asking for  
3 is a recommendation. If you want to keep it as is, then  
4 you can keep it as is.

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6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. My question on this  
7 removal of members, does it have to go to the Secretary or  
8 could it go to the Board Chair.

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10 MS. CHIVERS: Well, if you read -- I'll go  
11 ahead and read this paragraph here. It says, if a Council  
12 member appointed under paragraph 9 has two consecutive  
13 unexcused absences of regularly scheduled meetings, the  
14 Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board may recommend that  
15 the Secretary of the Interior with the concurrence of the  
16 Secretary of Agriculture remove that individual. A member  
17 may also be removed due to misconduct.

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19 So what they're saying is you may recommend  
20 to the Secretary of Interior removal of a Council member,  
21 but the other option that you have is that you can actually  
22 ask for that member to resign as opposed to going through  
23 this whole process. It's a lengthy.....

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. That's what I'm  
26 thinking, that if we go through this process, it's going to  
27 take a lot of time.

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29 MS. CHIVERS: Yes, it does.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A year.

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33 MS. CHIVERS: It takes almost the same  
34 amount of time to remove a member, as it does to get a  
35 member on the Board.

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So the best thing for us  
38 to.....

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Michelle.

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42 MS. CHIVERS: Yes.

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44 MS. TRUMBLE: Michelle, in regards to maybe  
45 Pete's comment, it seemed like at one time we talked about  
46 this at the statewide meeting, and it was an impossibility  
47 due to the time that it takes to, if someone resigns and  
48 needs to be reappointed, or in the case of a removal of a  
49 Council member. Maybe what our recommendation should be  
50 is, and so in the event that -- for the sake of time that

1 it up to the Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board.

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3 MS. CHIVERS: Well, at one time they did  
4 ask that that be delegated to the Board, and I'm not sure  
5 where that stands at this time. Glenn, do you know? Glenn  
6 doesn't know either, so I'm not sure where that stands at  
7 this time. I know that some of you did bring that forward  
8 to Ann who actually handles the charters, and I'm not sure  
9 where that's at at this time. I could follow up on that if  
10 you'd like.

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12 MS. TRUMBLE: I think that would be  
13 helpful.

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think so, too.

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17 MS. CHIVERS: Okay.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And also now that we have  
20 no more alternates, if we ask somebody's resignation, how  
21 do we replace that person.

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23 MS. CHIVERS: We go through the same  
24 process we do for obtaining Council members.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So it's all going to take  
27 time.

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29 MS. CHIVERS: Uh-huh.

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: A year. There's no way we  
32 can shorten that.

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34 MS. CHIVERS: Not unless they delegate it  
35 to the Board.

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37 MR. CRATTY: Add more Council members.

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39 MS. CHIVERS: I don't know where that's at  
40 at this time, so.....

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, I like it the  
43 way it is. This is Vince. I think we ought to stick with  
44 what we have here, and, of course, I'm not -- I have a hard  
45 time with how you remove or add on members, because we went  
46 through this two-year process, and at that time it was  
47 confusing about who was an alternate and who was a member,  
48 and now, you know, we don't have an alternate, and that's  
49 fine. We've got 10 members now according to this charter.

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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah.  
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It looks fine to me.  
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Leave it as is?  
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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Uh-huh.  
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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'll go with that.  
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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Della. Ask Della.  
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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: What about Della.  
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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Ask Della. What do  
16 you think, leave it as is, or do you have any  
17 recommendations for change?  
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19 MS. TRUMBLE: Mitch, I can't hear you.  
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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Just leave it as is,  
22 or do you have any recommendations for change?  
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24 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, the recommendation for  
25 change I think would be that in the event of the need for  
26 resignation or removal or reappointment that maybe we  
27 delegate that authority to the Chair of the Federal  
28 Subsistence Board for the sake of time. I think it's  
29 important that we get the representation that we need at  
30 all of our meetings, and that would be my only  
31 recommendation.  
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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, I agree.  
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35 MR. ZACHAROF: I can agree with that.  
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37 MS. TRUMBLE: I think just the replacement  
38 on a board, or to fill a seat on a board in the event of a  
39 resignation, it takes up to nine months to a year. That's  
40 a couple meetings missed sometimes, depending when on that  
41 happens.  
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43 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Even a reappointment  
44 takes a long time.  
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46 MS. TRUMBLE: You know, and a good example  
47 I think to some degree is in the past one of our Council  
48 members missed quite a number of meetings, but we had no  
49 way of filling that seat so that we were able to get the re  
50 representation.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Can I add some  
2 wording on removal of the membership, Mr. Chair? It.....  
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4 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm not sure how it would  
5 read at this point, but I think in the event of removal of  
6 membership and reappointment of Council members, that the  
7 Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board be given some  
8 authority to be able to address those reappointments or  
9 resignations in a timely manner.  
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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.  
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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.  
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15 MR. ZACHAROF: Or to poll the Council.  
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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Can I read what I have here  
18 for some proposed wording? If a Council member appointed  
19 under paragraph 9 has two consecutive unexcused absences  
20 for a regular scheduled meeting, the Chair of the Federal  
21 Subsistence Board may recommend, and I add these words, a  
22 replacement until a final appointment is determined by the  
23 Secretary of Interior with the concurrence of the Secretary  
24 of Agriculture to remove the individual, and appoint.  
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26 MR. CRATTY: Uh-huh.  
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28 MS. TRUMBLE: I would agree.  
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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I also would agree, but  
31 how do we come up -- who comes up with that individual  
32 that's going to take the place?  
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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The Board. We do.  
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36 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. That's fine.  
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38 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah, just poll voters.....  
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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Don't they have a list?  
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42 MR. ZACHAROF: .....a poll vote of the  
43 Council.  
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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A poll vote of the Advisory  
46 Council, makes the recommendation to the Chair. The Chair  
47 takes it to the Federal Board.  
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49 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The Secretary and.....  
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1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Glenn.  
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3 MS. CHIVERS: Well, the reason I'm looking  
4 at Glenn is like that's kind of outside the process that we  
5 currently have.  
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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right.  
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9 MS. CHIVERS: And I don't know that we can  
10 just make a selection for the Secretary. Just.....  
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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, we're recommending.  
13 Either we can do it or not.  
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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's interim selection.  
16 And he's going to get that individual's name along with  
17 three others, and he makes the final determination. If it  
18 happens to be the person we appointed as an interim, then  
19 it's great. If not, that's great, too, but at least we  
20 have the position filled, we have representation for a  
21 period of a year and a half. In my opinion, that's how  
22 long it takes. I mean, look at the case of Richard over  
23 here, and when John Foster, that's been almost a year and  
24 a half.  
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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Two years.  
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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Two years. In the  
29 meantime, the Community of Sand Point and the Community of  
30 St. Paul were not necessarily represented, because he  
31 couldn't vote as an alternate.  
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33 MS. CHIVERS: Well, maybe what the process  
34 could be with this recommendation is.....  
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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, what's wrong with  
37 just testing the waters? I mean, they need to know that we  
38 should have a say on the Council. Why should we go back to  
39 Washington DC and wait for them to tell us how we should be  
40 doing it? They're asking our opinion right now. We're  
41 going to give it, and say if you don't like it, fine, go  
42 back the way it is.  
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44 MS. CHIVERS: Well, I think in this process  
45 though it has to be somebody that's.....  
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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Nobody gets fired over it.  
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49 MS. CHIVERS: It has to be somebody who has  
50 actually applied for the seat. I don't know that you can

1 just appoint somebody who hasn't gone through the process.  
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, the Federal Board has  
4 the authority in my opinion to remove all of us from our  
5 sitting position.  
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7 MS. CHIVERS: Uh-huh.  
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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mitch is the Chair, so why  
10 can't he appoint somebody through the interim.  
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12 MS. CHIVERS: Well, maybe.....  
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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I mean, it's just logical  
15 to me. I don't know. If he removes us, all of us, for  
16 what he calls.....  
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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Misconduct.  
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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Misconduct. Well, this  
21 could be considered an upheaval, maybe he'd remove us all,  
22 but that's fine. Let him do it.  
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24 (Laughter)  
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26 MS. CHIVERS: Well, my thought is whenever  
27 they do the nominations process, sometimes they will select  
28 alternates if somebody declines. So maybe that might be  
29 the pool that you can select from if that were the case,  
30 that you could.....  
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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. Right. The people  
33 that applied, and then you get.....  
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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, we're not going to  
36 bring.....  
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38 MS. CHIVERS: Would be the top people that  
39 applied.  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....somebody new. I mean,  
42 we must have 15 people that have applied.  
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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: How many people have  
45 applied and didn't make it.  
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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That didn't make it.  
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49 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, we never see who  
50 applied.

