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MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Della Trumble, Chair
- Paul Gunderson, Vice Chair
- Gilda M. Shellikoff, Secretary
- Pete Squartsoff
- Alfred B. Cratty, Jr.
- Speridan Simeonoff, Sr.
- Richard M. Zacharof
- Ivan Lukin
- Michelle Chivers, Coordinator
- David Burrows, Recorder

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. We'll call the
8 meeting back to order. It's about 9:12. The next item we
9 had on the agenda was Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
10 Larry Van Daele, and you said he's probably not on the
11 plane?

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13 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Well, I'll tell you, he
14 ain't on the plane.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: So, item number F
17 would be migratory birds. Paul Gunderson?

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19 MR. GUNDERSON: I just gave the materials
20 to Michelle. She's going to go run it off.

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22 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Madam Chair, I'd like to
25 make a motion to add Special Action WS-00-1-2, deer.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do I hear a second to
28 the motion?

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30 MR. ZACHAROF: Second it.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Discussion? Question?
33 All in favor signify by saying aye.

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35 IN UNISON: Aye.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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39 (No opposing responses)

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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. I
42 think we'll add it. We've got to continue on with the
43 goat. So, we do the goat and then the WS-00-1-2.

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45 MR. FISHER: Madam Chair, thank you. On
46 this special action, I have the notes that Pete and I
47 discussed last night. What I'll do is, when I get back to
48 the office I'll write it through the board on the official
49 form and then send you a copy and a copy to Pete and make
50 sure that you agree it. Really, we don't have to get

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1 something done here real quick like, so we have a little
2 bit of time. Is that okay?

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. What we do
5 have, maybe we'll move on to the report after the last
6 meeting me and Paul attended with the Chairs being
7 appointed to the protocols and what had transpired at that
8 point. During our get-together, we had put names on
9 various protocols to try to get them on. When we got to
10 the meeting, they determined there was maybe 14, I think.
11 Is that correct? Two representatives to each protocol, so
12 it would have come up to 14. So, maybe it was five,
13 because there was 10 regions. So, it was 10 people total
14 and the five protocols. So they decided that two people
15 would sit on each of them. So, it came out to it would be
16 one person from each region.

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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh.

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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And at that time, I
21 had signed up on the C&T one, so I did -- all the Chairs
22 are on that one. And the other one that Paul ended up
23 getting appointed to was the.....

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Fisheries.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:fisheries
28 monitoring plan statewide, because they have the
29 Yukon-Kuskokwim one in place.

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: There's just the two of us
32 on there -- me and Robert Heyano from BBMC.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: BBMC, uh-huh, and that
35 basically covers that one. The other item we had on the
36 agenda was a C&T determination process, and this is more of
37 a -- when we talked a little bit in our workshop about
38 trying to work closely with the Council members and getting
39 contact names from them or somebody in the regions when
40 we're working on these C&T's to try to get a little better
41 dialogue and get information from more people. Pat, that's
42 nothing personal against you. You've been doing a good
43 job. It's just sometimes, with six months between
44 meetings, a lot of times if we can streamline a little bit
45 more of our material and stuff it helps.

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47 The other item that I believe we have is
48 the goat. We can go back to the goat. And, at this point,
49 it's open for counsel discussion. Al?

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1 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I'd like to move we table
2 it or whatever until we get more C&T for Akhiok and
3 Ouzinkie before we go ahead with it. I don't know. Do we
4 need to go ahead and discuss how many we want, or.....

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We did have the one
7 report that was supposed to be done yet.

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9 MR. JENNINGS: Madam Chair, Tim Jennings
10 with the Office of Subsistence Management. Al, was your
11 question about the season and the harvest limits quotas,
12 whatever?

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14 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Uh-huh.

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16 MR. JENNINGS: If you want to hear that
17 discussion, you can. In terms of process and being able to
18 make a good decision on both, the C&T needs to be done
19 first so you have a defined set of users -- you know how
20 big the user for C&T would be for goats -- and then that
21 would help lead you in terms of what you need to do to
22 define the seasons and the quotas or the harvest limits.
23 So, it's your option. If you want to go into that, you
24 can, but I would recommend that, stepwise, to do the C&T
25 first. And if you intend to defer the C&T then it may be
26 to your benefit just to put the other aside, unless you
27 want to discuss strategies for the future. But, I would
28 recommend you not take any action on the second part of it
29 until the C&T is done.

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31 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Uh-huh.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Ivan?

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35 MR. LUKIN: Well, I agree. I didn't
36 realize how the people in Kodiak felt about it, and it's
37 pretty clear how they do now. I'm certainly not here to
38 support them. I'm here to work for our own people, but I
39 also feel it's important that we get everything lined up
40 properly and take it step by step and keep on moving with
41 it. So that's where I'm at with it.

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43 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Yeah, Madam Chair, I
44 believe we should get the C&T down, simply because Akhiok
45 was left out of that proposal. You know, I don't know if
46 we need to table it until the next meeting or have a
47 special meeting after all the C&T's are collected to keep
48 this moving forward. I do agree we need more C&T.

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50 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Richard?

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1 MR. ZACHAROF: Yes, I agree also.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Paul?

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5 MR. GUNDERSON: I do, too. I'd like to
6 know about the size of the herd. You know, I really
7 haven't heard any numbers -- exactly how big the herd is
8 and how many permits the let go for a harvest annually --
9 so, to get an idea of what the numbers are going to be.
10 But, yeah, I believe that they should get the C&T and
11 things like that before we pursue the matter any further.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Gilda?

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15 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Yes, I agree, that we need
16 to get the C&T before we could move on.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete?

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I agree. I'd like to make
21 a motion to table Proposal 15a and 15b until we have C&T
22 determination from the villages on Kodiak.....

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24 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I'll second that.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF:a study of C&T.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: A motion made by
29 Pete.....

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And, also, on 15b that we
32 also have -- that it submitted with, how it's going to be
33 implemented, like, so much per community or whatever.

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35 MR. FISHER: Some management
36 recommendations.....

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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40 MR. FISHER:or alternatives?

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh.

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44 MR. FISHER: Excuse me for interrupting.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Sure, that's fine.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The motion made by
49 Pete Squartsoff, second by Al Cratty to table.

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1 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Madam Chair?

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Speridan?

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5 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: May I ask for a
6 clarification? You know, we're going to table it till
7 when?

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9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Until this study is done,
10 or until we can put the proposal in again.

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12 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Our fall meeting.

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14 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Until our fall
15 meeting?

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Your fall meeting, I
18 think, will come up.....

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20 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: That will be quite a
21 way away.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:for fisheries.
24 Fisheries. And then it's going to have to go back to the
25 next year, winter meeting. So, it actually will be next
26 year -- take it up next year when we're in Kodiak again.

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28 MR. JENNINGS: Madam Chair is correct.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Well the area was --
31 the Kodiak area.

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33 MR. LUKIN: One thing I'd like to see in
34 this while this is the beginning process for this. I'd
35 like to see a more accurate count on what's out there.
36 From what I hear, the State or whoever is involved in it is
37 just looking at it and assuming what's out there in the
38 field, and I don't feel that's -- it's not very accurate.
39 We need more accurate numbers on what's there.

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41 MR. JENNINGS: Madam Chair, maybe the
42 refuge would want to reply to that since we're dealing with
43 Federal lands. I don't know if they depend upon ADF&G
44 surveys solely, or if they also do their own surveys.
45 Maybe they'd want to address that issue.

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47 MR. PYLE: Madam Chair, Bill Pyle, Kodiak
48 Refuge. Ivan, in regards to the question about goat
49 populations on Federal lands, I think there's a high level
50 of confidence in the estimate of mountain goats on Federal

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1 lands. Clearly, the refuge has been -- well, the only
2 people that are serving are ADF&G, and that's the history
3 of the situation. We've looked at their information.
4 We've discussed their survey methodology and, by virtue of
5 where the goats are at the time of year that they're
6 surveyed, if there's any question about numbers usually
7 it's in relation to the years where they don't have
8 complete coverage because of weather conditions. Sometimes
9 there's a limit to what they can estimate. And, then,
10 every few years they have a tendency to be able to --
11 because of weather conditions -- have a more thorough
12 survey.

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14 If the Fish and Wildlife Service was
15 involved in the surveys, we would essentially be using the
16 same procedure that the State is using. And I think one
17 valid consideration would be for the Fish and Wildlife
18 Service to become more directly involved in population
19 assessment to cooperate with the State, which has not
20 occurred to this point, to ensure that consistent and valid
21 surveys are done so we can report to you what we're seeing
22 in conjunction with the State. And, so, that would be my
23 observation.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Bill, that was one of
26 the suggestions I was going to make, to have Fish and
27 Wildlife be involved with the State or coordinate the
28 efforts with the State when they're doing the surveys. And
29 we have, actually, in our region with the caribou had
30 requested that a local resident be part of that process,
31 too. You know, there's some speculation that maybe these
32 surveys are being done under by the State side, for their
33 efforts in managing the game. I think it doesn't hurt to
34 have a little more coordinated effort and gain a little
35 trust amongst all the different parties involved, that when
36 these decisions are being made there's not so much
37 antagonism.

