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KODIAK/ALEUTIANS FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

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Kodiak, Alaska

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March 19, 2004

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8:00 o'clock a.m.

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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Della Trumble, Chairwoman

18 Ivan Lukin

19 Speridon Simeonoff

20 Pete Squartsoff

21 Vincent Tutiakoff

22 Richard Zacharof

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24 Regional Council Coordinator, Pat Petrivelli (Acting)

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(On record)

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CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I'm Della Trumble and
8 I live in King Cove, Alaska. I subsistence hunt and fish
9 in the Federal lands and waters under consideration of this
10 meeting. I do not hold any commercial permits or conduct
11 any business activities directly affected by any agenda
12 items before the Council.

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Okay if we could have role call Pete at
15 this point, and whoever is -- when they get to their name
16 can read the disclosure.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay. Alfred Cratty.

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CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: For the record Al is
21 on his way back into Anchorage or coming back from
22 Anchorage today. He is on medical leave.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Ivan Lukin.

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MR. LUKIN: Here.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vincent Tutiakoff.

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MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, here.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Was that Vince or did
33 somebody say not here.

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MR. TUTIAKOFF: Here.

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CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Vince is here.

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay, Good morning Vince.
40 Pete Squartsoff, here. Patrick Holmes.

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CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you Pete.
43 I think we have Pete Holmes. Pat Holmes.

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CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay so he's absent.
He's got an excused absence also. Al Cratty has an excused
absence and I believe that's it.

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1 MR. ZACHAROF: Richard Zacharof is here as
2 well.

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well you just want me to
5 continue with the role call.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Oh, yeah, we thought
8 you were done.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I just got as far as
11 Patrick Holmes and then we started hearing Vince so I was
12 confused. Okay, Paul Gunderson. Speridon Simeonoff.

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14 MR. SIMEONOFF: Here.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Della Trumble.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Here.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: John Foster. Richard
21 Zacharof.

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23 MR. ZACHAROF: Here.

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Quorum is present.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you Pete. I'd
28 like to welcome everyone to our Kodiak/Aleutian Regional
29 Council meeting. Unfortunately not all of us made it to
30 Larsen Bay yesterday, and some of you are participating by
31 teleconference.

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33 We have the review and adoption of agenda,
34 we have one addition under 11 which has to do with special
35 action request by Eastern Interior, Western Interior, Y/K
36 and Bristol Bay. That would be 11A. Do we have any other
37 additions to the agenda.

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We don't have anything
40 here Della.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you Pete.
43 Hearing no do I hear a motion to accept the agenda as
44 amended.

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46 MR. SIMEONOFF: This is Mitch. I move to
47 accept the agenda.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Mitch.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Vince
4 Tutiakoff. Discussion.

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6 (No comments)

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
9 by saying aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried.

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19 Moving right along item number 6 is the
20 Chair's report, and I better make sure I got the right
21 agenda. And I believe that Pat Holmes had sent in a
22 report, a written report. Let's try Number 5 review and
23 adoption of minutes, October 17, 2003.

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Della, before you do that,
26 I didn't hear any introductions of who you have there.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thanks Pete we're just
29 trying to run through, we're trying to get out of here at
30 3:15 today, can you tell. I'm sorry there's.....

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well we're not getting out
33 of here.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I'm sure we deserve
38 that but we'll go ahead and do introductions.

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40 MR. UBERUAGA: Good Morning Rich Uberuaga
41 from Office of Subsistence Management.

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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Morning Rich.

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45 MR. FISHER: Morning there fellows. Dave
46 Fisher Office of Subsistence Management, Anchorage.

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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Morning Dave.

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50 MR. POETTER: Rick Poetter, from Cold Bay

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1 Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Morning Rick.

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5 MR. POETTER: Hey how's it going.

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7 MR. FRIED: Morning. Steve Fried Office of
8 Subsistence Management, Anchorage.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Morning Steve.

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12 MR. CHEN: Morning. This is Glenn Chen
13 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Morning Glenn.

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17 MS. PATTENSON: Good morning, this is Beth
18 Pattenson, from the Kodiak Wildlife Refuge.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We didn't get the first
21 name.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Beth. B-E-T-H.

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay, somebody new, okay.
26 Welcome.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Then we have the
29 recorder, Nathan, and Pat Petrivelli.

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Morning Pat. Okay, Della,
32 thank you.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. We'll go ahead
35 and move on to review and adoption of minutes, October
36 17th, 2003.

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Move to adopt.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: A motion made by Pete
41 Squartsoff to adopt the minutes. Do I hear a second.

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43 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Richard
46 Zacharof. Discussion. Vince.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I was reading this it says
49 I was excused. I was at the roll call and of course it
50 went into the annual meeting that was our annual meeting

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1 day.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: So one correction to
4 add Vincent Tutiakoff to the roll call and then we
5 reconvened to the Aleut Corporations. Any other.

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Call for question.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Questions been called.
10 All in favor signify by saying aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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16 (No opposing votes)

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. The
19 Chair's report, I wasn't able to attend the last statewide
20 meeting due to some damage around my house. Due to 124
21 mile an hour winds so I had to go back to King Cove. So
22 Pat Holmes did attend.

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24 MS. PETRIVELLI: Madame Chair, there is no
25 -- Pat Holmes would have given a verbal report if he was
26 here, but there were no proposals from the Council before
27 the meeting. I don't think.....

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I have a written
30 report that he emailed to Michelle so once I find it I'll
31 run copies.

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33 MS. PETRIVELLI: From Pat Holmes, okay.
34 Yeah, because I don't have a copy.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Hey, Pete, did you
37 receive a fax yet of the items added to the agenda and some
38 paperwork.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I have no problem.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: No. Did you receive
43 the fax yet.

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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I don't know we're in a
46 different room here so I'll go check. Yeah. Della. she's
47 making copies.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, thanks. Okay I
50 know Pat had a report and I may have it with me. When we

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1 take a break I'll look for it and we can get copies made.

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3 Okay, moving on election of officers. I'm
4 going to open the floor for nominations for Chair.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Chair. Hey Pete I heard
7 you talking about discussions about the elections. Do you
8 have some idea or do you have concern or question, because
9 you're not here.....

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11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I just sort of
12 wanted to get together and everybody be together when we
13 did it. But I don't know if you guys want to postpone it
14 or not. Mitch and Ivan said they have no problem with it
15 right now.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, if we did postpone it
18 to our next meeting to discos it would be in October.

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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That's when the actual
21 cycle is suppose to be. We put it off in our meeting in
22 October because we didn't have a quorum.....

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Will we have new members
25 by then.

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27 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pete. No you won't have
28 new members by then. The current membership of the Council
29 is for the 2004.

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31 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete. Pat stated that
32 the current Council is the Council for 2004 that's when
33 both myself, Paul Gunderson and is it Richard. That got
34 renewed membership on the Council for three years.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well Chair.....

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well I'd like to nominate
39 Della Trumble for Chair.

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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Hold on Pete. Vince
42 did you have something.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well I want to.....

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46 MR. SIMEONOFF: This is Mitch I move to
47 close nominations.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Hold on guys.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's fine, what I was
2 concerned about is we are running into a situation here and
3 I don't know if you're seeing that Eastern,
4 Aleutian/Kodiak. I mean Eastern, Aleutian, Bristol Bay and
5 Western RAC's have sent the opposition letter to the Fish
6 and Wildlife regarding Area M. I haven't had a chance to
7 talk to all of you as a group but I'm concerned that we may
8 have Della conflicted out in this issue, being directly
9 involved with Area M.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I'm not a fisherman.

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah but you are a resident
14 and that's where they are going to attack us as a RAC.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: How?

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Like they are right now.
19 But I'm not opposed to it I'm just bring up the fact that
20 we are going to be sitting across from these people at the
21 Chairman's gathering of Federal Subsistence Board. And we
22 will not get in a word edge wish because of there are going
23 to be four or five regions basically not giving you an
24 opportunity to speak.

