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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: In the absence of the chair, I'll call the meeting to get going, as a matter of time. May I have a roll call.

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MR. EVERITT: Mark Olsen. Vincent.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Here.

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MR. EVERITT: David. Thomas Everitt, here. Herman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Here.

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MR. EVERITT: Gilda.

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: Here.

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MR. EVERITT: Randy.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Here.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: David's still out?

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MS. EAKON: Yes. Our travel person, Teri Wild, was able to reach him this morning, and he said -- he claimed that his ticket was not out at the airport in Kodiak, but Teri said it was, and he said, besides, the weather wasn't so good.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: So he won't be coming?

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MS. EAKON: So he will not be here.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We're running a little late, so we'll try to cover some of these items where we left off yesterday on the agenda, the Draft Operations Manual, under Old Business, which is this one here. And we'll have a review and comment at this time.

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MR. EVERITT: You know, it's pretty hard when you receive it one day of the meeting to really look it over.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, what I found that was that this Operations Manual was reviewed at the last meeting in Kodiak, it's just a final approved form. The only thing that it includes other than what we haven't had in the

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Handout was input, drafts like these that were in writing but they put them in draft form. In reading it last night I started to realize that we have gone through most of this already, it's just that it was in handout form and wasn't a booklet. So a lot of this is

4 MS. EAKON: Kodiak Aleutians Council was the only one that reviewed it at the first meeting, okay.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair. Yeah, and what we did down there when we reviewed it, page 10, we changed -- page 10, first paragraph, second sentence, we added coordinator after secretary, and I think that's the only change we did on it.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: On page 10. What section is that?

10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I am just reading on -- from our minutes is what I'm looking at.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We changed what?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: We changed -- we just added coordinator after secretary. I don't know what

14 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That was under the Responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer. We were concerned that the secretary

16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That was page 10 of the draft, by the way.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, I'm trying to figure out what page it is in here.

19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Page 18.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Page 18?

21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, right here.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I see it's not added in there though, the coordinator. I'm reading off the minutes.

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MR. KNAUER: If you could highlight that. That was a comment that I had not -- that I didn't receive, and I

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was responsible for revising the draft into this. If you could highlight that for me or explain what it is.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: First paragraph, second sentence would be: The Secretary or Coordinator takes roll and decides if a quorum is present

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: So it's just to make an additional

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, an addition of adding.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Or coordinator.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay, here's the original one. Oh, yeah, under the second sentence it says: The Secretary takes roll, and it should say Secretary or Coordinator should take roll and

It was also to have a note in here under the same section that the court reporter shall be present to take the recorded minutes under the Secretary, have the court reporter do the minutes and

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Just add in court -- recorder?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, some reference to the court reporter because it was a concern of David that he was going to have to be responsible for redoing the minutes after the meeting was over, and we wanted to push that off onto the court reporter.

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MR. EVERITT: The court reporter only takes a verbatim transcript.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Right.

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MS. EAKON: Didn't you also decide that the coordinator would do the summary of minutes?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Summary report, right. That's on -- yeah, that was part of it there, and the coordinator made review of the minutes. That's all I have here in my notes.

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MS. EAKON: A summary of the minutes, okay.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think that's all we added on to it.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Anymore comments or
 suggestions or instructions? Thank you, Herman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair, we went over
 yesterday on the charter part of this, so I guess I would make
 a motion to adopt the Operations Manual at this time with the
 additions.

5 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Second.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It's been moved by
 Herman, seconded by Gilda to approve the Operations Manual
 Final Draft, January 1994. All those in favor say aye.

8 IN UNISON: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: All those opposed.
 Motion carries to approve the Operations Manual of January
 1994.

11 Next item on our agenda that we didn't do yesterday was --
 okay, the Charter Renewal/Review, maybe you could refresh my
 memory, but I don't think we approved the charter, we just --
 by motion.

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MS. EAKON: At the last motion you did move
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15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Oh, at the last
 meeting? Why was it back on for renewal and review?

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MS. EAKON: Oh, wait a minute.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We went through it
 because the two-year review period is up right now and we have
 to do it right now, but we went through it, but I don't think
 there was a motion. According to my notes we didn't -- there
 was no motion made yesterday, we just kind of went through it
 based on this Operations Manual.

21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Vice Chair. Well, what
 we figured we were going to do yesterday, we went over it and
 we would go ahead and adopt it when we did the Operations
 Manual in that same motion, with the changes we made on that
 yesterday. So that's basically taken care of right now.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Does that cover it
 then, Helga?

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- 1 MS. EAKON: Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Does that cover it?
 Okay. I'll put that away. Okay, the next item -- I guess
 we're on the proposals. Yesterday we were on to 30?
- 4 MR. WILLIS: 29.
- 5 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: 29.
- 6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair, what about that
 Proposal 1?
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- VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I guess we're going
 8 to go back to those. We're just kind of going this way, then
 back over to -- we haven't done 1
- 9 MS. EAKON: 1 and 2 are statewide proposals.
- 10 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: 1 and 2 are
 statewide; we're doing our local fish and game ones. That's
 the process; we do ours as a board, the local fish and game,
 fish and wildlife, and then we go statewide. Next is
 Proposal 29. Does someone want to read the changes? Tom,
 could you read the proposed regulation change, please?
- 14 MR. EVERITT: Okay. Unit 8 - that portion of
 Kodiak Island north of a line from the head of Settlers Cover
 to Crescent Lake and east of a line from the outlet of
 Crescent Lake to Mount Ellison Peak and from Mount Ellison Peak
 to Pokati Point at While Passage, and that portion of Kodiak
 Island east of a line from the mouth of Saltery Creek to the
 mouth at Elbow Creek, and adjacent small islands in Chiniak Bay
 - 1 deer; however, antlerless deer may be taken only from
 October 25 - October 31. Open Season: August 1 - October 31.
- 19 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Note that the changes
 being made here is from Saltery Creek to the mouth of Elbow
 Creek. I guess the mouth of Elbow Creek is
- 21 MR. EVERITT: Could somebody show us on the
 map?
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- MS. EAKON: There is a
- 23 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: And it's not on the
 regulation now; it does not include the mouth of Elbow Creek.
- 25 MR. WILLIS: I have a handout

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Robert Willis.

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MR. WILLIS: which correspond with this large map here which also shows the change. This was a boundary change that the State made in their regulations last year and they've asked that our regulations be modified to reflect the same change.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Do you have an extra one for Dave?

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MR. WILLIS: Okay, there's one for Dave. I didn't think about it.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Thank you. So basically this boundary expands from Kodiak towards Port Lions?

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MR. WILLIS: This is more of a housekeeping matter than anything, and because of the fact that there is no federal land involved

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(Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Go ahead. Okay, this is a change that would just clarify the boundary. Last year the State changed the boundary from Craig Point/Saltery Cove to Craig Point to read Saltery Cove to the mouth of Elbow Creek. There are no Federal lands within this change area, so aside from the fact that changing the Federal regulations to correspond with the State regulations would minimize confusion would be one set of regulations instead of two. There's really no effect on the Federal Subsistence Program, and so we recommend passing this proposal in order to have only one boundary description. It's a minor increase in the area which lies within the one deer bag limit. But as I said, there's no Federal land involved so -- or Federal Subsistence Regulations would really have no effect here.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, for the people that don't know where Elbow Creek is, that's -- I don't know if Tom would know and Randy, but that's in the head of Sheratin Bay. From Craig Point to Sheratin, the head of the bay there is not very much distance at all. So it's not really

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1 MR. EVERITT: The State's already changed their
regs?

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MR. WILLIS: Yeah.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: So it's existing -- the law
is already there. It's a matter of clarification.

5 MR. EVERITT: The sad thing about this, which
we can't do anything about, is that that was the only place
where somebody that didn't have a boat could get to the five
deer area by foot, and the State's pretty much taken care of
anybody being able to get to a five-deer area by foot. Not
that they couldn't do it, but a one-day hunt is probably out of
the question now for them. You know, once they get their one
deer, they have to plan quite a hike to go over the mountains
there and get in that area. It's done with.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes, Herman.

11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. On what Tom commented
on, they can get over there pretty easy in Sheratin's because
with four-wheelers now there's a big trail going right through
there.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Mr. Chair. I move we accept
the proposal. Shouldn't we do that first?

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

16 MR. EVERITT: I second it.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Moved by Randy,
seconded by Tom to accept Proposal 29. Discussion now, and we
already did it.

19 MR. EVERITT: Call for the question.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Question's been
called.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair. I don't have any,
you know, see why it can't be changed going with the State.
There's no objection at all to what I can see. It can't hurt
anything down there.

24 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Sounds pretty cut and dried
to me.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: There's been a call
for the question. Roll call or whatever? Okay, all those in
favor of Proposal 29 say aye.

3 IN UNISON: Aye.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Opposed? Motion
carries, Proposal 29 is approved.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay, Proposal 30 --
Proposal 30 is submitted by Bristol Bay Native Association, and
it deals with Katmai National Park. I guess the

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair, I so move that we
adopt Proposal 30.

9 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Second.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It's been moved by
Herman and seconded by Gilda. Discussion. I guess the major
change here would be item number C under 25(d)(9)(ii)C. Would
the secretary read that for the minutes, please?

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MR. EVERITT: Except for qualified rural
residents, public lands are closed to the taking of moose and
caribou on the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge, the
Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve, and Severson
Peninsula on Becharof National Wildlife Refuge -- how do you
pronounce that?

16 IN UNISON: Becharof.

17 MR. EVERITT: Becharof.

18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The first one was Aniakchak.

19 MR. EVERITT: Tongue twisters.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. In all these
handouts we had yesterday at noon there was several comments,
most of them -- some from the Bowhunters Associations, Alaska
Wildlife Alliance, North Country Outfitters, Golden North
Archery, and Department of Fish & Game. Have you had a chance
to review those? They showed or purport their opposition or
support. Fish & Game opposed it -- Department of Fish & Game
opposed it.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Have you got a handout?

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, we

2 MR. CHRISTENSEN: This one stops at 29.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, there's a whole
pile of them you should have gotten yesterday.

4 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Oh, okay.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: And Department of
Interior, National Park Service.

7 MS. SHELLIKOFF: What area does this cover?

8 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Maybe you could show
us where this

9 MS. SHELLIKOFF: What area are we talking
about?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Could you show us
where this is?

12 MS. EAKON: He has a summary. After he's done,
he does have a summary of comments.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

15 MR. WILLIS: The only reason 30 was included in
the booklet for this council is the fact that it mentions
Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge in its entirety, and
part of that extends all the way down to Point Moller --
Port Moller, which is considered the beginning of GMU 9, along
Region 3 Federal area. The area in question really is back up
here on the Alaska Peninsula, and it's in the Federal
(indiscernible - away from microphone). You read the
testimony.

20 The Bristol Bay Native Association has requested that all
non-subsistence users be excluded from all of Alaska National
Wildlife Refuge since part of that is in Area 3, that's why
we're considering it here. There are -- the caribou that
they're talking about are the Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou
Herd. There are none of those animals down in Area 3. It's
the Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd that we discussed
yesterday, and these are two separate herds of animals. And
there are no moose down as far as Port Moller.

25 There are currently between 15 and 20,000 caribou in that

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herd, the Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd. Current population estimate for '93 was 17,000, and they tend to migrate more or less along the peninsula on the Bristol Bay side. Much of the habitat is outside the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge actually. Part of the herd does use the entire Becharof Lake area during their migration. However, as I said, the majority of the herd stays to the west and stays on the Bristol Bay side during migration.

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I think it's important to note that approximately 90% of this movement is not on Federal land and therefore anything we do here would not have an effect in the area that 90% -- or 90% of the migration occurs.

8 There are some isolated pockets of caribou on refuge lands in the Aleutian Mountains. We don't know a whole lot about the population and the movements on the east side or the Pacific side of the Aleutian Range. Apparently the aerial surveys last year didn't indicate that there were very many caribou over there at all, and overall caribou migrations don't appear to be affected at all by human activities in that area.

12 Only rural residents of Units 9(B) (C) and (E) and 17 and residents of Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point are eligible to hunt caribou under Federal Subsistence Regulations, however, the Federal public lands are open to hunting for all users under sport hunting regulations. Most of the harvest takes place on Federal lands, and occurs between August and the end of October. Regulatory changes and change in pressure from non-local hunters is other hunting opportunities arise such as the growth of the Mulchatna herd has pulled a lot of sport hunters out of that area, and they're now going up further north to hunt the Mulchatna herd.

18 There's some concern that this Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd is increasing beyond it's carrying capacity, and there's some concern that the same thing could happen to it that happened to the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd if the harvest is reduced on it.

21 Moose populations are in fairly good shape in that area. The overall population is considered to be stable. Moose are not migratory in that area other than the bulls roaming around, searching for cows during the rut. There is some additional movement due to snowfall and habitat changes and so forth.

24 Hunting pressure by subsistence or non-subsistence hunters has not been shown to affect moose movement patterns on the Refuge lands either.

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And our staff conclusion was that there is no evidence that non-subsistence hunting activities have hindered the migration of moose or caribou on the north side of -- or Bristol Bay side of the peninsula to the south or Pacific Coast side. In the case of caribou there's been no specific migration path noted from the north side to the south side of the peninsula. They move on the Bristol Bay side, back and forth staying on that side of the mountain.

6 Elimination of the non-subsistence harvest on caribou could result in the herd's growth exceeding the habitat's carrying capacity which would lead to habitat degradation and a population decline, possibly to the extent that occurred with the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd.

9 The closure of Federal lands on subsistence hunters would alleviate some of the competition that's going on in certain areas between subsistence and non-subsistence users. It would also tend to shift that pressure to non-Federal lands of which there's quite a bit in that area. So that's kind of a tradeoff there. You know, if you move -- you close Federal lands and the people that use that are going to move to the State and private lands, and increase -- would increase some competition in those areas.

14 At the present time there are sufficient caribou and moose populations in that area to support both the customary and additional subsistence use and the non-subsistence use, and it's felt that closing Federal public lands to non-subsistence users would unnecessarily restrict non-subsistence users. And Section 815 of ANILCA specifies that you will not unduly restrict the non-subsistence user. So it was a staff conclusion that this would be an unnecessary closure.

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Any questions?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Questions?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Vice Chair, what I'm looking at here is, you know, what they're kind of saying is it's possible that non-subsistence use is interfering. Like I mentioned yesterday, the people there in communities that do the hunting are there. You know, they basically know what's going on. That's a good possibility that, you know, what might be happening. They can foresee it in the next couple three years or something down the line that is going to be pretty well depleted. And, you know, I kind of see them maybe foreseeing ahead. It's been happening, you know, around Kodiak

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on the deer and stuff. We've got to go out further to hunt than where we used to hunt. You know, if it's not going to affect their take of subsistence, you know, I fully support their proposal.

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MR. WILLIS: Well, as far as being there, we have Refuge staff -- a pretty extensive staff down there also, and Fish & Game has people in the area, too. The harvest has remained the same on both moose and caribou in this area for the past several years. So there's no indication that there's a problem with people being able to harvest what they need. There's been some -- as I said, some decrease in pressure hunting by non-subsistence users already because the Mulchatna herd has been expanding very rapidly. It's not too far away, and a lot of people are going up there to hunt instead of going to the Alaska Peninsula. And our concern, from a biological standpoint is that we're more concerned about not harvesting enough animals rather than harvesting too many.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes, Randy.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Mr. Chair. What are the feelings from the people about that, about what you're saying, not harvesting enough.

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MR. WILLIS: Which people are you talking about now?

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: The people -- the Bristol Bay Native Association. Is there anybody here that can talk for them?

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MR. WILLIS: Yes, Moses would have a summary of the comments.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah. What are their feelings on that being not harvested enough and having the same problem as the area that we were talking about yesterday? Do they still want to close it down even if there's a chance of over-grazing, having the same problem? How is there feeling on that?

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MR. WILLIS: I don't know. The Bristol Bay Native Association submitted this proposal, and I don't know how many people were in favor of the proposal, if it was one person or a hundred people. You know, that's some information that I don't really have.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Helga.

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MS. EAKON: Mr. Vice Chair, I could speak to that. The Bristol Bay Native Association proposals were the result of extensive visitations to the villages by the natural resources people within the association. The person I spoke with said he has personally visited and held meetings in all of the villages. In fact he said statements about village comment -- on these local village comments, and every proposal in the booklet was a result of voicing a village concern.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Gilda.

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: I know there's a number of hunting lodges in that area that hunt bear. Are these same lodges open for the caribou and moose seasons?

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MR. WILLIS: I'm sure they are. I can't specifically, but, you know, as much as it costs to set up and run one over there, I'm sure they would take advantage of any hunting seasons that were available.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Comments, Tom?

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MR. EVERITT: Well, I disagree, I guess, with Herman, that if the numbers prove that they're not going down; one, I want to protect the subsistence user when the numbers decrease that the subsistence user has a priority by what the staff is saying the numbers aren't depleted, there's plenty for everybody, and that they have a concern that if they limit more hunters that -- they need to harvest those animals. And I'm not ready to cut a group of hunters out unless there is a lack of game, and that's when I would want to protect the subsistence user that they have the game they need. But it doesn't sound like there's a lack of it. And so I'm not in favor of this for cutting out a group. I just haven't seen anything that warrants to stop the hunting in that area.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: The way I read this proposal from Bristol Bay Native Association, the reason for the change is that it's not because of the taking of the animals but it's interference caused by the non-subsistence user and the migration of the moose and the caribou. It's not the quantities taken or the amounts taken by the non-subsistence users, it's interference caused by possibly the airplanes or whatever -- I haven't been up in that area so I'm not familiar with it how they hunt them, if they use three-wheelers or four-wheelers or what.

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MR. DIRKS: I think it is mostly aircraft

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and

2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Low flying aircraft?

3 MR. DIRKS: all-terrain vehicles.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: All-terrain vehicles?
I think that's the proposal that's been made here. It's not,
you know, the quantities taken, it's interfering with the
normal migration path or what the communities have seen for
years and years down there being altered by the non-subsistence
users.

7 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Mr. Chair. Under additional
information it says: "Testimonies from representatives of
several villages on the south side of the Alaska Peninsula
indicate that moose and caribou subsistence needs are not being
met because of excessive sport hunting pressure." That's
saying the people that live out there aren't getting their
subsistence needs met because of the sport hunting pressure.

11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I wouldn't really think
that they would submit a proposal if they don't think that
they're being effected or going to be more effected, and what's
happening -- like Helga mentioned, it was an intensive study in
the villages, you know, and they all felt this way. You know.
16 and another thing that Tom commented on, it doesn't look
like, you know, the caribou and moose herd is -- you know,
there's an abundance of it now, but like I said, what can
happen, you know, quick? You don't act on something now by the
time we've got to do it, like in Gilda's area it's too late.
You know, they're out of it for a while. You know, these
people wouldn't have submitted the proposal if they didn't know
what was going on down there.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: You mentioned earlier
that the normal migration path you observed is not north to
south but east to west.

22 MR. WILLIS: That's correct. Our observations,
you know, we fly surveys down there all the time. Since we use
aircraft we can cover a great deal of ground, far more than
people can cover from the villages who are not using aircraft,
and what we found is that there -- you don't have a north/south
movement from side to side on the peninsula, that the migration

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patterns run up and down the peninsula, mostly on the Bristol Bay side. So this is a case where our observations simply don't agree with what some of the local people are saying.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes, Herman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Another thing, Vice Chair, too, you know the discussion yesterday on that one down there on the caribou in their area, there's a lot of fishermen that travel that area that could be affecting that also, and there's a lot of fishermen that travel this same area on this proposal, and that could put a good dent in the herds, too, there that people don't even know about, you know, that the game has been taken.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Incidental net catch?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, you know, I personally myself -- my personal opinion on the State's and the Federal way they gather their data, I'm not real up on it, I'm not that confident in it. I hate to say it, but I'm not, you know, on that. And like I'm saying, you know, people that are out in these communities and stuff, they know what's going on, they know what's there, they know when to take, not to take. I feel, you know, there should be a lot more confidence in them, too. I'm just sorry I don't have the confidence in the way some of the data is gathered.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Helga, how many communities are involved or how many -- is there just a rough figure? How many communities are involved in this survey by Bristol Bay in this area that we're talking about; do you know?