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39 MR. GUNDERSON: The program that Della
40 spoke about that's worked real well for us, it's a joint
41 process between the communities, the State and the feds.
42 There's a lot local knowledge as to what time of the year
43 it is, what the weather conditions are and where these
44 animals would be -- where they would be harboring in
45 certain times of the years. When they put this program
46 together and done it, their numbers changed dramatically --
47 up by about 60 to 70 percent. So, I believe they ended up
48 with a lot more accurate account.

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50 MR. PYLE: Thank you. And so the

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1 consideration here is making sure that there is
2 communication with folks who have that local knowledge, and
3 I was just questioning as to whether -- you know, we were
4 talking about getting those folks up in the air with us,
5 because there's kind of a limit as to how many observers we
6 can handle in our survey aircraft. But I think I follow
7 you pretty clearly. If it's in relation to -- well find
8 out, right, on the basis of where they're distributed in
9 and around these communities and, whoever has that
10 knowledge, acquire it to improve the survey accuracy.

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12 MR. GUNDERSON: Uh-huh.

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Bill, I'd just like you to
15 know, Butch, your pilot, has been flying Kodiak for many,
16 many, many years. He flew commercial and then went over to
17 refuge and he's been there I'm not sure how many years.
18 But most of us know Butch real well. We know he's been
19 flying the island for many years, and I think he probably
20 knows a lot about it, about how much goats there is on
21 Kodiak.

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23 MR. PYLE: Okay. I guess.....

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You might want to talk to
26 him about it.

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28 MR. PYLE: Good suggestion. Thank you.
29 One other consideration would be that the refuge currently
30 is not funded for such a survey, and that there definitely
31 is a cost associated with the air operations and additional
32 costs associated with the survey and, you know, the workup
33 of the information, and if you could consider that. I
34 don't think it would necessarily stop us from being
35 involved with the survey this year, but it certainly is
36 something that we need to consider with our future
37 management as we become more involved in, you know, active
38 management of mountain goats. That's something I think you
39 would see us calling for, that level of support.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I also think that
42 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game would welcome --
43 because of their budget cuts all the time -- that they
44 would welcome somebody else helping them with the survey.

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46 MR. PYLE: If I may add I think that that
47 perhaps has been one of the influencing factors in relation
48 to how much they've been able to survey to some extent. I
49 mean, it certainly has a role in recent years to what they
50 can cover, the budget consideration.

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1 MR. GUNDERSON: I know they've got a number
2 of joint projects down in our area, I'm sure, over the last
3 few years -- when they radio collar, do the surveys, the
4 calf studies and things like that it's been kind of a joint
5 program. So, it's been working out real well. We've been
6 getting good information.

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8 MR. PYLE: Good. One of the other
9 considerations is that typically when we prepared requests
10 for cooperation with the subsistence management division
11 it's been one where, for example, we requested a small
12 amount of money for use in a cooperative survey effort with
13 the State in regards to elk. Now, that's a new effort we
14 requested specifically. We haven't been surveying elk just
15 with mountain goats. As far as we know, that was approved.
16 We haven't seen the numbers from Anchorage yet, but we also
17 requested in terms of goats. As far as we know, that was
18 rejected. There is some question about whether -- you
19 know, because it wasn't a species that had been determined
20 to be a subsistence priority species -- well, you don't
21 have a program and, therefore, perhaps it's not a priority
22 to survey that species and get ahead of it and acquire the
23 information. Hopefully, the Council could encourage us to
24 become involved in mountain goat surveys.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Would it be helpful to
27 get a letter from this Council to ADF&G in Kodiak and
28 basically given an outline of what transpired, and the
29 concerns and some of the issues and the desire to do a
30 little more coordinated effort in regard to the goats?

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32 MR. PYLE: Well, that's a good suggestion,
33 and I guess my perspective is that it's not a question of
34 whether we, in part, should -- they're very open to
35 cooperation. There's no question about it, and part of it,
36 I think, has been frankly where the refuge has
37 traditionally placed the priority for its surveys and
38 focus. It hasn't been important enough to us to become
39 involved at this point, up until now, and it certainly
40 seems and suggests that we ought to be. Clearly, as Pete
41 indicated, Fish and Game is very interested in having our
42 cooperation, and for our part, at the refuge, that's our
43 goal is to see that happen on a consistent basis.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think my concern's
46 coming from the letter writing and the statements that Fish
47 and Game is doing a good job with the goats, and that's not
48 something that this Council has been making any statements
49 against but it seems to be perceived that way by maybe the
50 Advisory Council and members in the community, and if Fish

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1 and Game can try to shed a little more light on that issue
2 in Kodiak it would probably help. Anyway, anybody else?
3 Pete?

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5 MS. EAKON: I was going suggest that maybe
6 this Council might want to write a letter to the Fish and
7 Wildlife regional office to encourage them to move this up
8 on their list of survey studies, that you are very, very
9 concerned about this issue, and that way his boss will have
10 notice that you want the survey done on Federal public
11 lands.

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13 MR. PYLE: Thank you.

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15 MS. EAKON: And I could help Michelle draft
16 one.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Any other
19 discussion? Pete, did you have something else?

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No. If Larry would have
22 made it here, I know he would have said how -- he's told me
23 many times that he wants to work with this Council, with
24 the State on these kind of things. So, I think we will be
25 able to work together.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. We've got a
28 motion made by Pete, second by Al Cratty. Anymore
29 discussion? Question?

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31 MR. GUNDERSON: Question.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
34 by saying aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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40 (No opposing responses)

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42 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Then
43 we can move on to WS--00-1-2, which is a special action on
44 deer. David?

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46 MR. FISHER: Yes, Madam Chair, what this
47 special action would do would reduce the harvest limit in
48 two portions of Unit 8. The harvest limit would be reduced
49 from five deer to three deer and this would, I believe --
50 I'll have to do a little checking when I get back to the

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1 office with out liaison person there, Dan Leplant (ph), and
2 see what has transpired at the Board of Game meeting -- but
3 this, from what I know right now, would align the harvest
4 limits up for both the State regulations and the Federal
5 regulations.

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7 Apparently, there's low deer numbers, and
8 the population is down according to our discussion last
9 night and what I've read in this letter to you from the
10 Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee. The numbers are
11 down below current Fish and Game management objectives, and
12 the harvest is down. The thinking is that by reducing the
13 harvest limit, it would speed the recovery of the
14 population, and I will be checking with refuge biologists
15 on this. They have been very helpful in the past to help
16 me draft up special action biological analysis. Like I
17 said earlier, when I get back the office I will put this in
18 more official language and get a copy to you for your
19 review. That's all I have, unless there's any questions.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete?

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No. I'd just like to make
24 a motion to adopt WS-00-1-2, and we can open for
25 discussion.

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27 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I got one. Yeah, the one
28 they did on the State on a two-year cycle, I'd like to see
29 this because it's liable to change in two years on the
30 State if the deer population comes back. If the deer
31 population comes back in the State the way we did it, two
32 years from now it's going to go to the board again. You
33 could up the deer limit.

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35 MR. FISHER: Well, we could do the same
36 thing with.....

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We could put in a
39 proposal, too, up at.....

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41 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, well I just want to
42 make it a record.

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44 MR. JENNINGS: They clarify the length in
45 the special action. It would not be permanent regulation.

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47 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah.

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49 MR. FISHER: The special action, like Tim
50 says, would not be a permanent regulation. It would be in

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1 effect for that year until the regulation.....

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Until the next period?

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5 MR. FISHER: Yeah.

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay. So, it'll come back
8 up again.

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10 MR. JENNINGS: It will be a short-term.

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's for this season.

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14 MR. JENNINGS: So, if you want a permanent
15 change, then you need to submit....

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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19 MR. FISHER: Submit another proposal.

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21 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Uh-huh, right.

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23 MR. FISHER: With the special action and
24 our proposal process, we can keep up with the Board of Game
25 process.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, Pete, were you
30 making a motion then?

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: To accept W -- WS, is
35 it....

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: WS.....

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:00-1-2.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do I here a second?

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45 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Second.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Gilda
48 Shellikoff. Discussion?

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50 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: What does that

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1 proposal change in the.....

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The harvest.

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5 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: It reduces the.....