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.  
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But, you know, you can give  
4 the list sometime.  
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6 MS. CHIVERS: I can give you -- yeah, I can  
7 give you.  
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9 (Laughter)  
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11 MS. CHIVERS: Well, I think the list that  
12 I can provide you with is just the name of the person who  
13 applied and where they're from. So, I mean, we have done  
14 that in past. It's public knowledge.  
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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.  
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18 MS. CHIVERS: But then as opposed to who  
19 has been selected by the Staff Committee or the Federal --  
20 recommended by the Staff Committee or the Federal  
21 Subsistence Board, that is not public knowledge.  
22  
23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. Right. Right.  
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25 MS. CHIVERS: So I can't disclose that  
26 information to you. I'm not allowed to do that.  
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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No, we don't want that I  
29 hope.  
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31 MR. CRATTY: Oh, yes, we do.  
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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: So but.....  
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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Can we go with this? I  
36 would like to go with that. And send it to them and see  
37 what they say.  
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39 MS. CHIVERS: Yeah, if you could -- I'll  
40 get a copy of that, a copy of the language.  
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42 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Al.  
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44 MR. CRATTY: Yes.  
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46 MS. TRUMBLE: I think at this point what --  
47 they're just asking for recommendations, and this is a  
48 recommendation, and that's how it goes forward.  
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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: They could throw it out if

1 they don't like it. I'm not hurt by it.  
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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mitch.  
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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mitch.  
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead.  
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9 MR. CHEN: Yeah. Well, I think the  
10 mechanics of how we got to do that would probably have to  
11 be worked out, and we'd have to talk with Ann Wilkenson,  
12 our FACA advisor. But my initial thought was something  
13 along the line of what Michelle was saying is that the  
14 candidate would have to be pulled from the list of people  
15 that are already applied. That might be the way that we'd  
16 have to go. But I think all the details would probably  
17 still have to be worked out. But I think you guys are  
18 doing the right thing.  
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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The wording doesn't go to  
21 any details.  
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23 MR. CHEN: Right. Exactly.  
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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I mean, let's go to the  
26 point, let's get somebody appointed.  
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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.  
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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You know, recommended from  
31 this Council, whether it's from you or us as a whole, we  
32 don't really care. Let's get somebody in the position.  
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34 MR. CHEN: Right. So we.....  
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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And how you do it, we don't  
37 care.  
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39 MR. CHEN: Right. So we could take this  
40 back to the Melissa and the Staff Committee and can discuss  
41 ways of how we could work this out.  
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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: How it could work out.  
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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Would be pull a name out of  
46 the hat, whatever. It doesn't matter.  
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48 MS. TRUMBLE: I think when we're into how  
49 this works, too, is take into consideration that the  
50 membership balance that's phased in over the next few

1 years, beginning last year, 2003, I think, you know, some  
2 of these issues have gotten to be taken into consideration  
3 when they do a reappointment on the percentage on  
4 subsistence users as opposed to sports and commercial.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You know, the other point  
11 is Kodiak/Aleutian is made up of four and three, three from  
12 the Aleutians, four from Kodiak. The Aleutians went almost  
13 two and a half years with only two representatives. And,  
14 you know, that's kind of unequal balance as far as input  
15 for our region, especially when we had meetings in our  
16 region.

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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Especially in the  
19 region, yes.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It affects our input, and  
22 so an immediate appointment in our case should be -- I  
23 think is critical.

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25 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Michelle.

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29 MS. CHIVERS: The statement that Vince just  
30 made actually relates to a past charter, and I believe that  
31 was when they were discussing alternates. And since they  
32 have removed alternates, they have also removed the  
33 language stating that there has to be four from this area  
34 and three from this area. So I don't.....

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So now it's wide open.

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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Now it's wide open.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Now it's wide open.  
41 We could all be from Kodiak.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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45 MS. CHIVERS: I mean you can also make a  
46 suggestion to add that back in if you would like.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think it was a good  
49 balance. I think it was, and should have remained. I  
50 mean, when I assumed when I read that, seven and adding

1 three, I was assuming the seven would remain as a  
2 four/three split. Do you see what I'm saying?  
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4 MS. CHIVERS: Yeah, well, the seven and the  
5 three split that they now talk about is.....  
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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, the seven and three  
8 commercial or whatever.  
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10 MS. CHIVERS: Right.  
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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'm talking.....  
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14 MS. CHIVERS: It no longer has to do with  
15 the area where the members are from.  
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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We'll get to those other  
18 three later. We'll make them come from Kodiak/Aleutians.  
19 Right now the majority are filing out of Kodiak, right, for  
20 them three seats?  
21  
22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, there's four of us  
23 from Kodiak.  
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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I don't think there's any  
26 of them out from the Aleutians that are planning.....  
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28 MS. CHIVERS: Well, you can also make that  
29 recommendation.  
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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's where the applications  
32 come from.  
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34 MS. CHIVERS: It's, you know, for the size  
35 of the membership and maybe have membership balances, you  
36 know, if you want to have that.  
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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, let's deal with this  
39 issue first, and then move to that one. I think that's a  
40 separate issue.  
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42 MS. CHIVERS: Okay.  
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44 MR. ZACHAROF: The alternates were from --  
45 majority of the alternatives from the Kodiak region when  
46 they were going to select, or do that selection process.  
47 I mean, that's.....  
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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It will come out of the  
50 applicant pool now regardless of.....

1 MR. ZACHAROF: I know. What I'm saying is,  
2 you know, if it's going to be five to three or, you know,  
3 representation from Kodiak and Pribilof region -- or from  
4 Aleutian region. I like the four three myself, in other  
5 words.  
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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair, can I propose  
8 this language? Did somebody second it yet?  
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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I did.  
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12 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I heard a motion.  
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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I did a long time ago.  
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: A motion and a second.  
17 Moved by Vincent, seconded by Peter. Is there any  
18 discussion.  
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20 (No discussion)  
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22 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no discussion,  
23 do we have any objections.  
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25 (No objection)  
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no objections,  
28 then the motion carries. Is there another section?  
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30 MR. ZACHAROF: Mr. Chairman.  
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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.  
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34 MR. ZACHAROF: Since we're on the charter,  
35 I'd like to go to Number 8.  
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.  
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39 MR. ZACHAROF: And that's meetings. And  
40 I've been to several meetings where our Council voted on,  
41 not knowing or understanding, you know -- I mean, this map  
42 represents something, and we have a circle around the  
43 Pribilof Islands. As far as the pink color, what that  
44 represents, Fish and Wildlife administered land. We do  
45 have Fish and Wildlife Service present on St. Paul Island  
46 and St. George Island. And in our last couple of meetings,  
47 our board voted on a trip to St. Paul Island, and according  
48 to the meeting, the Council will meet twice each year at  
49 the call of the Council, Council Chair, Federal Subsistence  
50 Board Chair, the Designated Federal Officer with advance

1 approval of the Federal Subsistence Board Chair and a  
2 Designated Federal Officer, who will also approve the  
3 agenda. So my question is, with the relationship of this  
4 map, and our Board, you know, having -- making the decision  
5 by voting, and me trying to understand the reasons behind  
6 it, not taking a trip to St. Paul Island. And we feel --  
7 our Board felt that for the best interest and  
8 representation of our Council members, that it's important  
9 for us to come to each others communities to share our  
10 knowledge and to better understand the subsistence lives of  
11 each community. And so my question is, and maybe we should  
12 get it back in writing, if we can't figure out -- I mean,  
13 Vince is in the same situation with Unalaska or Adak. But  
14 we've been told by higher authority that it wasn't an area  
15 in which we can conduct our meetings. And my question is  
16 why is that, the reason for that? I think it's important  
17 that, you know, our Board wants to go to St. Paul, Unalaska  
18 and other places. Due to the fact that.....