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MS. EAKON: Nine -- I don't have my Bristol Bay data with me.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: A rough estimate.

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MS. EAKON: (No audible response)

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Robert?

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MR. WILLIS: I'm sorry, Vince, I don't have that -- I don't believe I have that data here.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, that would help me in my overall decision.

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1 MR. STOVALL: I've got companion question to
that. What is the -- I guess that's Region 4?

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MR. WILLIS: Right.

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MR. STOVALL: Has their council discussed that,
and what is their feeling on it?

5 MS. EAKON: The council is going to meet on
February 22 through the 24.

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MR. STOVALL: Okay.

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: Excuse me. Mr. Chairman, I
think I agree with Herman. I think the people that hunt these
lands, they've been doing it for generations and they know, you
know, when it's getting low or how they're being affected.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I guess this is for
my own information and maybe for everybody else's. This change
would be year to year?

12 MR. WILLIS: Right. Yeah, everything we do
here is going to come up and be looked at next year.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, Randy.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Like I say, I tend to agree
with the majority of this committee, that our objective here it
so preserve subsistence use, I guess, and it seems how there is
nobody to argue for their proposal here, we only have a
one-sided argument, and I tend to -- if they feel that that's
what they want, I tend to want to support them. However,
that's just a proposal 'cause we don't know what their regional
is their committee, how they're going to vote on it. I'm kind
of reluctant to go one way or the other until I really know how
their board feels and which way they're going to. I'd prefer
to support their board rather than just a proposal, and when
they have a chance to sit down -- when you say their meeting is
coming up, how are they to vote, I'd tend to support that vote.
I'm kind of reluctant to vote right now, 'cause I could see --
I can see decent arguments on both sides.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I think I might be
able to clear this up a little bit, and maybe for Randy. Can
you point out the area that we addressed yesterday in that
proposal that we passed yesterday on no hunting area?

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MR. WILLIS: Southern Alaska Peninsula

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Show us where that's
at and where this boundary meets.

3 MR. WILLIS: Okay.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Are they overlapping?

5 MR. WILLIS: It's this area right in here. No,
the Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd doesn't come all the way
down as far as Nelson Lagoon area. They're back up --
concentrated back up in this area here. This map doesn't have
Lasheroff (ph) Lake on it but if it did it would like about
right here. Okay, that's one area, and the Ugashik Lakes are
over to the south and the herd ranges through here, and this is
the moose country also. And what our observations are is that
the migration is over here, in this direction, it's kind
of

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That's caribou,
right?

12 MR. WILLIS: northeast to southwest. The
caribou migrate up and down this way rather than back and forth
across this way. We found no evidence that there's migration
from the Bristol Bay side to the Pacific Ocean side, and of
course the moose are not migratory at all. I mean if you know
anything about moose, they're pretty sedentary, and other than
raming around some during the rut, they don't migrate at all
the distances like caribou do.

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Does that answer your question?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes. Under this C
here, what -- on the addition C what refuge -- oh, they're
including all of the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge.
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MR. WILLIS: Right. That runs all the way down
to Area 3, into your area, which is why this proposal came up
in front of this Council. It goes all the way down to here,
even though the animals don't go down there, the Refuge does.
They specified the entire Refuge. That would also limit
hunters coming into that area that they are not concerned with
down here in Area 3, as well as their own area back up here.
That's a good point. I

24 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I guess what I'm
trying to get to is why they included all of the Alaska
Aleutian National Wildlife Refuge. Why didn't they just go to

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a point just on the peninsula there, like we do in the Kodiak area? You know, they go point to point for an area.

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Helga.

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MR. WILLIS: I can't answer that.

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MS. EAKON: Vince Mathews has a statement.

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MR. MATHEWS: Well, I just wanted to -- I've been in conference with others in the room, and I don't know what transpired here so I apologize for interrupting you. I was negotiating something else. But it appears to be that there is comments here saying there is an increase -- that's all right, I can use that term here -- in non-local resident hunting in that area versus local hunting in that area. That data exists, I believe, with Fish & Game to show that breakdown, and they can correct me on that. That would show data of who has been hunting in that area. So if it's true what you say, that there appears to be a trend and the increase of non-local hunting, then that would support the movement, if that's the way the council wants to go to support this proposal. If it goes the other way, showing that it is not an increase or that it's stable or whatever, then support for your issue -- and I want to re-emphasize what Robert is saying, that Section 8.15 to close another hunt you have to be based -- and I'll have to look it up, but based on conservation concerns, but also that subsistence is a priority. You may be interested in seeing that that date that it says showing the trend on who is hunting in these particular areas and harvest. It would be harvest by groups. And I did talk to John Morrison. We have to get on the phone to talk to others to see if that actual data exists.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Herman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Mr. Vice Chair, I think maybe Helga or Moses, either one of you would know, from that region, that board, if they -- do you know what comments they had on their proposal -- do you guys have any -- did you hear anything from them on it or what their

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MR. DIRKS: The reason why it wasn't included in the public comments and summaries was because it wasn't in this region 3, it was in region 4. That's why I neglected to have it included in with the public comments. But if you need the original submitted public comments that they submitted, I could provide you with that this afternoon.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, 'cause that way we can
find out what their board has kind of view on -- which way
they're going to go on this proposal. It might help us, too.

3 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, and we'll have to confer to
make sure that it does exist in a time frame that we can get it
to you, but I

5 MR. MORRISON: It could take several days. Our
Statistic Section at the department headquarters could
specifically pick out the kind of information needed to make
this comparison.

7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, Mr. Vice Chair, if it's
any trend like any other hunting, like down there in Kodiak
when all that -- I can see where we're probably at right now.

9 MR. WILLIS: As I said, Herman, the harvest has
remained relatively constant since -- we've got records here in
front of me going back to '85 on the caribou and '83 on the
moose, and so it appears that the harvest is fairly stable, and
we know the populations are stable from our census work. So,
we can't really speak to the pressure.

13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, but, you know, if that's
the majority of the non-residents that are hunting again, you
know, they feel they're being effected by it, that's got me,
you know, thinking I'm supporting it. You know, it's happening
down there, and we're going to have to do something in our area
eventually on the deer now, the same thing. You know, it's --
I think there's pressure down there on that. Also the way it
affects how many deer are in a certain area. In the last
meeting in September I asked -- it was Roger Smith on -- you
know, if the hunting pressure had an affect on how many deer
were in an area, and basically I was told no, it didn't. And
they couldn't really come up with a reason. Well, one year
there was no deer there, you know. By the following year there
was a big abundance. I mean they couldn't have -- you know,
populated that quick. They have to have them come back there
someplace from some areas. You know, that might possibly
happen here, they might see that's happening right now, these
Bristol Bay people. That's why I feel we should support 'em on
this if -- you know.

23 MR. WILLIS: Okay, I'm not arguing against
that. I'm just going to make sure you have all the information
that I have to give you in making a decision.

25 MR. MORRISON: Mr. Chairman.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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MR. MORRISON: I might add one comment. This is John Morrison, Fish & Game Department. In addition to what Bob Willis has been saying about the caribou population there, the migration routes of these animals can change drastically from one year to another irrespective of locations of hunting pressure. For whatever reason they might go follow one pathway one year, the next year they're many, many miles to one side or the other of that. There's some feeling that this has to do with food supply, it has to do with just the nature of the animal. And this characteristic of caribou all across Alaska and Canada where there are large scale north/south migrations according to the season or the year. It's also been observed very many times with the European and Siberian reindeer which are almost identical to our caribou in their behavior, and it's something that's really not very predictable as to exactly what pathways these animals will use from one year to another. And there's not been any valid information that would correlate that with hunting pressure.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Any more discussion, comments? Did you want Moses to do a summary or do you have something?

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MR. DIRKS: No, I don't have the summaries, I didn't include it with Region 3.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, Herman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, I'd like to suggest that we hold on this till after, you know, Moses can get probably that data by this afternoon for us to see what the Bristol Bay board is planning on doing on this. Maybe this afternoon?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Maybe during the break you can call somebody over there and get it gathered up.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: I agree with that, just hold off for a little bit.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: The procedure would be to move to table until further information is brought up. Is there a motion to table this Proposal 30 at this time?

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: I move.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Moved by Gilda, no
second is needed, it's not debatable. We'll hold it till after
lunch. Thanks, Robert.

3 We'll move on to Proposal -- want to take a break here
before we get into Number 1?

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: Yes.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay, we'll take a
short recess.

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COURT REPORTER: Off record.

8 (Off record - 10:00 a.m.)

9 (On record - 10:19 a.m.)

10 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Would someone holler
out to Herman that we're starting, please. We have a quorum so
we'll just start up. Okay, we're on Proposal Number 1,
submitted by Alaska Department of Fish & Game. And I guess
they're changing furbearers to include -- and they've
designated furbearers. Would the secretary read this for
change -- Proposal for Regulation Change, please.

14 MR. EVERITT: Okay. "Taking or assisting in
the taking of a wolverine by firearm before 3:00 a.m. on the
day following the day on which airborne travel occurred;
however, this does not apply to a trapper using a firearm to
dispatch a wolverine caught in a trap or snare, or in taking an
Arctic fox, red fox, coyote, wolf, or lynx if the person is
over 300 feet from the airplane at the time of taking."

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Any motion to approve
Proposal Number 1?

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: I so move.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Moved by Gilda,

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Second.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: seconded by
Randy. Discussion. Apparently this is a statewide proposal;
is that right?

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Mr. Vice Chair.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes, Randy.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: As I read this, I just seem to think that all it means is that you're basically dispatching an animal that's in a trap, and to me that sounds like humane proposal.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Over 300 feet from an aircraft.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Is that as I understand it? What seems to be

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Or 300 feet from the aircraft. We have -- what's your name?

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MR. ADERMAN: Yes, Mr. Vice Chairman and Council Members, my name is Andy Aderman. I'm a biologist in the office of Subsistence Management here in Anchorage, and I worked on this proposal. And what I have done is up here on the flip-chart I made a poster of the issues, as I see it. This is -- it's a pretty confusing thing that we're dealing with here, and I'll try to go through it step-by-step to explain what exactly the changes are proposed.

If you look under the existing column, that's the regulations as they are right now for Federal Subsistence. You can take foxes, coyote and lynx on the same day that you've flown, and we're not talking about commercially scheduled flights between regular designated airports. We're talking about if somebody goes out in a Supercub or something out in the Bush and accesses their trapline that way.

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But under the current Federal regulations you can take Arctic fox, red fox, coyote, and lynx on the same day that you've flown as long as you're 100 feet from the airplane. The other two, wolf and wolverine, you cannot.

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Okay, you heard yesterday about this proposed rule and how the Federal regulations have to be renewed on an annual basis, whereas with the State system if they're not changed they're the same year after year. Okay, in the proposed rule that's coming up for '94 and '95, it's proposed that no same day airborne taking under a trapping license would be allowed. Proposal Number 1, submitted by the State, asks that same day airborne be allowed for foxes, lynx, coyote, and wolf, as long as the person doing the taking is 300 feet from the airplane.

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This change is a reflection of the State Board of Game taking action in June of '93. Their previous regulation was much the same as our existing regulation, wherever they had the

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100-foot distance requirement, and you could not take wolves under a trapping license. The changes they made was to make it 200 feet and to include wolves.

3 The major issue, as I see it, for Proposal Number 1 is whether you agree with same day airborne taking of wolves.

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MS. MYERS: Are they caught in the trap before they're shot, all these animals, or

6 MR. ADERMAN: Under the State regulation you could take a free ranging wolf as long as you meet the 300 feet requirement that you have to be away from the plane. Under both the State and the Federal regulations any animal that's caught in a trap or a snare, if you've flown there you can dispatch that animal. There's no prohibition on that. Those are the issues.

10 MS. MYERS: Who is this open to? Do you need a special trapping license or just a hunting license?

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MR. ADERMAN: You need a trapping license.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Any questions or comments?

14 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I have one question on the proposal for regulation change. The only thing I see missing
15 it says taking or assisting in the taking of a wolverine by firearm and such and such. I don't see anything whether --
16 does it say whether it's allowed or not allowed? It just says taking or assisting.

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MR. ADERMAN: This should be that you may not take wolverines on the same day that you've flown.

19 MR. CHRISTENSEN: So taking or assisting in taking wolverine by firearm after occurred should be not allowed, right?

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MR. ADERMAN: Right.

22 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Are you omitting something -- there's something omitted here. Is that correct, as I'm reading it?

24 MR. KNAUER: Yes. Mr. Chair, there is a statement that would occur up above this that we forgot to put
25 there that does relate to this. It says: The following

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things are prohibited.

2 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Oh, okay. I just was unsure
about that one.

3 MR. KNAUER: That just happened to be one of a
number of things.

5 MR. EVERITT: Why they've excluded wolverines;
is it just that they just sit there? I'm not used to hunting a
wolverine and you can just walk right up on 'em, fly down on
'em and

7 MR. ADERMAN: Wolverines occur in pretty low
numbers naturally, and they also occupy areas that are open and
thus they're more vulnerable to somebody flying around and
possibly landing and taking 'em, and there are some areas of
concern around the State, and wolverine populations are below
natural densities. So under both the State and the Federal
current regulations and proposed regulations, wolverines would
not be allowed to be taken same day airborne.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Comment or
discussion?

13 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I was wondering if there's
any argument on this not being passed.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

16 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Which one is that?

17 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: National Park Service
opposes it; Alaska Wildlife Alliance also opposes the proposal.
There's several. I'm missing the comments that have been
written for and opposed. It's Proposal Number 1. Where's
Moses?

20 MS. EAKON: He went to get the comments on
Proposal 30.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Oh, okay. Do you
have any comments? I guess that's all there are unless you
have some more.

23 MR. ADERMAN: I'd just like to add,
Vice Chair, that there is concern amongst several of the
Federal managers, and this is again statewide. There has been
some past abuses under allowing same day airborne taking of

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various furbearers, and those abuses have mainly occurred by unscrupulous people harassing an animal from the air, trying to drive it out into the open, or actually taking the animal from the airplane. But the degree that that occurs, I'm not sure how widespread. You can go on past arrests and that tells you, you know, who got caught.

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MS. MYERS: Mr. Vice Chair.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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MS. MYERS: I have a question for Andy. Would the trapping license how many furbearers are you allowed to harvest? Like, for instance, the wolves, how many are you allowed to harvest?

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MR. ADERMAN: Under a trapping license there is no limit on the number of wolves, and for most species there are no limits. Under a hunting license harvest limits are generally more restrictive.

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MS. MYERS: What are they for a hunting license?

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MR. ADERMAN: For hunting it varies in particular areas, and you'll be dealing with that in the next proposal. In 9(D) current Federal wolf hunting harvest limit is 10, whereas in

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MS. MYERS: (Indiscernible - interrupting)

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MR. ADERMAN: Right. During the season, right.

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MS. MYERS: So basically with this new, proposed regulation if it goes into effect somebody with a trapping license same day they're in their plane, they can harvest as many as they basically want to, as many as they see, as long as they shoot it 300 feet from the airplane?

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MR. ADERMAN: As long as they are 300 feet from the airplane, that's correct.

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MS. MYERS: Do you see any population abuses with this, they can take as many as they can find, you know, they can just fly around until they spot them and land and run over and shoot 'em and load them up and fly -- I mean I'm looking at the possibilities and extreme abuses.

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MR. ADERMAN: Well, that's possible, and I've

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not participated in this activity myself so I don't have any personal knowledge of how easy or how difficult it is to locate an animal, land your aircraft and get all -- and take that animal. I would guess for some of the species, like fox, it may be possible. You're not going to take your plane up and fly around and

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MS. MYERS: For a \$40 pelt, right?

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MR. ADERMAN: Right. And as far as wolves out on the end of the peninsula there, while their population appears stable to maybe increasing it, it may not be that many of them that are going to be easy. It's kind of a self-regulating -- you're not just going to go up and fly and expect to get a wolf.

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MS. MYERS: So the wolverines are the ones that are being protected here because like you say, they like the open areas and they're more vulnerable to being spotted from an aircraft, whereas the other furbearers are a little more -- they hide?

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MR. ADERMAN: Right. Generally.

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MS. EAKON: Mr. Vice Chair.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Helga.

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MS. EAKON: Could we focus on the impact of this proposal as it relates to Region 3, namely Units 8, 9(D), and 10?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, could we have somebody from maybe the staff go point out them areas on the map, please?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: For the

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: What she's talking, 8, 9(D), and 10.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, 8, 9(D), and 10; where are the hunting of wolverine -- where's the same day hunting that would take place?

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MR. WILLIS: Well, you're speaking of Game Management Units 8, 9(D), and 10, and that's what you have

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right here. Unit 8 is Kodiak Island.

2 MR. EVERITT: No wolves.

3 MR. WILLIS: No wolves there. Unit 9(D) is
from Port Moller, down to about between False Pass and
King Cove here, and Unit 10 is Unimak Island.

5 MR. EVERITT: What's the population of wolves
down in that area? Is there any wolves?

6 MR. ADERMAN: Yes, there are wolves. I don't
have an exact figure as to the number of wolves. I just talked
to the Refuge people and they haven't done any surveys, to my
knowledge, but based on local perceptions of sightings here and
there, there hasn't been any decreases in the wolf population.

9 MR. EVERITT: Is there any wolverines down in
those parts?

11 MR. ADERMAN: I believe there are, yes.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Under 10 there's
harvest limits -- I read a report someplace -- I don't know
where it was, something in my writing the last few days, but
there was a -- I believe there were 10 wolves taken within our
area last year. Was that from somebody in your department? I
forget where I saw it.

15 MR. ADERMAN: For what unit?

16 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: For 8, 9(D), and 10 -
17 Region 3. I read a report someplace. I've read so much
paperwork in the last few days, I can't seem to remember where
I read it, but it seemed like 10 wolves was taken within
Region 3. I'm trying to remember how many wolverine, because
18 related to this proposal. But there is some hunting of
those going on.

20 MS. MYERS: Mr. Vice Chair. How do the people
that live in that area feel about it; what do they say? Do we
know?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I haven't heard any
comments either from Izembek or Cold Bay. I haven't received
any written or support or anything from them.

24 MR. EVERITT: I imagine, Mr. Vice Chair, that
there's probably not too many places a guy can just see a wolf

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and land an airplane and take it. Very limited.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: There are not many
places there, I guess, because of the weather, wind and rain.
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MR. ADERMAN: Mr. Vice Chair, I might add the
State kept track of same day airborne wolf takes for two years,
1990, '91, '91 and '92. Same day airborne taking of wolves was
allowed under hunting, and for Unit 9(D) in those two years
there were three wolves taken or reported taken by same day
airborne methods. All three were non-residents. Now there
were other wolves taken during those years.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Seventeen by
subsistence users.

9 MR. ADERMAN: Excuse me?

10 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: According to this
here, it says seven in 1992, 17 of 643 or 2% reported Federally
qualified subsistence users.

12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair -- or Vice Chair.
What it looks like to me, the main reason then for this is for
the Federal one that's proposed here is just to go right along
with the State one basically. Isn't that one of the main
reasons why this proposal has been submitted? And it basically
looks like it's covering the trapping side of the aspect.

15 MR. ADERMAN: Right. This proposals deals with
trapping. The Federal proposed regulation would not allow same
day airborne taking of

17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, the State's does that
right now.

19 MR. ADERMAN: The State's does right now, and
they're asking that we make ours the same as theirs.

20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right here while reading
reasons for changing the regulation is the Federal and State
regulations should be kept identical to prevent public
confusion. So, in other words, the State's should be a little
different than this one.