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, there's two
8 different portions here on deer in Unit 8. The existing
9 one is: Unit 8, that portion of Kodiak Island and adjacent
10 islands, south and west of a line from the head of Terror
11 Bay to the head of the southernmost arm of Uganik Bay; five
12 deer. However, antlerless deer may be taken only from
13 October 1 to January 31. And on the deer, continued,
14 remainder of Unit 8: Five deer. However antlerless deer
15 may be taken only from October 1 to January 31. No more
16 than one antlerless deer may be taken from October 1 to
17 November 30th. And those dates are August 1st to January
18 31st, and what this is going to do is just change that
19 number. Everything is going to stay the same except the
20 number.

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22 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Okay.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We'll go from five to
25 three.

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27 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: That's from Terror Bay
28 to Ugat Bay?

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30 MR. CRATTY, JR.: No, that's down by you.
31 That's all the Federal lands.

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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No. It's all Federal
34 lands, on refuge.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Any other
37 discussion or questions?

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Was that right, Dave?
40 That's the way it's written up.

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42 MR. FISHER: Yes, that's the way it will be
43 written up.

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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. Okay.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Call for question.

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49 MR. GUNDERSON: Question.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
2 by saying aye.

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4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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8 (No opposing responses)

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. One
11 of the items we also had left on this agenda was a Kodiak
12 and Izembek CCC, or CCP, Robert. And the reason this is on
13 there, and we've kind of discussed it through the course of
14 the meetings was to make sure that the people on the
15 Councils and the communities are involved. I know you
16 mentioned trying to get people to fly into Kodiak for this
17 process, but if there's any way people can fly out to the
18 surrounding communities. I know it works so much better
19 when you get more people involved in that process.

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21 MR. STOVALL: We discussed a lot of ways to
22 get more public involvement in our CCP process. We just
23 had this meeting earlier this week. One of the ways that
24 we did discuss is the possibility of going to the villages.
25 We also discussed the possibility of bringing some members
26 of each of the villages up to our meetings. So, we looked
27 at a range of situations that we'd use and more involve the
28 public and/or the villages, for that matter.

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30 What the plan is, is we're planning on
31 having meetings where the public can actually sit in during
32 our working meetings on the CCC plans, and then they can
33 interject their information during those meetings. Like I
34 said, we discuss the possibility of bringing folks to the
35 villages. We kind of decided not to go to the villages
36 from the standpoint that it's usually difficult to get down
37 and/or back. And that's not to say that we won't, but at
38 present I don't think any of the meetings are scheduled to
39 go to any of the specific villages in the Kodiak area for
40 our CCP meetings. We have about three or four that are
41 planned to be in that nature. If at all possible, we may
42 -- I don't know, I can't really speak for what we could do
43 -- but, for the meeting where the alternatives are being
44 developed it's going to be a couple day meeting. That's a
45 possibility of maybe trying to bring some folks up who are
46 interested in it from the villages. That would be the most
47 important meeting. Do you have anything to add, Bill?

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think I know how
50 important it is in our region, because as Council members,

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1 you know, we try to pass on information. But there's a lot
2 of concern and interest from all the people in the region
3 on these refuges, and mainly it is, to be honest with you,
4 directed toward the guiding that's going on. And it's my
5 understanding that in order to change that planning process
6 that this is where we should do that. We were concerned
7 about there's technically no limits in Izembek on how many
8 guides can go in there for bird hunting, and those are
9 issues that we have concerns about. Like I say, anytime
10 people can get to the communities, those are the people you
11 need to hear. That's all. Does anybody else have anything
12 in regard to that?

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14 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, I guess we could use
15 last year as an example. About a year or a year and a half
16 ago at one of our meetings we discussed an increase in
17 activity on Izembek Wildlife Refuge, and we felt quite
18 strongly that before anything were to be done we would like
19 to look at the numbers and what the impact was going to be
20 on the local communities. Lo and behold last fall, when we
21 were having our meeting, there had been six more use
22 permits put in the area, and each one of those use permits
23 probably incorporates 50 or more bird hunters. And if
24 somebody could have scared you -- to look at Della's face
25 when she found out about it, it would have scared everybody
26 out of there. But, you know, things like that happened.
27 Putting that kind of information back to the community, and
28 they ask you what the hell you been doing? You're supposed
29 to be stopping or curbing this stuff. If we don't become
30 part of that process, it's going to be pretty tough to deal
31 with.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And me and Paul don't
34 want to live in Cold Bay.

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36 MR. STOVALL: I, of course, will not speak
37 to what Izembek is doing. I know Rick is trying to foster
38 a spirit of cooperation with you folks, and I'm sure he's
39 going to try to continue to do that. That's the best I can
40 do. I know what we're doing here on the refuge from the
41 standpoint of permitting and how we permit. There are two
42 major permits that are well controlled by a prospectus
43 process are the sport hunting guide and -- the big game
44 guides, I should say.....

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Uh-huh.

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48 MR. STOVALL:and, right now, we did a
49 sportfishing guide prospectus just recently for some of the
50 river systems on our refuge. The only other major viewing

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1 permits that are issued are probably wildlife viewing
2 permits.

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4 MR. PYLE: Bill Pyle, Kodiak Refuge, and
5 that is probably one area that will be discussed
6 considerably is wildlife viewing permits. We initiated
7 that class of permits in the, I believe, early 90's, and
8 currently there are no limits on that. I haven't heard any
9 serious discussion of changing that, but that may be of
10 interest with respect to concerns in the community as to
11 whether they're involved. You know, that's one example,
12 the permit process, and what's available in that regard and
13 any other issues. I mean, I would clearly encourage
14 participation, and I think we're going to be reaching out
15 to try and tap into the leadership in the communities so
16 they are participating in these upcoming meeting on a
17 consistent basis. So, you'll be hearing from us.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Al?

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21 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, I was wondering
22 have you guys ever thought of looking at the transporters
23 you got that are using refuge lands and how many there are
24 because of the problem that they have in Akhiok with their
25 deer population? It isn't so much of a problem around
26 here, but you got a bunch of Homer boats going down there
27 and cleaning up their deer, whatever or whatnot. From the
28 subsistence side of it, I think, you know -- I don't know
29 if it's time to put a cap on it or you guys can even get
30 involved in it or if it's even our area to.....

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32 MR. PYLE: Al, one of the challenges that
33 we face is in regards to marine transporters. If there out
34 on the waters and that's all they're doing, in fact, we
35 cannot control them. We can determine how many are there.
36 I may be missing something, but they're, for example, not
37 covered. They were originally covered in our special use
38 permits, but then it was determined -- it's, like, we don't
39 have the authority. As long as they're out in the water
40 and that's all they're doing is moving people that way.

41
42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But there putting these
43 people ashore to hunt on refuge lands.

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45 MR. STOVALL: Yeah, and what happens is
46 they normally aren't coming off the boat and guiding the
47 people up above the high tide line which, of course, is the
48 start of refuge lands, and that's the primary reason we
49 can't control the numbers of those boats that are out in
50 those waters doing that. That would be a question for the

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1 Department of Fish and Game. We can check the hunters in
2 the field once they get on the lands to make sure that they
3 have their proper licenses and are properly hunting, and we
4 have done courtesy checks on some marine operators when
5 we're on that side of the island -- west side or east side.
6 But we don't have the jurisdiction to actually control that
7 particular State permit.

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9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Getting back to a
10 comprehensive plan, I would like to see us updated for
11 Kodiak at these meetings so we know exactly what's going on
12 with those plans -- after your meetings, or when we have
13 these meetings, if we can have an update on what's
14 happening with the bear viewing and sportfishing and
15 everything else on refuge.

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17 MR. PYLE: Right. We can make sure that
18 all the members are included in the mailing list, at a
19 minimum, and there's going to be a lot of action that
20 occurs between now and next October for sure. I mean, some
21 of the major action in terms of development of alternatives
22 and, you know, preceding the release of the draft document
23 which will occur likely next fall. So, I mean, the
24 meetings upcoming in April and May are critically important
25 in terms of participation, and we'd like to keep you
26 informed even if we can't see you in person. I mean, we
27 assume we will see several of you at those meeting but,
28 otherwise, to communicate with all members of the Council
29 as to what's going on.

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31 We have an ongoing newsletter process.
32 Plus, we will be developing our website and updating that
33 on a regular basis from meeting to meeting so we get the
34 information out. And it's not a periodic update but, you
35 know, that when there's any change that it's immediately
36 incorporated. And the analogy I would give you is the
37 State's current bear management planning process where, you
38 know, they're taking information from one week,
39 synthesizing that information, and two weeks after the
40 meeting the information is posted on the website and that's
41 just one opportunity to see that information and to comment
42 on it.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: There are current
45 plans in place. Is that correct?

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47 MR. PYLE: Current plan for?

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: There's current
50 management plans for the refuges in place at this time?

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1 MR. PYLE: Correct. The conservation plan
2 from 1987 is still the current operative.....