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20 This trip is a good example of us trying to  
21 fly, you know, to, you know, like King Cove or other  
22 places. Of course, Mother Nature took its course. But,  
23 you know, we're a vast area in the Aleutian region, and I  
24 think it's important that, you know, we as representatives  
25 of our community -- I'm tribal council president, I share  
26 the information with our Council, and our Council questions  
27 me and asks me why don't you have the meetings here on St.  
28 Paul Island. And we're getting down time and location of  
29 our next meeting, and our Council can suggest going to St.  
30 Paul or Unalaska, you know, some place that we haven't been  
31 before. And we've talked about this many a time, and like  
32 I said, we voted on this before twice to go to St. Paul and  
33 was shot down.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I support Richard in his  
40 comments. I think, you know, the biggest issue that comes  
41 back to us from Staff or whoever makes this recommendation  
42 where we have our meeting, even though we submit where  
43 we're going to go, it comes down to money, the cost of  
44 getting there. What's it cost from Anchorage to St. Paul  
45 round trip?

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47 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah. My trip to here was  
48 \$1400.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Just to Cold Bay.

1 MR. ZACHAROF: Just to fly here. And in  
2 relationship to from, you know, a \$700 trip to St. Paul,  
3 St. Paul to Anchorage.  
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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Round trip?  
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7 MR. ZACHAROF: Yes, round trip. And what  
8 it costs from, you know, Old Harbor, it's pretty similar.  
9 The cost is pretty much the same.  
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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, my cost I think was  
12 \$1800 just to get here.  
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14 MR. ZACHAROF: And when you go to St. Paul  
15 Island, you fly Anchorage, Dillingham, St. Paul. Or you  
16 either get a direct flight. But if you don't make it to  
17 St. Paul, you go back to Anchorage, so we could have our  
18 meetings in Anchorage if we don't make it to St. Paul. So  
19 that's, you know, a pretty good option.  
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21 MR. CRATTY: I'd just like to state this  
22 for -- I think us going to these other communities really  
23 enlightens us on the subsistence needs of these  
24 communities, and makes us have better understanding of the  
25 decisions we're making. I'd just like to throw that in.  
26 By listening to the people from these communities.  
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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair.  
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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Pete.  
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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Pete Squartsoff. I also  
33 agree with what the guys are saying. I felt I got on this  
34 Board representing the people in the small communities in  
35 rural Alaska, and, for example, Larson Bay. Even if only  
36 four of us made it there, there was 20 people in the  
37 audience from the community. So that just goes to show  
38 that people in them small communities do come to the  
39 meetings. Like right now, we don't have not one local  
40 person at this meeting.  
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42 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, we do, we've got Arni.  
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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We've got Arni.  
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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: These are all staff.  
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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We've got one, excuse me.  
49 He works for Fish and Game.  
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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We've got one. Okay.  
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3 MS. TRUMBLE: This is Della.  
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead, Della.  
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7 MS. TRUMBLE: I agree with all the comments  
8 that are made. And I would also like to ask something else  
9 to that. We talked about this in the past. We maintain  
10 that in order to help costs so we can go to the different  
11 villages, that we would not have as much Staff travelling  
12 with us, that Staff can be available by teleconference for  
13 the various reports and questions. And I think this issue  
14 needs to again go forward.  
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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair.  
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18 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Peter.  
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20 MS. TRUMBLE: We also are operating on a  
21 number of Council members that have left in other regions  
22 just for that very fact.  
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Peter.  
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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Pete Squartsoff  
27 again. I had one other comment.  
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29 I mentioned to Michelle earlier with the  
30 way things are going the last two meetings, maybe the Board  
31 could all get together in Anchorage before we go to where  
32 we're going so that at least the Board would all meet  
33 together in one place.  
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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.  
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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I don't want to beat a dead  
38 horse, so I'll move on. I'd like to get on to membership  
39 makeup, and add some wording to the paragraph 9,  
40 membership. Ten members, blah, blah, blah, blah. Go down  
41 four sentences to where it says 70 percent represents  
42 subsistence interests within the region, of which four  
43 members shall be from the Kodiak area and three members  
44 will be from the Aleutians members, and that three of the  
45 members represent the commercial and sport interests. If  
46 you can add that wording that's fine. That would clarify  
47 our Council make up.  
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49 MR. CRATTY: It could be three members or  
50 four from the Aleutians or Kodiak.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, we don't want to make  
2 it too confusing.  
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4 MR. CRATTY: That ain't confusing.  
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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: This is bad enough. I'm  
7 happy.....  
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9 MR. CRATTY: That's fine.  
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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: .....with the way it was,  
12 four and three, and only because, you know, we can't get  
13 our people like from Atka, Nicholski, and now Adak if I  
14 should get off. You won't be able to get them people, and  
15 we haven't been able to get them, you know, because they  
16 feel like they can't participate. We don't go to their  
17 communities.  
18  
19 MS. CHIVERS: Well, and also the  
20 membership, you have to keep in mind that these people from  
21 those communities need to apply before they will actually  
22 get on the board, so we need to, you know, get on the  
23 phone, the radio, or whatever and encourage them to apply  
24 so we have selections from, you know, a pool of applicants  
25 from those areas. Currently we don't have any applicants  
26 from those areas.  
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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A lot of them feel like  
29 they can't, so I can find, actually give them the deal, but  
30 they never follow through. They're just a small community.  
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32 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Go ahead.  
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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, did somebody my  
35 motion or no?  
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I haven't heard one.  
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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I just read it.  
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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It's going to die for  
42 lack of a second if we don't get one.  
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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I've got to read it again.  
45 So nobody seconded it? Just keep it.  
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47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I will. I second.  
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49 MR. ZACHAROF: I second.  
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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I have no problem with  
2 that.  
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4 MR. ZACHAROF: I second it.  
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Seconded by Richard.  
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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All right.  
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Discussion.  
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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Discussion. The reason I  
13 brought it up, because, you know, I was under the  
14 impression when I first read it that it would stay the  
15 same. In the past charter we had, we had seven members,  
16 four from Kodiak, four from -- or three from the Aleutians,  
17 and as Michelle pointed out, that's not the case. It's  
18 going to come from Kodiak/Aleutians wide, and no  
19 opportunities for the smaller communities like in the  
20 Aleutians to apply. Because we feel when we came to this  
21 decision way back what, 10 years ago, that Kodiak being the  
22 largest community of all the Aleutian/Kodiak bunch, there  
23 would be more input, and nobody from basically the  
24 Aleutians would have a chance. Maybe one maybe would make  
25 it to this Council. So we wanted to have that opportunity  
26 for the Pribilofs and King Cove, Sand Point and Unalaska,  
27 Adak, and all the others to at least apply. And if they  
28 apply, hopefully they'll be one of the three.  
29  
30 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I agree  
31 with Vince, due to the fact that, you know, not knowing  
32 what the list is, and maybe we don't have anybody  
33 interested in the region, and that selection pool is, you  
34 know, people from Kodiak region. Well, I think it's  
35 important to put those numbers in there as well.  
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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I've got to say  
38 something to that, because I come from a community of 250  
39 people, Mitch comes from 100 people, so, I mean, we're not  
40 coming from the City of Kodiak. We're small communities  
41 around Kodiak. Al from Old Harbor.  
42  
43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But if we don't.....  
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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So we only have one from  
46 the City of Kodiak right now.  
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48 MR. ZACHAROF: The Kodiak region.  
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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

1 MS. CHIVERS: May I make a suggestion? The  
2 application period just started October 1st, Friday,  
3 October 1st.  
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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Who's up?  
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7 MS. CHIVERS: If you know of somebody that  
8 you want to nominate, you can also do that. You can  
9 nominate somebody, and that nomination will be put in the  
10 pool of applicants. And then when it comes time for them  
11 to be interviewed, they can either say they are interested  
12 or they are not interested. But if you know of somebody  
13 who you think may be interested, nominate them. I brought  
14 some application forms.  
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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Whose seats are up this  
17 time around?  
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19 MS. CHIVERS: I'm sorry?  
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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What seats amongst us are  
22 up?  
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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think mine is.  
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26 MS. CHIVERS: Let's see, that list.....  
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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I already put in. I was  
29 last year.  
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31 MR. ZACHAROF: Get your black book out.  
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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Now it's coming up again,  
34 and the new ones aren't appointed yet.  
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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Richard and.....  
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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think mine is. Mine was  
39 last year.  
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41 MR. CRATTY: I think mine is '06.  
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43 MS. CHIVERS: I do have that list. Just  
44 give me a moment to find it.  
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46 MR. CRATTY: I've been in Alaska waiting to  
47 hear the new appointments.  
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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I didn't see it in the  
50 book.