23 MR. ADERMAN: The State's existing regulation
that last column there, and this is maybe the most
confusing. As a practical matter somebody out in that area can
follow the State's regulation on Federal lands, except Park

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Service lands. I don't know if you have any Park Service lands in that area. Does Aniakchak get picked on there?

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MR. WILLIS: No.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, what I'm looking at when, the way the reason it was written in here is wrong then. Correct me if I'm wrong. What it's saying here is you want Federal and State regs should be identical. This way it's not going to be identical. State's allowing first day airborne here in this proposal and we don't want it till the next day.

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MR. ADERMAN: That would depend on how the board votes on it.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. That's confusing here, you know. To me if you want to keep it the same here, we're trying to change it here. If we so decide or whatever, we're not going to be together on both if we do decide to change it or the Federal board decides to change on the way I'm reading the reason here. Maybe I'm wrong. On the first page

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MR. ADERMAN: Okay, you're addressing what the State has submitted as a reason for changing the regulation, and I won't speak for the State, I believe the State is represented here. If you so choose, I'd ask that you have the State come up and further testify as to the reason for wanting this.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I might be a little confused now. I thought this was a Federal proposal -- this is a State proposal.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, okay. Okay. So in other words, they want to change it back to the next day is what they're trying to do, the State.

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MR. ADERMAN: The State has already changed their regulation

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: They just want to

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MR. ADERMAN: to allow same day

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: the Federal to conform

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With it.

2 MR. ADERMAN: to allow same day airborne
taking of wolves and foxes, coyote, and lynx.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Right.

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MR. ADERMAN: As long as you're 300 feet.
They're asking the Federal Subsistence Board to make the same
regulation.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: See, that's what I'm saying.
I got a little confused on it for some reason, you know, it
didn't sound right there of what the State has and what the
Fed's have -- or Federal -- excuse me.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Craig -- excuse me.

Craig.

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MR. MISHLER: I may be mistaken, maybe John can
correct me, but my understanding is that this is a State
proposal for a Federal regulation.

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MR. MORRISON: And the background for it is to
provide, as it says on the next page, provide more trapping
opportunity for subsistence users.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Randy.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: I was just curious ont he
Alaska Wildlife Alliance. They seem to be strongly opposed to
it, and I was wondering, they seem to have a membership around
28000. I was wondering who makes up those members, what type
of a group -- user group makes up those numbers? Does anybody
know or is anybody here to speak for them? I'm just curious.
They seem to be strongly opposed to it, and I'm just wondering
what kind of -- what user group

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MR. EVERITT: I just bet they don't own any fur

coats.

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MR. ADERMAN: I'm not familiar with that group.
I believe that they're based here in Anchorage.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: They've got a full page of
opposition here, and I was just curious to find out. It says
they have 2,000 members and that is a non-profit group.

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MR. MORRISON: If I could comment on that.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Other than that

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MR. MORRISON: Mr. Christensen's question there, that particular group is opposed to hunting or trapping, period.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: That's why I was -- I wanted to get kind of an idea of who Alaska Wildlife Alliance is.

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MR. MORRISON: Any liberalization of any regulation, they're opposed to it on principle, and particularly when it involves wolves. They've made this quite clear in recent times and in response to the department's wolf control program. For example, they called for a boycott of tourists and that sort of thing. So their response here is pretty routine for their line of

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Okay. Well, I tend to sway towards supporting this proposal. Like it's saying on the next page there, increase subsistence user opportunities.

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MR. EVERITT: Does there need to be a motion?

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: We already have a motion. I guess if there's any more discussion?

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: Question.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Question's been called for Proposal Number 1. All those in favor or support of Proposal Number 1 regulation changes say aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 Okay, Proposal Number 2 is submitted by Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Proposed '94/'95 regulation refers to open seasons and harvest limits and unit numbers, changes. Well, regarding the wolf -- you know, wolf harvest limits and changes to open seasons. I guess we can just read the shaded area changes into the record for proposed for regulations changes from -- for comparison we'd have to read what it's -- how it is now and how it's going to change.

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1 MR. EVERITT: This is somewhat confusing. It
looks like in the Kenai area, Unit Number 7, that it was
harvest limit of 1 and they want to change that to 2.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, let's stay with
our own area, which should be 8, 9(D), and 10, and the bag
limit, harvest limit for 9 -- quota is 5.

5 MR. EVERITT: Be increased.

6 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Vice

7 MR. EVERITT: In Unit 10, 2

8 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, it includes 9
and 10 as one unit and 9 and 10 and 12 now goes to 5.
Decreases the bag on it, and also -- see, there's no 8 here.

10 MR. EVERITT: Where do you have 12 at?

11 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)

12 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Well, it decreases, but it
also increases for Unit 10 to 3 more, theoretically, if you
wanted to hunt in just one single area.

14 MS. EAKON: For Units 9, the existing harvest
limit would be -- is 10; the proposal would decrease it to
five, and in Unit 10, the present harvest limit is two, so it
will be increased from two to five in this proposal.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: But as a total, five.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: But you wouldn't be able to
hunt nine anymore.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Five in each unit.
Maybe someone can explain it.

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MR. ADERMAN: That's a total under the hunting
system, that regardless of where you hunted -- I mean you could
take three wolves in one unit and if you go to the next unit
and the bag limit is five, you can still take two more. You
can take up to five wolves under a hunting license.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: So then there would
be a decrease from 12 to five under my

25 MR. ADERMAN: No, a decrease from 10 to five.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, I guess before
we go we need somebody to make a motion.

3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I move that we adopt Proposal
Number 2.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Second it.

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MR. EVERITT: Second it.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It's been moved by
Herman and seconded by Tom -- sorry.

8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Vice Chair,

9 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Now we're in
discussion. Yes.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: I see the same way you do.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, I don't see
where they

13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: They combined 9 and 10 on the
new proposal. To me that's looking a decrease. I may be
looking at it wrong, but they originally had 10 in 9 and only
2. It's not actually an increase in 10.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yes, it is. It's three if
that's the only place you count.

17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, but then they're
combining the two together, Randy, and dropping it down to
five. Combine 9 and 10, originally was 12.

19 MR. ADERMAN: Excuse me. The bag limits
between units are cumulative. You can't add them together.
You can get as much as the most liberal harvest limit. So in
the case of Unit 9 and 10, the current bag limits, the most
liberal one is 10. You can't take more than 10 under a hunting
license.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, but then you
can go to -- you can go to area 10 from 9 and get two more.

24 MR. ADERMAN: Not if you've already taken 10
wolves in Unit 9.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: On the same day or
year?
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3 MR. ADERMAN: In the same year.

4 MR. EVERITT: I'd like to see the guy that
could get 10 wolves in one day.

5 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chair. One thing that's
confusing. 9 - 10, what that means in both -- either unit, if
you look down further you see it's 16 - 24, that means in Units
16 through 24
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8 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Five a piece.

9 MR. KNAUER: That would be that in any of those
Units.

10 MR. CHRISTENSEN: All right, I got it now.

11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I have to look at it a little
more.
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13 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Maybe that's the
verification I was asking for earlier and it just never come
out.
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15 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Okay, I misunderstood it,
#50.

16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. Well, you know, it's
changed
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18 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I thought it
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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The way they changed the
numbers it's kind of a trick
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22 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I thought it was five for
both of these units.
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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: If they would have left it the
same, I imagine this is going to confuse a lot more people
besides us. I mean when you change something.

25 MR. ADERMAN: The proposed changes, I made map
9(D) and 10. Again, the State is asking to go from a 10
wolf hunting harvest limit down to five in 9(D), so that's a
reduction.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Where does boundary
20 -- 9(D) start? It's not marked.

3 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)

4 MR. ADERMAN: Unit 10 is everything here;
Unimak Island and the small island here. This is 9(D); here is
where Region 3 ends, it's starting Unit 4.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

7 MR. ADERMAN: So here would be a reduction in
9(D) from 10 to 5; in Unit 10 would be increased from 2 to 5.
This is for the hunting/harvesting.

9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So you're losing 5 in one area
and gaining 3 in another one.

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MR. ADERMAN: Right.

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MR. MORRISON: Mr. Chairman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: In actuality, you're still
losing 2.

14 MR. CHRISTENSEN: That boundary is right around
by Port Moller, right? Right through there.

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MR. WILLIS: That's correct.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: John.

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MR. MORRISON: Yeah, I just wanted to make sure
that everybody also notes that on the trapping regulations that
the proposal would extend the closing date to April 30 in
conformance of State law which throughout all of these units
give trappers more time to operate.

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MR. KNAUER: John, none of those extensions
affect these units.

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MR. MORRISON: Is that

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MR. ADERMAN: That's the -- more the interior.
But I would also point out that under the current trapping
seasons which are run November 10 to March 31, there is no
limit, and you can use firearms under a trapping license to
take wolves. So changing this is going to have minimal impact.

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1 You're not going to increase or decrease harvest opportunities. If somebody wants to take more than five wolves, if they obtain a trapping license there is no limit.

3 MR. EVERITT: That really makes no difference, 'cause most avid hunters spend the \$5 or whatever it is for their trapping license and then they're legal.

5 MR. ADERMAN: The hunting license is \$15. I looked at the ceiling records for the last nine years, going back to 1984, and the most anybody's ever reported in a single year has been four wolves for either Unit 10 or 9(D), and it's tough to break out in the ceiling records whether they took it under a trapping license or a hunting license, if they have both. Most people just reported taking one

9 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Anymore comments or questions or any more information needed?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: I guess they're trying to get 11 in sync together or something. I'm kind of curious why the State is submitting these proposals in the Federal. There's nobody on the Federal side of the Fish & Game that handles wolf or anything like that or why we haven't been or these regions haven't been submitting proposals? I see the State -- what I'm looking at on these two is the State submitted to the Fed board 14 they would be in sync; Fed side/State side. There's nobody in the Federal side that handles this wolf stuff much or what - 15 why, the Fed didn't come in with a proposal already in the regions? I'm kind of curious on that and why the State is putting in proposals.

17 MR. ADERMAN: Both these cases, the Federal regulations were adopted from the State regulations back in 1990, and the State had since made changes, and they're asking that we make the same changes. And there are several other proposals scattered throughout the various regions that are similar in intent in asking that we make the same changes that the State has. As far as anybody in the Federal system making proposals to change, I think we would like to see the people themselves asked for the change.

22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, in other words, then there is other proposals out besides this one coming from other regions on this same issue. Am I correct?

24 MR. ADERMAN: You mean for wolves?

25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, like on this one that

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you guys got in here on wolves, the different harvest limits.

2 MR. ADERMAN: Proposal 2 has been put in the
statewide section because it encompasses almost all units.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: So this same proposal then
won't be addressed on by every region then?

5 MR. ADERMAN: Right.

6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You know, I would be kind of
hesitant to make any decision on this not knowing what all the
other regions are going to decide, for it's going to affect a
lot of the other regions, you know, besides a little bit of us.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: But we're only making
a decision on Region 3, Units 8, 9, and 10. This is where
we're talking about, within our area, how it affects us.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. I mean I would be
curious to what -- areawide how they feel on some of this. I
don't know.

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MR. ADERMAN: I think you could make an
amendment to say that you're addressing only the changes as
they affect Region 3.

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(Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: I would feel more comfortable
in that way, yeah.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Helga.

18 MS. EAKON: I had asked Bill if you vote on
this proposal would you vote for the proposal per se statewide
or would you be voting only on within the units in your region,
and his opinion is that you'd be focusing only on your units
within your region.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That seems to be the
only authority we have under the Charter anyway

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Would we have to make

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: is within the
unit that we're in.

25 MR. CHRISTENSEN: We have to make an amendment

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first then?

2 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, that answers my question.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It's presented only
for 9(D), 8, and 10.

4 MS. EAKON: So if you want to take action, I
guess you could say you would amend the proposal to address
only those units within your specific region.

6 MR. ADERMAN: I think that would be the
cleanest and clearest message to the board if you say we're
just addressing those changes as they affect our region.

8 MR. EVERITT: I'll make that amendment, that
it's only for the units that are within our region. Is that
clear now?

10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I second it.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It's been moved and
seconded

13 MR. EVERITT: Call for a vote.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: on the
amendment to the main motion that we include only those

15 MR. EVERITT: Units.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: units
within

18 MR. EVERITT: Our region.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: our region;
Region 3. All those in favor?

20 IN UNISON: Aye.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Opposed? Amendment
for the main motion passes.

23 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Question on the main motion.

24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair. Shouldn't we add
for the changes that occur in our region in that instead of
just in our region, Units 8, 9, and 10?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I'm sorry, what?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Shouldn't we put changes in there?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That's what we're doing on the main motion. The main motion is to approve the changes as amended, which would include the areas that are in Unit 3.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: This is what we are adding in on the amendment, changes that affect our area.

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MR. EVERITT: The units within our areas, yes, we're voting on those.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: I just want to make sure I've clarified it and the right wording is in there is all. I don't want to confuse anybody else.

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: Question on the main motion.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Question on the main motion has been called. All those in favor of the amended motion say aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Opposed? Motion carries. Proposal Number 2, as amended, is approved. Thank you.

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Let's see.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Vice Chair, I see Moses is back. Maybe we could go back to Proposal 30. Is it possible?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We have to call that 21 which one was it -- Proposal Number 30 -- Proposal Number 30 back to the -- from the table? Yes.

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MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Vice Chair, in response to the earlier request to get harvest data broken down by unit resident and non-resident, it's a good chance I can get that by noon. The computer is working on it now. I can give you a summary that was -- I received from the area biologist from Alaska State Department of Fish & Game after getting permission

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from Mr. Morrison. I can give you that now if you want to proceed ahead. I would advise you wait and see. I do want to warn you on this data that I might get at noon there is a problem with the moose data that hopefully the person can get around. If not, I will need an additional half-hour to pull as many of the harvest books together and give you some numbers.

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What we're looking at there is to show you the trend of non-unit resident hunting is what I'm trying to provide you because the discussion of that is changing over time, and hopefully this data would show that there is a trend, whatever which direction. That might be by 12:30 that we can pull that together.

8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair. I suggest that we just keep it tabled until we get that data.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, we can discuss 10. Can't we discuss it?

11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: According to the regs if it doesn't have a certain trend then we -- it's not going to really do us much good if it's not going one way or the other, we can't really do anything to change it if it's affecting one way or the other. So I feel, you know, we should keep it tabled until we get that data from him.

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MR. MATHEWS: It may not produce anything. What I got over the phone from the biologist is, again, he is leaving tomorrow for a lengthy vacation, this is an on-the-spot question which I don't particularly like doing because we don't know what's going on in the office at that moment, but based on that type of phone conversation, the two points that you need to be aware of is that in general most of your subsistence harvest is not reported. He said 99%, but I would say a majority is not harvested (sic). And according to his assessment without having all this data right in front of him, but based on his experience working in that area, the non-unit resident hunting is relatively stable over time. But I would encourage you to -- if we can pull that data together to show that, he's saying that over time since '83 that non- -- I keep getting confused on that -- that non-unit resident harvest has been stable.

23 MR. MISHLER: The legal non-resident harvest.

24 MR. EVERITT: I think we've got enough to vote on this. It's going to be a split vote.

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1 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Mr. Vice Chair.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

3 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I'd like to ask again what
the populations are. Did I hear a while ago that there were
not very much population in that particular area that would
affect our region?

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MR. WILLIS: There are none in your part of the
Alaska Peninsula.

7 MR. CHRISTENSEN: So basically we're voting on
something that has nothing to do with Region 3.

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MR. WILLIS: Exactly. As I said earlier, the
only reason this was included in your proposal booklet was the
fact that the entire Alaska Peninsula Refuge was named in this
proposal, and part of that refuge, this little piece of it
right down here is in Region 3, but the moose and the caribou
that they're talking about are all back up in this area.

12 MR. CHRISTENSEN: So the animals in question
have nothing to do with our region.

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MR. WILLIS: That's correct.

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: We already voted yesterday to
close our region.

16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, I'd still like
support what they're doing here in subsistence.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I'm trying to point -
excuse me a second.

19 Maybe the court reporter can help me. How would you get
this back from the table, do I just bring it back?

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COURT REPORTER: Yes.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I would have
authority to bring it back on the table at any time?

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COURT REPORTER: You may

24 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Mr. Vice Chair, since
yesterday we voted to close that particular area, or we voted
to adopt no open season, so we'd just be contradicting

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ourselves if we oppose this.

2 MS. SHELLIKOFF: No.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: No.

4 MR. EVERITT: No, that's different.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: A different area. It
would be

6 MR. CHRISTENSEN: But it extends all the way
down.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: If we support the
closure or Proposal 30 then it would be -- it would include the
whole

10 MR. CHRISTENSEN: It just has a technicality
that it just encompasses that but it won't affect it, right,
okay.

12 MR. WILLIS: One proposal does not affect the
other one.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: No.

14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Could I get somebody again to
clarify on what we can and can't do now? If we do this -- if
we so move on this proposal the only way -- what I heard a
while ago on the regs -- the only way that we can stop a
non-user from that area, you know, only if it's -- the majority
is taken by non-users; that's the only way that it could be a
change. Am I right or wrong on that one? That's the only way
we'd be able to do it? If it's affecting the subsistence, you
know, or they feel it's affecting -- and a majority of the game
is taken by a non-resident or whatever

22 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chair, the proportion, whether
it's a majority of animals being taken by non-residents or
residents is not a factor in consideration. What is a factor
is whether the harvest levels of the subsistence users are
being impacted, because there are some areas, for example, on
Kodiak. We know that the majority of animals that are being
harvested are being harvested by non-residents. But because

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the population of deer there, the subsistence harvest levels are still being met by the users. So that's an example where the majority of animals are not being taken by the subsistence user. So it's not necessarily the proportion to whether it is impacting and whether there is adequate population to support both uses.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair -- or Vice Chair, basically in a sense what I said, I'm basically right. They would have never submitted the proposal if they felt that it wasn't affecting their use is my personal opinion on it.

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MR. MORRISON: Mr. Chair, could I add a comment to that?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Morrison.

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MR. MORRISON: The reason they feel they're not getting what they want is because the caribou are not migrating to the point where they want to shoot them, and they're blaming that on the presence and the actions of the non-local hunters. That's what is behind it.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: I kind of -- I don't believe that, but I could be wrong.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Well, I just -- like I say, that Region 4 committee has not even voted on this yet and how it's going to affect them and pretty much not us. I tend not to even vote on this at this time.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Helga.

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MS. EAKON: As a technical matter, Randy is correct. If these species are not being impacted within the units in your region, which is Region 3, then technically as a council you would not have authority to even vote, but that wouldn't stop you from saying, well, we feel that -- or we can sympathize with local opinions, but technically it's not a matter to be voted on unless it directly impacted subsistence resource populations within your units.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: I would suggest that we just not move on this at all at this time, at least anyway.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, the motion has been brought off and onto the table by discussion, and so we can either vote it down, pass it or pass it with no comment with an amendment to the motion as no comment.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We ought to just keep it
tabled.

3 MR. KNAUER: You have another option there
which would be to table it again and never take it off the
table, which means you're not voting in favor or in opposition.

5 MR. EVERITT: So we can just table it?

6 MR. KNAUER: Right, that would be one of your
options.

7 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Well, I would prefer to just
table it.

9 MS. MYERS: And you can always come back to it
again if you decide differently.

10 MR. EVERITT: I'll make a motion that we table
it.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Motion to table
Proposal Number 30.

13 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Second.

14 MR. KNAUER: It's not debatable. Proposal 30
15 tabled.

16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I make a motion to table.

17 MR. EVERITT: Second.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: All those in favor?

19 IN UNISON: Aye.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Opposed?

21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I oppose it.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Did you oppose the
motion?

23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I opposed the tabling on this
bit of information that I'm looking at right here from the
Bristol Bay Native Association. They feel that their
subsistence hunting is being bothered by a lot of the sport

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Hunters. That's the reason I feel that we should support it.

2 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Could we make an explanation
to say that -- or make some statement that we tabled this
Because it's not our region, but maybe we support their
majority vote or something to that effect?