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I'm wondering if we
5 can get copies of that to all the Council members for both
6 refuges, because it's an issue. I think that prior to
7 going to these communities that these people have time to
8 go through that and get some ideas on what their thoughts
9 are on what's in place and what they'd like to see changed
10 or added and maybe it helps that process along a lot
11 faster.

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13 MR. STOVALL: Madam Chair, the conservation
14 plan for Kodiak is quite a few pages and quite a few maps
15 for the 1987 version. I think it would probably serve you
16 better to just gather the information that has come out
17 during the planning process so far, because the plan that
18 we're working under now is a working plan but it's a plan
19 that is actively being revised. I don't know how much
20 benefit you would have in all the Council members having a
21 plan of that major -- we.....

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All the Council
24 members from Kodiak? For their own perspective regions?

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26 MR. STOVALL: We could probably get a copy
27 together for all of them. It would take some time
28 probably, but we could do that if they'd like.

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30 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I think it would be real
31 helpful to us to see what you guys' overall plan is. It
32 would help us understand and know what you guys' goals are.

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34 MR. PYLE: And that's, if I may -- Bill
35 Pyle, Kodiak Refuge -- one of the areas that is changing is
36 the goals and objectives of the refuge are, you know,
37 logically being refined through this current planning
38 process. Purposes, you know, forever stay the same. Goals
39 and objectives, I mean we're really taking a hard look at
40 those and trying to refine them, but that's a good example
41 of the function of this plan. So, on the one hand, it's
42 important to have that historic perspective of what's
43 current management because that's going to be one of the
44 alternatives in the plan is maintain the status quo, do the
45 same things we've been doing, and contrast that with
46 proposed changes and new strategies for management.

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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Madam Chair?

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50 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete?

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I guess what I'm trying to
2 get at, too, is I would -- on this comprehensive plan
3 stuff, with all these changes, and permitting, I would like
4 to see that the villages be able to get some of those
5 permits that are on the refuge, such as Karluk, Old Harbor,
6 Akhiok. You know, them people living in them communities
7 should have the opportunity to get some of those permits
8 that are going to be issued for bear viewing, sportfishing,
9 whatever it may be.

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11 MR. PYLE: As far as I know, they're not
12 excluded from the current process if they qualify, you
13 know, with respect.....

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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17 MR. PYLE:to sportfishing and big
18 game guiding.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But, it's relatively new
21 to the villages to be getting involved in this stuff, and
22 with the way everything else is going in the fisheries and
23 everything, these people in these villages have to start
24 doing something different.

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26 MR. LUKIN: Pete, they're doing that.
27 Kodiak is encouraging the people down in that Karluk area
28 to participate in that.

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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Karluk, right. But just
31 encouraging them -- if they say, two permits go to Karluk,
32 two to Old Harbor and two to Akhiok, or whatever, and the
33 people decide who gets those permits through their tribal
34 council.

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36 MR. PYLE: And if I may add the refuge has
37 some fairly unique arrangements ongoing and some that are
38 developing with some of the Native corporations. Koniag is
39 a case in point where we're required to provide, by virtue
40 of a condition of the arrangement with them, a special
41 consideration for, you know, the opportunities that may be
42 available.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. I guess what I'm
45 saying is that I'm very shocked at what happened at this
46 last census of the decline in the people in these
47 communities, because there's no jobs for them. And this
48 would create some jobs for some people in these
49 communities.

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1 MR. PYLE: Well, and there may be some
2 cases where -- for example, outside the case of wildlife
3 viewing permits -- you know, inevitably there may be a day
4 where there's a limit on the number of wildlife viewing
5 permits and that would be an area to focus attention on
6 because there may, in fact, be existing operations that are
7 occurring that are not covered by permits and we would
8 encourage folks to -- and it's a fairly simple process to
9 get a permit -- to become involved so they can take
10 advantage and are acknowledged for what they do, providing
11 a quality service. So that's a good example of becoming
12 more informed and involved and our process, because we're
13 not trying to exclude anybody from this.

14
15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. I understand.
16 But, I mean, people in the villages, most of them are
17 unaware of what's going on, I think, and it's very hard for
18 us to make meetings in Kodiak all the time to be involved
19 in the process. And I know Jay did come out to Port Lions.
20 He's gone to all the villages, and a lot of people really
21 don't understand what's going on.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think we as Council
24 members understand better, too. We're able to pass it on
25 to these communities more so, too. To me, in a way, the
26 plans that are in place -- I've never seen one, so I
27 haven't a clue, you know, what goes on or what the process
28 is. It's an educational process for us, too.

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30 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Mitch Simeonoff from
31 Akhiok. As a charter boat operator, I've never had any
32 problems getting permits for wildlife viewing. The only
33 thing that has cause a problem for me is getting a permit
34 for sportfishing in the rivers. You know, you've only got
35 three permits for that -- I think it's three permits for
36 the south end, and I've submitted my name every year since
37 I became a six-pack operator, and I've never gotten drawn
38 yet.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Anybody else? I think
41 we've covered -- oh, Al?

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43 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Robert, well how do they
44 work the permit system for sportfishing. Like, if he
45 hasn't been drawn and he's applied every year, why is
46 there.....

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48 MR. PYLE: We just went through a pretty
49 intensive process this year where we went through a
50 prospectus system where, you know, the attention was

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1 focused, especially on the high competition for very
2 intensively used areas -- the Dog Salmon, Uganik, Ayakulik
3 and one of the other major drainages -- and so those areas
4 specifically were limited in terms of the number of guides
5 and the number of clients for certain sections of those
6 rivers. And then the approach taken on other areas that
7 are less intensively used was that essentially it's open,
8 you know, unlimited. So the focus has been on trying to
9 allocate among the guides that are operating around there
10 and to focus the attention on the areas where there's a lot
11 of competition for that use.

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13 So, as far as I know, I mean a lot of these
14 systems are open. But you still have to acquire a permit.

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16 MR. STOVALL: Yeah, Mitch, like Bill said,
17 a lot of the areas have opened. There's no longer that
18 lottery system. The four systems that have been selected
19 to have sportfish guide operators, that process has gone
20 through. All the other systems are now open, and it's a
21 matter of submitting your operational plan and getting a
22 special use permit for those systems now. Like I said, Dog
23 Salmon, Ayakulik River are two of the areas which is, of
24 course, closest to where you would want to do your work
25 out, that already have a sportfish prospectus process going
26 through, and they have awarded those to those guides that
27 have applied for those.

28
29 MR. PYLE: And whether it's all of the Dog
30 Salmon, we can't address. It may, in fact, not include the
31 lower end. A lot of times it's the section that's most
32 intensely used that's the focus for limiting.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, do you know, Robert
35 or Bill, is there two separate upper and lower Dog Salmon,
36 or is it just one Dog Salmon?

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38 MR. PYLE: I think most of the focus has
39 been below Frazer Lake as far as that's concerned.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Because, you know, I've
42 got a permit in the past for Dog Salmon up at the lake.
43 But, because Mitch only goes in by boat, if there could be
44 a separate upper and lower.....

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46 MR. PYLE: I think it was split out.

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48 MR. LUKIN: My question is how many permits
49 do you allow for those areas like where Mitch is at?

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1 MR. PYLE: We don't have that specific
2 information here, but we'd be glad to provide that to the
3 Council. The sportfishing prospectus process, you know,
4 there's a handout we can give that details exactly what
5 went on and what the number of permits per area is and, you
6 know, show me a map where are the areas that you're talking
7 about. Would that be useful?

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9 MR. LUKIN: Yes, and one more question: Is
10 there any locals that do get the permits in that area, or
11 is it all outside controlled or what?

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13 MR. PYLE: I'm sure the process is open to
14 everybody and whether, in fact, anybody is represented
15 in.....

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17 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Oh, you got one.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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21 MR. PYLE: There you go.

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Ivan. I've had both
24 the bear viewing and the fishing for a number of years, but
25 now I don't know if I'll get one again with the changing
26 process.

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28 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: I've got a question.
29 This concerns the set netters in the Olga Bay area. You
30 know, whenever they're not fishing, they're always in the
31 Dog Salmon flats or in the Dog Salmon River. You know,
32 they're fly-fishing or sportfishing. Do you check on those
33 guys, or do they have permits to be in there? They're not
34 just sportfishing. They're going up the river for bear
35 viewing trips, too, bringing their families up there.

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37 MR. STOVALL: Are they specifically guiding
38 off island residents?

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40 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Some of them are
41 island residents. They live in Kodiak. But, you know, we
42 have like three-day fishing quotas and when I bring clients
43 in there there's usually a big line of skiffs in the mouth
44 of the river and there's people fishing and people up there
45 in the bear viewing area. You know, when I run into that
46 situation, I usually don't even go in there.