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26 MS. PETRIVELLI: With the conflict of
27 interest with the guidelines. You have to have a
28 significant and direct financial involvement to be excluded
29 from participating in the discussions. So since Della
30 doesn't own a commercial fishing permit she doesn't have a
31 significant and direct financial involvement. And then I'm
32 not exactly sure how the Councils will be involved in that
33 discussion and Glenn Chen might better address it. Because
34 I don't know if the Federal Board has, well there's a lot
35 of things up in the air about what authority the Board has
36 to address that issue. Now I think when you look at the
37 different guidelines, the only way you're excluded is if
38 you do have a significant financial interest directly
39 related to a proposal or other matter that the Council may
40 make a recommendation regarding. And then you can't
41 participate or vote on that matter.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'm aware of those issues.
44 That's fine I'll leave it as it is, and deal with it as we
45 move along. I'm concerned that Area M is going to become
46 a real issue in the next two months. And the Federal Board
47 it's self, you know, I can see them coming down on a issue
48 because of a majority of votes on that particular arena.
49 They may request the State to reconsider and then we are
50 going to be in a dog fight amongst ourselves.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I don't think that's
2 something they are going to do, Vince. We had a discussion
3 on it yesterday with Glenn and what basically, Tom Boyd and
4 everybody's view is on at this point in time. I kind of
5 want to be off the record.

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7 (Off record)

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9 (On record)

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All right, I guess
12 we'll go ahead.....

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14 MS. PETRIVELLI: Our we back on the record?

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah I'll be back on
17 the record. Okay, we had a motion by Pete to nominate
18 myself as the Chair and then I believe I heard a motion by
19 Mitch to close the nominations. And was there a second.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Somebody down there said it
22 at the same time.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I don't know who the
25 second was. Pete was there a second to Mitch's motion.

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Well a second by Vince
30 Tutiakoff. Are you guys still there.

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We're still here.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Oh I think I just got
35 to lean over on that speaker phone.

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You know, Della, that's
38 why I was talking with the guys earlier about it, as we got
39 on. You know about waiting till later, till fall to do it,
40 but they said it was fine now. But anyway I had concerns
41 sort of what Vince was saying, I wasn't sure without
42 getting to sit down and discuss it with you or whoever.

43 Because that Area M is definitely going to be a big issue.
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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I agree with you Pete. If
46 it does become a issue our coordinator has the
47 responsibility to bring it to the full council for
48 consideration of actions. So, by direction to Pat to
49 Michelle if we do run into a situation where there is going
50 to be a conflict on this issue then we need to brought up

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1 on it immediately. That would be my request.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, and maybe Vince.
4 I guess I've always had the oppor -- I've never been not
5 told I couldn't speak at any of the statewide meetings. In
6 fact I'm always giving the opportunity to do so and so I'm
7 a little confused on the issue of conflict, because like I
8 say I'm not a licensed guide, I'm not a licensed permit
9 holder for any kind of commercial fisheries or nor do I
10 even fish as salmon as my lively hood. I am a subsistence
11 user and I represent the people in our region fairly
12 strongly, with that -- and I've always screamed for help
13 when I need it very loudly.

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15 So with that we'll move on.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Question.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, I'd like to
20 recommend at this point before we vote on this motion that
21 we take a break for just a minute and only have the Council
22 members in the room.

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24 (Off record)

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26 (On record)

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion on the floor
29 and second to close the nominations on Chair of the
30 Kodiak/Aleutians.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Questions been called.
35 All in favor signify by saying aye.

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37 IN UNISON: Aye.

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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41 (No opposing votes)

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. I'm
44 going to open the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

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46 MR. ZACHAROF: I'd like to nominate Pete
47 Squartsoff.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to close
50 nominations.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Vince has been nominated
2 from here.

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Ah Pete, Richard
5 nominated you as Vice Chair. And Vince made a motion that
6 nominations close.

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8 I'll second. Discussion.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I heard somebody nominate
11 myself. I decline and allow Pete to be the Chair, Vice
12 Chair.

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We didn't even hear that
15 I also decline Vince. Just too much going on.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: How about Al.

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19 MR. ZACHAROF: Nominate Vince Tutiakoff.

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll nominate Speridon.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Hold on Pete. Richard
24 nominated Vince Tutiakoff.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I did awhile ago too and
27 I thought he said he declined.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We talked him into it.

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31 MR. ZACHAROF: He reconsidered.

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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What happened there Pete is
34 when they nominated you I declined and that would have left
35 you in the Vice Chair seat. But you declined too which we
36 didn't hear on out end.

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I didn't even hear my
39 nomination Vince. I guess you and I were both nominating
40 each other at the same time.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay well you have a
43 nomination for Speridon.

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45 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay we do have a
48 nomination for Vince, and he declined.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to close.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Vince
2 to close nominations.

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4 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Richard
7 Zacharof. Discussion. All in favor signify by saying
8 aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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14 (No opposing votes)

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Open
17 the floor for nominations for secretary.

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Pete you still want to do
20 the secretarial stuff.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Sure.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll nominate Pete
25 Squartsoff.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: If somebody else does it's
28 fine with me.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay motion was made
31 to nominate Pete Squartsoff, motion was made to close
32 nominations, do I hear a second.

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34 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We have a few people
37 showing up in the audience to so, I just want to for the
38 record we're having them sign in.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you Pete. A
41 motions been made do I hear a second.

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43 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Richard
46 Zacharof to close nominations. All in favor signify by
47 saying aye.

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49 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Now
6 Pete did Paul get to the table there in Larsen Bay.

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Not yet. But I did have
9 them call the lodge to see if the cook would bring him out.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay and could you
13 maybe have the people who showed up maybe say who they are
14 and introduce themselves.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Everybody here want to
17 introduce themselves.

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19 (Introductions from Larsen Bay - Not by
20 Microphone)

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22 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Morning everyone.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And there was a couple
25 others that signed in that left, they'll be back later.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you,
28 Pete.

29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So, Della, let's get this
30 square who is what. You're Chair.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I believe Speridon is
33 the Vice Chair and you're the secretary.

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Give us a run down.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay Pete. The Vice
38 Chair is Speridon and you're the secretary.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay, thank you.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay we will move on
43 item Number 8 on the agenda. Wildlife proposal review and
44 Regional Council Recommendations it is in Tab B in your
45 booklet. You're going to have to move up here Dave so they
46 can hear you, and Dave Fisher is at the table.

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48 MR. FISHER: Okay we are going to start out
49 with Proposal 04-01 this is a Statewide proposal. It would
50 be in effect for the whole State of Alaska on federal

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1 public lands. And this proposal was submitted by Sue
2 Entsminger of Tok and if you have your book there we are on
3 page 21. What this proposal would do, would allow the sale
4 of handicraft items made from the fur of brown bears. Let
5 me just pause here for a second can everybody hear me, Pete
6 can you hear you okay.

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I can hear you, everybody
9 can hear you.

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11 MR. FISHER: Okay, thank you, very much.
12 Again this proposal would allow for the sale of handicraft
13 items made from the fur of brown bears. And what the
14 proponent is claiming here is handicraft items made from
15 the fur of brown bears by subsistence users would generate
16 additional cash for their use. Normally or currently it is
17 illegal to sell handicraft items made from brown bears. So
18 this would change that and allow them to use the fur and
19 make handicraft items and then sell those.

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21 Current regulations allow for the sale of
22 handicraft items, both State regulations and Federal
23 regulations allow for the sale of handicraft items made
24 from the fur of black bears but not brown bears. However
25 the Board of Game recently passed a regulation to allow the
26 sale of items made from the fur of brown bears. Brown bear
27 populations in the State of Alaska are fairly stable
28 throughout the whole State. The Statewide density ranges
29 from seven to 140 per hundred square miles. Brown bears
30 have a fairly low reproductive rate, especially in the
31 northern part of the state, and in that area they don't
32 successfully reproduce until they are at least five years
33 old. They produce small litters and the estimated
34 population is somewhere between 35 and thirty-six thousand
35 bears.