1 MR. CRATTY: So when you nominate a person,  
2 you've got to fill out the whole questionnaire again?  
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4 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We're still in  
5 discussion on the motion. The question of whose seats are  
6 up, does that pertain to your motion?  
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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No.  
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Well, then put down  
11 the motion.....  
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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, go ahead and move it.  
14 Question.  
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16 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Further discussion on  
17 the motion that's on the floor.  
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19 (No discussion)  
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21 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I hear no more  
22 discussion. Do I have any objections to the motion.  
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24 (No objection)  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no objections,  
27 the motion carries. Glenn.  
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29 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think  
30 your including the language about geographic diversity will  
31 be a good message to send. And I think just to let you  
32 know, the Board does strive for not only geographic  
33 diversity, but gender diversity on these Councils. So the  
34 Board already does consider where people come from when  
35 they make those presentations to the Secretaries. But by  
36 including this in your charter I think it will help sort of  
37 strengthen that message.  
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39 MR. ZACHAROF: Thank you.  
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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Thank you, yeah, but the  
42 way I seen it, just leaving it all open, anybody could put  
43 in for those seats. That's the way it's advertised.  
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45 MS. TRUMBLE: This is Della. I want to  
46 make a couple comments. When you're looking at splitting  
47 the four and three, and then taking into consideration that  
48 you have the one and two or the three, which is the three  
49 other seats that need to be -- make up the 30 percent, you  
50 know, you can easily come up with the Board being loaded on

1 one side with one region.  
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We're all one region.  
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5 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, I'm saying you look at  
6 splitting the region in a sense when you're saying  
7 Kodiak/Aleutians. You just made the point we are all one  
8 region technically, in the sense of this Council. I'm not  
9 sure we can do that.  
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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: One area dominating over  
12 it.  
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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I think, Della, what  
15 Vince is getting at, and I also feel that way, too, I don't  
16 want the Community of Kodiak ending up dominating.  
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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The Board.  
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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The Board.  
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22 MS. TRUMBLE: You're technically saying  
23 three and three for small region and one for Kodiak, or  
24 small communities and one for Kodiak?  
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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, however.  
27  
28 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Because the way it's  
31 reading right now, anybody could put in for any of these  
32 seats from Kodiak/Aleutian.  
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34 MR. CRATTY: It's like they say though, are  
35 the people from the villages going to respond. It's up to  
36 us to get the word out, and make sure that the support is  
37 there.  
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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Because we're definitely  
40 going to get the interest from Kodiak. It's getting more  
41 and more so. They're putting in the papers I see where --  
42 once in a while I see it in the Kodiak paper the thing that  
43 these seats are open.  
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45 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah, and that 3:3:1 sounds  
46 better already.  
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48 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: 3:3:1. Well, we don't  
49 want to start fighting in our region. It's been going  
50 really well, but now we have to put commercial and sport in

1 there, too.  
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think they're on their  
4 own, commercial and sport.  
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6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I went for sport.  
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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.  
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10 (Laughter)  
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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We'll respect your  
13 decision.  
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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'm on my own, but you  
16 aren't.  
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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. I see what you're  
19 saying.  
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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But I don't know how many  
22 applicants there is from Kodiak for that same seat.  
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Does that conclude our  
25 work with the charter now?  
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27 MR. ZACHAROF: With the exception of  
28 meetings, yes.  
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30 (Whispered conversation)  
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32 MS. TRUMBLE: You know, this is Della  
33 again. When you look at that, just to think a little bit,  
34 Kodiak is technically at this point in time classified as  
35 rural, and so they in actuality have the same opportunity  
36 as the other communities. You know, if we do this, and at  
37 this point we have two people from Port Lions, Kodiak is  
38 going to say, well, then you can't have two people from one  
39 community.  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right now you don't, do we?  
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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, Ivan and I. And we've  
44 both been re-elected the last time we put in.  
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46 MS. TRUMBLE: Hello?  
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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, we're.....  
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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We're just discussing it.

1 I was just saying that both Ivan and I have re-run, and  
2 we've both been re-elected from Port Lions.

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4 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So how would you resolve  
5 that? We don't have the decision process on where they  
6 come from.

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8 MS. CHIVERS: Well, there is actually --  
9 like Glenn said, they do try to make sure that they do get  
10 geographic diversity on the Councils, but as I stated, it  
11 depends on where the applicants are from as well. It's  
12 like, you know, if we don't get many applicants from --  
13 sometimes it may look lopsided. It just depends on where  
14 we get the applications from. If we can get more  
15 applications in from the smaller communities, there may be  
16 more, you know, people on the Council from a smaller  
17 community.

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Ivan's not here.

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21 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, it would be nice to have  
22 him here.

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24 MS. TRUMBLE: I think they also look at the  
25 amount of years you've put into this and dedicated and  
26 donated your time to it. You know, it's hard to I think  
27 say, well, you shouldn't be there, we need to put this  
28 other community, when -- and actually say, no, when you've  
29 been on there for a lot of years and have basically done  
30 your job as far as representing your region.

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I agree, Della. I  
33 think, you know, attendance is really important.

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35 MR. CRATTY: I do, too, Pete.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, I have no more  
38 comments on the charter, Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there are no more  
41 comments on the charter, just move.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I thought I did. Didn't I  
44 move to approve it with amendments? I'll move to approve  
45 the charter with amendments.

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47 MR. CRATTY: Second.

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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and seconded.  
50 Moved by Vincent, seconded by Al. Is there any discussion.

1 (No discussion)  
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no discussion,  
4 do I have any objections.  
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6 (No objection)  
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no objections,  
9 then the motion carries.  
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11 New business, there's nothing under new  
12 business.  
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14 MR. CRATTY: I've got one thing for new  
15 business. I've got a question for Bill. Bill, my concern  
16 is that up north they get to harvest emperor eggs, and we  
17 used to subsist emperors. Why can't -- who do we talk to  
18 about having a subsistence emperor season? I mean, if  
19 they're harvesting the eggs, we should be able to harvest  
20 the birds, a few of them. I mean, what's the difference?  
21 We're the same people, just different region.  
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23 MR. PYLE: I would have forward that  
24 question to our Migratory Bird Branch. I mean, they're a  
25 protected species for the most part, and there hasn't been  
26 a -- how long has it been?  
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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It must be eight, ten  
29 years since it's been closed.  
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31 MR. CRATTY: Uh-huh.  
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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Maybe longer.  
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35 MR. CRATTY: Well, I feel if they're a  
36 protected bird, they get to eat them before they're even  
37 hatched up north. We should be able to eat them down here  
38 when they're flying around, you know.  
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40 MS. SOWL: Yeah, but they're still closed  
41 there. They're just harvesting.  
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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, we want to harvest,  
44 too.  
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46 MR. CRATTY: I mean.....  
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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But we don't want their  
49 eggs. We want them flying.  
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1 MS. SOWL: This is Kristine Sowl from  
2 Izembek Refuge. This is a very common question that comes  
3 up, you know, opening -- not just by subsistence hunters,  
4 also by sport hunters. When are we going to open the  
5 emperors to harvest. And I've actually written myself a  
6 note, because I don't know who decides the regulations for  
7 that. And I've actually written myself a note, it's on my  
8 desk, to look this question up.

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10 I do know unlike the other goose  
11 populations that have been rebounding from the low numbers,  
12 emperor geese are staying at a stable level, but below the  
13 desired level. Now, -- and that's why they're still closed  
14 to harvest. And I don't know what they need before they  
15 would open them up again. And like I said, this is  
16 something I need to find out, who you would ask about this.  
17 But the fact of the matter is a lot of communities, and  
18 pretty much from the Yukon Delta all the way out to the  
19 Aleutians want to harvest the emperor geese, and I think  
20 the biggest problem we have here may be how to partition  
21 this up amongst all the communities that would like to use  
22 the resource.

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24 And so that, you know -- while I have some  
25 limited knowledge of emperor geese, it looks like this is  
26 something we need to find out more about. I know they have  
27 not been happy with the population levels still. They are  
28 closed to both sport and subsistence hunting, so there's no  
29 way to control what harvest does occur, or by whom.