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48 MR. PYLE: Well, one of our concerns would
49 be whether any of those are guided operations that we don't
50 know about. But, other than that, it's a good example of

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1 why, you know, we have a planning process. It's to make
2 sure that people are stepping on each other, and the bottom
3 line is that the resources are impacted. It sounds like
4 that's an area that's pretty intensively used. And if you
5 have any thoughts in that regard, I encourage you, Mitch,
6 to become involved in the current planning process to let
7 your perspective be known about that and make us aware of
8 what's happening.

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10 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: The reason it concerns
11 me is that I've heard talk that that place was getting some
12 much people in it that they might just close it down
13 altogether. And, you know, as far as I know, I'm the only
14 six-pack operator down in Akhiok. None of the set netters
15 have six-pack licenses, nor do they have permits to -- you
16 know, if they're bringing their family up there, I'm
17 assuming they need a permit to bring people up there to
18 view bears or bring people out there to sportfish.

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20 MR. PYLE: One of the considerations in the
21 current plan -- and there will be considerable discussion
22 of it -- is how to balance the use among user groups and
23 guides and unguided public, because right now we have
24 stipulations that we associate -- as you know, Pete -- with
25 the guided operations, as to what they can do and where
26 they go and so on. And the unguided public is completely
27 -- I mean, there's no process that limits them at all. And
28 I think that's a concern among commercial operators that,
29 you know, there's a balance here and what is it and that's
30 going to be considered in terms of how we deal with the
31 kind of situation you're describing at Dog Salmon.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: If we can move on at
34 this time and if there's anything else anybody would like
35 to talk to the two gentlemen about in regard to these after
36 we get done with the meeting, but I think it's really
37 important and you've heard how to be involved in this
38 process.

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40 MR. LUKIN: I'd like to say one more thing
41 before we move on. I just see this as another classic
42 example as what's happening with the -- if we don't get a
43 portion of one of these industries or whatever you want to
44 call them, it seems we're getting excluded on everything.
45 This is why we try to fight for these.

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47 Look at the goat. You know, it goes right
48 back to that again, or any one of them. I guess it's just
49 not fair. You know, these guys here -- he lives in that
50 area. He should be able to work that area, if that's what

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1 he chooses to do.

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3 MR. STOVALL: Thanks, Ivan. I appreciate
4 the comments.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. We'll go
7 ahead and move on. Paul Gunderson, we have the status of
8 your proposal and then we have migratory birds.

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10 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair, Larry Buklis,
11 Office of Subsistence Management, Fish and Wildlife
12 Service. There were a couple of items that came out of my
13 report yesterday on the resource monitoring program and one
14 was Mr. Gunderson's project that he wanted us to track
15 down. It was the Sapsuk River weir coho project, and I
16 checked back at our office and a preproposal for that
17 project had not been received by our office. That's why it
18 was not listed on that handout I gave you yesterday.

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20 So, I asked the staff there to track it
21 down further and they checked with Jim Larsen of the King
22 Salmon resource office there and he said that, in the end,
23 he did not submit that preproposal for consideration. He
24 had been in consultation with the Department of Fish and
25 Game staff on that project idea, and Fish and Game would
26 have been involved in the project or would have been a key
27 supporter of the project idea if it would have gone
28 forward. The staff at Fish and Game had some concerns
29 about whether the weir could be held in during the coho
30 season and river conditions at that time, and so they were
31 kind of lukewarm on the idea at this time. So, without
32 their active support, Jim Larsen did not submit the
33 proposal. So it's not a consideration at this time, but it
34 could always be submitted for the next cycle if that gets
35 worked through.

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37 MR. GUNDERSON: I think there may have to
38 be some modification to it. I believe the State was
39 looking for more manpower. What we had done is earmarked
40 ex number of dollars to put against the project and I
41 believe they do have a lot of their workers on contract up
42 to a certain date and to re-up those, or whatever, would be
43 quite costly for them so I guess we didn't make it
44 attractive enough. But we'll try resubmitting with some
45 modification down the line here then and see what happens.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you.

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49 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair, somewhat related
50 to that discussion area, if I could bring up we had talked

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1 about priorities for the future and planning and I had
2 mentioned that your input's always welcome and you had
3 mentioned that at the February 6th and 7th Council meeting
4 in Anchorage for project reviews, you had done some
5 planning. And I asked the staff there and they said, yes,
6 they did have a list of ideas from you. So you were
7 correct. That had been done. But they just said that any
8 further ideas you have are always welcome and that if you
9 wanted to at some point give more of a sense of priority to
10 your ideas, that's welcome also.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you. I
13 had it on our list.

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15 MR. BUKLIS: Thank you.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Migratory birds?

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19 MR. GUNDERSON: Quack, quack.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Paul, you want
22 to go ahead with this?

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24 MR. GUNDERSON: Madam Chair, Council
25 members, this is some information that was passed out
26 during the time I was at the migratory co-management
27 meeting about 10 days ago, I believe it was. It was my
28 first time to participate in that meeting. There were a
29 number of issues brought up, some things that they wanted
30 to move on, and I didn't feel comfortable and neither did
31 several others on the committee to try to start a
32 regulation process and a harvest process at this time.
33 However, we did schedule an opening and closing date for
34 the subsistence season for waterfowl and, basically, I
35 guess it pertains to the interior and the western coastline
36 -- and, also, the egg gathering. There were several
37 proposals that were brought before us from southeastern
38 that wanted to be included in the process of egg gathering.

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40 There was a number of discussions as to the
41 timing of the birds laying eggs and when they sit on the
42 nest and it got to be more and more complicated as we
43 talked about it. They wanted to put specific dates, as
44 you've got a window of 10 days or something in which to do
45 this process. Unfortunately, even in our region, there
46 could be as much as 30 days' difference between nesting
47 areas. So, a lot of this stuff has got to be looked over.

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49 There's some guidelines as to what they
50 expect or what they want comments out of from the

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1 communities, especially on the means and methods of
2 gathering eggs, taking birds, what kind of equipment you
3 can use, or whatever. So, this information as to -- well,
4 I didn't feel comfortable making decisions on it myself at
5 this meeting so I said I wanted to take it back to the
6 community and have the people look at it. Because of the
7 geographic locations of a lot of these communities, that's
8 all going to differ. Some places will need ATV's to get
9 there, others will need a boat, and things like that.
10 We've got another meeting scheduled for April 30th and, at
11 that time, I hope to get some feedback from the communities
12 and start something in the regulatory process.

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14 But I really don't know where this Council
15 fits in with this whole process, so I was trying to figure
16 that out in the beginning. I don't know if these proposals
17 or preproposals or whatever it is that come out of the
18 communities would have to be reviewed by us before they
19 moved on to the migratory co-management plan. So, I think
20 we're going to have to be directly involved in it because
21 it is part of the process with the wildlife on these
22 Federal lands. That was about it in a nutshell.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thanks, Paul. Just a
25 comment, too. I know in one of our minutes, maybe about a
26 year ago or last fall, we did try to get appointments for
27 Paul Gunderson through APIA and Pete through KANA, but then
28 Pete's brother Herman is already in that seat. We did have
29 in our region for APIA -- and representation has been very
30 sketchy. They have not gotten information in time, and
31 it's really not been a good thing. It's kind of pull
32 somebody off the street and drag them to the meeting type
33 of thing. And when you get meeting notices two days before
34 a meeting and try to get someone prepared and able to
35 travel, it just doesn't work. But it's my understanding
36 during the course of this meeting that Ralph Andersen from
37 Bristol Bay made a motion to appoint Paul Gunderson on our
38 behalf from the Aleut Region, and it was seconded by
39 someone else in there. So I, for one, I'm really pleased
40 to see him in that seat because he's quite knowledgeable in
41 regard to this issue in our region.

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43 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, I think that was a
44 railroad job. I just walked in the room, and they nailed
45 me. It happened before I could even have any rebuttal.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other issue that
48 we have left? I've got items for annual report and I
49 looked at the last year's annual report, and I basically
50 think we're still continuing on with all of the items there

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1 and the newer items being the elk, the goat, and the deer,
2 the interest in the refuge planning process and pretty
3 much, I think, if we can get just a draft but put those
4 items in there and we'll add to it if we can.

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6 The major concerns were the stellar eider,
7 the stellar sea lion and the sea otter. Does anybody else
8 have anything they'd like to add to the list? I know there
9 was a copy of the letter in with our paperwork.

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11 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: But pretty much all
14 items in there are ongoing.