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37 What this proposal would do, would increase
38 economic opportunities for rural residents through the sale
39 of handicraft items made from the fur of brown bears.
40 These handicraft items, we think probably would have a
41 fairly high significant value. We do have some concerns,
42 the proposed commercialization of these handicraft items
43 could lead to an increased demand and a potential harvest
44 of brown bears in some areas. This proposal also may
45 generate some legal, biological and cultural concerns,
46 should this be adopted by the Federal Subsistence Board and
47 some rural residents may find this practice culturally
48 objectionable. The sale of handicraft items made from the
49 fur of brown bears could increase the potential for
50 additional legal and illegal harvest, possibly over

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1 exploitation some populations in certain parts of the
2 state.

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4 That's basically all I have the preliminary
5 conclusions from our office was to oppose this regulation.
6 However with the recent action by the Board of Game may
7 shed some additional light on that.

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9 That's basically all I have.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Are there
12 any questions.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Do you have any history in
15 our regions, Kodiak/Aleutians of brown bear usage parts or
16 handicraft or things like that.

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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We can't hear you Vince.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I was just asking a
21 question maybe you from Kodiak could bring us up to date
22 more. In the Kodiak/Aleutians was there a historical use
23 of brown bear items for cultural, medical or religious
24 purposes. Being from the Aleutians we ate up all of ours.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You could have some of our
27 there's plenty here, especially right here in Larsen Bay.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay do we have any
31 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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33 MR. SIMEONOFF: (Away from Microphone)

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35 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Can you repeat that
36 please.

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38 MR. ZACHAROF: Speridon can you repeat it
39 again please.

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41 MR. SIMEONOFF:in Kodiak area for
42 this purpose. I guess I would be asking Pat Petrivelli.

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44 MS. PETRIVELLI: I know when the C&T
45 analysis was done a couple years ago for brown bear there
46 was talk about uses of brown bear hides and parts but it
47 was traditional uses. And as far as sale of handicraft
48 items I'm not aware of any. But there was traditional use
49 of brown bear furs by people traditionally but I don't know
50 of any handicraft sales.

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1 MR. SIMEONOFF: I kind of wonder about this
2 too, because we had bear hides on display at the Kodiak
3 Aleut Museum. And when the Elders saw that they said it
4 was kind of disrespectful to the animal, so they removed
5 them from display. I was kind of wondering how that would
6 affect handicrafts.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, are there any
9 other questions. Hearing none we'll move on. Alaska
10 Department of Fish and Game comments.

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12 MR. CRY: Madame Chairman this is John Cry,
13 Department of Fish and Game and I'll just read the comments
14 here on page 30. It's do not support. The department has
15 consistently opposed the commercialization of wildlife, and
16 the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies have
17 documented issues associated with the commercialization and
18 legal/illegal trade in wildlife and their parts. The sale
19 of grizzly bear parts may lead to long-term population
20 declines may lead to long-term. I doubled up there. To
21 sum it up the Department believes the current regulator
22 system provides ample hunting opportunity for subsistence
23 and other uses of the species. As we get more information
24 from the Board on this subject, I know it's kind of
25 stirring up a beef in Anchorage right now until we get more
26 information and inform everybody.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Other
29 agency comments.

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31 (No Comments)

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33 RICHARD UBERUAGA: Yeah hi this is Rich
34 Uberuaga. I was just going to let you know the Board of
35 Game actions here recently in Fairbanks. The Board of Game
36 took action allowing the use of Grizzly/brown bear fur for
37 handicraft items. So that is the most recent action taken
38 by the Board of Game regarding the use of fur.

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40 That's all I've got, thank you.

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Thank you, Richard.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Richard.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We have a question here.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Go ahead Pete.

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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We have a person in the

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1 public that has a question.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Go ahead we are
4 listening.

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6 MR. KATALIKOFF: Richard Joe Katalikoff
7 from Larsen Bay. Is that throughout the state, or is that
8 just for your area up there in Fairbanks.

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10 MR. FISHER: No the Board of Game passed a
11 regulation allowing the sale of handicraft items made from
12 the fur of brown bear and that was a statewide action by
13 the Board of Game. That affects everyone statewide.

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15 MR. KATALIKOFF: Okay, thank you. I got
16 another question.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Go ahead.

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20 MR. KATALIKOFF: For Richard again. Down
21 here in Larsen Bay we get plenty of bear and once in awhile
22 we get these nuisance bears does -- if I harvest that hide
23 too or do we just got to send that into Fish and Game and
24 let them take care of it.

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26 MR. CRY: This is John Cry of Fish and
27 Game. As far as DLP's are concerned this does not -- the
28 DLP's belong to the State of Alaska. Defence of Life and
29 Property such as they have a bear breaking into a house and
30 Roy takes care of it. You fill out the paperwork and send
31 it to us here in Kodiak. This is for legally harvest
32 bears.

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34 MR. KATALIKOFF: Okay.

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36 MR. CRY: And it's kind of like a bee's
37 nest going on right now. A lot of the guides and
38 everything are concerned with this proposal and as far as
39 how it would affect us here in Kodiak, if there is an
40 increased demand. To say if there is commercialization of
41 brown bear and increased demand of bears and we get more
42 harvest, how it would probably affect us it's either -- if
43 there is a increased harvest and people are more successful
44 then we would, you know, the possible ramification would be
45 a decrease in permits. That's the only thing I could see
46 if the harvest goes up, and bear hunting becomes more
47 popular.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And then is there a
50 process.....

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay. What happens to
2 those nuisances hides, like if someone did have to shoot
3 one, we give it to Roy and he'd send it in to you guys,
4 what happens to it after that.

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6 MR. CRY: Yeah they're turned into us and
7 what I do with them is we send them up to Anchorage and
8 they are sold at the Fur Rondy, if Museums or different
9 people have requests, have requests through Juneau, we can
10 donate them to colleges, museums or people that want brown
11 bear hides. But the majority of them get auctioned off at
12 the Fur Rondy and it goes into the wildlife fund.

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And I was talking to
15 someone here. And the proceeds goes back to you guys
16 thought or to the wildlife fund, you said.

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18 MR. CRY: Right, yeah. It goes into the
19 State Wildlife fund, it doesn't go directly back to Kodiak
20 but it's diversified.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Thank you.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And maybe just a
25 comment to that. This is Della and living in King Cove
26 last year we had a problem with the bears, they were 24/7
27 they were all over. We're very concerned what we ran up
28 against and got to be a situation is the police department
29 would not shoot them because they didn't have the
30 capability or labor force to skin them out, get them
31 prepared and ship them out. That was what had to be done,
32 no matter who shot it they'd have to skin it out and send
33 out the hides, so we just had a problem period and there's
34 really some of you guys and my thoughts and the Advisory
35 Council really need to look at that. Because when you've
36 got a health and safety problem in regard to wild animals
37 under the community like that, there's got to be a better
38 system to address that that close. We ended up nobody
39 wanted to do it and we are fortunate nobody got hurt.

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41 MR. CRY: This is John Cry Department of
42 Fish and Game. Larry was supposed to stop out there in
43 Larsen Bay yesterday. As you know we got approval for the
44 fencing in of Larsen Bay dump. That's rolling, we got our
45 bids in and the weather kind of messed everything up, but
46 Larry was supposed to come over and talk to you guys again
47 about the fencing of the dump to decrease the bear problems
48 in some of the villages. I think I was involved in some of
49 the King Cove stuff and everything too last year. That's
50 -- a lot of the protection or the troops will try to work

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1 with the villages and help where we can, and we're pretty
2 flexible generally with DLP's and safety issues. But the
3 main thing is communication and everybody working together
4 for the decreased DLP's and help keep bears out of garbage.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Della, before we go on
11 this is Pete, we have a bunch of more people in the
12 audience, school students so if you want to finish this or
13 should we have them introduce themselves.

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15 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We'll go ahead and
16 finish this in short order hopefully, here Pete and then
17 have them introduce themselves.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, summary of
22 written public comments. Pat.