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Mr. Vice Chair, one of the
seasons I supported tabling it is because I'd like to see what
the Region 4 committee, what the outcome is on it, if they
oppose it or support, and since that information is not
there,

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: For clarification, I
guess, if the board wishes, you know, we could vote -- this can
be brought up like one hour before the Federal Subsistence
Board meets as our unit here, and we'll know by telephone
conference, we can bring it off, onto the table and vote yes or
no in support after we listen to the debate of Region 4. And
that's the reason for this tabling is to hold off to wait to
see what is the comments of the Region 4. Now if they do pass
this then we'll support it. I feel I would support it. I'd
support it right now, but

13 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I agree with that.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: But in the interest
of it not even passing, I'm moving to table. I'd support the
table.

16 MR. CHRISTENSEN: And also in the case their
committee opposes it, you know, what's the purpose of us
supporting it?

18 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Just make that comment, that
we support, whatever the majority, instead of calling another
meeting.

20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's what I'm just going to
ask Mr. Vice Chair if we're going to wait and have another
meeting after they have theirs for just this one proposal?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, it would be a
telephone conference -- a teleconference can handle the issue,
feel. Is that right?

24 MS. EAKON: Uh-huh (affirmative).

25 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It's only like five
minutes. We can save it.

3 MR. EVERITT: Mr. Vice Chair, I would like to
hold off for afterwards because their committee may see that
this is too broad. They may want to not pass it 'cause they
may see that they can shorten it up, or they might not (sic)
5 say it's not necessary, and I think we should just wait and see
what they do and if you feel it's important for us to have a
meeting, then you can so call a conference -- teleconference.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: And we'll be

8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, I guess I can
live with that, but when are they going to have their meeting,
Belga?

10 MS. EAKON: It will start on the evening of
February 22, and they'll meet the 23rd and 24th.

11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But I still feel -- you know,
12 don't think that the Bristol Bay Native Association would
have submitted this without conferring with their regional
board. But still I feel I can wait. I can live with that.
That's what I thought Moses was going to bring us.

14 MS. EAKON: He has

15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: From the board, I
thought

17 MS. EAKON: the loose comments of

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: There's only one
comment in support

19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, there's only one and
20's from the Native association. I thought maybe possibly if
there was comments from the board.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: From the villagers.

22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: From the board is what I
thought we'd hear comments from.

24 MS. SHELLIKOFF: That's why there's no
comments. They're not having their meeting till the 23rd.
Let's move on.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, but I imagine they must
conferred with somebody about it by now.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Do you have a
comment -- I forget your name -- Vince.

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MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, this is Vince. Do you
still want that data distributed that we can get out?

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MR. EVERITT: You can send it to us.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: You can send it to us
or give it to us today or whenever you can get it. It's a
tabled issue and I feel it could be brought up if the concern
of the members is a strong issue to support, then we can bring
it up.

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MR. MATHEWS: Then do you want the prior
documentation handed out now, whatever Moses has?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, we received it
already.

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MR. DIRKS: This is the published summaries of
the public comments that we have received at the Subsistence
Office. So what I did was I made copies in case you wanted to
look at the document itself.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: If any member wants
to look at those, then he can do so.

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MR. KNAUER: Just as a general piece of
information, this is coming out of the regulations which relate
to regional council duties, and it's taken directly out of
ANILCA. Regional councils are authorized to review, evaluate
and make recommendations to the board on proposals for
regulation, policies, management plans, and other plans
relating to subsistence take of fish and wildlife on public
lands within their region. It's very specific. I happen to be
reading it. It's on page 18, but it's also within the
regulations, in the law, and throughout the aspect of the
duties of regional councils, it's very specific that it does
identify within the region of the council.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: In other words, just because
that little chunk of land is sitting in our region,

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We affect the

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livelihood of Region 3

2 MR. SQUARTSOFF: all this is for nothing.

But I do support 'em. You know, it's not for nothin', but I guess nothin' is the only thing we can actually do. I want to support them, we can send them a letter saying that we -- that's it, we can't act on this proposal.

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MS. EAKON: There is a resource activity outside your region that impacts your region, then by all means you have the authority to comment on it.

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MR. KNAUER: Right. That would be a situation where, for example, if maybe the users are a community within your region, maybe go outside to harvest. That would certainly be within the purview of your council.

10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay. That's good then. A lot of the majority of people that live in Chignik, all that area, live in Kodiak, you know. So that's basically -- they live in that -- our area, right, is what you're saying?

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MR. KNAUER: In this particular proposal that was not the -- it was not the residents of Kodiak that expressed concern.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, but a lot of these people from Bristol that are in that association live in Kodiak, and if I would have had this sooner, I probably could've went over with some of the people that are from that area and got comments on it.

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MR. KNAUER: Under this proposal they are -- Bristol Bay Native Association is providing information that is from residents from several villages on the south side of the peninsula, which is not Kodiak or individuals living in Kodiak.

20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, but they go live there during the summer seasons.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: The issue has been tabled. Let's get back to -- we're not going to discuss it any more. We're waiting on a decision, with reference to the tabling, at this time from Region 3, at the discretion of the Chair the coordinator will call me. That's how you told me to do it. You will direct me to call after the decision, and I will do so. Right now it's at the discretion of the Chair based on what happens at their hearing. I clarify it because,

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you know, we need to go on. It's a tabled issue.

2 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The only reason it was brought
up is because it almost sounded as though we couldn't act on it
anyway, but we were just trying to clarify that out of our
Operations Manual what we can and can't do.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Since it doesn't
focus

6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Thank you.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Region 4 or
Region 3, then we can act on it. Where are we on the agenda?
We finished all these -- that's it for proposals to Region 3.
Where are we at now?

9 MS. EAKON: Annual reports.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. C. Annual
Report 1993 - Discussion and Ratification.

12 MS. EAKON: Who does not have their copy of the
Annual Report?

13 MR. EVERITT: We have it but just can't find
14.

MS. SHELLIKOFF: I don't have one.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Let me see what it
looks like. I've probably got it.

17 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah, what does it look like?
Was it sent to us?

18 MS. EAKON: Yes.

19 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I should have everything that
was sent.

21 MS. EAKON: Well, for easy reference, we have
plenty of copies.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: To clear up the
agenda here and maybe help out on trying to decide on this time
frame, what items do we have left to do on this? We've got the
Annual Report,

25 MS. EAKON: You've got, under New Business,

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VII. C., Annual Report '93, Annual Report '94, and then under New Business we have Adak Caribou Herd, we have Kenai Safety Report -- wait a minute.

3 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I thought we done those,
didn't we?

4 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We didn't do Kenai.

5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, we didn't do Kenai. The
6 only one we did was clarification on the new regs.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We did subsistence
fishing times. That's gone.

8 MS. EAKON: Right.

9 MR. CHRISTENSEN: We did 1 and 2?

10 MS. EAKON: No, we didn't.

11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, we didn't do 1. We only
12 did 2.

13 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Caribou and Clarification?

14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, we only did 2.

15 MS. EAKON: So we have H.1. and H.3.

16 MR. CHRISTENSEN: We did the clarification
then?

17 MS. EAKON: Yes.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: So we have possibly
19 four items. Okay, we'll move on. We'll do Annual Report '93.
Helga.

20 MS. EAKON: Mr. Vice Chair, when the
21 coordinators -- the five regional coordinators had their
22 meeting the top of annual reports came up, and so we decided to
23 go ahead and have them done for our respective regions, but the
24 time line was very, very constrained, and that is why I
25 hurriedly called our Chair, Mr. Olsen, and I was able to get a
hold of Randy -- did I get a hold of you, Herman, regarding
26 annual report information?

27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I

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1 MR. CHRISTENSEN: That's what I faxed you?
2 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Uh-huh (affirmative).
3 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Right, okay. I remember.
4 MS. EAKON: I did talk to David and he did send
the information. Anyway,

6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, you got a hold of me. I
don't think I sent you anything.

7 MS. EAKON: The suggestion, for example, from
Tom and somebody else was go through Fish & Game Subsistence
data, it's the most current information readily available. So
that's what we did, and if you look under Title VIII of ANILCA,
under Section 805, there are four guidelines presented.

10 First of all, ANILCA says we have to identify current
subsistence uses, secondly

12 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I'm sorry. What are we
referencing -- is there a number?

13 MS. EAKON: Yeah, if you look under ANILCA
Title VIII under Section 805, paragraph 3 D. I don't know if
you have your Title VIII handy, but it is stated in there that
the council is authorized -- it does not say the council shall,
it says the council is authorized to prepare an annual report
to the Secretary which, one, identifies current and anticipated
subsistence uses of Fish & Wildlife populations within the
region; two, evaluate them; three, if you want to recommend a
strategy for management of those populations, you could do so;
and finally, four, recommendations concerning policy standards,
guidelines and regulations to implement the strategy. And this
is what came about.

20 And that is how come I structured it like that, Part 1,
the background information about your region; Part 2,
subsistence uses of subsistence resources. And on page 2 you
will see the summary prepared by Randy Christensen on
subsistence food and livelihood around Larsen Bay. Page 3,
David Eluska, from Akhiok, summarized a draft resource survey
that was done in November -- that was done in '93 for the
communities of Akhiok, Karluk, Larsen Bay, Old Harbor,
Ouzinkie, Port Lions, Kodiak general, Kodiak Natives, Kodiak
Filipino, Chiniak, and the Coast Guard, and that

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1 MR. MISHLER: Excuse me, Helga.

2 MS. EAKON: Yes.

3 MR. MISHLER: I'm just looking at this data
because I helped compile the 1991 material, and it's not clear
to me -- I know this is not from 1993. It looks to me like it
was a 1983 survey, and that was co-sponsored by KANA and Alaska
Department of Fish & Game. So maybe for clarification on this,
the source of this should be 1983 rather than 1993.

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MS. EAKON: Okay. Would you please note that?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right now.

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MS. EAKON: I typed it just exactly as he had
faxed this information me.

10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Vice Chair, Helga,
yeah, looking at that, too, these are deer and stuff like that
for Kodiak. Port Lions is way off base. It should be a lot
higher than that. Four, five deer instead of the 2.6.

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MS. EAKON: Okay. Well, I don't know.
Mr. Eluska is not here to defend this presentation on his
report, but for the record I reproduced it exactly as he had
faxed it to me. So any errors should come out. Whether you
want to do them at this time or when you go back to your
communities, I'll make corrections to be put as a preface to
the '94 report, this corrects information that was contained in
the '93 report.

17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair. Helga, are
pretty well all done then or -- I would like

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MS. EAKON: Real fast here. Moses Dirks
provided the information on the Aleutian Islands. Part 3 was
the Summary of the Regional Issues that were discussed at the
first meeting, and at the last -- at the first meeting the
Council had made no recommendations, so this is pretty much it.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, I would like
to so move that we adopt the 1993 Annual Report and to so
reflect any changes in here in the 1994 Annual Report.

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MR. EVERITT: I'll second it. Comments.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay, the motion is
to approve the '93 Annual Report and '94

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: And reflect any -- no, and reflect any changes -- could be change in the '94 Annual Report.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Oh, making any

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Instead of messing with it how, we can do it in '94s. We'll be done with it.

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MR. EVERITT: Mr. Vice Chair. I think we just need to realize that little bit more participation by all of us, plus checking over the information to make sure that it's right, that I personally should have looked at this and said, Hey, wait a minute, this is old information. If we're going to do an annual report, let's make sure that we have current information, and so we just need to be a little bit more up on what's being written up. And I know I take that personally to myself, that I need to be more concerned about that.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, myself, I feel the same. And Craig Mishler and them should have a pretty decent report, and I would believe on the Kodiak area down there on the harvests, everything.

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MR. MISHLER: We don't collect harvest information in every community every year. It depends on how our funding goes. In the past three years we've been working Kodiak city, Larsen Bay, and Ouzinkie, and last year we did Akhiok. So this year we'll be doing Port Lions. And so it's different every year, and this is perhaps something that we should add each of you to our mailing list for all these reports that come out so that you have the most current information.

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MR. EVERITT: Call for the question.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Excuse me. Before you call for the question I just -- on my report here on page 2, on their clams and urchins, that was supposed to be per household not per year for clams, and then also for -- 4 to 6 gallon buckets per household, not per year. If it was per year that wouldn't be the heavy usage. Urchins, the same thing as per household. That's the only thing that's different than how I submitted my report.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair. Randy,

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: So other than that little

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change, the rest of that is correct. I just wanted to point that out, that when it does go to the report it's not per year.

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MR. MISHLER: Per household.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: That's per household.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: So then, Randy, the way the motion was brought up then, we'll change that for the '94 report, 'cause we don't want to mess with it now. We have a motion on the floor.

7 Is that okay with you?

8 MR. CHRISTENSEN: As long as it's changed, I don't care how you do it.

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MS. EAKON: But the burden is on you to make sure that these corrections are reflected in the '94 report.

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MR. EVERITT: We're learning how the system works.

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MS. EAKON: Well, you have to recognize that the deadline for these reports was November 15, and having three regions, I was going flip-flop over these. But I do appreciate those of you who took the time to identify your uses. I really appreciated that. Kind of educational for me.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: And also, I'll take the fault for -- this is what I faxed to Helga. This is the report here, and I just -- I made a misprint in my own fax, so the fault is mine. It was copied pretty much per word for word. So the fault is mine. But the change is as per household.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: You did a good job, Helga.

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MS. EAKON: Thank you.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: For the record it was motioned by Herman and seconded by Tom to approve the '93 Annual Report. Any more questions, discussions? Do I hear a call for the question?

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MR. EVERITT: Call for the question.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: All those in favor say aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Opposed? Motion
 carries. The 1993 Annual Report is approved with corrections.
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MS. EAKON: Moving on to -- are you going to
 move on to the '94 report right now? Okay.

5 I do have a handout here: Guidelines to Help Regional
 Councils Make Effective Recommendations, which gives board
 mandates, what does the Federal Subsistence Board like to see
 in a recommendation, why could they reject a recommendation,
 and what do they have to do that could help in the preparation
 of the annual report for 1994. And the solicitor for the
 Federal Subsistence Board always likes to point out that when a
 council makes a recommendation there should be evidence to
 support this; it shouldn't violate recognized principles of
 fish and wildlife conservation, and it should not be
 detrimental to the satisfaction of the subsistence needs. And
 that's taken right from Title VIII of ANILCA.

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So I would like some direction as how you want to proceed
 for the preparation of the Annual Report for '94, Mr. Vice
 Chair.

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MR. EVERITT: Mr. Vice Chair.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Go ahead. I

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MR. EVERITT: It's February now, and your
 annual report is due in November? And I think it would only be
 proper that we go through the year and most of our seasons to
 be able to give you information for your report for '94, that
 at our next board meeting

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: October?

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MR. EVERITT: in October or when we plan
 to have it, that's the time to give, I think, Moses, at that
 time, some information or we can set up what we want in the
 annual report. We're at the start of the year, it's not time
 to do a report yet.

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MS. EAKON: However, if you are thinking about
 making any kind of recommendations, you should be thinking
 about them now and making sure that you do have the
 substantiation for a recommendation. And that goes to regional
 issues. At the last meeting there were a number of regional
 issues that were brought out, and these are the kind -- any

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kind of recommendations to resolve a subsistence problem evolves around an issue, and I guess it would be appropriate right now, Mr. Vice Chair, to ask if there's any new issues that should be brought out now for the council to be aware of.
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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. I guess this goes back to the board and I'll assume that '93 -- if you want to look at it on there, the back part of it here says
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MR. CHRISTENSEN: The back part?
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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Starting on page 7, it says regional issues and concerns. This is where we get recommendations for proposals.
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MR. CHRISTENSEN: What page now?
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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Page 7 of this -- she just handed out the '93 report. Now this is where we get our proposals for '94, '95 concerns and issues that we have and, I guess, really an example of that was the deer issue where we actually made a proposal for change in Kodiak.
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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair.
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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Are there any new issues that have come up or are there some that we want to delete?
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MR. SQUARTSOFF: On the ones that we got up there this coming year, I would like it that the Council submit a proposal on C & T, and then I suggest that we get a hold of David and check on the brown bear issue by submitting a proposal, and that's all I know of, looking at it right-off-hand.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay, that was -- let me find out where the
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MR. SQUARTSOFF: And I know the time will come at the end here when we're going to decide when we're going to have our next meeting, but I think we should have it a lot earlier than we had it last year. I think that would give us time to work on proposals and all that and everything else.
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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We had like only a two-week period there.

MR. EVERITT: Mr. Vice Chair.
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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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MR. EVERITT: I notice on this one that I brought up last fall, it was about cutting the dorsal fin, and I haven't read the new regs, but I hear that was dropped, we won't have to cut the dorsal fin off from a subsistence taken fish. Is that correct? If somebody could look that up, if it's still a concern.

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MR. LOCKHART: The regulations haven't changed yet. There's something in the back of my mind on this discussion, and I can't remember what it was about.

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MR. EVERITT: What I read in the regs is when you take a subsistence fish in Federal waters or under Federal Subsistence rules, you have to cut the dorsal fin off, and for me down there, that is just a source of contamination. When you cut a dorsal fin and throw it in if anything gets on that fish, it contaminates it. And there's no reason to have to cut the dorsal fin off from a fish. Why was that in the regs?

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MR. LOCKHART: It was to differentiate subsistence caught fish, obviously, from commercial fish was my understanding of why it was that way. But I think that's consistent throughout the areas, I believe, but I'll have to look and see.

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MS. MYERS: You mean like storing it in your freezer or your smoker or something so you can identify a subsistence caught fish from a sports caught fish?

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MR. LOCKHART: I think that's only in the field in terms of cutting it off and identification keeping subsistence catch separate from a commercial catch.

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MR. EVERITT: Well, nobody has -- most subsistence users are not commercial users, and so it doesn't -- on the most part

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(Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, on Tom's comment there, he was saying that most subsistence users aren't commercial. All your outlying villages, that's

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MR. EVERITT: Well, I'll back-up on that; you're correct.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. Your commercial
fishing is where you make your income. Everybody is a
subsistence user.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Isn't that the
regulation, you're not allowed to have subsistence fish on
board a commercial harvest anyway, so if you're caught with it,
you're caught with it. No matter if you cut the dorsal fin or
not. I don't know why that's even -- like you, I don't
understand it, why would you have

6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, like you, I don't
understand it.

8 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)

9 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I don't understand
why they have that because

10 MR. EVERITT: Well, it's a rule that was there.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: the law states
you can't have both in the boat at the same time.

13 MR. MISHLER: If I could add some clarification
to that. I think in the past there has been some abuse of
subsistence caught fish that were taken in sufficient
quantities and sold for commercial purposes by a few
individuals, and they were caught and because of that this was
instituted. So the majority has to pay for the sins of the
minority, the small number of people who abuse them.

17 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Well, even if it's a law, the
ones that are going to abuse it are not going to cut the dorsal
fin anyway.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, they're not
going to let you know. Yeah, Robert.

20 MR. STOVALL: Looking in this regulation book
here, which is what we're going on this year, that particular
statement is not in either the Methods, Means and General
Restrictions and it doesn't appear to be in the Definitions,
and it does not appear to be in the Kodiak section of the
Fisheries regulations. So I think it was either omitted
purposely or not purposely, but it doesn't appear in the
regulations as they go now.

25 MR. LOCKHART: That's the thing. I just can't

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remember in the back of my mind this issue came up, and I can't remember in what context it came up now. Let me look through the regulations. What you have are the existing regulations. We have no proposed rules to change these -- the fishing regulations that's coming down on us. But it seems to me like there's something that's happened, and I'll try and look it up and get back to you.

5 MR. MATHEWS: To give him some time to look that up, I was involved in drafting these guidelines with recommendations. This also applies to the recommendations you've already done on proposals. This is kind of to help you understand that when you do your recommendations if you kind of need to think about -- you've done that in the deliberations, but it applies both to your recommendations for proposals and the recommendations you put in your annual report. Okay, so kind of -- I think I was involved in writing this.