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16 MR. PYLE: Bill Pyle, Kodiak Refuge. Madam
17 Chair, if I may call to your attention that I just took a
18 phone call from Larry Van Daele, area biologist with Alaska
19 Department of Fish and Game. He won't be making it down
20 because of the weather. He is available to address any
21 questions via phone until about 12:00 o'clock if any of the
22 Council, or if the Council as a whole would want to take
23 anything up with Fish and Game. He is sending a fax in
24 relation to WP-014 and essentially just reporting in terms
25 of a brief overview in regards to the report from the
26 Department of Game and what they said about it, and would
27 like it read into the record.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Maybe if we
30 could go ahead and just read that into the record at this
31 time.

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33 MS. EAKON: What's that? Oh, this? Okay.
34 This is a letter from the Department of Fish and Game in
35 Kodiak. It's dated March 9, 2001. It's signed by Larry
36 Van Daele, Wildlife Biologist. Dear Committee Members,
37 there are three important wildlife issues I urge you to
38 take immediate action on. Each pertains to the health and
39 sustainability of our big game populations here on the
40 Kodiak archipelago.

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42 Deer populations were significantly
43 depleted during the winter of 1998-1999 and are slowly
44 starting to recover. In an effort to expedite that
45 recovery, the Kodiak Advisory Committee made a proposal to
46 the Board of Game to reduce the bag limit to three deer and
47 to only allow the harvest of does during December. The
48 Board adopted this proposal this week, and it will go into
49 effect this fall. The effectiveness of this reduction will
50 be impacted by your actions on the Federal subsistence

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1 season. The Board of Game strongly urges you to reduce the
2 Federal subsistence deer season by special action to aid in
3 the recovery of this important subsistence resource.

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5 Elk season on Federal lands opens three
6 weeks prior to the state season and includes times when the
7 elk are vulnerable due to use of alpine areas and the rut.
8 Because of this timing, and the fact that there are over
9 14,000 people in the Kodiak area that are eligible as
10 subsistence users, we feel that the potential for herd
11 depletion is great. In an effort to provide for a
12 subsistence priority while protecting the herd, the Board
13 of Game passed a proposal that was submitted by the Kodiak
14 Advisory Committee. This new regulation delays the opening
15 of the State season on the Federal lands on Afognak and Ban
16 Islands by 10 days. The companion proposal before you
17 requests delaying the Federal season opening date to
18 September 25. Board of Game action is dependent on the
19 actions of your committee and the Federal Subsistence
20 Board. If you decide to keep the seasons as they currently
21 are, the State seasons will not change. We ask that you
22 pass this proposal so that we can simplify regulations for
23 all hunters and protect the elk herd.

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25 Goat populations cannot sustain a hunt such
26 as that described in the current proposal before your
27 committee. We have already provided extensive comments to
28 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge staff and to members of
29 your committee. In a related matter, on Monday the Board
30 of Game denied a request to allocate a set number of goat
31 permits to nonresident hunters. The Board felt that it was
32 unfair to give special treatment to nonresident hunters
33 when there was such a high demand from resident hunters. I
34 urge your committee not to adopt the registration goat
35 proposal to protect the integrity of the goat population.

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37 The Board of Game has finished its
38 deliberations on Kodiak proposals. It has made a strong
39 statement supporting the management of Kodiak's wildlife
40 resources and it respected the wishes of local people by
41 accepting the recommendations of the Kodiak Advisory
42 Committee. They have done their part for conserving these
43 resources and in compromising to work with the Federal
44 subsistence system. Now it is up to you to show your
45 support for the animals we are charged with managing, and
46 to reflect that renewed spirit of compromise for the good
47 of those resources. Sincerely, Larry Van Daele.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Helga. Can
50 we get copies of that?

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1 MS. EAKON: Yeah.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Let me see what
4 I have left on this. Basically, I think on the agenda --
5 and somebody can correct me if I'm wrong -- we're on any
6 other new business, and one of the items maybe I'd like to
7 talk about is the seat that are coming up that are open for
8 our areas, how many people have applied. Is there a list
9 available?

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11 MS. EAKON: Michelle would have that
12 information, because she handles the nominations process.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. She's now
15 making copies?

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17 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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21 MS. EAKON: She will be here, though.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: One of the things I'd
24 like to maybe talk about at this time is given that Gilda
25 Shellikoff is not renewing her seat and has been involved
26 with this process since it started in 1993, I think we all
27 need to give her a hand for sticking it out that long and
28 doing a good job.

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30 (Applause)

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, I don't know, is
33 there any other business before we set the time and date
34 for the meetings? Oh, here she is. Melissa [sic]? We had
35 a request for a testimony, and I think if it's allowable to
36 go ahead and we kind of keep the floor open for public
37 speaking or anything from the public, and if we can get a
38 motion to defer from where we're at right now and allow
39 Swen Hawkinson, Sr. to testify.

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41 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: So moved.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by
44 Speridan Simeonoff. Second?

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Peter
49 Squartsoff.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Richard, call the
2 question.

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4 MR. ZACHAROF: Question.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
7 by saying aye.

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9 IN UNISON: Aye.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Swen?

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13 MR. HAWKINSON, SR.: Thank you very much.
14 I'm sorry I didn't bring it up yesterday, but I heard you
15 talking about bird species when I came in, and I wanted to
16 talk to people about our geese problem. In the last four
17 years right by my house, going to the lagoon in the
18 evening, there's flocks of geese of about 150 each and
19 about 3:00 o'clock they fly in there and it sounds like
20 that movies Fly Away Home. In the morning, you hear them
21 taking off like clockwork, and in talking to some of the
22 duck hunters in McDonald Lagoon and Seal Bay, there was up
23 to a 1,000 in there at a time. But the problem is most
24 people go after ducks, and it seems like the geese are
25 chasing the ducks away or eating all their food. So, most
26 people have to go toward Kaiugnak or Kiliuda, it seems, to
27 get more ducks because them geese would eat up all their
28 food or just scare them away.

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30 And we can't hunt geese. Now that they're
31 real plentiful, people were hoping that you'd open a season
32 on them so people can eat them. I think there's some sneak
33 shooters once in a while, but we won't go after them. I'd
34 like to go after some if they'd open a season on them. I
35 think there's more there than there's ever been before in
36 all the years I've lived in Old Harbor. Within the last
37 four years, they're coming right across the channel by my
38 house and that's what I wanted to bring up of why they
39 can't -- there's so many, why they can't open to people can
40 eat them. Thank you.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Does anybody have any
43 questions for Swen? Swen, I've got a question for you.
44 Paul Gunderson?

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46 MR. GUNDERSON: From what I understand,
47 those birds were raised in this part of the country and
48 maybe have just become localized. They don't migrate
49 anyplace. They just stay in the area, or.....

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1 MR. HAWKINSON, SR.: No. In the years
2 past, oral history, mostly Kaguyak, the islands and down
3 the straits are called Geesey Island. They were named
4 because of the heavy population of geese. And, in the
5 early 20's, these fox farms came to the island and they
6 planted blue fox on all these islands and they ate up all
7 the eggs and killed the geese population off. Now, either
8 they're coming back naturally or I understand maybe Fish
9 and Game has planted geese to try and bring them back.
10 Stores used to sell barrels full of them for the winter
11 from the Geesey Islands in that village that used to be
12 down there. But now they're coming back. Either they were
13 planted or reintroduced, I don't know. I've heard
14 different stories but they're really plentiful and when
15 they move in our regular ducks move out. And they're good
16 to eat. We need to get some kind of a season on them so
17 people can go out and put them in their freezer.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete?

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I guess what you're saying
22 is you'd like to see a subsistence hunt on these?

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24 MR. HAWKINSON, SR.: Whatever, because if
25 they're getting so bad they're chasing our other ducks
26 away, you know, you need a balance. And, if we can't eat
27 them, they're a nuisance bird.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Harry that lives in
30 Port Lions told me the same thing. You can't get anymore
31 ducks because of the geese.

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33 MR. HAWKINSON, SR.: Well, I didn't know,
34 but I talked to other duck hunters that go out and they
35 said ducks are just gone because there's geese and they're
36 scared to shoot them because they'll get busted. You know,
37 they're protected now. But, if there abundant, they should
38 survey them and open them for subsistence or a regular duck
39 season. There's over a 1,000 in a flock on Seal Bay.
40 There must be a lot, and I know about 500 or 600 just going
41 across the lagoon in the evening, across my house --
42 beautiful to hear them, but if they chase the ducks away,
43 we'll start eating them.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Swen, you can just sit
46 for a minute. We had a question for you from Speridan and
47 then maybe a comment from Bill.

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49 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: I got just a comment.
50 I know that geese are coming back.

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1 MR. HAWKINSON, SR.: Then do whatever you
2 got to do.

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4 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: They're real plentiful
5 in our area, too, and the same thing is happening. The
6 ducks that we used to hunt in the narrows are not as much
7 as they used to be, but they are getting more and more
8 geese in that same area.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Bill?