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24 MS. PETRIVELLI: The written comments are
25 in the book on page 30, and there were three in support of
26 the proposal and one opposing it. And then the eight
27 regional Councils have met so far and of the eight, six
28 oppose it and two support it, and South East is meeting
29 this week. And that's all the written comments.

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31 MR. ZACHAROF: Six opposed.

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33 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah, six opposed. The
34 two that supported it were Eastern Interior and Bristol
35 Bay.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, public testimony
38 we've kind of done some of that. There's no slips
39 submitted. Regional Council deliberation, recommendation,
40 and justification. Pete do we have any comments from any
41 of the Council members in regard to this in Larsen Bay.

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43 MR. LUKIN: I support the proposal. I
44 think it is beneficial to our people that are interested in
45 doing stuff with the fur.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Mitch do you have a
48 comment.

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50 MR. SIMEONOFF: I just got to resay what I
said awhile ago, we've got to get this customary and

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1 traditional knowledge, you know, when we have these bear
2 hides displayed at the Aleutian Museum some of the elders
3 were very concerned that we were showing disrespect for the
4 animals by displaying their hides in public like that. I
5 don't know how it would affect handicrafts from these same
6 animals.

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8 I'd support it but I'd ask form more C&T.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you Mitch.

11 Pete.

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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: This is Pete. I'm sort of
14 torn in between the two because, you know, the old
15 traditions and the way things are going now I really don't
16 know, do we want to go back to the really old ways or do we
17 want to help our people do stuff with their subsistence
18 bears. I don't know.

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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Vince.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And for that very reason
23 I'm going to oppose this proposal. There is not enough
24 C&T, there's not enough discussion amongst the Council and
25 looking at the count from the other Councils. There's a
26 six opposition and two in favor for this particular
27 proposal and unless there's more research done and brought
28 back to this Council in regards to how our people utilize
29 subsistence of the brown bear then I'm going to oppose it
30 on that bases. But I will support it in the future if
31 justification does come forward.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Richard.

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35 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah this is Richard. I
36 concur with Vince on the brown bear issue.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, this is Della.
39 I do not support this and as much as I have concerns about
40 the over population of bears I don't think this is a way to
41 remedy that situation. I look at ADF&G's comments and the
42 development of a cash economy associated with the sale of
43 brown/grizzly bear hides may lead to over exploitation in
44 some areas market driven hunting tends to be a detrimental
45 to wildlife populations. And that would also be a concern
46 to me, you know, I look at other ways of maybe extending
47 the bear seasons by a week or other things to help control
48 the bear population. But I really do not support this
49 proposal.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to adopt WP04-01.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: A motion made by
4 Vincent Tutiakoff to adopt the proposal. Do I hear a
5 second.

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second made by Pete
10 Squartsoff. I'd like a role call vote please.

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12 MS. PETRIVELLI: Are you doing the roll
13 call vote Pete.

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's up to Della I just
16 seconded it.

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18 MS. PETRIVELLI: Okay, I'll do the role
19 call vote then.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Vince made the motion
22 to accept it he made the motion in the affirmative.
23 Richard seconded it, then asked for a role call vote. Do
24 you want Pat to go head and do the role call vote or would
25 you like to.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It doesn't matter we could
28 have Pat do it. I'm sorry I didn't hear a second,
29 everything was quit as far as we knew.

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31 MS. PETRIVELLI: We thought you seconded
32 the motion.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well I'm being told
35 Richard did.

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37 MR. ZACHAROF: No.

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39 MS. PETRIVELLI: We thought you seconded
40 it. Did you second the motion. Vince Tutiakoff.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No.

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44 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pete Squartsoff.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No.

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48 MS. PETRIVELLI: Paul Gunderson is he
49 there.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Not yet.
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3 MS. PETRIVELLI: Speridon Simeonoff.
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5 MR. SIMEONOFF: No.
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7 MS. PETRIVELLI: Della Trumble.
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9 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: No.
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11 MS. PETRIVELLI: Richard Zacharof.
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13 MR. ZACHAROF: No.
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15 MS. PETRIVELLI: Ivan Lukin.
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17 MR. LUKIN: Yes.
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19 MS. PETRIVELLI: Okay so there's a five, I
20 heard only one yes. Okay so five no's and one yes is that
21 correct.
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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay Pete do you want
24 to go ahead and do the introductions.
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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Could you come and
27 introduce yourself, what grade you're in, say your name and
28 what grade you're in.
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30 (Introductions from Larsen Bay away from
31 mike)
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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah we do have their
34 names on the list.
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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, welcome
37 everybody we're glad you could be part of our meeting
38 today. Next item on our agenda is Proposal WP03-40 to
39 increase harvest limits for caribou in Units 9(D) and 10
40 Unimak.
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42 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Madame Chair. This
43 proposal was submitted by the Kodiak/Aleutians Regional
44 Council. And what this proposal would do would replace one
45 special action and one temporary action. And if you recall
46 both those increased the harvest limit for caribou in 9(D)
47 and Unit 10(Unimak Island). The harvest limit went from
48 one to two caribou in 9(D) and from two caribou to four
49 caribou for Unimak Island for both the fall and the winter
50 seasons.

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1 The caribou population and Unimak Island,
2 the Southern Alaskan Caribou Herd is estimated to be
3 somewhere around 5,000, it's currently above management
4 objectives. It has grown to where we can increase the
5 harvest limits for subsistence users. if you look on Page
6 37 and 38 it shows the harvest where the harvest was fairly
7 high there in '83 then the season was closed for a number
8 of years and the population increased to where we could
9 again harvest it. Then the population now like I said is
10 currently at or slightly above management objectives. So
11 that gives us the opportunity to increase the harvest limit
12 for subsistence users.

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14 The preliminary conclusion on this was to
15 support this proposal. It's going to increase the harvest
16 opportunity and also possibly help stabilize the population
17 with in the carrying capacity for the existing habitat.

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19 That's basically all I have.

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21 Thank you Madame Chair.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Dave.

24 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Comments.

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26 MR. VAN DALE: Madame Chair I'm a little
27 bit behind the eight ball. Larry Van Dale Department of
28 Fish and Game. Yeah we have no comment on this, I don't
29 have no comment on this.

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Hello is that Larry who
32 said he didn't have a comment on it.

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34 MR. VAN DALE: Yes it is.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: There is a comment in
37 here it has, the Department supports this proposal.....

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Page 40.

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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yes on 40. As long as
42 the 04 proposal WP04-43 to allow same day caribou hunting
43 in Units 9(D) and 10 is either not adopted or is amended to
44 be consistent with the corresponding. Pete if you didn't
45 hear Larry, he basically said he doesn't have comments
46 because he hasn't had time to look at this.

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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay thank you.

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50 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All right, other

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1 agency comments.

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3 (No comments)

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5 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: None. Inter-Agency
6 Staff Committee comments. Glenn.

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8 MR. SIMEONOFF: Della, this is Mitch.

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10 MR. CHEN: Madame Chair this is Glenn Chen
11 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, member of the Inter-
12 Agency Staff Committee. The Staff Committee did not
13 prepare comments for consideration by this Council on this
14 proposal.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Go ahead Larsen Bay, you
17 had a comment.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Mitch did you have a
20 comment.

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22 MR. SIMEONOFF: I'll wait if you're going
23 through agencies first.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you.
26 Summary of written public comments.

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28 MS. PETRIVELLI: None.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: There were none.
31 Public testimony. We do not have any public testimony at
32 this time. Regional Council deliberation, recommendation,
33 and justification. Mitch you can speak at this time if you
34 like.

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36 MR. SIMEONOFF: Thank you, Della. I guess
37 there was Larry Van Dale that said he did not have a
38 comment on this proposal but on the back in the comments.
39 You have a ADF&G comment that they said they would support
40 with qualifications. Who made this statement the ADF&G,
41 isn't Larry with ADF&G.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That was Lem Butler
44 from King Salmon.

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46 MR. SIMEONOFF: Understood.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Larry's back to
49 the table here.