10 The intent of this was you are dealing with a proposal that you kind of have this in front of you and kind of go through those questions and make sure you touch base on them so that when it goes before the board they have that same template, okay. 'Cause I know Helga brought it up in light of the annual report which it definitely applies, but it also applies when you're doing proposals. It makes it easier for the board to analyze your recommendations to make sure they don't detrimentally affect subsistence users, they're not detrimental to wildlife populations, and et cetera. I just want to let you know that, and that would give him some more time to dig on your dorsal fin issue. Thank you.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Helga, what do you have at this point?

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MS. EAKON: No,

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Herman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Another issue that was brought up back then, too, was health enforcement aid and all that in the villages that I brought up. After the past couple days and some discussions here I still feel that that should happen, you know, between the State and the Federal government, they all say they're limited on funds. Between the two of them, I still think they should be able to come up with funds, or else they get more people out in the field to get a little more accurate data on things. I still think that's a good, strong point is

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that they should have somebody in the village that can get a better, more accurate data on what is around that area.

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And also the one I brought up on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Who can answer or help me on this one, if we wanted to try to submit some kind of proposal, or is it possible, on the harvesting of eggs? The harvesting of -- getting a proposal on the harvesting of eggs, ducks, eagle, hering gull, whatever.

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MR. KNAUER: We have to remember that this Federal Subsistence program is not dealing with migratory birds which includes their eggs, okay.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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MR. KNAUER: So none of that, you know, egging 9- your proposals for egging are not part of this program. That's dealing with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and our Office of Migratory Birds.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: So in other words,

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MS. EAKON: But it is a subsistence matter.

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MR. KNAUER: It is a subsistence matter.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Right.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Also is a seagull a migratory bird?

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MR. KNAUER: They're regarded as migratory birds.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: So who would we -- I mean who would we have to talk to or whatever to bring this issue up for a possible proposal?

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MR. KNAUER: Well, first off, you as a council would, you know, maybe request the presence of the migratory bird coordinator or -- who is Robin West, to your meeting and get further explanation on procedures and so on and what is -- could be done within the law. Currently the treaty is being negotiated with Canada, a new protocol is being proposed because there is a conflict between the treaty as it was signed with Canada and the treaties as was signed with the Soviet Union and Mexico relative to the subsistence take of birds and parts in the spring. So they are trying to -- there is a

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movement to try to amend that.

2 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So then can I ask if our
 coordinator would contact this individual and see if they'd be
 present at our next scheduled meeting so this can be brought
 up?

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: I think that's a good
 recommendation because

6 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Moses, would you make
 a note there to ask this Robin West to be present to discuss
 the Migratory Bird Act?

8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, the reason I
 brought this up, and I brought it up again now, because it
 burned in my mind what I read a few years back in the Kodiak
 Daily Mirror, I think it was on the front page, that Fish &
 Wildlife Enforcement individual -- I don't remember the name --
 stated that they would like to set a good example of whoever
 they caught getting these eggs. Evidently it's supposed to be
 illegal right now, I don't know. But that burned in my mind,
 you know, hit home real hard, and it's still there and it's
 been years ago since that was written up. You know, to me it
 was a threat, you know, and I would like to get that clarified
 where we could get that -- so people won't have to worry about
 it.

15 MR. EVERITT: Mr. Chairman.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

17 MR. EVERITT: There's one other thing that
 would be nice that could come up before the next meeting is
 that a clear definition, maps of where the Maritime Refuge is
 that we could definitely see around Kodiak, the area. I've
 heard that there's maps and there's rough maps, but we need a
 clear map that the average person can look at and be able to
 say this is in the Maritime Refuge, and I would like to be able
 to get that not only for myself, but for the public at large.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. John.

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MR. MORRISON: The US Geological Survey, which
 has a map office out at Alaska Pacific University, they have a
 whole series of one to 250,000 scale maps that specialize in
 the boundaries of Federal areas such as refuges and parks and
 that sort of thing, and they're readily available. I think
 they cost a couple of \$3.00 a piece, but they're the most

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accurate thing you can get here and see exactly where these boundaries are and property lines on Federal areas.

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MR. EVERITT: Thank you.

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MR. LOCKHART: I've looked up through the fishing things, Bill and I have conferred on this, and there are some districts that are -- when there's a commercial opening if fish are taken for subsistence purposes then the dorsal fin has to be cut, but that does not apply to Kodiak. So that's not a requirement in Kodiak. But the other thing that's a concern, obviously, is Federal waters and the jurisdiction of what -- where our regulations apply. I'm not that familiar with what we have in Kodiak.

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MR. EVERITT: Robert, do you think you could get a couple of those maps for your office that he was just talking about that are nice, clear maps?

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MR. STOVALL: Well, we could.

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MR. KNAUER: The one thing I mentioned is those maps that were produced were produced based on the ANILCA withdrawals and changes in 1980. They don't include most of the Native selection, corporation selection, State selection. They do show the outer boundaries, but there are many places where there have been large segments,

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MR. MORRISON: Inholdings.

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MR. KNAUER: inholdings or other selections conveyed to other parties. But I'm sure that we can contact both our realty section and our -- the Maritime Refuge and they probably have up-to-date ones that we can make sure that a copy gets over to the Kodiak Refuge.

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MR. EVERITT: I just think it's important that the public knows where these refuges are, because we have different laws.

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MR. LOCKHART: my understanding is they're trying to develop a regional maps

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MR. LOCKHART: It's a common concern that we have all over the state, and we're trying to address those.

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MR. EVERITT: Is it lunchtime?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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MS. MYERS: I have one question, please,
Vice Chair.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Sure.

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MS. MYERS: Is it possible that those maps could also contain Native owned property boundaries? 'Cause I know recently Leisnoi, one of our regional corporations who own quite a bit of property on an island have closed off certain portions of that property for different reasons and for different uses, like four-wheelers and things like that, and most of the public is unaware of where those pieces of property are. And if the trend with the Moonies and things continues, I think more Native corporations will be forced to close off their privately owned lands for different reasons. You know, whether it's four-wheelers or whether it's hunting for non-residents. I think that would be important to show where all these little inholdings are and what's opened and what's closed on one map altogether. You don't have to reference, you know, a dozen different maps to find out where you can go and where you can't go.

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MR. KNAUER: The current setup that is being produced right now, it's somewhere within the contracting process already, and that is not possible right now. It's possible with maybe the next generation maps, whenever those come out. But in the meantime, it's probably going to be necessary for the local corporation or the regional corporation to have maps of their own to delineate which lands they have and which are open or closed that require a permit or whatever their restrictions that they place on them.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: There's a call for lunch recess. With no objection, we'll get back here at 1:15.

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COURT REPORTER: Off record.

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(Off record - 11:59 a.m.)

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(On record - 1:16 p.m.)

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: We're back in session at 1:16. Do we have a roll call again? No, okay. Everybody's here. We'll do a little administrative cleanup here. Remember

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to fill out the travel itinerary and your travel expense report and turn it in before you leave today to Helga or Moses. And the other one was -- oh, for Randy. You're going to do that anyway, right?

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: What?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Turn in your application for the submission to the board?

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yes.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It would be a lot simpler and maybe somebody can get Mark to have him do that before he leaves. He's sick, so

9 Let's see, we left off -- we were on the agenda doing

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Were we finished up with '94?

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MS. EAKON: We were doing Regional Issues.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Oh, yeah, we were on Regional Issues, and

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Setting up some sort of

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: this guideline to propose for proposals for the next meeting. I'd like to bring up an issue here. I don't know where it would fit or how we could work it in, but I'd kind of like to explain it.

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The Alaska Department of Fish & Game has a permit system for subsistence fishing out on the Aleutians that is basically, I think, out of control, and I've gone to the local Fish & Game Advisory Board and requested them to redo this -- their permit system. The problem I'm having is that when an individual walks of the plane in Dutch Harbor, the next day or -- here's about the salmon being run and all he needs is a net, and he goes out and borrows one, he goes down to Fish & Game and he gets a subsistence permit for 25 to 100 -- up to unlimited -- he can go back there and renew it, whatever, only he gets 25 -- usually 50, depending on what species they are. I think they're 100 for pinks, 75 for reds, 25 for silvers. And the problem I'm having is getting out of control because of the, I feel, non-resident users are getting subsistence permits and have caused three rivers, subsistence areas, that we additionally fish in to be closed to even the local subsistence users because of, number one, over-fishing, and no control by Fish & Game. In other words, no person out there to

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say, well, you've got 100 and your permit says only 25. Your on the honor system in turning in the permits by saying when they reach the 25 limit they've got to go back to the office, get a new one signed by the administrator there, and get another 25.

4 What's happened, and I've seen it first-hand the last two years, and most -- it's very upsetting to me this last season was that people coming in off the draggers were allowed to get subsistence permits and fished hours that were closed even. I mean nets were out when they should have been brought in, and there's no Fish & Game people -- what they were saying is we don't have personnel to go out and check every net. Well, they're issuing 150 permits when I know that at least there's only 10 or 12 actual subsistence users out of that whole bunch. And it's -- you know, I've talked to a couple of people just to find out what they're doing with the fish, and I found out that some are even sending them home or to friends and relatives in the Lower 48.

11 I'd like that practice to stop, and I don't know how to do that through this, but I think there's an avenue through this Commission.

13 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I would like to ask how -- if these are non-residents and non-rural people applying for permits, how are they able to do that?

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, I don't know. I think it's just a guy could walk in and get one. That's my understanding, that a guy can go walk in and get one.

17 MR. CHRISTENSEN: That's not supposed to be so.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That's what I'm saying, and it's

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: It's not supposed to be so.
20 I think it's probably an administrative

21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I've asked the Fish & Game guys, how do you determine if a guy can get one? Well, he says he knows this guy or somebody knows the individual and brings him in and gives him one.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Sounds like it might be a local administrative problem.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It is, and -- but

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then I've gone to them and I've asked them, you know, to cut the hours. If nothing else, cut the days, cut the hours so that you don't have -- when you go out in the bay into Unalaska, if you know any kind of configuration how it is, you run into 10 nets before you even get out to the fish camp. Out of those 10 nets, not a one belong to a local resident subsistence user. Very upsetting to me. And I brought it up a couple times and there's just no action by that -- by the Fish & Game Board. Yes.

6 MR. MORRISON: Mr. Chairman, if those license vendors are issuing those permits to non-residents, they're in violation of the law right there, and if that can be clearly shown, they can have their vendor's license jerked and maybe even taken to court over it.

9 As far as enforcement goes, that would mean that the Department of Public Safety or Fish & Game Officers -- maybe they operate it differently than we do, of course.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I know at least three or four of these people that are fishing the nets do not live in Unalaska. They're fishermen that live -- have homes in Seattle or Lower 48.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: And they're not even residents of not only the village but the community or of Alaska.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: They may be residents for licenses for commercial fishing license purpose, but, you know, that works. That way a guy could say he's from Anchorage and lives in Seattle. I don't know, I've seen that happen. Anyway, it's out of hand, and I need to maybe get some direction from you or from this board. If there's a way we can put it through the Federal Subsistence

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MR. MORRISON: Give Paul Fuhs a call at the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and get him to put some muscle on.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Paul Fuhs is out there -- he's out there quite a bit.

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MS. EAKON: Paul who?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Paul Fuhs, Commissioner of

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1 MR. MORRISON: He used to be the mayor, I
believe, something like that.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Some people would say
3- yes, he was the mayor. F-u-s-e?

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MS. EAKON: F-u-h-s.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: F-u-h-s?

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MR. MORRISON: F-u-h-s. He's the Commissioner
of Department of Commerce and Economic Development. He should
be able to put a little muscle on the Commissioner of Public
Safety and try and get some law enforcement out there.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: My feeling is right
how we go out -- we used to be able to go out within four or
five miles of the community and get red salmon, which is, you
know, highly used by the locals for smoking and salting,
primarily. Now I've got to go out like 12 to 14 miles to a bay
and a stream that's the closest one to where you can get reds
right now. And when you go over there it's like 15, 20 nets
within 10 feet of the stream. And you go over to these boats
and check the boats and these guys are like 100, 150 and
they're still fishing. And there's like four of them there in
one boat, they all have permits, they're all from, you know,
seasonal workers from a cannery. And I asked them, "How did
you get this?" He said, "Well, I just went up and got one, got
a permit to do this." "What are you doing with it?" "I'm
sending it home."

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That's not right. I don't think that was the purpose or
the way that the permit system was set up. I know that they
want to keep control or have an idea of what fish are being
caught and how many. I think it was set up primarily for the
subsistence users, the actual people who use it, not used to
get around sports fishing.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair. Yeah, the way
you're taking, you know, if it can't -- if they can't handle
that problem, I think it's possible that we could do something
or come up with a proposal on it later because it sounds like
it's affecting your subsistence down there. What you're saying
is very few that get to subsistence fish there. So, you know,
that doesn't get carried -- or taken care of through an
inhouse or through whoever, you know,

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: If the Federal
government takes over navigable waters, all these nets are

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within navigable waters. That's where I'm coming from. Maybe from this board it could affect a permitting system to Fish & Game. Well, I'll -- next time I see Mr. Fuhs, I will talk to him about it. That's my concern. I don't know how to make -- maybe I can work with Moses and later after he's had a chance to digest this more, we can work out a proposal for submission for the next meeting.

5 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Would it help to direct a letter or have the Fish & Game direct the letter, ask the Fish & Game and have them direct letters to the vendors involved stating that they're in violation or the problem that's happening, just so they're aware they've got to be a little strict

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Fish & Game issues -- Fish & Game is issuing the permits. That's the situation that we're having over there.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Well, in that case, maybe this Council should direct a letter to the Fish & Game in that area, the local Fish & Game.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Or who is the head of it now, Rosier or who?

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MS. EAKON: Carl Rosier.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Rosier.

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MS. EAKON: I think that might be the way to go for immediate action.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: To specifically ask for closures on weekends, because this is the -- the weekends seem to be the targeted dates; Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, when you go out and you can't even get out of the bay because of nets. During the weekdays you might see one or two out, and those are the actual subsistence users. But they closed those weekdays. That's the problem we're having, you know. Everybody goes out on three days, trying to get their fish, and it's just a mess. Over-fishing.

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MS. EAKON: You could work with Moses in writing this letter, however, I would recommend a Council motion in support.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: For the letter?

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1 MR. KNAUER: One thing to remember is under the
State system all Alaska residents are considered subsistence
users, so they wouldn't have to be local residents to be able
to get that subsistence permit and harvest the fish.

3 MR. MORRISON: But if they're out of
state,

5 MR. KNAUER: Right. Out of state, if they're
non-resident, then

6 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I've noticed -- I've
seen and I've talked to people that are from out-of-state who
have a subsistence permit and I've asked how they got it, and
they say, "Well, I went to the office and got one." There
doesn't seem to be no check or balance as to show me your
whatever, you know. They just walk in and get it.

10 MR. MORRISON: They probably give them phoney
Alaskan addresses to claim to be residents.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: There's no backup.

12 MR. MORRISON: That should be checked out.

13 MR. LOCKHART: One of the things I was confused
about, and I'm not sure, John, but I thought subsistence
permits had to be issued by the Department. They don't go to
vendors, do they?

16 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: No, they go to --
from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game office to the
individual, one per family.

18 MR. LOCKHART: So -- yeah. My point is
somebody can't go to a sporting goods and get a subsistence
permit.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: No. I don't know,
the vendor part is not involved here. They're not selling --
they're selling just the licenses.

22 MR. LOCKHART: The other thing is that you
certainly as a council have opportunity to submit proposals to
the Board of Fish or the Board of Game, and probably you could
send a letter to Mr. Rosier's office, but in all likelihood
they're going to ask you to submit it as a formal proposal to
the board for their consideration.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Advisory boards?

2 MR. LOCKHART: To the State Board of Fish or
the State Board of Game.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I don't know if this
4s just a local problem or if it's statewide. That's the only
thing I haven't investigated. I don't know if it's happening
5n -- if you have a permit system in False Pass or Sand Point
or

6 MS. SHELLIKOFF: False Pass, we get ours out of
Cold Bay, but I'm not aware of any problems.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: You don't have the
big influx that we have either.

9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, what he said
10 here, you would have to submit a proposal or whatever, but,
you know, that letter should be in there, and it should be
11 stressed that, you know, they take immediate action on it right
away, the way it's affecting you guys down there. I mean
12 regardless of that proposal, that can come in later. They
should take some kind of action to check out and see who is
13 issuing them permits down there and get a little stricter
something to see, you know, the residents seeing stuff on
14 non-resident people. You know, it sounds like they're not
doing their job down there basically is what it is.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I've asked them to do
that.

17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Or they don't care.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: But it's -- the
secretary or the receptionist that's answering the public's
19 concerns is the one giving out the permits. If her job is to
give permits, well, she gives permits. Okay. I guess what we
20 need now is a motion.

21 MS. SHELLIKOFF: I'll move that Vince work with
Moses and write up a letter to Carl Rosier, asking for
22 immediate action on this problem.

23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I second it.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It's been moved by
Gilda and seconded by Herman to issue a letter to Carl Rosier,
25 Alaska Department of Fish & Game regarding the subsistence

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permit fishing permits in Region 3, the whole area.

2 MR. EVERITT: Sounds like a particular State
employee is not doing her job or hasn't been told how to do the
3 job.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Right. That's what I
think.

5 MR. EVERITT: That's a management problem.

6 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Maybe your letter will clear
7 it up, and if not, then do a proposal.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Maybe through them
and through -- you've got to follow the chain of command and
9 just maybe this will work, I hope. Thanks. All those in
favor?

10 IN UNISON: Aye.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries.

12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair, if that don't work
13 for you and you don't get no results that way, call your
representative and your legislator in that area and have him
14 come down on 'em. You might get better results that way.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I think that this
might work.

16 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Or you might even send a copy
17 of the letter that you write to Rosier to the representative of
the area.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Right.

19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Have him check on it. I think
20 you'll get faster results that way.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Any more local --
yes.

22 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I have one. I don't know if
23 we're just going down these as they appeared in here, but I
know there's one here that I do want to talk about; I think
24 it's important that we discuss in the upcoming year. It's the
-- on the second page of the -- this page right here. About
25 three-quarters of the way down.

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This question is: What is the mortality rate of sports fishers hook and release? I personally know that there's a big percentage of released fish that don't make it back to the sea or back to their natural run. I've grown up in Karluk in the lagoon there and it's a big -- there's a big sports fishing industry there, and I've personally gone up there many times and they -- you can catch silvers and kings there -- it's a big fishing -- sports fishing industry. I've seen -- I've gone up there with a skiff and I've seen bright, fat silvers that are laying dead at the bottom of the lagoon in the hundreds because, you know, it's no problem for a sports fisherman to catch and release hundreds of silvers in a day. And I know there's been studies made -- I've read articles in Field and Stream which is a sports magazine, and there's an article in there that -- and some studies, I know -- I don't think that -- I haven't heard anything lately on how extensive these studies have been, but there was one finding that salmon that comes back from the sea and they reproduce by spawning and dying, that they only have so much energy to get to that spawning grounds, and if they over-fight themselves, they create -- their body creates an enzyme as they're fighting, that gives them more energy, and when they're fighting a hook from -- on a sports fisherman's rod they over-exert themselves and they then do over-heat and die. And many times a sports fisherman will fight -- you know, the game is to fight the fish, so they'll fight that fish until it can barely move. And it may have enough energy to swim out of their hands out of sight, and that's where they stop and die.

16 I've seen this personally. So I know there is a problem here. I don't know exactly what it would be the solution to the problem other than it's going to be very hard to put a control on hook and release because for the simple fact there's never any evidence, you know. There's no way you can monitor how many fish are being hooked and released. But I know that this is a problem.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Is there a study being currently done by either Fish & Game or Fish and Wildlife on hook and release?