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12 MR. PYLE: Well, I'm trying to sort out the
13 geese. This is always a fascinating type of discussion. I
14 appreciate the information. You know, I'm new to this
15 situation. I'm wondering if we're talking about Canada
16 geese and/or emperor geese.

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18 MR. HAWKINSON, SR.: I think they're
19 Canada. Some people call them Canadian honkers, but I
20 think everybody's got a misconception because they haven't
21 been around all these years. And someone says they think
22 they're that, and then everybody call them that. They say
23 Sitka nested thousands of them, which sounds good. I don't
24 know. You hear rumors, and then the guys start complaining
25 the darn geese is scaring their ducks away.

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27 MR. PYLE: Because in the winter, I
28 believe, Al, don't you have the emperors come down and stay
29 here too?

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31 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, the emperors. But,
32 I think they're on the outlying bays. We're getting
33 honkers more. We've discussed this with Robert and the
34 ex-refuge manager and what they told me they needed a DNA
35 sample in order to go ahead with a season or something.
36 They want to know where the birds are coming from. You
37 know, I can't tell somebody to go shoot goose and then get
38 a DNA sample, and then we'll see where their coming from
39 and then we can go ahead with a season. But there is a
40 problem.

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42 Like Swen, I've heard it from the hunters,
43 too. You know, maybe Robert -- remember, Robert? This was
44 brought up before, and I was told by Jay Ballinger that if
45 we brought in a DNA sample that they could figure out where
46 the birds are coming from. Then there's a good possibility
47 that there could be a season on them. The problem isn't
48 just here. It's over in Kiliuda Bay, too. My Uncle Harold
49 went and guided bear hunters there this fall, and you go
50 into Dog Salmon Bay or Dog Bay or Shearwater or Santa

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1 Flavia and there's abundance of geese. They said it's
2 unreal. They're honkers.

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4 MR. PYLE: And, if I may follow up, Al,
5 they're honkers and are they here on a year-round basis?

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7 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah.

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9 MR. PYLE: Okay.

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11 MR. CRATTY, JR.: And they started from
12 where Swen was talking out at McDonald Lagoon and Seal Bay
13 and they just -- some say they were planted on the north
14 end and moved out here and they grew. But I have no idea.

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16 MR. PYLE: Mitch? Same thing down in your
17 country?

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19 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Same thing. Where
20 we're at, it's the emperor geese. The whiteheads?

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22 MR. GUNDERSON: They like the yellow peak.

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24 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Yeah, yellow peak.

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26 MR. PYLE: Well, perhaps the -- and for
27 DNA, I mean all you need is a feather. But we'd be glad to
28 follow up on it, and if the Council can perhaps request
29 that action of the Service, we'd appreciate hearing about
30 it.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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34 MR. HAWKINSON, SR.: That would be good,
35 thank you, because one geese could feed a big family. It's
36 like a turkey.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Swen.
39 Would the Council like to take that action at this time?
40 Request?

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42 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, I'd like to request
43 that.

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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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47 REPORTER: Oh, crap. Just a second.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Hold on.

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1 REPORTER: I knocked out a cord.

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We lost our reporter.

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5 REPORTER: All right.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. The motion made
8 by and seconded by Pete Squartsoff for a request for the
9 study. Discussion?

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11 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Question.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: A call for question
14 has been made. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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16 IN UNISON: Aye.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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20 (No opposing responses)

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22 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. We
23 can maybe go back to -- we were asking about the open seats
24 and maybe a list of the amount of people that have applied
25 for the seats. Is that available at this time?

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27 MS. CHIVERS: I don't have the list with
28 me, but I do have a list of the existing members where the
29 seats are up. Right now, the seats that are up are Pete
30 Squartsoff's, Gilda Shellikoff's, John Foster's and Ivan
31 Lukin's. We have, also, this seat that's vacant due to Joe
32 Allen's resignation, and I believe we have seven applicants
33 at this time. But I could be wrong. I'm thinking about
34 all 10 regions here. But I can get back with you on that.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: What was the deadline
37 on that?

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39 MS. CHIVERS: February 23rd.

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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. So we've passed
42 the deadline on it.

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44 MS. CHIVERS: Yes.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Could we get that list
47 maybe.....

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49 MS. CHIVERS: Sure.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:for me and Al?

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3 MS. CHIVERS: Me? Maybe. They can get a
4 list of names. Yeah, I can get you a list of names.

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6 MR. GUNDERSON: Michelle, is Gilda the only
7 one that's declining her seat?

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9 MS. CHIVERS: No.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: (Indiscernible -
12 simultaneous speech) has put us back in. Wasn't John
13 Foster on that list?

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15 MS. CHIVERS: Yes.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And he's resubmitted
18 his, it was my understanding.

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20 MS. CHIVERS: I couldn't tell you right off
21 the top of my head.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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25 MR. GUNDERSON: Do we know if he did, or
26 somebody else did it for him?

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Somebody else probably
29 did it for him. Okay, if we can get that information.

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31 MS. CHIVERS: And you want me to give it to
32 everybody?

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah. Al?

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36 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I'd like to make a motion
37 that Pete -- I don't know if it does any good, but I'd like
38 to go on record that Pete's done a real good job here, and
39 I'd like to see him carry on.

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41 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Al
44 Cratty, second by Richard Zacharof supporting Pete
45 Squartsoff. Call for question.

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47 MR. GUNDERSON: Question.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
50 by saying aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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5 (No opposing responses)

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I'm losing my train of
8 thought. We're getting down to the end here. Is there
9 anything else before we set the date and time for the next
10 meeting? If there is nothing else, I'd sure like to thank
11 the community of Old Harbor and Al and everybody here for a
12 nice meeting. The setup is really nice. The community is
13 beautiful. I'm glad we made it.

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15 MR. ZACHAROF: The time and place of the
16 next meeting, did you say that?

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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20 MR. ZACHAROF: Well, I'd like to make a
21 recommendation.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: (Indiscernible)

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25 MR. ZACHAROF: On the airline issue, you
26 know, we're not resting in the Pribilof Islands, believe
27 me. The logistics and the area that we're in, we've
28 contacted Alaska Airlines and possibly got something going
29 with Alaska Airlines. And, also, ERA is interested in
30 flying out there to St. Paul as well. And I think it's
31 important to better understand the community. You know,
32 we've been traveling to different communities and I really
33 appreciate coming to Old Harbor and I think that's
34 important to go ahead and the board members that are
35 participating on this board have the ability to travel to
36 different communities. You know, St. Paul Island is one of
37 the largest Aleut communities in our region, and I think
38 it's important to make people understand what our role is
39 as the Federal Subsistence Board in going to these
40 meetings. As far as accommodations, St. Paul Island has
41 about 750 people and hotels and restaurants. I'd like to
42 see the Board possibly take into consideration St. Paul in
43 this fall meeting.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The only criteria they
46 have to meet is to be one of the communities, is that
47 correct, that it's a rural community, part of the region,
48 has availability of accommodations?

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50 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, Madam Chair, that's

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1 correct. There may be an issue with St. Paul. I won't
2 rule it out, but I think there's a concern because of the
3 logistics of getting in and out of there and the potential
4 for getting people stuck or some people in and some people
5 not there.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That potential, I
8 think, exists from all 1,200 miles of the region.

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10 MR. JENNINGS: The other thing that could
11 be a factor, and we would need to confirm this, is there
12 aren't any Federal lands out there and so the ability of
13 your local Federal subsistence users in our program to
14 travel out there would be pretty limited. Helga, did I
15 miss anything?

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17 MS. EAKON: No, that's good.

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19 MR. JENNINGS: Okay. Helga was saying
20 come, come, come talk. I don't want to rule anything out,
21 but I just want to express these concerns and if the
22 Council so decides to recommend St. Paul, then we would go
23 back and discuss with our management. So I would suggest
24 to you if you want to choose St. Paul as a primary, that
25 you follow up with an alternate.....

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Alternate site.

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29 MR. JENNINGS:or vice versa, however
30 you want to proceed.

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32 MR. ZACHAROF: Well, we have Fish and
33 Wildlife out there on St. Paul Island. We've got the bird
34 cliffs in the areas.

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36 MR. JENNINGS: Yeah, we recognize that,
37 Richard. The issue is the migratory birds is not under the
38 Federal subsistence program. It's under the migratory bird
39 program, and the marine mammals are not within this program
40 either.

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42 MR. ZACHAROF: Uh-huh. We get about 150
43 salmon a year out there, so that's our subsistence use of
44 salmon.

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46 MR. JENNINGS: 150.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Does anybody have
49 thoughts on an alternate site? This is an Aleutian region,
50 the fall. We're not going to Cold Bay because they no

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1 longer have any place to feed us or put us up.

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3 MR. ZACHAROF: Well, if not, I suggest
4 Anchorage, right around the AFN.