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31 And also like the time of year, it's  
32 different down here. This is -- somebody had a question  
33 earlier on -- oh, the Canadas at Kodiak. And one of the  
34 things I've been thinking about a lot is when they set up  
35 the subsistence season for migratory birds, it's mostly for  
36 western Alaska where they harvest in the spring and summer,  
37 and it doesn't really take care of southwestern Alaska that  
38 does a lot of their harvest in the fall and the winter.

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40 And I think if you guys are interested in  
41 having a different window for subsistence harvest here in  
42 this region, is you need to make a recommendation to the  
43 Co-management Council, and I know that the time for  
44 recommending regulations that you would like to see opens  
45 up really soon here. I'm trying to remember. I think it's  
46 November 2nd. I know the Co-management Council has a  
47 website. If you want me to look that information up for  
48 you, I can. But there's like a one-month period I think  
49 that they accept recommendations for review, and then the  
50 Co-Management Council reviews them.

1                   And one of the things I've been thinking  
2 about a lot is, well, it doesn't make sense for down here  
3 to do the spring/summer stuff, to have all Alaska the same.  
4 The bird movement's different. So maybe we want to look at  
5 the southwest region and say, hey, you guys, don't lump us  
6 in, you know, with Yukon Delta, their birds are there in  
7 the summertime. Our birds are here in the wintertime. You  
8 know, maybe make a recommendation that they make more  
9 region specific. Yeah.

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11                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I've talked to two  
12 different people that are on that Council, and they -- from  
13 this region.

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15                   MS. SOWL: Uh-huh.

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17                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: And they say they will not  
18 let them change it. It has to be unified.

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20                   MR. CRATTY: Well, let's get unified.

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22                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's where the whole  
23 State is the same.

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25                   MS. SOWL: I think that's too bad,  
26 because.....

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28                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: I do, too, and I don't  
29 know why.....

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31                   MS. SOWL: .....the issues are different.  
32 Yeah.

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34                   MR. SQUARTSOFF: .....the Federal  
35 Government's doing that.

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37                   MR. PYLE: Mr. Chair, if I may add, there  
38 has been some level of customizing of the subsistence  
39 migratory bird regulations. For example, the exclusion of  
40 the Kodiak road system area from harvest activities would  
41 be an example of that that was applied this year.

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43                   It also appears to me that the first round  
44 of regulations setting for that process emphasized the area  
45 of largest concern, and that was just the traditional  
46 activity of egg harvest, which occurs during spring and  
47 summer. And then I think that they perhaps anticipated  
48 addressing some regional needs if -- in relation to live  
49 bird harvest, for example, in the case of Kodiak, where in  
50 fact there are many subsistence users that are taking live

1 birds, in fact most, if not all, taking them during fall  
2 and winter periods. But currently there are no regulations  
3 for those two seasons. Perhaps there should be.

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5 MS. SOWL: And it may be worth your while  
6 to at least write a letter to the Co-management Council,  
7 because, you know, this is a smaller population down here,  
8 and if you want your voice to be heard, you've got to be  
9 presenting it to the Co-management Council. So if it is a  
10 concern for you, write them a letter and let them know it's  
11 a concern for you so that maybe this region, which like I  
12 said, I think the design of the hunt is more for more  
13 northern regions. And so maybe you guys need to speak up  
14 in the southwestern region.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I think we'd have a  
17 lot more pull if we did it as a Council than individual  
18 talking to these members.

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20 MS. SOWL: Well, and that may be something,  
21 too. You may as a Council want to draft something.

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23 MR. CRATTY: Maybe we can draft a letter.

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25 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Michelle will  
26 draft a letter.

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28 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chair, this is Della.  
29 Maybe recommend that when you're looking at the agenda for  
30 the next meeting, to add this. I know we've had before  
31 where we've had Herman speak to this issue, and then it  
32 would be nice to have Stanley available even if by  
33 teleconference.

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35 But I do know with Stanley that some of the  
36 issues, they were at one point trying to set the calendar  
37 for the various regions, but also coming to the conclusion  
38 that these birds are migratory and the times that they go  
39 to the various regions may not be the same every year,  
40 because you have a lot of contributing factors, weather,  
41 feed, you know, the whole bit, that it's not something you  
42 can necessarily set in stone, and maybe that was the reason  
43 why they were looking to have it on a statewide thing,  
44 would set up certain periods. Because it's at a certain  
45 period they're going to different areas.

46  
47 I do know that he pushed hard to try to get  
48 the spring subsistence hunt, and was hopeful that it would  
49 have went through this year, although I don't think it did.  
50 But, I would need -- you know, we'd probably have to talk

1 to him a little bit more and see if he would be available  
2 at the next meeting to try to get an update of where  
3 they're at.

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5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do we have to  
6 make.....

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chairman, if our next  
9 meeting is in Ouzinkie or Port Lions, then Herman should be  
10 able to attend.

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12 MR. CRATTY: I'd like to -- this is Al.  
13 I'd like to see the Council write a letter to the Co-  
14 management Council, letting them all know our concerns,  
15 that we would like a subsistence hunt for the geese.  
16 They're allowed to have egg-takings up north, I think we  
17 should be allowed to have a subsistence hunt. We're  
18 Natives of this region. It's been our subsistence way of  
19 life to eat geese. So we can get it started.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Are you directing? Are you  
26 going to direct the letter, or do we need a motion or what?  
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28 MR. CRATTY: I'll make a motion. My motion  
29 is to have Micelle write the letter.

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31 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Do I hear a second?

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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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35 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and seconded.  
36 Any discussion. Bill, do you have.....

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38 MR. PYLE: A question, Mr. Chairman. Is it  
39 specific to geese, or is it subsistence harvest -- in  
40 addition, is it related to subsistence waterfowl harvest of  
41 other species as well?

42  
43 MR. CRATTY: Uh-huh. Yes. Honkers.

44  
45 MR. PYLE: During what, fall/winter? Is  
46 that the period of -- is there a period of particular  
47 harvest interest?

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49 MR. CRATTY: Well, I think most of us do  
50 our harvesting in the fall and winter.

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Fall and winter, right.  
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3 MS. CHIVERS: The fishing.....  
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5 MR. CRATTY: In these two regions.  
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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: See, our regular duck  
8 season is upon until the 22nd of January. But I've always  
9 thought we should be able to hunt them until the end of  
10 February or early March before they head south -- north.  
11 So maybe put that in the letter.  
12  
13 MR. PYLE: Because current regulations.....  
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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And then discontinue our  
16 spring subsistence hunt. Change that for the fall.  
17  
18 MR. CRATTY: Well, we don't have.....  
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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: There's nothing around in  
21 the spring.  
22  
23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.  
24  
25 MR. CRATTY: .....the geese in our area in  
26 the spring. They move out, move on.  
27  
28 MS. SOWL: The fish and game subsistence  
29 harvest surveys they've done, which granted have just been  
30 a couple years in the communities in the Alaska Peninsula,  
31 do reflect that most of the harvest for people who answered  
32 the surveys was in the fall and winter, and you know, going  
33 like into March or something like that.  
34  
35 MR. PYLE: Right. And I would just add  
36 that there is a substantial taking of a traditional harvest  
37 of, for example, gull eggs that occurs in the spring in the  
38 Kodiak area. So there are -- you know, the existing  
39 regulations do cover that very important activity.  
40  
41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, we're talking about  
42 bird hunting.  
43  
44 MR. PYLE: Exactly. There's two types of  
45 harvest activities that occur in different seasons.  
46  
47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh.  
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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Further discussion.  
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1 (No discussion)

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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If no further  
4 discussion, do I have any objections to the motion?

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6 (No objection)

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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If no objections, then  
9 the motion carries.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vincent.

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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Under new business, I just  
16 wanted to submit the letter that you have in front of you  
17 that I have put together. I wanted to get this on City of  
18 Adak letterhead, but was unable to get back to Adak in time  
19 for this meeting. Just submit it for the record, so that  
20 the Council is aware of it.

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22 Also, the other item I'm asking is the  
23 rural designation of Adak. My understanding is it is  
24 designated non-rural. And we had this discussion two years  
25 ago. And my understanding is that the new list of  
26 communities for designation of rural versus non-rural is  
27 going to be coming up for discussion in January I believe  
28 '05, or June of '05 I believe. One of those two. But we  
29 need to get a Council advisory recommendation presented so  
30 that Staff when they make their recommendations to the  
31 Department that Adak be included as a rural designation.