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1 MR. VAN DALE: Yeah good morning this is
2 Larry. I concur with the Fish and Game comments, my
3 personal comment was that I have not had time to prepare
4 anything other than that. So I concur with what you see on
5 Page 40.

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7 MR. SIMEONOFF: Thank you.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other comments
10 from Council members. Did Paul Gunderson show up there
11 yet.

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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No.

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15 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The reason I'm asking
16 is I've looked at the proposal the 04-43, allowing same day
17 airborne caribou hunting and I don't necessarily support it
18 at least for 9(D). So that's where I'm having a bit of a
19 conflict here is I support this proposal. I was a
20 proponent of it, the people, the many people I've talked to
21 in our region support it and passed, but I don't
22 necessarily support the 04-43.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So these two proposals are
25 tied in is that what you are saying, Della.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: No, I think the
28 comment by ADF&G and this would be from King Salmon. Is
29 that they support it as long as the 04-43 to allow sameday
30 airborne caribou hunting in Units 9(D) and -- Unit 9 and 17
31 is either not adopted or is amended. So I just --
32 technically we can approve this one and then we'll just
33 take our action based on what we want to do on 04-43.

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's the way I look at
36 it.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And just maybe a
39 comment to Rick also. I really appreciate having those
40 survey numbers on the caribou and they do look good. And
41 continuing to rebound and increase every year.

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43 MR. POETTER: Rick Poetter with Izembek
44 Refuge. Yeah, unfortunately we weren't able to get a
45 caribou survey accomplished this winter. Again we were
46 without a pilot, we had some good weather we tried to get
47 out certified pilot from various refuges and Anchorage,
48 they were all busy because they had good weather doing
49 their own business as well. So anyway the bottom line was
50 we weren't able to get a total population count. Lem

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1 Butler is going to be doing some work this, I believe
2 summer, somewhere in there, anyway he's going to try and
3 get some better numbers as well and we'll just continue on
4 hopefully we'll be able to get some updates next year.

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6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Rick this is Pete. I'm in
7 favor of this proposal, but what's the Refuge out in Cold
8 Bay how do you guys feel.

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10 MR. POETTER: As far as we're concerned,
11 we're okay with it as well. We do not oppose this one, we
12 do have some concerns with the low cow/calf, calf/cow
13 ratios. The last two years they have been a little bit
14 down, so we're going to keep an eye on that and we may want
15 to take some different action if we see this trend
16 continuing, but at this point in time it's not a major
17 concern.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And maybe Pete, to add
20 to that in looking at the numbers that have been harvested
21 and the number of permits that have come out at least my
22 office, where I think the bulk of those do come out of our
23 region. There weren't really high numbers of people taking
24 them, because they are also getting the one State permit
25 also. I think we're still on pretty good ground on this.

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27 MR. POETTER: Yeah I agree with that.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: If there isn't any other
30 comments. I'd like to make a motion to adopt.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay we have a motion
33 on the floor by Pete Squartsoff. Do I hear a second.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Vincent
38 Tutiakoff. Discussion. All in favor signify by saying
39 aye.

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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45 (No opposing votes)

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Okay
48 the next item on the agenda is WP04-43.

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50 MR. FISHER: Yes this proposal was

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1 submitted by the Bristol Bay Regional Council. What it
2 would do is allow sameday airborne hunting of caribou in
3 Unit 9 and Unit 17. However this would affect Unit 9(D)
4 for your region. By allowing this same day hunting of
5 caribou we would be dealing with four caribou herds the
6 Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd, we've already
7 discussed that in the last proposal. The Northern Alaska
8 Peninsula Caribou Herd in Unit 9, the Nushagak Peninsula
9 Caribou Herd in Unit 17(A) and 17(C) and the Mulchatna
10 Caribou Herd in Unit 9 and Unit 17.

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12 Current federal regulations prohibit same
13 day airborne except for the take of deer, but not on
14 National Park Service lands. So on all federal lands with
15 the exception of the Park Service there is a provision for
16 the same day airborne taking of deer. Current State
17 regulations are the same, however they do allow for the
18 take of Mulchatna Caribou from January first through April
19 15th in Unit 9(B), 17(B) and 17(C) east of the Nushagak
20 River. Federal regulations were adopted from State
21 regulations when the Federal Government took over
22 subsistence management. At that time the regulations
23 prohibited sameday airborne except deer, so when we
24 inherited the State regulations there was a provision in
25 there for the take of deer.

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27 In 1995 the Board of Game adopted their
28 sameday airborne hunting of the Mulchatna Herd and in 1996
29 that was modified where the hunter had to be at least 300
30 feet from the airplane. There is another federal
31 regulation that is in place, the Airborne Hunting Act which
32 was passed in 1974. That prohibits shooting wildlife from
33 aircraft or the use of aircraft to harass any wildlife.
34 The Federal Subsistence Board has reviewed on several
35 occasions, numerous wildlife proposals for the sameday
36 airborne hunting, and they have rejected all proposals.

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38 Caribou are a important food source for the
39 subsistence harvest, for Bristol Bay residents and also for
40 residents in Unit 9(D). As far as historically looking at
41 the sameday airborne hunting as a customary and traditional
42 practice for the taking of caribou. There are references
43 to the use of aircraft used to harvest and possible there
44 was some sameday airborne hunting at that time, but it
45 probably occurred before the implementation of the Airborne
46 Hunting Act of 1974.

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48 What this proposal would do would allow
49 sameday airborne hunting for the caribou of the four herds
50 that I've talked about. This would increase harvest

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1 potential for those subsistence users who have airplanes or
2 have access to airplanes. The sameday hunting of caribou
3 could create some enforcement problems, violation of the
4 Airborne Hunting Act. Sameday airborne hunting on federal
5 lands but not on all State lands or National Park Service
6 lands. And it could focus anti-airborne hunting interests
7 and possible create some controversy by linking subsistence
8 with airborne hunting. Exposing caribou herds to potential
9 harassment, especially during the winter when often times
10 they are in their poorest physical is not sound wildlife
11 management.

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13 The preliminary conclusion for this
14 proposal was to modify it to line up with what the State
15 currently has in their regulations, for the sameday
16 airborne take of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. So we are
17 opposing it for the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd, the
18 Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd and the Nushagak Peninsula
19 Herd and we would line up with what the State has.

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21 That's basically all I have. Thank you
22 Madame Chair.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you Dave.
25 Comments from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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27 MR. VAN DALE: Madame Chair Larry Van Dale.
28 Like Mr. Fisher I have some management experience out there
29 in that area and I'm familiar with this situation. The
30 Department concurs with Mr. Fishers analysis, we are
31 concerned that if this is adopted as written it would take
32 in to vast an area and include caribou herds that could not
33 take the additional harvest. Consequently we would support
34 the idea of sameday airborne for subsistence if it is
35 aligned with what we have for State seasons right now, that
36 being for the Mulchatna Herd primarily, and in the spring
37 time primarily.

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Larry.
40 Other agency comments. Inter-Agency Staff Committee
41 comments. Glenn.

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43 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Madame Chair.
44 Members of the Council. Glenn Chen with the Bureau of
45 Indian Affairs. The Inter-Agency Staff Committee did not
46 prepare comments on this particular proposal.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Fish and
49 Game Advisory Committee comments.

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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Summary of Public
4 Written Comments.

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6 MS. PETRIVELLI: There were three written
7 public comments submitted. Two opposed the High Adventure
8 Air Charter Guides and Outfitters Incorporated, opposed
9 this proposal. And the Aniakchak National Monument
10 Subsistence Resource Commission opposed it. And then the
11 Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission,
12 considered the proposal and decided not to make a
13 recommendation, saying that it's not permitted on Park
14 Service lands so it wouldn't affect the use.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That you Pat. Public
17 testimony. There is no public testimony at this time. Do
18 you have any there Pete.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No I don't believe we do.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Regional
24 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.
25 We'll go ahead and start with the table in Larsen Bay,
26 Pete. Pete are there any Regional Council comments.