22 MR. KNAUER: There have been a number of studies around, and what your Council could do is request that a fisher biologist either from Department of Fish & Game or from the Fish & Wildlife Service -- more likely Fish & Game, attend the next meeting and address this issue.

25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vice Chair, we had Roger Smith

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down there in September, and he's the one that came back with the answer in saying it was only seven to 10%, and what they were going off was studies from down stateside.

3 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah. I'd just like to say that reading those numbers I know that that's wrong, and the reason I'm saying it is 'cause I personally seen this happening, you know, living quite a bit of my life in Karluk, which is the lagoon. I'm not sure if you're all familiar with Karluk and the sports fishery down there. I've seen this, and it may not happen with like trout where they're -- the way their lifestyle or whatever, their run is, they spawn and go back to sea and come back in. So they're built a little differently than the salmon which spawn and die -- after the spawning they die. So I know there's been studies that say that they only have so much energy in them to complete their life cycle. And I don't care how many studies that say differently, and you're going to get a lot of opposition from outfitters, sports guides and then -- and sports fishermen themselves, but I know that there is a problem there, 'cause I've seen it. And I'd like this -- like I say, I don't have any ready solutions, but I do know there's a problem is the only thing I'd like to bring up, something that we can try and work towards -- 'cause it's a waste for everybody, you know, not just subsistence users, but it's also a waste for the sports fishers themselves, you know. They should -- that group should start taking a good, hard look at what they're doing. To deny it is probably just for the time being, and many of them do that. But for their own -- you know, as a user group, they should look at that.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Robert, yes, you have a comment.

18 MR. STOVALL: Two comments. There are underway there's trail census going on on the Ayakulik River, and they were prevented from going on the Karluk River last year. Trail census would give you information of that nature of how much catch and release is going on. Also they do keep a very close count of fish going upstream, of course, by the weirs, you're aware of that. Also Len Schwarz is the sports fish biologist out of Kodiak, and he probably would be the person who would be able to give you more up-to-date information on the types of studies they have for catch and release.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Okay. Well, I guess what -- probably maybe the thing I'd like to do maybe is to maybe ask for a biologist to be present at our next meeting, if possible, -- and with updated information that's in our area, or at

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least ask him to look for studying this problem.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. It's been requested by Randy and with the concurrence of everybody on the Board, we'll request that Moses contact these individuals and ask them to be present to give us some report on hook and release. Anything they have, we'd like to have it mailed, you know, so we can review it and get ready to ask questions prior to the meeting.

6 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I think this is -- just one other thing I'd like to add is that I think this is important for all user groups, be it sports, commercial, and subsistence, you know, because it's a blatant waste of fish. Thank you.

8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair. At the time 9- at our next meeting, too, if we do get this information, whatever, they come up with all that, if we do feel, you know, like Randy's been saying, that it looks like it's doing more harm than anything, and whatever their data comes up with there's a chance we can submit a proposal with the State coming from us on that at the time we find out what they come up with

13 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Is there a limit on hook and release that they can do or is it unlimited? I never heard of that.

15 MR. CHRISTENSEN: That's the problem, I don't see how you can set a limit and monitor it because for the simple fact that you don't have any count, you sit there over - - watching over somebody's shoulder each and every sport fisherman, you don't have any evidence to decide whether -- how many they're catching and how many they're releasing, and it's just -- that's where the problem, I think, lies.

19 MR. EVERITT: Is that in the Maritime Refuge, Karluk?

20 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Karluk is in the -- I think it's

22 MR. STOVALL: No, that's a part of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

23 MR. EVERITT: Then we do have jurisdiction to do something, right?

25 MR. STOVALL: The area -- this is in the

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1 MR. CHRISTENSEN: It's in the bear refuge,
2sn't it?

3 MR. STOVALL: Yeah, it's in the mouth of the
Karluk River, okay, and the Karluk River, from the lake down to
the mouth is still State jurisdictional waters,

5 MR. EVERITT: Where

6 MR. STOVALL: and non-navigable.

7 MR. EVERITT: Where the fish weir is, though,
do they consider that the mouth or do they consider the mouth
out at the ocean?

9 MR. STOVALL: Out at the ocean.

10 MR. CHRISTENSEN: The mouth is out there, I
think, where it meets the salt water proper. I think the
lagoon is considered part of the river. I know there's four
different guide operations down there now, and that's within
the last five to seven years. There was one for many years,
but then now there's four. And fortunately though those three
that were added were all local, so that's good. But still the
fact remains that there's more and more because if you ever go
down there in the summertime, you know, it's getting so that
Karluk Lagoon and the river is getting pretty crowded with
fishermen. You're looking at a lot of fish being caught.

16 MR. STOVALL: The actual statement says that
waters of the Pacific Ocean enclosed by the boundaries of
Woman's Bay, Gibson Cove, and the area defined by a line
one-half mile on either side of the mouth of the Karluk River
extending seaward 3,000 feet.

19 MR. CHRISTENSEN: That's the commercial fishing
regu- -- boundary.

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MR. STOVALL: Yes.

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MR. KNAUER: That's the area of jurisdiction
for the refuge.

23 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Oh, okay. But it sounds a
lot like the commercial fishing boundary, too, though.

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MR. STOVALL: I wouldn't doubt it any. It
should be very similar.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That's a point to consider, and we do have some kind of jurisdiction there. When we do receive this report, like Herman mentioned, we could work on a proposal to submit for the board. Yes, Tom.

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MR. EVERITT: I'd like to just put up for discussion limits of subsistence fish caught, just that we can discuss it for subsistence use.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Limits of fish caught for discussion.

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MR. EVERITT: Next meeting.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: For the next meeting, okay. That will be an agenda item.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: What lines were you thinking on? Reduce them or

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MR. EVERITT: I'd just like to discuss as a group if our limits in Kodiak

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Are high or low or

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MR. EVERITT: Yes, high or low, do we need limits?

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: I think they're there just -- as far as a regulation, something to have in the regulation. You know, rather than have no numbers, unlimited, rather than just to have something there. I know you can -- probably just for recording purpose, too. I know I've never had a problem with making my limit and asking for a new permit. They've always told me at Fish & Game that I can get as much fish as I want for subsistence, and just as long as I report it. And once you fill out your permit, you can go back and easily get another one for as much fish as you want. I haven't had that problem in Larsen Bay, and I know nobody else in Larsen Bay has had that problem either. They know that people traditionally take quite a bit of fish, you know, for subsistence.

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MR. EVERITT: I'm not saying that there be a proposal come out of it, I'd just like to discuss it.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That will be an agenda item. Anymore on this recommendations and major issues for the next meeting?

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I thought we were still on
 2 that Annual '94 Report, but this reflected off that. Am I
 3 wrong?

4 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, this is

5 MR. EVERITT: We're going for our next meeting
 6 agenda.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, this is for our
 8 next meeting basically, agenda to work on.

9 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Which is kind of basically
 10 the same thing as working towards the '94 reports.

11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right, that's what we were off
 12 of.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Right, we won't have
 14 a '94 report until after the next meeting. Any more comments?
 15 If you do, in between now and the next meeting, contact Moses,
 16 contact the Chair, and let him contact Moses, since he has a
 17 credit card. So to kind of leave it open between now and then,
 18 it won't be a closed issue, 'cause right up to the meeting and
 19 even at the meeting we can add on.

20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, Herman.

22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, they have a toll free
 23 number anyway to call, so

24 MR. CHRISTENSEN: For the agenda, I'd like to
 25 also include the sea urchins as an agenda item. Yeah, I have
 26 something to say about that. I'm not sure if it would be worth
 27 saying right no if it's going to be on the agenda, but

28 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It was addressed at
 29 our last meeting, and should allow only certain percentages of
 30 sea urchins' take. It's not a concern now but for seas issue
 31 of over-harvest.

32 MR. CHRISTENSEN: That's pretty much exactly
 33 what I see.

34 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Maybe it's time then
 35 to put in a proposal to

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Something.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: submit for a limit. You know, work one up.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Of if not a limit -- the problem we have in Larsen Bay is that one fisher could come in and clean out the whole area right directly in front of the village site. Usually the urchin users tend to be -- well, I'm a big user, but there's a lot of older people, and also people that don't have means -- don't have a skiff ready means to go any place else. The problem we have is that we'll get urchin fishermen that will come in and sit at the dock and dive from the dock, and since it's so easy, they have the telephone, they have laundry facilities, they have health facilities right there, they'll dive and take everything out, right in front of the village first, when all they have to do is go five minutes away and they can -- then they wouldn't be bothering us again.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Maybe you're looking at a limited area.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Maybe something. I don't know how you would say it, in city limits or whatever, and all it takes is just one fisherman, one boat to clean out that whole area within a matter of days. And I know one study said that the marketable size for urchins is two inches across, and it takes four years just to reach marketable size. So if one fishing boat comes in and cleans it out, it's four years again before they start to get a size where they're comfortably -- i can get my fingers into, anyway.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That sounds like David's the one that brought that up. They have the same problem down in Akhiok.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: So I'd like to address that sometime, too.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, now is the time to do it. We can put it down and work it into proposal form. You should talk with Moses there, and put in -- if you start something, we can work around it at the meeting. We need to have a proposal to work with to make changes or whatever.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: And this is something we'll have to submit to the State.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, you can do that
in writing to him and say this is what we need.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: It will have to go as
proposals to the State board.

4 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I know I'm also on the Fish &
Game Advisory Board in Kodiak, and I brought that up there, and
they had that problem in Old Harbor probably what Ralph is --
well, he was talking about Akhiok, but they had that problem in
Old Harbor, and the way the Fish & Game in Kodiak handled it
was they -- they said if you're ever having a problem just call
in and they'll emergency close that area. But the thing -- the
problem is that by the time you get it emergency closed, it's
already -- the problem has already happened. You know, the
fish have already been cleaned out, because you can only
theoretically take off about 2,000 pounds of the urchins that
I'm concerned about. And then it's over with, then by the time
the emergency closure is in effect, they don't want to fish
there anymore anyway. They've already moved on.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Now is the time, like
12 said, between yourself, Herman and Mark to work up a proposal
in a small committee and submit it in writing so we can work on
13 as a board here.

14 MR. CHRISTENSEN: So call -- like when we get
back home or something call -- try and write something up and
then call or write Moses?

16 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Right.

17 MR. DIRKS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: And he can refine it
and send it back to you and say this is what it should look
19 like.

20 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Okay, that sounds good.
Well, I have a fax, too, so I can probably fax you something.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. That took care
22 of that one. Anymore major issues in our regions? No, okay.
That took care of that one. We're done with that, Helga.

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Okay, now we're on to -- there's no remaining proposals,
24 we're on to the Adak caribou herd, the next item. And that
was brought up by Gilda.

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1 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Yeah. The reason I brought it
up is since we have no subsistence hunting of caribou in our
area at all, the tribal councils of False Pass, Nelson Lagoon,
King Cove, and Sand Point all indicated an interest in, you
know, what's going to happen to the caribou out in Adak. You
know, is there a way that it could be utilized to help the
people that are not getting any caribou right now? And I think
it's just basically what I'd like to see if we can get some
information on what is the plan with that herd.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: John, is that your
department that handles the reindeer or is it Fish & Wildlife?
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MR. MORRISON: I'm not sure about the access
question. It would be up to the landlord, but I'm not sure who
owns that. Insofar as opening up a season on 'em, I think the
only season has been really utilized was by the Navy people
that were that, who are leaving. Our major concern right now
is what to do to keep that population under control.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It seems to me access
then is the problem here. Herman.
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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, open up subsistence hunt
for

14 MS. SHELLIKOFF: We can't get down to Adak so
they'd have to kill it down there and ship it to us or
something like that.

16 MR. MORRISON: I don't think there would be any
problem with anybody going in there and shooting them as long
as they've got some way of getting there and

18 MS. SHELLIKOFF: The majority of the people in
our villages don't have a way to get there.
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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Another one. Didn't they do
20 what did the state or something do an operation thing for
the people that were short in their salmon this year -- this
last year, in the Yukon some place, didn't they fly in a bunch
of fish? Why can't the State go down there and get some of
them caribou and fly them in for where they've got it shut down
in the False Pass area? Is that a possibility to knock around?
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MR. MORRISON: That's always a possibility.
The big problem there would be the cost, not only in shipping,
but also catching. Live catch of all those critters can be
awfully expensive. The way they've been doing it is

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contracting with an outfit that comes in in helicopters and nets that they shoot down literally from the helicopter on the animals. They used some on Hagemeister. They ain't cheap, and you don't get a very cost effective herd control that way. Of course the benefit of it would be great. The animals could be taken if somebody could really use 'em.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I had a name from Craig Mishler of a guy named Daniel Boone, that's his name, I guess. He's the refuge manager in Adak, and I'm going to contact him when I get home to find out what the access requirements are to go in there. I was told by Craig that it's unlimited year-round hunting right now. It's open, unlimited to anybody. I mentioned to him the possibility of going out there with a large fishing vessel and herding them on and running them down to the various villages that need the meat, and he said, well, it's something you have to talk to Mr. Boone about, which I'm going to do when I get home. Herman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Vice Chair, wouldn't it be possible, you know, the state or -- what, you're going to talk to them yourself, try to coordinate it with the military that's out there or the Coast Guard goes down there quite a bit. You know, try to work with them or something. They got C-130s that fly down there. I don't know if they've got anything coming back out there. I mean it's something, if they can -- if you can try to work together and try to make contact, see if it's possible anyway. You know, with the military to try to cut the costs.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman. The other individual that would be a good contact would be the Regional Department of Fish & Game biologist Ken Pitcher.

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MR. MORRISON: I was going to suggest Ken. He's the regional supervisor

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MR. KNAUER: P-i-t-c-h-e-r.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Pitcher.

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MR. KNAUER: And he's located here in Anchorage, I believe, isn't he?

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MR. MORRISON: He's in our office on Raspberry Road.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

2 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I just wanted to throw out
maybe an idea, too, is like you were talking about a large
fishing vessel, and rather than just transporting the animals
alive, and there's different agencies -- well, BIA would be
one, CEDC maybe. There's different other agencies that might
be able to apply for grants to contract a large fishing vessel
or any kind of a vessel and then maybe have a community hunt --
subsistence hunt that can go down there and just get so many
animals shot, butchered and everything, and then distributed to
their respective communities. And it -- there might be an idea
to try and apply for a grant that would pay the -- you know,
pay to do that. It's just an idea.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's the same idea I had
with the military, you know. Take the guys down, let 'em hunt,
and you'll get back a little quicker. Flying down and flying
back, it's a possibility. You never know.

11 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I know in the tribal council
at home, you know, there's many grants available, it's just a
matter of grant writing. You've got to have a good grant
writer, 'cause many grants are available from different
agencies if you can

14 MR. KNAUER: Both financially and
administratively it would probably be much more feasible for
your talking about harvesting the animals as opposed to trying
to transplant them.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Right. Well, that's why I
was saying you might be able to just go down and harvest them
and bring them back en masse, and for distribution to the
households. Maybe a boat per village or something or -- you
know.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That was the question
I was going to pose to Mr. Boone. Well, going down as a
hunting group for access onto the military or through their
military reservation to the sites where these reindeer are,
because that's the biggest prohibition. You can't even land on
that island without a permit, which you have to get from
Anchorage here. And even if you live like in Atka which is the
closest village to Adak within a 100 miles, they're not even
allowed on that island unless they have authorization from the
US Navy to be there. If they're going a commercial flight they
are put on one area and then they're put on a boat or plane and
left, whatever.

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MR. MORRISON: This question has been looked at pretty deeply and seriously for several weeks now by all the parties involved; the Coast Guard, Navy, and Fish & Wildlife Service, and Ken Pitcher is coordinating our part in it. They're looking at various options.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Oh, he'd be another guy to contact, too, then. Okay.

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MR. MORRISON: They'd welcome any ideas that somebody

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: I think that might be one of the more feasible ideas to me, and I'm sure that there's some agency that gives out grants, 'cause I know if you're a good grant writer, you can get grants for a lot of different things. You can probably do that, and from what I know as a younger -- when I was younger and living in Karluk, just a group of half a dozen guys would take skiffs or else a fishing boat and go down to the south end and reindeer herd down there. Take 20, 40 animals, you know, bring them home. And then -- I don't know whether that was legal or not, but I'm sure, you know, that that's kind of a traditional way of doing things. Anyways, you know, is to hunt animals en masse and just bring them to the village.

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I used to go up to Speridon River and get a couple hundred steelhead, you know, with a few guys and hike in, build a little net up there and everybody packs something, you know. Half of a lead line, another guy packed a web, and some guys packed corks, and you hang your seine and then drift the fish down -- you know, thread them through the gills and, you know, then pack your seine back and dismantle everything back. You know, spend a couple three days once you got to the village area, go ahead and distribute all the fish out. That's been going on many years ago -- well, until sport fishing got really big and we don't do that anymore.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: That's actually been a big traditional way of gathering, sure.

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MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Helga.

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MS. EAKON: Mr. Vice Chair, Gilda is not the

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only one who has raised this question. Maybe two, three months ago a couple of corporation leaders from your area, I believe Sand Point and Unalaska, called and said they wanted to know what was going on with the Adak caribou herd, who had jurisdiction and the idea of transplanting them to -- from Adak to their respective areas. But Moses and I had a little meeting with Dick Pospahala, and he had promised to find out who are the proper authorities to refer these gentlemen to. So far no follow-up was done.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: From my point of view, I guess I'll contact the OC in Sand Point Corporation and give them the names of Ken Pitcher and Daniel Boone, and maybe they could get more information through there. Thanks.

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Does that satisfy your questions on the Adak herd, Gilda?

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: I guess so.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It will have to.

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: There's not much more I can say.

13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You know, Mr. Chair, you know, the financial side, too, you know, it's possible. We know they need the meat, they're not going to get it for a while. It's possible the corporation on their side can help financially on that

16 MS. SHELLIKOFF: I think the corporations would be willing to work with anybody that's willing to work with them, you know. I'm sure they would. And also the regional corporations and maybe the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, 'cause I know we were talking to them, but we didn't make much headway with them either.

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MR. KNAUER: The phone number for Adak in the Aleutian Islands is in the back of this book.

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: Okay.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Herman.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I've got one more comment. Who is the one that funded that Hagemeister Island -- I guess should I say kill or whatever?

MR. KNAUER: That was the Fish & Wildlife Service.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: The Fish & Wildlife Service. If they can come up with funds for something like that, it seems like they would be able to come up with -- or try to help get funds to where it's in need to help -- you know, get the meat there. That's something I just have to throw in there, thinking about it.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay, no more questions or comments, then we'll move on to the Kenai C & T.

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MS. EAKON: Taylor Brelsford, who is chief of the Division of Social Sciences should be walking in pretty soon.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Well, we'll postpone that and lay it aside for now and we'll move on to establish a time and place for our next meeting. In consideration of the many people that we're going to be bringing or we've requested to be at the next meeting, I'd recommend that the meeting be here in Anchorage because of the staff -- I'll leave this question to budgeting on whether we can go to Kodiak or here. I mean it doesn't matter. I don't think it's possible to go out onto the chain because of the costs. We discussed it a little bit on the side, but it would be nice to go out on the Chain and have a meeting, but just not feasible.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: I'd just like to ask a question. When you guys come in, you come into Anchorage?

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: You don't go -- there's no reason to go to Kodiak, you just fly right over that.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: There's no flights. We have to come into Anchorage, then go to Kodiak. So either way, for myself, it doesn't matter. I'll go any place. Tom.

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MR. EVERITT: I've just been going over the numbers in my head of where is it more reasonable to go, and it seems like it's cheaper to bring us five Kodiak people here to Anchorage instead of sending you two all the way to Anchorage, then Kodiak, and then all the Federal employees and State employees that come here, plus the recorder. It's probably more economical to have the meeting right here than in Kodiak. And so I would be for having it here.