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33 Right now, the history of Adak, as  
34 everybody know, there was 10,000 military up until 1997.  
35 And at that time Adak was closed. The Aleut Corporation  
36 took it over as a commercial venture. It is now a second  
37 class community designated city, and we have occupants or  
38 residents, registered residents of 320, although only 115  
39 or so actually live in Adak year round. So I think it does  
40 qualify as a rural community.

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42 We've had many ups and downs in the last  
43 seven years, and now we're looking forward to developing as  
44 a small community for small boat fisheries and, of course,  
45 subsistence is a mainstay of a majority of those that live  
46 in Adak. And we'd like to continue to do that, but we  
47 don't qualify as a rural community, and would like to be  
48 recognized as a rural community.

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50 So I ask that this Council take action by

1 motion to recommend to the Federal Board and to the  
2 Secretary of Interior that Adak be designated rural in this  
3 next round.

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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I so move.

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7 MR. ZACHAROF: I second.

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9 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: It's been moved and  
10 seconded. Discussion. Glenn.

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12 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Some  
13 information that Mr. Tutiakoff might find useful and  
14 valuable with regard to the rural determinations. The  
15 Board is still weighing various alternatives by which it  
16 will do its rural determinations. But at some point in  
17 time when the Board does decide on a process, there will be  
18 a specific opportunity for this Council and all other  
19 Councils to weigh in on who should be rural and who should  
20 not be rural, as well as the general public. And I have  
21 been on this committee that's been directed by the Board to  
22 come up with methodologies for doing rural determinations,  
23 and Adak is definitely on the radar screen in terms of  
24 trying to revisit that determination.

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What is the time scale for  
27 that? Is it between now and is there any time frame, or am  
28 I way out?

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30 MR. CHEN: Yeah, that's a good question.  
31 I think one of the things we're going through right now is  
32 we're going through review of different alternatives for  
33 doing the rural determinations. The Board had asked a  
34 group called the Institute of Social and Economic Research,  
35 it's part of the University of Alaska, to develop a  
36 methodology back in the early part of I believe 2001. Now,  
37 ISER spent a couple years developing a process. They  
38 delivered a report to the Board. The Board has reviewed  
39 this process as well as this interagency committee. And so  
40 right now they're trying to weigh alternatives about which  
41 way to go. They haven't decided on a method yet, but they  
42 realize that there's an urgency here in terms of trying to  
43 get the rural determinations done. It's approaching the  
44 end of 2004. And so we've been urged not only by the  
45 Board, but also by the Solicitor's Office, our attorneys,  
46 to get some process under way soon.

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48 I believe the board is meeting at the end  
49 of October to review some of these alternatives, and it  
50 will -- at that time it might be at a point where it's

1 going to make a recommendation about which process to use.  
2 And so once we find out what the Board wants to do, we'll  
3 certainly be able to convey that information to you.

4  
5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. Being designated  
6 rural also has an economic impact to the community. One of  
7 the reasons I stated that is we've applied, you know, to  
8 Community and Regional Affairs, to the State of Alaska, for  
9 Clean Water and all them other organizations that are out  
10 there to help develop small communities and developing  
11 their infrastructure. Now, you may say, well, Adak doesn't  
12 need to have any infrastructure development. Well, you've  
13 got to understand, in 1995 the Navy quit all infrastructure  
14 maintenance. So now we're in the situation of World War II  
15 type community, where we've got facilities that are just  
16 falling down, because they have left it just to go bad.  
17 And as a community we apply for these various grants, and  
18 they say, well, I see you're on the designation that you're  
19 non-rural. You then have to qualify with cities like  
20 Anchorage, Fairbanks. We can't compete with them. We  
21 don't have a senator or a representative sitting in our  
22 community that's going to go pound the table and they'll  
23 listen to him, whereas those communities do. And we have  
24 to sit at the table with those people when it comes to  
25 certain issues regarding rural and non-rural. So it  
26 doesn't only apply to subsistence issues. And it's a start  
27 if the Subsistence Board, through the Advisory Council  
28 would recognize Adak as a rural community, and so will  
29 these other entities that we're having to deal with. As  
30 the mayor of Adak, I've run into that problem. And right  
31 away, you know, it's like, well, thanks a lot, we've fill  
32 out all the forms, and then they say, oh, we see you're  
33 non-rural, they slam the door, come back when you get a  
34 senator or somebody who can pound on the table for you.

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36 Well, Senator Stevens, who has been a very  
37 great help to our region, and he has told us, well, you  
38 need to go after a rural designation. That would help you  
39 from coming to our door or his door or Young's door or  
40 Senator Murkowski's door every time we need something done  
41 to deal with Kodiak, Fairbanks, Barrow, all these big  
42 communities that you have to deal with, because money's in  
43 this one big pot.

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45 And then it's even going to get worse with  
46 tribal entities now, you know, this program the senator's  
47 put in, where all the money's going into the pot, and it  
48 will go to region wide, and that's all you're going to get.  
49 Well, small communities like Adak, Akutan, those second  
50 class cities and third class cities, may be left out in the

1 cold in five to 10 years, and you'll see them being  
2 abandoned, because they won't be able to subsist. That's  
3 a true life thing that's going to happen here. That's why  
4 I have brought it up. I think it's more urgent than just  
5 subsistence, but it helps.

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7 MR. CHEN: Uh-huh. Mr. Tutiakoff, I'll  
8 definitely convey that other implication of being non-rural  
9 to the committee and to the Board.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Because it -- well, thank  
12 you. I would ask the council for.....

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's my motion for the  
15 record.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion for the record, Mr.  
18 Chair. Somebody motion that, I can't.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I did.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, you did?

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's already been made and  
25 seconded.

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, you did?

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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31 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah, I second it.

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33 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, it's already  
34 been done.

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36 MR. ZACHAROF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Further discussion.

41  
42 (No discussion)

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I can get up off my knees  
45 now.

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47 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: If there is no further  
48 discussion, is there any objections now?

49  
50 (No objections)

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Hearing no objections,  
2 then the motion carried.  
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4 MS. TRUMBLE: Mr. Chairman, can you please  
5 repeat the motion? You're fading in and out here, so I  
6 wasn't able to get what exactly the motion was.  
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Repeat your motion.  
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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The motion was to recognize  
11 Adak community as a rural designation versus a non-rural  
12 designation, and recommend to the Federal Subsistence Board  
13 for that designation.  
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15 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm going to object at this  
16 point. And the reason is because I know that they're  
17 trying to redefine the language from rural to non-rural.  
18 I've been actually at the statewide meetings where a  
19 designations been made from an urban to a rural, and this  
20 is in Kenai, and the controversy and the issue that came  
21 up. And I think once they get the definition that that has  
22 maybe a lot better process then getting something put in  
23 place and defined as rural, then pulled back away. And  
24 that would be my reasoning.  
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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The vote's been taken  
27 already. Now you have to go to a vote.  
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: We'll take a roll call  
30 vote. We're going to have a roll call vote, Della.  
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32 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I don't understand her  
35 objection. It doesn't change it.  
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Will you call roll for  
38 a vote, Michelle.  
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40 MS. CHIVERS: Al Cratty.  
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42 MR. CRATTY: Yes.  
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44 MS. CHIVERS: Vince Tutiakoff.  
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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.  
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48 MS. CHIVERS: Pete Squartsoff.  
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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.

1 MS. CHIVERS: Spiridon Simeonoff.  
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.  
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5 MS. CHIVERS: Della Trumble. Della  
6 Trumble.  
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8 MS. TRUMBLE: No.  
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10 MS. CHIVERS: Richard Zacharof.  
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12 MR. ZACHAROF: Yes.  
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14 MS. CHIVERS: Patrick Holmes is absent.  
15 Paul Gundersen is absent. And so the vote is currently  
16 five yes, one no, with three absent.  
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18 (Whispered conversation)  
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. We'll go on.  
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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, proceed.  
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah. Any more new  
25 business.  
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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Other business.  
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29 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Other business.  
30 Council topics for '05 Board meeting.  
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32 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair, that was just  
33 added to the agenda. The office has requested that we ask  
34 the Councils if they have any topics that they would like  
35 to bring forward to the Board meeting in January. So this  
36 is your opportunity to add topics to their agenda, if you  
37 would like to do so at this time.  
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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The Federal Board.  
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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: One would be the charter.  
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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, we've got the  
44 charter thing.  
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46 MR. CRATTY: The charter and the goose  
47 thing.  
48  
49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The charter and the goose  
50 hunting, fall hunt.