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Ivan just stated he
29 doesn't support it and Mitch had no comments. I don't
30 support it either, I don't think for subsistence use we
31 need to be using aircraft.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: thank you, Pete.
34 Vincent.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah I don't support it.
37 I agree with Pete that if you have an airplane and you're
38 out there subsistence, you're in the wrong business.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Richard.

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42 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah I concur with Pete and
43 Vince.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: This is Della. I also
46 agree with everyone, I do not support this.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Chair. I move to adopt

49 WP04-43.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Vince
4 and I believe that was Pete who second. Okay, discussion.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Questions been called.
9 All in favor signify by saying aye.

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11 (No aye votes)

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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15 IN UNISON: Aye.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Proposal WP04-44.

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19 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Madame Chair. This
20 is similar to 43, sameday airborne only we are talking
21 about moose, this was submitted by the Bristol Bar Regional
22 Council. Would allow the sameday airborne hunting of moose
23 in Unit 9 and Unit 17, however this would only affect Unit
24 9 in this region.

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26 The current federal regulations are the
27 same as they were in 43, current State regulations prohibit
28 sameday airborne hunting for moose, statewide.

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30 The regulator history is basically the same
31 as it was in 43. The Board has entertained some sameday
32 airborne hunting proposals in the past and all of those
33 have been rejected.

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35 The population in Unit 9, moose population
36 is estimated around five and 6,000. Zeroing in on your
37 Unit 9(D) surveys conducted around 1999 indicated around
38 100 animals. Most of those were observed east of Pavlof
39 Bay and I think at that time there was only around 40 to 45
40 animals that were observed on refuge lands. Refuge lands
41 in 9(D) are somewhat difficult to access.

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43 Moose is a fairly valuable food source in
44 not only the Bristol Bay area, but Unit 9(D). Again we
45 have no formal studies indicating past history of the
46 sameday airborne hunting for moose as a customary and
47 traditional practice. We know some of it probably did
48 occur but again it was probably Pre-Airborne Hunting Act
49 activities.

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What this proposal would do is provide

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1 additional subsistence opportunities again for those people
2 who have airplanes or have access to airplanes, or could
3 afford to charter an aircraft to hunt sameday airborne in
4 Unit 9 and Unit 17. This activity could increase the
5 harvest of moose, hunters could access areas quicker cover
6 more hunting areas to locate animals. This however could
7 put additional stress on these animals and it could disrupt
8 other subsistence hunters using other means of access,
9 snowmachine, boat, four-wheeler and on foot.

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11 Sameday airborne hunting would be very
12 advantageous during the winter when moose congregate in
13 river valley bottoms with riparian cover. There would be
14 some potential for over harvest in some areas, especially
15 the over harvest of larger bulls.

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17 We could have some law enforcement
18 problems, Airborne Hunting Act sameday airborne hunting on
19 Federal lands but not on State lands. Again like I
20 mentioned in Number 43 a president linking subsistence
21 hunting of moose with sameday airborne hunting. It would
22 be legal on Fish and Wildlife Service lands in Unit 9(D)
23 those are the only Federal lands that are in Unit 9(D) and
24 that's the only lands there that would affect your region.

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26 The preliminary conclusion on this was to
27 oppose this proposal for the reasons I cited above. That's
28 all I have Madame Chair thank you.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Than you, Dave.
31 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Comments.

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33 MR. VAN DALE: Madame Chair Larry Van Dale.
34 I'm embarrassed to say that first I came in late, then I
35 didn't know something and now I have to agree with Dave
36 twice in a row here. The Department concurs with what Mr.
37 Fisher presented to you, with the only exception is he
38 mentioned that moose are fairly important to people in that
39 area and I would say moose are critical to subsistence
40 needs in that area. Probably the most important species in
41 most on the villages. Our concern is the same as what Mr.
42 Fisher expressed in that by becoming so efficient by using
43 aircraft we may have to reduce the over all subsistence
44 regulations and the reduce the opportunity for the a lot of
45 people that don't have aircraft. We do not allow aircraft
46 -- sameday airborne hunting of moose anywhere in the state
47 under State regulations for exactly that reason.

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49 So the Department of Fish and Game is
50 opposed to this.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Larry.
2 Other agency comments. Rick.

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4 MR. POETTER: Thank you, Madame Chair. Rick
5 Poetter Izembek Refuge. Basically the refuge would oppose
6 this as well. I do have one thought that comes to mind
7 that, we do have a current season in that area. It allows
8 for the harvest of ten bulls, when that harvest is reached
9 it's cut off. We are currently not getting any harvest in
10 -- this year we didn't get any harvest in there. I just
11 throw that out what the true effect that it's been very
12 difficult for people to get in, I don't know that using
13 aircraft, allowing that because of the country and it also
14 has to be on Federal lands. I just wanted to make sure the
15 Council had that thought.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Rick. Fish
18 and Game Advisory Committee comments. Summary of written
19 public comments.

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21 MS. PETRIVELLI: There were four written
22 comments submitted, three opposed. The High Adventure Game
23 and Outfitters oppose it the Aniakchak Subsistence Resource
24 Commission opposed it, and then the 17(A) Moose Working
25 Group opposes the proposal. And then the Lake Clark SRC
26 acted on it but made no recommendation.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Public testimony. We
29 have none at this time. Regional Council deliberation,
30 recommendation and justification. Vince do you have any
31 comments.

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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: In reading the
34 justifications for this proposal it strikes me that BBNA
35 has adopted a position of opposition to this particular
36 hunting activity. And also that State and Federal do not
37 allow sameday hunting by aircraft. I'm going to vote in
38 opposition to this particular proposal.

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40 MR. ZACHAROF: This is Richard. I will
41 oppose this proposal as well.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete do you have any
44 comments.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes. Being it's not a
47 traditional way of way of hunting moose. I would have to
48 oppose this proposal this proposal.

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50 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Ivan.

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1 MR. LUKIN: Oppose it.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Speridon.

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5 MR. SIMEONOFF: Oppose.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And did Mr. Gunderson
8 show up.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Not yet.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, this is Della.
13 I oppose this, but I also had a thought here. In the past
14 this Council has not made or taken any recommendations on
15 other Regional Councils, and in this particular one and the
16 prior one included Units 9 and I'm wondering as the
17 Kodiak/Aleutians in looking at 9(D), whether we just oppose
18 it in regard to section 9(D) or as a proposal as a whole.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well we can only act on our
21 own areas but, you know, I'll stay with my original
22 comments in regards to aircraft sameday flying. You can
23 have a aircraft you don't need to be out there subsistence
24 hunting.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Do I hear a
27 motion.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Hi, Della, this is Pete.
30 I feel the same as Vince on that. But I would like to talk
31 to some people from out in the King Cove, Cold Bay, Sand
32 Point area and see what they think about their area.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I agree a little bit,
35 and that's why I was asking for Paul. There is only a
36 handful of people that have a plane, and actually at one
37 point in time Paul was one of them. And I don't think
38 other than that I think it's the guides so I don't really
39 see anybody really utilizing. The other piece was the
40 moose in our area that we did get this last year and I know
41 I think prior years there might have been one or two takes
42 of it. This past winter has been fairly harsh between the
43 guides trying to just keep up with cod fishing there, no
44 one has taken the time and try and go out and harvest the
45 moose and the area as it is is pretty hard to get to. In
46 this particular case depending on flying in a little closer
47 maybe to get to where you need to be, I don't know that it
48 would work. And I think only Butch could answer that
49 question because technically it is in his area or Paul
50 Gunderson.

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1 So other than that do I hear a motion in
2 regard to WP04-44.

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Move to adopt.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Pete.

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Roll call vote.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Pete.
11 Pete did someone second it there.

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13 MR. SIMEONOFF: Second. This is Mitch.

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15 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Mitch, and
16 a call for role call. Pat.

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18 MS. PETRIVELLI: Ivan Lukin.

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20 MR. LUKIN: No.

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22 MS. PETRIVELLI: Vince Tutiakoff.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No.

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26 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pete Squartsoff.

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No.

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30 MS. PETRIVELLI: Mitch or Speridon
31 Simeonoff.