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6 MR. JENNINGS: There's another issue I
7 should address as well is we're discouraging hub meetings
8 in Anchorage. We would like the meetings to be held in the
9 region to allow, like in this meeting, the local folks that
10 are in the subsistence users to attend the meeting.

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12 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Excuse me, Tim, but what
13 I kind of was telling Della, a lot of the people that live
14 in King Cover and Sand Point in the fall do go to
15 Anchorage. I know last time we went to Sand Point and King
16 Cover, the major speakers were in Anchorage.

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18 MR. JENNINGS: And I know that previously
19 you've had at least one or two of your meetings in
20 Anchorage. All I'm conveying to you is the discussion
21 that's occurred within the last year or so. There was a
22 request from another Council to have a meeting in
23 Anchorage, and they were strongly encouraged not to do so.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Sand Point. I think
26 there's enough involvement and people wanting to get
27 involved and concerned. I mean, especially looking at
28 stellar eider, stellar sea lion and the sea otter issue
29 coming up, that we need to be in the region. People need
30 to be heard.

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32 MR. ZACHAROF: Does it have to be in one of
33 the communities that the board represents? It could be in
34 Unalaska. I mean, we've been to Sand Point. We've been to
35 King Cove. I think that it's important to go ahead and
36 spread out our information as board to different
37 communities. And Unalaska is -- you know, they have salmon
38 down there and they're subsistence oriented and it is the
39 largest Aleut community.

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41 MR. JENNINGS: If I could answer Richard's
42 question.....

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44 MR. ZACHAROF: I mean, the logistics, if
45 there's 800 miles and we can't fly that far, that's fine,
46 too. But, you know, I think it's important to spread our
47 understanding of what we represent as a Board.

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49 MR. JENNINGS: There is no requirement,
50 Richard, to have the meeting in one of the Council member's

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1 home villages.

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3 MR. ZACHAROF: Okay. I'd like to suggest
4 Unalaska then.

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6 MR. JENNINGS: It's a matter of these other
7 criteria: meet within the region, and being close to the
8 subsistence users that are using Federal public lands.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: St. Paul.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I mean, St. Paul. If
13 we can't go to St. Paul, we're looking at Unalaska and
14 maybe if we have to go to the point of a third alternative
15 then we're at Sand Point?

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17 MR. GUNDERSON: That'll work.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The dates? Can we
20 look at dates now?

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22 MR. GUNDERSON: Fly right around in a big
23 circle.

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: October 4th?

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27 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Sounds goods.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: 4th, 5th, 6th, travel on
30 the 3rd? No. Travel on the 4th -- 5th and 6th -- and then
31 travel on the 7th.

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33 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Is the 4th a good date?

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Starting the 4th, 5th, 6th
36 and back on the 7th if you need be.

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38 MR. JENNINGS: So, it's travel.....

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And then that will fall
41 right in, coming back. People can lay over in Anchorage
42 for AFN.

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44 MR. JENNINGS: So travel will be on the
45 3rd?

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47 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, that's what I was
48 thinking, the 3rd, because you guys can't -- Columbus Day,
49 you're off.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I can't do it on November
2 3rd.

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4 MS. EAKON: When was AFN, excuse me?

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6 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I think it would be the
7 next weekend, the next week.

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9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: AFN is, I think, on the
10 8th, 9th, and 10th. That's when you said?

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12 MR. CRATTY, JR.: No.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: 18th, 19th and 20th,
15 it's like like the third week or something?

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh, so AFN's late.

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19 MR. ZACHAROF: Well, it begins on the --
20 the youth elder's conference is about the 12th.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh, okay.

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24 MR. ZACHAROF: 12th through.....

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay. So, October 15th,
27 16th, 17th, so we could go -- yeah.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The following week?
30 The 10th?

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We can go later October.

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34 MS. PETRIVELLI: The Aleut Corporation
35 always has their meeting the week before AFN, though. I'm
36 sure no one will be in town.

37
38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That's right. They
39 do. They're right on this weekend right here.

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41 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah. So, no Aleuts would
42 be in the chain. They would be in Anchorage.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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46 MS. PETRIVELLI: So, you could go
47 (indiscernible).

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49 MR. GUNDERSON: Next to the last page.

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1 MR. CRATTY, JR.: It doesn't matter to me.

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So what are we looking at
4 -- 8, 9, 10th? Huh?

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6 MR. CRATTY, JR.: The 8th is a Federal
7 holiday.

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9 MR. ZACHAROF: Columbus Day. The flights
10 are on a Sunday. They're Sunday, Thursday.....

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So we go on a Sunday, and
13 we can't come back until Thursday?

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15 MR. ZACHAROF: No. No. Okay Sunday,
16 Tuesday, Thursday and I believe there will probably be a
17 flight on Friday as well, too.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You have to do a
20 travel ban of Tuesday, have meetings Wednesday and Thursday
21 and fly on Friday.

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23 MR. ZACHAROF: The 13th is the Aleut
24 Corporation meeting.

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26 MS. SHELLIKOFF: So, that means that the
27 12th will probably be the village meetings for the Aleut
28 Corporation.

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30 MR. ZACHAROF: So, the 12th would be the
31 village seminar, yeah.

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33 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Because they do have the
34 village meetings the day before that.

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36 MR. ZACHAROF: Right. Uh-huh.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And, actually, last
39 year, we had the village fishing seminar the day before the
40 village seminar.

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42 MR. GUNDERSON: So, if they keep doing
43 that, then the 3rd, 4th and 5th, looks pretty good.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That actually was on a
46 Friday.

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48 MR. ZACHAROF: Okay.

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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay, 4th, 5th and 6th --

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1 set a travel date on the 7th? You got go in Thursday and a
2 Sunday.

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4 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah, the 4th, 5th and 6th
5 would be good because you could fly on a Sunday.

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7 MS. SHELLIKOFF: (Indiscernible) Tuesday,
8 Thursday and Friday.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I thought he said Sunday,
11 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Go in on the 4th, 5th and
12 6th and come out on the 7th.

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14 MR. ZACHAROF: Okay.

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16 MR. JENNINGS: 4th, 5th, 6th and out on the
17 7th.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.

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21 MR. ZACHAROF: That would be a Sunday you'd
22 get out of St. Paul.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th.
25 Travel would be 4th.

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27 MR. JENNINGS: Travel on the 4th, meeting
28 on the 5th and 6th, travel on the 7th?

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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Travel on the 7th, right.

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32 MR. JENNINGS: And, again, the priority was
33 St. Paul, the Unalaska, third Sand Point.

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35 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That works.

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second with this motion.

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We need a motion to
40 that?

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42 MR. JENNINGS: You need to make a motion or
43 by consensus.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Council consensus.

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47 MR. GUNDERSON: Aye.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Dave, did you have
50 anything? When I was talking about anything left on the

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1 agenda, I thought you raised your hand.

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3 MR. FISHER: No.

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5 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All right. I don't
6 have anything else. Does anybody have -- oh, back up. One
7 more thing. There's a letter we handed out from George
8 Pletnikoff from the tribal council in Unalaska, and I
9 forgot to add it to the agenda. But, he had called me
10 about two weeks ago and was going to put together some
11 information and try to get it to me prior to me coming to
12 this meeting and I talked to him the morning that I left
13 King Cove because I didn't receive an e-mail from him.

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15 So what he basically did was draft it in a
16 letter real fast but added a resolution that the Qawalangin
17 Tribe in Unalaska had drafted, and it was mainly toward the
18 environmental program. They run the IGAP (ph) program out
19 there. But the part that he wanted us to look at was, of
20 course, the stellar eider, the sea lion and the sea otter.
21 So, he wasn't able to portray that in a short amount of
22 time in his letter or just to reference it in the attached
23 resolution, but for us -- or Fish and Wildlife in that
24 sense -- to really try to help coordinate with everybody
25 else what's going on on this, because it is a concern and
26 where it leaves us as coastal communities. Given all that,
27 and it may be just as well about that time anyway that we
28 do have our meeting in Unalaska. I just would like to go
29 on record that those were his concerns -- their concerns,
30 the Unalaska tribe. Anything else?

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I would like it if we
33 could maybe send a letter of thanks to the community of Old
34 Harbor for their hospitality?

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think so. Before we
37 leave, since we do have time, we're supposed to go meet
38 with the school. The school wanted us to visit them, so we
39 may be able to do that here prior to lunch. Al could be
40 the team leader.

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42 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Maybe you were.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Hearing nothing else,
47 we need a motion to adjourn.

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49 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You guys keep all your
50 names, so you're.....

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We have a motion to
2 adjourn.....

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4 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Second.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:made by Pete
7 Squartsoff, second by Gilda Shellikoff. All in favor
8 signify by saying aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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14 (No opposing responses)

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Thank
17 you.

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19 (Off record)

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21 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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