1 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, we'll give it to them.  
2 The only way we're going to get it is if we push it.  
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4 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And the Adak rural issue.  
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6 MS. TRUMBLE: Mitch, you guys are fading  
7 out really bad. I don't know if it's just the weather, the  
8 squalls which might.....  
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10 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: No, we were getting  
11 quiet.  
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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We're getting tired.  
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15 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Because it's 4:00  
16 o'clock.  
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18 MS. TRUMBLE: Wake up, it's almost time to  
19 go hunting.  
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21 MS. CHIVERS: Do you want to state the  
22 issues again for Della.  
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'm sorry.  
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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The issues.  
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28 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: State the issues for  
29 Della, what we're bringing forward to the Council -- or to  
30 the Board.  
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32 MS. TRUMBLE: Before we close, discussion  
33 in executive session.  
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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Della, we still have  
36 these Council topics. There was three put in here.  
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38 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: The charter, the goose  
39 hunt, and the Adak rural designation. That was Council  
40 topics for the January '05 Board meeting.  
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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So you'll need an update  
43 on those.  
44  
45 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah. Will do.  
46  
47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Didn't you have one  
48 yourself you wanted to have in there? You were talking  
49 earlier about something.  
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1 MS. TRUMBLE: To be honest with you, I'm  
2 tired myself. I don't even recall. Let me look here at my  
3 notes.  
4  
5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What about that one on  
6 bears?  
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8 MS. TRUMBLE: I'd like to have the final  
9 surveys on the Steller eider, and hopefully if there is  
10 that Recovery Team report, I think we should take a look at  
11 that.  
12  
13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: How about that number 5,  
14 request for reconsideration? That needs to go back to  
15 them, too, right?  
16  
17 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair, that will be taken  
18 up actually next month -- or this month by the Board.  
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20 MR. LaPLANT: November 1.  
21  
22 MS. CHIVERS: November. They will be  
23 having a Board meeting at that time.  
24  
25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.  
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27 MS. CHIVERS: So it's prior to the January  
28 meeting.  
29  
30 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm sorry, you guys, you do  
31 totally fade all the way out and then come back in. So  
32 we're only getting bits and pieces of what's being said.  
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34 MS. CHIVERS: Della, Vince asked if the RFR  
35 should be brought in front of the Board, but I just stated  
36 that the Board will already be meeting on this issue next  
37 month, and it's prior to the January meeting.  
38  
39 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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41 MS. CHIVERS: So that will not be included  
42 as an issue.  
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Is that it?  
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46 MS. CHIVERS: Is that it?  
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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)  
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50 MR. CRATTY: Future meeting plans.

1 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Future meeting plans,  
2 what is that?  
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4 MR. ZACHAROF: I'd like to make a  
5 recommendation, Mr. Chairman.  
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7 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Richard.  
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9 MR. ZACHAROF: I'd like to recommend our  
10 next meeting be held on St. Paul Island, and the dates  
11 October 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Is that right, Vince? Is that  
12 what.....  
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14 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair, before we get too  
15 carried away, I did put a new fall calendar in front of  
16 you, and it's the -- the calendar that's in your book  
17 currently -- okay. You did get that. That's the calendar  
18 we're going to be using. We need to make sure that we're  
19 not going to be overlapping with other team members that  
20 are currently on this Council. Like myself, I have the  
21 Northwest Arctic Council, but we haven't met yet. They  
22 meet this Friday. The Bristol Bay just met. Dave is on  
23 that Council as well as Pat Petrivelli. And I believe in  
24 terms of the Councils that have met already, that one  
25 meeting, the Bristol Bay meeting would be one that we  
26 cannot overlap within that week. So the dates that you  
27 just now recommended might not work.  
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29 MR. ZACHAROF: Okay.  
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31 MS. CHIVERS: I'm sorry.  
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33 MR. ZACHAROF: Well, that's what Vince  
34 recommended, so.....  
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36 MR. CRATTY: We can always go earlier.  
37 Move it up.  
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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move it up then I guess.  
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41 MR. CRATTY: Yeah. Let's go September  
42 20th, 21st. Or September 19th, 20th, and 21st.  
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44 MR. ZACHAROF: Well, I'm still fishing  
45 then, so, you know.  
46  
47 MR. CRATTY: Well, I am, too.  
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49 MS. CHIVERS: Can I make another suggestion  
50 as well? In terms of Island Air's travel schedules, they

1 change to their winter schedule October 1st, which limits  
2 the amount of -- the numbers of flights.  
3  
4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I've got a very good  
5 answer for that one. Switch to Patluk or Servant Air in  
6 Kodiak.....  
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8 MS. CHIVERS: I've been working on that.  
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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: .....which has a lot  
11 better schedule than Island air.  
12  
13 MS. CHIVERS: Yeah, I'm working on that  
14 currently. However, if.....  
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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: They could fly direct to  
17 here if you have to.  
18  
19 MS. CHIVERS: .....that's something that is  
20 not an option, then if we actually meet sometime in  
21 September, the schedule hasn't changed yet, and there's  
22 regular daily flights out of most of the communities.  
23  
24 MR. ZACHAROF: How about September 26th,  
25 27th, 28th.  
26  
27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: September.  
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29 MR. ZACHAROF: I'm still fishing then, but  
30 I'm winding down.  
31  
32 MR. CRATTY: Why can't we go later in  
33 October.  
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35 MR. ZACHAROF: We can go later in October  
36 if you guys want. That's closer to AFN.  
37  
38 MR. CRATTY: 17th, 18th, 19th.  
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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Huh?  
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42 MR. CRATTY: October 17th, 18th, 19th.  
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yeah, we can do that,  
45 too.  
46  
47 MR. CRATTY: That would be better.  
48  
49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: October what?  
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1 MR. CRATTY: 17th, 18th, 19th.  
2  
3 MS. CHIVERS: I'm sorry, Della, we can't  
4 hear you.  
5  
6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The later we go though,  
7 the worse the weather.  
8  
9 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm sorry, I'm just  
10 explaining to someone here how this calendar, this schedule  
11 works.  
12  
13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's going to be AFN  
14 next year, Al.  
15  
16 MR. CRATTY: So what?  
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18 MR. ZACHAROF: You guys would get back  
19 right when AFN starts.  
20  
21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Have it in Anchorage.  
22  
23 MR. ZACHAROF: In Anchorage. When we go to  
24 St. Paul, you'll go back to Anchorage.  
25  
26 MR. CRATTY: When is AFN -- yeah, AFN, when  
27 is that?  
28  
29 MR. ZACHAROF: It starts on the 20th.  
30  
31 MR. CRATTY: Next year? How do you know?  
32  
33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, Mitch and I can't  
34 make that week of October 16th. We're on the KANA Board.  
35  
36 MR. CRATTY: Well, then let's go to October  
37 10th.  
38  
39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Go to September.  
40  
41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, go to September.  
42 But Richard said he's still fishing.  
43  
44 MR. ZACHAROF: No, I say September 26th,  
45 27th, 28th, 29th, if you want to do that. That's the end  
46 of.....  
47  
48 MR. CRATTY: No, September 19th, 20th, and  
49 21st.  
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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.  
2  
3 MR. ZACHAROF: Okay.  
4  
5 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you.  
6  
7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: September 19, 20, and 21.  
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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: September 19th and 20th.  
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11 MR. CRATTY: I mean, wherever we go, we've  
12 got to fly on the 17th, unless we take Servant Air.  
13  
14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, 19th, Monday.  
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16 MR. CRATTY: Or Pokluk Air can bring us  
17 right.....  
18  
19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, the 20th, 21st,  
20 22nd.  
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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: 19, 20, 21. It's a Monday,  
23 instead of going over a weekend.  
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25 MS. CHIVERS: Mr Chair.  
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27 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.  
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29 MS. CHIVERS: For clarification, would it  
30 be the travel day is the 19th.  
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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)  
33  
34 MS. CHIVERS: The meeting is on the 20th,  
35 and the travel day returning home is the 21st?  
36  
37 MR. ZACHAROF: Yes, it would be on  
38 Thursday.  
39  
40 MS. CHIVERS: Okay. Thank you.  
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42 MR. ZACHAROF: We do -- the schedule, like  
43 Michelle said, the schedule changes for Pen Air.  
44  
45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We're not doing any  
46 alternates.  
47  
48 MR. ZACHAROF: Okay. September 19th, 20th,  
49 21st and 22nd.  
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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, it would be the 19th  
2 and 22nd travel dates.  
3  
4 MR. ZACHAROF: Yes.  
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: I'll ask Della how  
7 that works for her.  
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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Della?  
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11 MS. TRUMBLE: Go ahead. Go ahead.  
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13 MR. ZACHAROF: Recommending our next  
14 meeting held in St. Paul on the dates of September 19th,  
15 20th, 21st and leave on the 22nd.  
16  
17 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. So the travel days are  
18 the 19th and 22nd, is that correct?  
19  
20 MR. ZACHAROF: Yes, that's correct.  
21  
22 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. I've got it down.  
23  
24 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair.  
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26 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes.  
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28 MS. CHIVERS: It might be wise to also set  
29 up a back up location.  
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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No back up.  
32  
33 MR. CRATTY: Anchorage.  
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35 MR. ZACHAROF: It would be Anchorage.  
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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Anchorage. Everybody go  
38 to Anchorage and then go from there on one plane.  
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40 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: That would be the --  
41 it will be in Anchorage, you can guarantee that.  
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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Everybody comes to  
44 Anchorage, then goes from there.  
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46 MR. ZACHAROF: And if we don't make it  
47 there, we go back to Anchorage.  
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49 MS. CHIVERS: Oh, and before I forget. I'm  
50 sorry. If you look at page 104, that is currently what we