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- 1 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I
- 2 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Same thing.
- 3 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I agree, yeah.
- 4 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay, now I need to know whether -- just kind of determine the place. I guess we ought to establish some time frame.
- 6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I would think that is possible an early September, not in October, early September so we can have time -- it sounds like we're going to have a decent agenda. We'll have to bring up possibly on proposals we're going to work on, the annual report. We need to get some things rolling a little quicker this time now that we know we got caught in this last one.
- 10 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: When is Labor Day weekend, what day is that this year, 3rd, 4th, 5th?
- 11 MR. CHRISTENSEN: The only thing I would like to say is if it's early September, I'm not going to be here.
- 13 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Why is that?
- 14 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I'm fishing.
- 15 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Oh, same
- 16 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I fish up until the 20th -- possibly up to the 25th of September.
- 17 MR. EVERITT: Mark may be fishing.
- 18 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Last year I was still railing champions on the second.
- 20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I think we're looking at two members, possibly they'll be fishing, too.
- 21 MS. EAKON: Plus there is a program uncertainty about this proposal process that is not settled. Everyone seems to be in agreement that it's too hasty, there's lots of time constraints. So, when do we anticipate settling of this question?
- 24 MR. KNAUER: I don't know. To be real honest. I'm going to be working with Mike and probably with Jim Kurth

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to try and somehow streamline the process, but

2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: So the earliest right
now, as far as we're concerned, would be October 1.

3 MR. CHRISTENSEN: October 1, anything from the
4st on would be fine. From there up until the end of April.
No, I mean

5 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Is there any
6recommendations, anybody want to pick a date? I don't have a
'94 calendar. I don't know what date is what there.

7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Can I make one more comment on
8that? You know, for us as a board to be effective, you know,
we need to allow ourselves enough time to be able to work on
9these proposals and stuff, 'cause we have to submit them in by
when -- November -- the end of November? What was it,
10something like that, the middle of November?

11 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)

12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, well, that's -- I feel
personally that's cutting it too doggone close. I don't know.
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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: A little more time
14than last year.

15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, not very much.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I think we had like
seven days last year.

17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We found out what happened, it
18was possible we could get together in a conference this time,
but, you know, for us to be effective and we're going to do our
19job, we need time in there. We can't push it, you know.

20 MR. KNAUER: Your discussion is very apropos.
We will be trying to revise the process to make it better, but
21the thing that I would like to point out is that you can be
talking and thinking and communicating with the residents in
22our areas, you can go ahead and the proposal format will
probably remain similar, so if there are ideas or proposals
23that you're thinking about, those could be generated -- you
know, by you and the community residents over the summer so
24that they're essentially ready for the Council to discuss at
their fall meeting.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, in a sense, you know,
 saying and doing is two different things, 'cause, you know, a
 majority of the people are out fishing. The rest of us all
 have jobs, too, and just like you guys, you guys are busy, too.
 3 I mean basically where I could get together with a lot of this
 stuff is when we come to a meeting. That's about the time I
 really get to look over everything. At home I have a hard time
 looking at it, and I'm pretty sure it's the same with everybody
 else.

6 MR. KNAUER: It was just an option that also
 exists

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 8 MR. CHRISTENSEN: What are you suggesting?

9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I would like to make a
 suggestion. You guys said you were working on your -- when
 possibly if on the staff side to where the Federal Subsistence
 Board side, if they can possibly change theirs or if that could
 be in the planning of what you were talking a while ago, move
 it, giving us a little bit more time to do the salmon seasons
 and everything else and all that.

12 MR. KNAUER: That's what we're talking about.
 The in date, and as you approach the spring from now on there
 are certain constraints that occur in there relative to the
 requirement for certain public comment periods of publishing
 and when they have to go to the Federal Register, things like
 that. And we're trying to look at making changes in the fall
 dates to see if we can improve that.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Just for your record,
 October 1 falls on a Saturday, and November 14 falls on a
 Monday. So I would say the next probably available meeting
 time would be -- at the earliest September 27 and on, since
 you're closing probably around the 25th or something.

19 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Well, the reason I've taken
 October 1 is because I've been known to fish as late as
 September 25. I don't do that all the time. But also after
 that we need some time to put your gear away and get your crew
 -- you know, your -- you just need to wind down. So I'm giving
 myself a little leeway, you know, and

23 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: What's the earliest
 date, would October 3, a Monday be all right? We'd have to
 come in on a Sunday and start on a Monday.

25 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Something like that would be

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1- other than that, like I say, other than that, I don't think I can make it. It's just a fact.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: What is your time schedule?

4 MR. EVERITT: That's fine with me. I think if we have a month

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: Have it on a Tuesday so I can come in on the

7 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah, maybe a Tuesday would be better because flying from Larsen Bay to Kodiak to Anchorage all on a Sunday is not going to do it because -- just because there are -- you have to get

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, the next one would be

11 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Tuesday would be good, just like this present one.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That would be the 48h.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Is there any problem with October 4? I mean that's the earliest possible date because of fishing and getting together. In the meantime these proposals that you have and Herman has

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Well, the only thing I can say is I'm sorry, but, you know, that's my job.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That's the way it goes.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: I just have to do that.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That's the way it goes. We have to work around everybody's schedule to

22 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Everybody else is going to be fishing, too.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Everybody else is going to be fishing anyway.

25 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah, it's just a work part

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of the year, you know, for a lot of us.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: If there's no objection, I guess we'll -- how about a meeting place? Yeah, Herman.

4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. Well, in other words, we need to put a little more pressure on the staff side here to hopefully can get that solved for us so we won't have a shortage on time.

6 MR. CHRISTENSEN: When was the last meeting?

7 MR. EVERITT: I would just as soon have
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9 MR. SQUARTSOFF: 24th or something like that.

10 MR. CHRISTENSEN: When was the last meeting?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: September 13.

12 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah, did that make things
kind of tight?

13 MR. EVERITT: You weren't here.

14 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I know. That's right. In fact I got hurt on the boat that one time. That's the reason I didn't make it. I was going to try to make it in. I was just waiting for the -- we were talking to Helga, saying that if the season opened, I was going, but I would come in if it looked like the season wasn't going to open. But you were still sitting there with a seine on.

18 MR. LOCKHART: There's been kind of a problem throughout a large part of Alaska about the dates in September 'cause a lot of people are still out in the field gathering their subsistence resources, so we're aware of that, and hopefully this streamlining if we can do anything, it's in that middle period so that meetings a little later in the fall wouldn't have an effect on the whole process. Like I said, we're still not even close to having anything resolved.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: You've got to remember, too, this is, you know, all new to us, new to everybody basically, and so we'll try to make it work better for everybody information-wise. Yes.

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1 MR. STOVALL: I just want to make a suggestion.
I realize that the busy season is coming for everyone on the Board, and -- but I want to re-emphasize that your ability to be thinking about putting down on paper ideas for proposals that you may want to make, looking at all your issues that you've already written down, and you have an idea about that.

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And also you might want to try and find the time maybe to attend an occasional tribal council meeting or city council meeting in your respective areas and try to get to those at least once between now and then and let the folks know that this is what the process is and how you're involved with it. Because there's a good mix of people throughout on the board that's -- that can get to the various villages, I realize that you can't get to all of the, but just let it be known.

9 I realize also that the Refuge -- Kodiak Refuge will be going and visiting all the villages and we'll make them aware of your presence, and we'll do the same type of process. I just want to emphasize that if you can try and find the time to get to some type of other meeting, especially if you plan on having your next meeting in Anchorage you're going to be away from your respective areas, and when you're away, you don't exist. Let's face it, right now I'm sure nobody or not too many people in Kodiak are aware of this public meeting is occurring right now in Anchorage. So I just want to emphasize a point to try and get your outreach going strong now.

15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I seen it published, I don't know how many different times, one of their Federal Regional Boards will be meeting, in the Kodiak Mirror, down there.

17 MR. STOVALL: I only saw it once myself.

18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, I think I seen it about three times. A lot of people don't pay attention and read, and you post stuff up in your villages. Half the time people don't read them anyway, they'll walk right by them. Hey, you've got to say, this is happening and tell them everything. And I also would like to -- Vince, if I can ask, you know, of the board's or whatever permission if we can have Robert help us with some of these possible proposals we'll have coming up while we're down there, he's right there in the area. We'll try that approach again and hopefully it will work out this time weather-wise and whatever. But we could try and get the ball rolling a little sooner.

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MR. STOVALL: I know the Refuge manager kind of wants to work very closely with the Council and proposals,

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especially as they pertain, you know, around the Refuge.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, it's in the
best interest of the Council and everybody that we utilize
people like Robert if they've got the availability to do so. I
highly recommend it because their input is good because we are
not working in that.

5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You know, they're right there,
instead of having to call and get with Moses and all that all
the time or whatever, you know, they're there.

7 MR. STOVALL: I'd also recommend that Izembek,
Alaska Maritime and Alaska Peninsula Refuges all become a part
of your constant contacts and outreach also.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Getting back to our
meeting; time, date, place. It's been recommended to be in
Anchorage, October 4, the hotel has been commented that it be
the Regal was a fine place to have a meeting, right here.

11 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I don't have any problems
with that.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: If there's no problem
let's hear a motion.

14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I so move that we meet again -
our next scheduled meeting will be October 4, right here in
Anchorage at the Regal.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: 9:00 a.m.?

17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.

18 MR. CHRISTENSEN: 9:00 a.m., all right. I
think one thing I noticed on our agenda

20 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Hold on. Is there a
second?

21 MR. EVERITT: I second it.

22 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Second.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Seconded over here,
Tom or Gilda seconded.

25 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I was just going to say I

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know it's not on our agenda but there was no noon hour set, and I remembered a very -- yesterday somebody wanted to recess for lunch at 11:30. Well, I'd already made plans from 12:00 to 1:00. I just took it for granted we were going to break at 12:00, so if we can put in a lunch hour and stick to it, you know, it would just kind of save a little, 'cause I would have missed -- if we broke at 11:30 I wouldn't have been able to do what I was going to do yesterday.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Well, we generally try and get at least -- for the first time here we try and get at least an hour and a half for lunch. If there's a problem with an hour and a half lunch, we can do that like between 11:30 and noon and probably get out. It depends on the issue and where we are, that's the only thing.

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MR. CHRISTENSEN: Right.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: The only reason I suggested yesterday is it was kind of slow there for a minute, so I thought

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Question? Are you ready for call for the question on the motion?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Question.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Question's been called. All those in favor on the motion for October 4, in Anchorage at the Regal, the next meeting, say aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Opposed. Motion carries.

19 I guess we'll get back to the Kenai C & T, and we have

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MS. EAKON: Taylor Brelsford.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Oh, yeah.

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MR. BRELSFORD: We were short yesterday but I got the additional print in, so

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MS. EAKON: There's more.

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(Off record comments)

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MR. BRELSFORD: Are we okay as far as people in the audience seeing this? Well, with your permission, Mr. Chairman, we'll go ahead and start. I know that you've had a long day, and I'll try and keep this fairly focused. And, again, the idea here is to make sure that your council is current with what's going on in the Southcentral part of the state in the Kenai Peninsula. The reason being that some of these policies are going to come up for discussion in the Kodiak/Aleutian Region down the road, and if you're familiar with the board's early decisions in another part of the state, you'll be able to offer your insight on the policy questions this time and also be thinking ahead about what this would mean in the Kodiak/Aleutian Region.

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So I thought I'd say just a word about the purpose of the C & T determinations. I'm going to start back a little notch. Many of you may know much of this already, but let me just kind of start from the ground up.

11 The subsistence law, Title VIII in ANILCA, says that subsistence uses are customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents. And so the board has to figure out -- they have to make determinations about what are rural communities in Alaska, and that's already been done. Those are in the record, and for most of the area we would call -- rural Alaska is determined to be rural, and some of the places in Southcentral and on the road-connected system, those were identified as non-rural. But basically that decision has already been made.

16 The board also has to make determinations about customary and traditional uses. This is part of deciding about eligibility, what are the subsistence users and who do we have to provide seasons and harvest limits to accommodate. So this is the second half of making eligibility decisions. Rural determinations was the first half; customary and traditional determinations is the second part.

20 What the Federal Board did so far was to just take in the state C & T determinations, the State Board of Game, Board of Fisheries have done this between 1985 and 1989 they made decisions about which villages used which species, which fish stocks and which game populations. So there's a whole long list of existing customary and traditional use determinations, and those are actually the ones, if you, you know, glance through our book and it says under a species in your unit customary and traditional use, that's the current regulation, and that was just brought in all at once. The state decisions were just incorporated into the Federal regs.

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Well, the Federal Board realized there were some mistakes and some hurried decisions that the state had made, and that it was important to go back and review those and to have more information tied together to make better decisions, to ensure that those are accurate, and to revise them where it's necessary. So they set about revising C & T determinations around the state, one area at a time. They want thorough documentation, they want to have some kind of background information to make a good decision, to improve the quality of the C & T decisions.

So Kenai came up first because of some changes in the legislation and the status. You probably know Kenai used to be non-rural. There were no subsistence recognized -- no subsistence uses recognized anywhere on the Kenai Peninsula, and then under a court decision much of the Kenai Peninsula is now rural, and so it's emerged as the priority. The board asked us to go to that one first.

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So that's how we got there, why. The purpose is to provide the board enough background information to make a wise decision about what customary and traditional uses should be recognized.

13 Basically there are a couple of guidelines in the regulations that give us a structure. They give us a starting point. Probably the most important of those is these eight factors. They're listed on the second page of the green handout. I guess it spills over from page 2 to 3. Any of you that were involved in the state advisory committee system will recognize that these are almost word for word the same eight factors that were used in the state system. And all eight of those are mandatory. The board has to inquire and consider all eight of them, but sometimes we have more information on some and less on others, and maybe more emphasis on some and less emphasis on others. My suggestion to you is that two of them really stand out.

20 These are factors number 1 and factor number 8. The first one talks about long-term and consistent uses. And it basically says that a big part of customary and traditional is that there's some historic pattern, that it goes back in time, that people have been doing this for a significant period of time.

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Now the big problem -- well, sorry, then factor number 8 says that there's a reliance on a diversity of species for cultural, economic, social, and nutritional elements. So I would say that some of the first things the board is asking us

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is, is this a longstanding resource use pattern for this community, the species, or did it just start a couple of years ago; is this a new community that wasn't even here a decade ago. They're asking us about the long-term, consistent aspect. And then I think this other one says what we know about subsistence communities is that there is a whole fabric of reliance on local resources, its economic and nutritional, but it's more than that. It is cultural, it has to do with social integration in the communities. That's what factor 8 says. And I think the board is logically going to really pay attention and ask us about this whole relationship of subsistence uses to other economic activities and other things going on in that community.

8 Now the remainder of those, numbers 2 through 7, I think basically talk about key traditions in subsistence communities including sharing and the passing of knowledge from elders to young people in between generations. Those, I think, have to do with how contemporary uses are consistent with traditional patterns in subsistence communities.

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One of the problems the board has to work with and we have to work with, the councils have to help us out on is the regulations and law don't define long-term, they don't define specifically what a pattern of reliance would be. Is long-term a 10-year-old pattern, a 30-year-old pattern, 50-year-old pattern? That's part of this matter of kind of scaling and making sense of the information that the board's going to have to really -- they're going to have to consider it in pretty serious depth, and since the Kenai decision will be the first one where they're doing that, some of these questions about how long do they think a resource use has to be in place before its long-term and consistent. They're going to be making some decisions that might have implications or might have precedent for later on decisions down the road.

19 So your interest as a council is partly in trying to see how the board is reasoning about what constitutes a long-term use or what the balance between subsistence and other economic activities in the communities should be for it to be reliant or dependent in a reliant use of the resources.

22 Another area that they are going to be asking about quite a bit, the regulations say the subsistence uses have to be characteristic of the community. We evaluate the patterns of the community as a whole, not of each individual or of each household. Subsistence eligibility is attributed to communities based on their characteristics, not one household at a time by individual application.

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There's a question. Is something that half the people do a community characteristic? If it's a resource use pattern with a quarter of the community is that still a characteristic, a representative characteristic of that community? This idea of how much the community has to be involved for it to be representative or characteristic of that village or of that community, that's a problem where the board is going to have to make some call, some kind of judgment, and the regulations don't give the rule on that; they don't give you a numerical percentage. It's kind of a matter that the board is still looking at alternatives.

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The third key consideration that I want to draw your attention to is the fact that Federal subsistence eligibility decisions have to do with uses on the Federal lands. We're going to run into this problem in some parts of the state where a community is obviously a long-term, historic use -- they have a long-term historic use pattern of local resources, they are highly reliant on those resources. Nearly everybody is reliant on the resources like that, but they're surrounded by State lands and the Federal lands are all off in a -- kind of distant from the community.

13 So the board has to evaluate these characteristics also in relation to -- primarily in relation to the Federal lands. I mean they have to be concerned about what kind of subsistence harvest, what kind of harvests are occurring on the Federal lands.

16 I think that basically highlights the key considerations. The idea in the booklet -- I don't know if you've had any time to look at it, but the board had asked for the staff to structure some alternatives that would use different time horizons, different time links to qualify as long-term, a real recent one, a real long one.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'm sorry. Could we comment on that now, on the long-term?

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MR. BRELSFORD: Sure.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: My personal opinion on that is to go back way long-term to where it originally generated from and who it generated from on your subsistence, customary and tradition. That's my personal opinion. The State done opened it up -- wide opened it up recently to anybody. I mean -- and there's people just started doing it because, you know, it was available. I mean this is something that we've done, you know,

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been doing, taught to do, in fact I feel it should be a long, long term where it originally generated from and who it generated from on that. That's my opinion on it. Not five, 10 years ago and all this bologna. It should go back from generation to generation.

4 MR. BRELSFORD: In the structure of the alternatives, Mr. Squartsoff, both B and C try to say there ought to be some significant time period. A was actually built around the idea that it didn't require long-term -- that long-term could be kind of liberally construed so that newer communities and people who had moved into regions, communities that have grown a lot in the last decade or two, that that would be good enough, they would still be qualified under in under this one alternative. It kind of takes all comers in rural areas and says if you're using it in the rural areas, that's good enough.

10 The other ones were a little more along the lines you're talking about, that the historic use ought to be for a goodly period.

12 I think the suggestion in Alternative B was that a 30-year-old pattern, if most of the communities involved in this harvest activity for a 30-year period, that that was about a generation, that in a 30-year period you would start to have older people teaching younger people about the local area and about the local resources so that the time horizon for long-term consistent in Alternative B was set at about 30 years as being a marker of a generation -- a multi-generation pattern.

17 A basically said if the community is in a rural area and somebody was using those resources long ago and they're still using them now, that solves the problem, that we don't have to have specific long-term uses and a consistency between current residents and historic residents.

20 If you guys are really brave and you want to read all the fine print, you'll see in Alternative A it's often written that on the Kenai Peninsula, Dena'ina, the aboriginal people a hundred years ago used this resource and now people who are living there are carrying on the traditions of the Athapaskan Native people who lived there first. And we're saying that even in some communities where there's not any Native people now, where Native people moved away or were no longer part of the population after the 1920s, Alternative A says if there was a historic pattern using moose and sheep and goat up in the northern part of the Kenai Peninsula, even though the people

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living there now don't specifically relate to that historic pattern, that still qualifies.

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So the general idea here is that Alternative A is one that tries to open the eligibility and to bring in a lot of the communities to kind of include as many of the current communities on the Kenai Peninsula as possible.

5 Alternative B cuts it a little sharper and says there ought to be this 30-year time line -- time horizon, for example, and that the reliance, we need to see if it's a community with a lot of economic -- alternative economic activity. Maybe people aren't relying on subsistence uses as much in this community as compared to some others where people have very seasonal jobs, many people are unemployed. That question of economic and cultural reliance is raised a little more strongly in Alternative B.

10 And in Alternative C it takes kind of the strictest reading of the law, the idea that it has to be a majority pattern, that if a community has a lot of -- a portion of long-time residents, 20 or 30 people -- 20 or 30% of a community is Alaska Native or long-time homesteader residents, Alternative C says about 30% isn't really enough to call it a community characteristic, that there ought to be more like an integrated homogeneous village where nearly everybody follows the seasonal round of subsistence activities.