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33 MR. SIMEONOFF: No.

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35 MS. PETRIVELLI: Della Trumble.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: No.

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39 MS. PETRIVELLI: Richard Zacharof.

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41 MR. ZACHAROF: No.

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43 MS. PETRIVELLI: So that's six no's.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay that's all the
46 Wildlife Proposals at this time. I'm going to recommend we
47 take a five or ten minute break guys.

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49 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Do we have to sign off and
50 call back or just stay on.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We'll just stay on
2 line, we don't want to lose the line here.

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4 (Off record)

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6 (On record)

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, we're going to
9 go ahead and call our meeting back to order. We're going
10 to go off the agenda unless somebody opposed. Larry Van
11 Dale would like to makes some comments in regard to the
12 goats and then he needs to leave to catch a plane.

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14 MR. VAN DALE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
15 Just a real quick comment on the record. I'd like to thank
16 this RAC for your in support of the goat registration hunt.
17 It was a very unqualified success this past fall. It
18 worked out very well, we issued approximately 120 permits
19 we harvested about 30 goats in the registration hunt.
20 There were just a handful of complaints about it, but a
21 vast number of at a boys, it's great to see folks working
22 together type of comments. I believe it was good not only
23 for the people but also for the goat population it's given
24 us another tool that quite frankly we wouldn't have looked
25 at as closely if it wasn't for the work of this Regional
26 Advisory Committee, so again thank you for that. And the
27 Board of Game in their meeting right now in spite of the
28 proposal to change it, so they are behind us too.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, very good thank
31 you. Larry. Pete do you guys have comments for Larry at
32 this time.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well I talked to a couple
35 guys here that did get a couple of goats here in Larsen Bay
36 and they were very happy about it.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you. And
39 thank you Larry I appreciate it, and I'm glad that's
40 working out. I know I've talked to Pat and had a lot of
41 emails from him in regard to that, a lot of reports from
42 him.

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44 Okay we'll move on Fisheries Information
45 Services Program. Steve, you guys are going to have to
46 kind of get closer to this speaker phone because they are
47 not hearing you very well, so you're going to have to sit
48 right there over the speaker phone. That's Tab C.

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50 MR. FRIED: Okay thank you. This is Steve

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1 Fried with the Office of Subsistence Management and I'm not
2 sure if there is anything that made it into the Council
3 books, I did have two hand outs. This is all for
4 information there is no action by the Council needed.
5 First I provided a little two and a half page hand out on
6 the status of the studies that have been funded since the
7 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program began in 2000.

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9 And for the Kodiak/Aleutians area there
10 have been a total of 16 studies that we funded. Of these
11 studies nine have had Tribal or rural organizations serving
12 as investigators or partners, eight of these studies are
13 already completed and by that I mean there is either a
14 final report available or the final report is prepared or
15 under review. The remaining studies they're either on
16 going or they're are studies that have just been funded for
17 2004 and they haven't started yet.

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19 There was a little project up date on one
20 of the projects that was on subsistence fisheries harvest
21 assessment and traditional and ecological knowledge of the
22 lower Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands, just to give
23 a status update. I'm not going to really say anything
24 about that, but you can read about the studies and see the
25 list of studies that were there.

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27 I'm assuming there might be some interest
28 too since this area is grouped with Bristol Bay, Alaska
29 Peninsula, just to compare it as I said for
30 Kodiak/Aleutians there was 16 studies that had been funded
31 since 2000. For the Bristol Bay/Alaska Peninsula there
32 have been 26 studies that have been studied since 2000.
33 However similar to the Kodiak/Aleutians most of those
34 studies are already done, so there's about eight studies in
35 Bristol Bay/Alaska Peninsula that are still either on going
36 or they are going to start this year.

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38 If anybody about that I'd be happy to
39 answer them right now or you're welcome to call or fax, we
40 don't have email any more so you can't do it that way. You
41 can call or fax me or I can answer questions right now
42 about those studies.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay thank you Steve.

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46 MR. FRIED: Okay I guess I'll keep going.
47 The other thing I wanted to just bring to the Councils
48 attention is the revisions we are going to be making in the
49 issues and information needs process. There was a letter
50 that went out to the Chairs of all the Councils on this.

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1 Basically all I'd like to say about this is
2 that, you know, the way we handle the Fisheries Resource
3 Monitoring Program is that we have a list of issues and
4 information needs from each of the study areas and these
5 issues and information needs have been identified through
6 the Council process. And we use these lists to focus our
7 call for study proposals every year and they are also used
8 during the review process for these study proposals to try
9 and make a determination of which ones should receive
10 funding.

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12 Now as we've been going along in the
13 program we would really like to ensure that we are funding
14 the studies that have the highest priority, the ones that
15 are need most. And so we decided that we need to probably
16 develop a more rigorous approach to identifying things like
17 the goals, objectives and the information needs for each
18 region and then conducting a gap analysis. What I mean by
19 that is that, you know, what information do we still need
20 to collect. You might have a very important issue in a
21 area but maybe we are already collecting enough information
22 on that. So we need to identify where we really need to do
23 it, so we need to prioritize these information needs for
24 all the areas.

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26 And to do this what we are going to do is
27 to have facilitated workshops for each region, so actually
28 we are going to have a facilitator to help us run the
29 workshop. We are going to invite people to attend the
30 workshops that will represent the State and Federal
31 managers, scientist, the Councils and basically the user
32 groups of people with interest. We are going to hold this
33 to roughly about 15 or so participants for each workshop,
34 and the workshops are going to be task developed projects.
35 And really the most important product that will come out of
36 the workshop is a prioritized list of information needs for
37 each regions. The draft plan that would be developed with
38 in a workshop will then be presented with each Council so
39 that they can have input, even though there will be some
40 Council Members that would be attending and participating
41 actively in the workshop we just want to make sure what
42 comes out of the workshop is still very applicable to each
43 region.

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45 So before we finalize the plan we are going
46 to bring it in front of the Council for Council review and
47 also public comment. The schedule for this, we would like
48 to have all the regions completed by November of 2006.
49 This year we are starting, we'll have two workshops for the
50 Southcentral Region and Bristol Bay. The workshop for

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1 Kodiak will occur, the first one next spring in about March
2 2006, there will be a Council review in September 2006.
3 But bottom line is by the call for proposals that occurs in
4 November 2006 we'll have all this done. As we are going
5 along doing these we'll just be using the existing list
6 that we already have, you know, until we go through the
7 workshop process.

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9 That's all I have to say about that. If
10 there's any questions on that I'd sure me happy to answer
11 them right now.

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13 MR. LUKIN: This is Ivan. My question to
14 you is any of these studies in the mean time, is any of
15 these studies going to be done in some of these areas that
16 are important to us.

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18 MR. FRIED: Well we are going to continue
19 funding studies in the program. The only thing that will
20 change by 2006 is that hopefully we'd have a more focused
21 call for proposals. In other words we are still going to
22 have a information, you know a issues and information list,
23 but we are kind of hoping by going through the workshop
24 process that we will be more sure then we already are that
25 we are addressing the highest priority needs. That's the
26 only change to the whole process, it's just to make sure
27 that we are focusing the use of the money a little bit
28 better. So you know, we still going to fund programs, the
29 projects are still going to go forward.

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31 MR. LUKIN: Thank you. I got it.

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33 MR. FRIED: Okay I noticed there was
34 something on the agenda about the partners program but
35 wasn't going to say anything about that. Because we don't
36 have any partners positions hired with in this region. So
37 unless anyone has a question I'm not going to speak about
38 that.

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40 Okay thank you for your time. If you do
41 have any questions or need more information about the
42 program just feel free to call fax or write.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay, this is Pete I'll
45 probably call you.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay thank you Steve.
48 Pat has faxed a copy of Pat Holmes report and you should be
49 receiving that shortly. That's for him attending the
50 meeting in December for me. So basically at this time I'm

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1 just letting you know it's on it's way. And if we have any
2 discussions or questions in regard to his report we'll take
3 it up under additions of other new business.