1 have as the winter schedule. And we have selected March  
2 21st and 22nd in Ouzinkie or Port Lions.  
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4 MR. CRATTY: Ouzinkie.  
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6 MS. CHIVERS: And we just need to reconfirm  
7 the date and the location.  
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9 MR. CRATTY: We'll go to Ouzinkie. I don't  
10 want to be charged for a meal when I don't eat it.  
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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Where are you going to  
13 stay in Ouzinkie?  
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15 MR. CRATTY: I'll stay at your brother's.  
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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Everybody? There's no  
19 facilities in Ouzinkie to take this many people. I  
20 checked. You could check.  
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22 MR. CRATTY: The last time we were in Port  
23 Lions there was a man chasing me around, wanted money, and  
24 I didn't eat anything.  
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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.  
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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: While we're talking about  
29 that, Michelle, I talked with a couple of the lodges in  
30 Port Lions, and in fact I had one call you.  
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32 MS. CHIVERS: Uh-huh.  
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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And she said that the  
35 paperwork is just ridiculous to have to fill out to be  
36 qualified to take a P.O. from the Federal Government.  
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38 MR. CRATTY: They'd rather have cash.  
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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's what her response  
41 was to me. So she said, I don't know if I even want to do  
42 it.  
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44 MS. CHIVERS: Did she talk to our  
45 administrative staff, do you know?  
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47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think she talked to you.  
48 Yeah, that.....  
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50 MS. CHIVERS: Well, I would.....

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: .....you gave her to the  
2 staff, and.....  
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4 MS. CHIVERS: Yeah, she should have talked  
5 to.....  
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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: then I talked to her after  
9 that, and she said, I don't know if I want to do that every  
10 year, go through that paperwork.  
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12 MS. CHIVERS: Okay. Well, you gave me like  
13 three different locations.  
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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. But two of them  
16 were complaining.....  
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18 MS. CHIVERS: Would there be enough housing  
19 with two of them?  
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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: .....about the paperwork  
22 they.....  
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24 MS. CHIVERS: Maybe that's something.....  
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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: .....have to fill out to  
27 be qualified. So maybe Port Lions will be out, too.  
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29 MS. CHIVERS: But you do have facilities.  
30 It would just be a matter of getting them registered, is  
31 that correct? Okay. I can work on that one.  
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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: She said it was a bunch of  
34 paperwork they had to do, and do it every year. Peggy at  
35 Port Lions Lodge.  
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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is that the alternate for  
38 Ouzinkie?  
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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Port Lions was the  
41 alternate.  
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43 MR. ZACHAROF: Mr. Chairman, before we get  
44 on that, I'd like to make another suggestion in regards to  
45 a trip to St. Paul Island, and Della made a good comment  
46 earlier. If there's a budget problem, bring limited  
47 staffers to St. Paul if that's a problem. If there's a  
48 budget problem. And we could have a teleconference with  
49 Staff that aren't able to make it if there's a budget  
50 problem.

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And also looking at the  
2 map and the cost difference, it's just very similar to  
3 coming here to Cold Bay with about a half hour more flying  
4 time than going to Cold Bay.  
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6 MS. CHIVERS: Who is the airline? Is it  
7 Alaska?  
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9 MR. ZACHAROF: Alaska Airline. Pen Air.  
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11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So it will be direct.  
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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Alaska/Pen Air.  
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15 MR. ZACHAROF: We're building a new runway,  
16 so.....  
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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We hear you, Della.  
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20 MS. TRUMBLE: Oh, I'm just -- I'm getting  
21 tired.  
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23 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Boy, if we were there,  
24 you'd be cooking for us tonight. You'd really be tired.  
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26 MS. TRUMBLE: Oh, I'd be wide awake ready  
27 to cook I tell you. It's just been really bad squalls all  
28 day, and I have to be honest, you guys are just like fading  
29 in, then you come back in really loud, and then you fade  
30 back out. So it's been hard listening, so.....  
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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's exactly how we felt  
33 in Larson Bay last spring.  
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35 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.  
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37 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay.  
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39 MS. CHIVERS: Mr. Chair.  
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41 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Michelle.  
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43 MS. CHIVERS: You guys have mentioned  
44 Ouzinkie being number 1 and Port Lyons number 2. Do we  
45 want to change Ouzinkie if there's no lodging? It doesn't  
46 make sense to go.....  
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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's up to somebody else  
49 if they want to call there and see if they could find  
50 lodging, but there's no lodging available there that I know

1 of.  
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3 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Can't sleep in the  
4 gym?  
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6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I grew up there.  
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8 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Why don't we go to  
9 Port Lions, and back up with.....  
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11 MS. CHIVERS: Well, maybe you want to  
12 suggest Port Lions as number 1.  
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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think it would have to  
15 be Port Lions, and we'd better have a back up like Kodiak  
16 or whatever, because if them people don't register, they're  
17 not going to be able to take POs, so there won't be no  
18 place to stay.  
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20 MR. CRATTY: Let's go to Port Lions, and  
21 Old Harbor's back up. You're all welcome to Old Harbor.  
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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is Old Harbor going to come  
24 into that same situation?  
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26 MR. CRATTY: We've got two lodges.  
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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chair.  
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30 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Vince.  
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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I kind of agree with  
33 everyone, but based on information we've heard from --  
34 regarding Ouzinkie, I think we ought to go to Port Lions,  
35 and if Al wants to host us an alternate for Old Harbor,  
36 that's fine.  
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38 MR. CRATTY: No problem.  
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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Sounds good to me.  
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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Third back up, Kodiak.  
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44 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Ends up Port Lions,  
45 Old Harbor, Kodiak.  
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47 MS. TRUMBLE: We're probably the only  
48 region that has a third back up.  
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50 (Laughter)

1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Weather.  
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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: At least the whole board  
4 will be there.  
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6 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Yes, we'll all make it  
7 to Kodiak.  
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9 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.  
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11 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Okay. Anything else  
12 that's on -- I've lost my agenda.  
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14 MR. ZACHAROF: What were the dates?  
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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Topic issues.  
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18 MR. CRATTY: March 21st, 22nd.  
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20 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Huh?  
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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What's topic issues.  
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24 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Topic and issues.  
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26 MS. CHIVERS: Actually earlier I was going  
27 to make a suggestion when we were talking about the issue  
28 of St. Paul and Unalaska, when the Council had requested,  
29 and we were turned down, actually I was going to make a  
30 suggested at that time to move it to this point, because it  
31 has to do with future meeting plans, which falls under  
32 this, but I've already got that written down, so -- unless  
33 you had any other issues. You guys stated budget as well.  
34 So if there's anything in addition to that, I can make note  
35 of it.  
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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Hopefully by March Adak  
38 will get four flights a week, so it shouldn't be any  
39 problem getting there.  
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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Move to adjourn.  
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43 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.  
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45 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Moved and seconded.  
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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Third.  
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49 CHAIRMAN SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della.  
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Meeting adjourned.

(Off record - 4:15 p.m.)

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