15 So that's kind of the difference between them. A deals very flexibly with the criteria and looks to include as many people in the subsistence use categories as possible; Alternative B uses a little more sharper definition, particularly of the time problem; and Alternative C uses real strict definitions on each of these issues.

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The effect is the outcomes. I think this table was passed out yesterday?

20 MS. EAKON: No.

21 MR. BRELSFORD: Do you know what became of the copies I brought with this one yesterday?

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MS. EAKON: It would be on the table over there.

24 MR. BRELSFORD: Maybe we can take a minute and try and get these in front of you.

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1 MS. EAKON: You did bring some yesterday?

2 MR. BRELSFORD: Yeah, I brought the charters
and extra copies of the proposal. I made 10 of these.

3 MS. EAKON: I don't remember seeing the matrix.

4 (Off record)

5 (On record)

6 MR. BRELSFORD: Just to kind of simply say it,
there are nine communities on the Kenai Peninsula. Under
Alternative A when you use the kind of conclusive approach,
basically every community qualifies for a number of reasons.
It qualifies for the resources in their local area and in their
neighboring areas generally. And that includes a community
like Whittier that didn't even exist, it had just begun at the
time of the war in 1945. Under Alternative A, that still
constitutes a long-term use pattern.

11 Under Alternative B, some of those communities that are
more recent or have only grown up in the last 20 years, those
communities are not -- those uses are not called customary and
traditional. And so customary and traditional uses under
Alternative B are limited to the community of Ninilchik,
Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Seldovia. Some of the communities
down in the southern part of the Kenai Peninsula that have a
significant Alaska Native population that has been there
forever, and a longer term use pattern among the other
communities.

17 And under Alternative C, if you use the strictest version
of that, there are no customary and traditional uses recognized
on the Kenai Peninsula. Some of that, when we talked about --
like those three communities in Katchemak Bay, Nanwalek, Port
Graham and Seldovia, the problem arises with the fact that
Federal lands are located way up Katchemak Bay and not even on
the coast, but instead up in the mountains, and so it's the
Federal lands problem that drums the Native villages out under
Alternative C. There's no question that they have historic
uses and that they're integrated communities relying on the
resources. It's the Federal lands' problem.

23 MR. CHRISTENSEN: If it came down to you using
Alternative C and there was no Federal lands in that community,
how would they legally continue to subsist; would it come under
state or

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1 MR. BRELSFORD: Well, -- right. Obviously the
 2 would continue to hunt under the State's regulations on these
 3 lands under State jurisdiction. And the State has a
 4 subsistence title, it continues to have a subsistence program.
 5 Some of the details you guys may know better than me from
 6 working with advisory committees and so on. But broadly
 7 speaking, it now takes in all Alaskans. All Alaskans are
 8 considered to be subsistence users.

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 10 And so under Alternative C it's not as though people would
 11 be prohibited from harvesting resources from making their
 12 living from the local resources, it's that that would come
 13 under State jurisdiction on the State land.

14 Again, it's more the differences between Alternative A, B,
 15 and C. If you look in the book there was -- there's some bold
 16 little boxes at the top of each description, like on page 5
 17 where it talks about some of the details of Alternative A, the
 18 approach, you'll see a summary here in bold, and there's a
 19 similar little short version for Alternative B

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21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Page 22, for B; and
 22 page 36, for C.

23 MR. BRELSFORD: So I don't necessarily
 24 recommend that you guys read all of the particular about each
 25 community and each species. If you could really pay attention
 26 on how the alternatives were organized, the approach in each
 27 one, then you'll understand what the board's talking about when
 28 they get to these, and maybe read a couple of those individual
 29 examples under each one and just see how it might play out.
 30 And then that way you'd be up to speed on what the board will
 31 be doing.

32 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I was just going to ask on
 33 these alternatives, are these already -- they're already set.

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35 MR. BRELSFORD: Well,

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37 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Or the purpose of the
 38 presentation is informational? Are we going to be asked to
 39 move on any of this stuff? Are these already set and this is
 40 informational?

41 MR. BRELSFORD: It certainly is informational.
 42 They're not set in the sense that no additions or changes are
 43 possible. There are lots of changes on the horizon. The
 44 Southcentral Council, who is immediately concerned with this
 45 one, the Kenai Peninsula, met to go over all of this, and they

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actually read the background document

2 MR. CHRISTENSEN: And what they're -- and in
turn what they're doing is possibly making proposals

3 MR. BRELSFORD: It's a new alternative. What
they're talking about is

5 MR. CHRISTENSEN: making proposals for
changes

6 MR. BRELSFORD: That's right.

7 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Okay.

8 MR. BRELSFORD: And you guys want to look at
this and think about the policy differences between A, B, and
C, and say, wait, that doesn't exactly fit. Maybe we think a
little bit different alternative ought to be organized, and the
board, the staff committee and the Federal Subsistence Board
may look at these and say, wait, you didn't really get it
right, we've talked about this for a couple of years, some of
our concerns aren't there. And they may modify these things,
too.

13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You will be doing a draft up
for the Kodiak Aleutians, when will that be?

15 MR. BRELSFORD: I don't have it in the back of
my head all of -- there are 26 units that were broken out to
by and organize this review, and I don't remember specifically
when Kodiak Aleutians was coming up in that. The situation now
is that each of the agencies have committed for this year and
next year their first priorities, so Park Service is involved
in one, the BLM has an early priority. After that -- after
this first seven or eight priorities, all the rest are in a
pile, and we're still asking for advice from the public and
from the regional councils. The board still has to decide on
the firm priorities for all the rest of those. Kodiak
Aleutians is not in that first group of seven, I know that. So
I don't believe there's any day scheduled for the priority for
the Kodiak Aleutians area at this time.

22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So what I'm getting at
basically, too, then is we've got this draft one here of Kenai,
if everybody takes it home, you know, we all look it over,
maybe at our next meeting, you know, what we don't like out of
it we can bring it up at our meeting and that's what you guys
are really looking for, possibly to help on this anyway. Maybe

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We can add this to our agenda.

2 MR. BRELSFORD: Let me say just to -- I think your point is exactly on target, that the purpose of this is so none of this hits you guys cold

4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

5 MR. BRELSFORD: down the road, and that if other councils want to -- we believe that many of the councils have some questions and concerns about the policy, about A, B, and C, which one is a better fit for understanding subsistence uses. They may not even all agree. I don't really know, but we know they're concerned about it and interested in it, and there may be some discussion among councils in April when you guys are getting together, meeting with the Federal Subsistence Board, and this way you would all have a little bit of the picture to be thinking about your own area, as you see it.

11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: When we meet with the Federal Board though it's just the Chair that comes up, so -- not the whole council.

13 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.

14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And then would it be possible then that you or someone could be present at our next scheduled meeting when we do bring this up on our agenda, maybe you can get on it and we can help you.

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MR. BRELSFORD: Sure. I think we all realize that this is one of the crucial decisions in the whole area of subsistence management on regulations, and we know that people are going to be deeply concerned about who is in, who is out. And that's why a lot of effort has gone into this first on, including some brief things with the other councils and making sure everybody has a chance to follow along some of those steps.

21 MR. EVERITT: I didn't see anywhere in this, have they thought about the amount of resource that's in the area, too, in determining this?

23 MR. BRELSFORD: Basically the sequence is that the eligibility determinations are supposed to be made on the basis of this historic pattern primarily, the customary and traditional uses. Allocation decisions, how much of a particular stock or gay population is required to accommodate

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the eligible villages, that's a separate judgment and hasn't been structured as part of this eligibility decision. So the questions that the boards deal with every year with the Subpart D proposals of increasing the harvest limit for this community or increasing the season, that's where the board reasons with you about what it takes to provide for the eligible community.

5 This exercise has more been structured on are the eligibility determinations that the State had and that we brought in, are they sound, do they stand up to close consideration, and in priority areas where there are controversies we're trying to provide enough documentary evidence for the board to think well and carefully about these eligibility problems. So I would say that the population assessments, the allocation problems, are handled separately through the Subpart D, through the annual proposals that you guys are very closely involved in.

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I wanted to say one thing about what happens next because we're part way through the Kenai exercise. The next step on the Kenai Peninsula is that the board will review these proposed alternatives, and they will decide which one makes the best sense, policy-wise, and they may decide that, you know, we missed on some of the particular villages and species, they may adjust a whole bunch of that stuff. But they will reach a decision that's called a proposed rule. It's a tentative decision. Then there's a whole raft of public review; publication in the Federal Register. The councils have an opportunity to make recommendations, the formal recommendations about that proposed rule, and then later on as a second -- as a final step, the board would meet again and make its final rule that goes into effect -- it's final determination.

18 We had a schedule, and that schedule was provided to you that shows the Federal Board meeting on February 15 to make that proposed rule, and the Staff Committee is to meet a few days before that, and the Southcentral Council met on January 28 also to add some suggestions and some information. All of that suddenly slipped. We were notified this morning that the Staff Committee and board meeting, February 15, have been postponed for at least three weeks, so I can't tell you right now what the fall-back dates are, but if you're interested, what you can still gain from that list of schedule kind of a steps that are involved; who does what first in sequence. That's laid out for you, and you'll have an idea of kind of how the councils are involved and the public's involvement and so on. But the dates are going to slip back by at least three weeks and maybe well beyond that.

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MR. MORRISON: When this goes before the board
2- you may not be able to answer this, but I'll ask it anyway -
- will they take these strictly as three completely distinct
alternatives or is there a chance they might blend a couple of
them?

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MR. BRELSFORD: I think there's -- they operate
independently. We work for the board. If we've done a good
job they'll pat us on the heads and say, hey, those are good
alternatives. If they get different information from agencies
that are offering view comments from the councils, from the
public, they may say, well, it was close but it's not quite
right, we want to strike a middle path here, we want something
that's halfway between A or B, we want to move B over this way
a little bit more. There's nothing that requires the board to
stay within the strict alternatives that have been laid out.
This is an effort to guide the thing to provide some
illustration and some background information. But they may
very well combine different ones or modify any of the proposed
alternatives there. That's partly a matter of what the
councils, what input they get from the councils and the
agencies and the general public.

13 So the Southcentral Council when they met, they looked at
this and said, well, we don't think any one of them is a simple
answer, we want something that's a mix, and their mix was kind
of part column A and part column B. There was no problem with
them thinking it through on their own terms and then you guys
ought to feel free to do the same kind of independent reasoning
about this when it comes up.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: You mentioned they have A and
B mixed. I stressed earlier like I want to see A being the
daily effect, where B was a 30-year effect or something if a
village had to move. I mean you have to establish a new
community. That's the only way I can really see A and B being
a mix. Well, personal opinion on that. You know, I could see
that way, you know, earthquake, tidal wave, something where
the village would have to relocate. I'd be looking at it that
way. I still think C & T is where it originated from, who it
originated from.

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MR. BRELSFORD: I think in the

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That was C.

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MR. BRELSFORD: go ahead.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: That was C. Would
that be C?

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MR. BRELSFORD: I think actually,
Mr. Squartsoff, what you were talking about was more along the
lines of C, the longest.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: The historical
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MR. SQUARTSOFF: C, oh, okay, the longest.
Excuse me.

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MR. BRELSFORD: Your point still stands.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: All right.

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MR. BRELSFORD: I was going to mention that
when the Southcentral Council met, many people found a good
idea, the suggestion that 50 years was a more appropriate
measure of a customary and traditional, a long-term historic
pattern, and so they were kind of looking for which communities
had a 50-year history of using resources in that area. As I
say, they were not -- with one exception, they weren't very
sympathetic to the community. They thought the community of
Whittier didn't have customary and traditional uses because
it

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: World War II.

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MR. BRELSFORD: Yeah. began then and it
almost disappeared. There were virtually no population there.
So most of the people living in Whittier today have been there
for 20 years or less. Now they said for most purposes they
didn't think that qualified as a customary and traditional use.
They did think that the moose harvest patterns in Whittier had
the kind of depth and reliance that some of these other
characteristics, but sheep, goat, bear, brown bear, they didn't
think Whittier was in on it.

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Homer rural area, there's some households up north of the
city of Homer that they call -- they fall into what the Federal
Board calls rural areas. This Southcentral Council said, hey,
look, 20 years ago there wasn't even anybody living there.
These are folks who have moved very recently. That doesn't
meet the standard of a long-term use. So they were kind of
saying that what struck them as about the right time link was a
20-year period. This one uses an idea of about 30 years. This
one has basically the historic pattern -- the historic part is
not the big deal. The concern under number A -- under

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Alternative A is if anybody used the resources in this area long ago or recently, then all the people who lived there now ought to qualify, so there's not a strict standard of historic uses; B, uses a 30-year time rise; and in C it uses about the same time period but it's getting stricter on some of these other questions.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: You know, another one on that time pattern, you know, what I could see, too, is on -- it would be like basically on a generation, what generation is living now, how well that customary and traditional use was passed along, and how much it's still being practiced in that community. That can have a whole big effect on that, you know, of what they traditionally used.

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MR. BRELSFORD: You'll see

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: And the way the economy is right now, some of your local coastal communities the way fishing is, you know, a guy ain't hardly making a living or anything anymore, so he's out there trying to go look for another job. Basically he's not going out subsistence fishing and hunting as much, just to try to survive, you know, physically might be losing a lack of it there, and that, you know, has been happening for a few years now. You know, that might have an effect on some of these decisions on that as well as being practiced anymore. Some times the way everything costs, too, it's almost cheaper to go in the doggone store and buy something than what it costs you to go out and subsistence it any more. You know, you go out duck hunting, you've got to buy a box of shells for your shotgun, you've got to buy gas for your boat. It's cheaper to go in Safeway and buy an 88 cents a pound whole fryer, you know.

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MR. BRELSFORD: Well, I think in some ways you hit the nail right on the head in the fact that there's a lot of change and diversity throughout Alaska, so there's no -- it's not as simply as simply saying, well, hey, look, subsistence is obvious, customary and traditional uses, everybody knows what that is. When you get in some of these situations at road connected areas where there's been quite a lot of recent growth and change in the economic character of the area, it's not that easy, and I don't really know your guys' region that well, so I don't know if there are difficult decisions to face you, but I'm pretty sure it's best if you're along for the ride with the other regions and kind of see what the board is doing and have a little more specific picture of this customary and traditional use problem.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Comments? Well,
thanks. We're going to be following this. I know that we'll
be, at some point in time making a decision to put C & T and
make a determination and policy.

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MR. BRELSFORD: Okay. We'll make every effort
to keep you informed on any scheduling and priority decisions
we find out. Thanks, I appreciate your interest.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's going to be good and fun
one.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: There's no action
required on this other than to read it and be aware of it so
when you do have questions coming up at the next meeting when
we review their final draft.

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Okay, next one up is public comment. No public comment?
Council comments?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Vice Chair, I'd like
to make a recommendation to the Council that also the Council
recommend that Moses, which is going to be our new coordinator,
travel down -- or go down to Kodiak and the outlying villages
when the service down there goes out and does their survey so
we can get, you know, first-hand knowledge from the people and
everything in the villages and be with them there. And also a
possibility, if you'd like, the State's going to also --
Craig Mishler and them are going to do another one, too, if
you'd like. You know, you can go on that one. I think it
would help you a lot and you'd get a lot of first-hand
knowledge right from the people what's going on, you know, not
that we don't put out to him enough but it's a lot easier.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Carry our flag as a
council to the communities.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think it would help him a
lot as being our coordinator to do that.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: And not only in
Kodiak but in -- out on the Aleutians. If there's a chance or
you get a Fish & Wildlife plane going out there in contact, you
catch a ride with them, 'cause I know they fly out there doing
different surveys either for sea lion -- a sea lion survey is
going to start in, I think it's May or June, I'm not sure, and
that'll be part of that also, but that would be a good time for
you to get out.

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1 MR. EVERITT: We need to pick somebody to go to
the meeting in April. He's not going to be

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: The Chairman is not
going to be available for the April 11 to the 14 to attend the
board meeting.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, if the Chair doesn't
make it, it's automatically you then.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It goes to the Vice
Chair. Tom is going to go anyways. He said he'll be able to
go, and he's going to go there as a subsistence commenter.
That's a good idea. I'll be available unless something really
comes up, and I'll let Moses know, but like I told Mark
yesterday, that his option is going to be open until April 1 to
decide whether he's not going to go or not. I left that option
to him. To assume that he's not going to make it and then find
out he's going to go, that's up to him as chairman, but I left
that option because of the time constraints of getting travel
arrangements to whoever is going to go. If I can't go for some
reason, Tom said he'd be available, I wouldn't have a -- I
guess the next one would be -- by line of order would be the
secretary, which is David, but that's kind of the way the

13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: If we can get him out of
Akiok, I'm sure he'll go.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: The man goes. Any
more council comments?

16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'd like to make one more. I
think the first meeting we had when the council was just
forming, we did well. I think in this one here we did a well
job, along with Helga, Moses, staff in Kodiak, staff from up
here were able to assist us very well, and the State people
from the Department of Fish & Game. Also they kind of helped
us along very well. And I think we're pretty much on the road
to getting going where we really want to be, and hopefully it's
going to help us out in the long-run is what we're trying to
do. So I think I'd like to commend you all on the good job
you're doing right now. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I'm sure that will go
from all of us and the council as members and to the staff to
support people who have helped us in making our decisions. At
this meeting it's been -- the first meeting was really a foggy
meeting for me. I went in there open-minded and I left
open-minded. I mean I just didn't gather any of it till I got
home. I took a couple of weeks to read all that stuff because

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to catch up to what the actual purpose of this board was, and I'm starting to feel a lot better about it. Now we're going to be working with Moses, hopefully everybody will be able to call him whenever you have a comment.

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Also be aware as council members that we're putting out notices for two more appointments plus two vacancies for the next meeting. But -- yes.

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MR. KNAUER: The recommendation will go to the board about the two additional

7 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Oh, I see. At this board meeting?

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MR. KNAUER: Right, and then they will make the recommendation. They may make the recommendation to the Secretary.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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MR. KNAUER: So what you're going to put out the announcement for that you are recruiting, and because two of the seats

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Are open.

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MR. KNAUER: are coming up open, and there maybe additional seats, you don't know that yet.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I guess maybe what the proper action would be to if council members support two additional members, then they should write as a council member to the Federal Board supporting, urging that we get two more appointments, and I don't think that will hurt at all.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: That was taken care of yesterday.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Was it?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, it was done.

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MR. EVERITT: Letter to be written. Would you like me to close the meeting?

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MS. SHELLIKOFF: Yes.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Are there any

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Comments from the staff?

2 MS. EAKON: I do.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Helga.

4 MS. EAKON: I'm kind of sorry -- I'm kind of
sad to not be your coordinator 'cause you certainly live in a
really wonderful, beautiful area and you have rich resources,
so I kind of feel sad in my heart, but I know Moses will do a
good job.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Comments. Moses.

8 MR. DIRKS: It's been kind of a learning
experience for me working for the Fish & Wildlife Service and
with -- this is the second time that I've met most of you and
I'm looking kind of forward to be working with most of the
Council members, and I'd like to get to know you better, and
I'm sure you want to do the same thing. In that sense I feel
fortunate to be working with you people. So if you have any
questions, you know, and things of me, feel free to call me any
time. We have a toll free number.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: I guess you'll gather
up all of David's stuff and mail it to him?

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MR. DIRKS: Yeah, we'll do that.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Herman, can you take
this up to Mark? I guess a motion for adjournment is in order.

17 MR. EVERITT: I make a motion to adjourn the
meeting.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: It's been moved to
adjourn. Do I hear a second?

20 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Second.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: All those in favor
say aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye.

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VICE CHAIRMAN TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries.
We're adjourned till October 4, 9:00 a.m. Don't forget your
itinerary and financial sheets.

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COURT REPORTER: Off record.

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