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5 Okay Agency reports, Office of Subsistence
6 Management. Council topics for May 2004 Board meeting.
7 Glenn.

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10 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Madame Chair. This
11 is Glenn Chen with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Tom Boyd
12 wanted to be here for the Council meeting, but due to a
13 lengthy illness he's just been recovering from he was
14 unable to travel here. So he asked me to represent OSM on
15 the items found in Tab C of your Council book.

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17 The first item that Ms. Trumble brought up
18 has to do with topics from the Council that will be
19 discussed at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting in May.
20 As many of you probably know there used to be a tradition
21 of holding a meeting of the Council Chairs on the first day
22 of these public meetings for the Board. Due to concerns
23 raised by a recent lawsuit by the Safari Club concerning
24 the meetings with the Council Chairs, this practice has
25 been discontinued. So the alternative that has been
26 proposed to ensure that the Councils concerns are brought
27 before the Board, is to begin or have some portion include
28 a section where the Councils can bring these concerns to
29 the Board.

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30 So what we are looking for at this time is
31 the opportunity for this Council and for feed back from
32 this Council to provide discussion, feed back input on
33 particular issues that the Council has to the Federal
34 Board. The Council can come up with a list of issues and
35 then these will then be presented to the Board at the May
36 meeting.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you,
39 Glenn. I think just as a comment there is a continuous
40 change as we go each year. And for the most part I think
41 it's been positive in fine tuning the system and the
42 process that's being done. Okay Glenn if you want to go
43 ahead and continue on you can.

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45 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Madame Chair. Tom
46 Boyd also asked me to provide two oral briefings to the
47 Council on some of the items in Tab C. In particular a
48 briefing on the Safari Club litigation and also the
49 Governors request for a seat on the Federal Subsistence
50 Board. The Buskin River Inn should be faxing over a copy
of letters received from the Governors office and also the

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1 response letters from the Secretary of the Interiors office
2 on the Governors request for a seat on the Board. And
3 hopefully those should be delivered to you guys there in
4 Larsen Bay soon if they haven't been delivered already.

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6 I'd like to start with a presentation on
7 the Safari Club litigation. If you look in your Council
8 book it starts on Page 75. If you've been following the
9 news papers and so forth on this issues you probably have
10 some familiarity with the lawsuit.

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12 In 1998 the Safari Club and several other
13 plaintiffs filed a lawsuit against the Federal Subsistence
14 Board. And they challenged several significant aspects of
15 the Federal program. One of the was brought against the
16 way the Federal Board does it's Customary and Traditional
17 use determinations. And the plaintiffs charged that the
18 Federal Board gave too much deference to the Regional
19 Advisory Councils, when it made these determinations and
20 that the determinations themselves were riddled with flaws.
21 And so what they were seeking for was to have the court
22 invalidate all the C&T determinations, as you can imagine
23 this would have a pretty significant impact on the Federal
24 program. Because the C&T's are essential part of how we do
25 business. There are several guides and hunters that
26 submitted affidavits that indicated that they were harmed
27 by these C&T use decisions.

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29 Another challenge that the Safari Club
30 raised had to do with the composition of the Regional
31 Advisory Councils. And the Safari Club and the other
32 plaintiffs contested that the membership of the Councils is
33 not been fairly balanced. And they cited the Federal
34 Advisory Committee Act, other wise know as FACA as their
35 bases for their complaints. During the process of working
36 on this lawsuit several Alaska Native Organizations filed
37 as intervenors on this particular issue of Regional Council
38 composition. And these intervenors included the Native
39 Village of Venetie, a gentleman by the name of Gideon
40 James, the Ninilchik Traditional Council and several other
41 Tribal organizations. And they contended that allowing
42 sport and commercial users on the Councils was not
43 necessary because ANILCA protects only subsistence uses.

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45 There is also something having to do with
46 a 70/30 rule. And that is an implementation rule propose
47 by the Board as to how they would designate seats on these
48 Regional Councils. 70 percent of the seats would go to
49 subsistence users, 30 percent would go toward commercial
50 and or sport users. And they challenged the Federal Board

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1 and indicated that the Federal Board did not follow the
2 Administrative Procedures Act, when it implemented this
3 particular rule.

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5 After a lengthy work by the Office of
6 Subsistence Management, our Solicitors Office and the
7 Federal Program Staff. The US District Court, Judge
8 Russell Holland issued a ruling on January 16th, he
9 dismissed two of the major challenges raised by the Safari
10 Club. The challenges having to do with the C&T use
11 determinations and the claims of some of the plaintiffs he
12 dismissed those claims. So basically the Judge up held
13 these two important aspects. However Judge Holland did
14 find there was merit to the other claim having to do with
15 Regional Council composition. He did find that the Board
16 did indeed needed to consider including other interests on
17 the Regional Advisory Councils, because these other
18 interests are affected my recommendations and
19 recommendations made by the Federal Subsistence Board. In
20 Particular sport and commercial users have to be
21 represented on the Council.

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23 He also agreed with the intervenors saying
24 that Federal Board did not follow the Administrative
25 Procedures Act when it implemented this 70/30 policy. As
26 many of you maybe familiar the APA requires among other
27 this opportunity for public comment the proposed rules must
28 be published in the Federal Register and the Governing
29 Agency must consider these public comments before making
30 their decision. So the Judge ruled that the Federal Board
31 did not follow these particular procedures.

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33 So where do we go from here. Again the
34 Judges ruling up held certain important aspects of the
35 Federal Program but it did require that the Federal Board
36 reconsider how it implemented the change of the Council
37 compositions. The interesting thing was the Secretary's
38 letter appoint new members appointing new members to the
39 Councils had already gone out and prior to the Judges
40 ruling. So there was some discussion at length about
41 whether or not those appointments need to be rescinded or
42 other actions taken.

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44 If you turn to page 76 it kind of describes
45 some of the steps the Board is taking at this time. The
46 Board decided that because the Judges ruling came after the
47 appointments were made, that those appointments would be
48 valid and stay in place. And that the Judges ruling would
49 in essence look forward rather than be retroactive. The
50 courts ruling, they interpreted the courts ruling to

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1 indicate the Secretaries are prohibited only from basing
2 the Council Appointments on the 70/30 rule and because the
3 Judge required that other interests be represented on the
4 Council according to FACA appointments for other interest
5 would continued to be considered.

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7 What's currently going on in the Federal
8 Program is there is a proposed rule on this 70/30 Council
9 composition rule that's being submitted. I believe that
10 it's back in Washington, DC waiting final approval from the
11 Secretary of Interiors office. The proposed rule will be
12 published as soon as possible, there will be opportunity,
13 the Board is actually seeking comment from this Council
14 during this meeting. This is your opportunity to provide
15 comments to the Board on these proposed composition
16 changes. In other words the Boards decision to include
17 other users on the Council. What the Board is hoping to do
18 is have the rule published, the proposed rule published in
19 the Federal Register, that the public comment period occurs
20 throughout the summer and that the Board can make a
21 decision for her decision sometime prior to the appointment
22 of the next round of Council members of 2005, sometime this
23 fall.

24 So again the Board is looking in deed for
25 your comments on the proposed rule, the proposed changes of
26 the Council composition at this meeting. If you as private
27 citizens would like to make comments during the open period
28 for comments later on after the rule is published the Board
29 would also welcome those as well. Madame Chair that
30 concludes my presentation.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Is there any
33 discussion in regard to this particular report. Vince you
34 were maybe voicing some dissatisfaction as regard to the
35 70/30.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah Madame Chair, it's
38 Vince. I was just counting up the, we have 10 according to
39 our bylaws. There are nine members to this Council or 10.
40 My question then on the 70/30 are we willing to make the
41 recommendation that or can we keep the membership to 10 and
42 not expand it to 15. Is that what kind of recommendation
43 they are looking for on this 70/30 thing to include a 30
44 percent, which is apparently going to happen with out. I'm
45 opposed to it myself, because this was set up as a
46 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council for the
47 Kodiak/Aleutians. We are not set up to be advising on
48 hunting and commercial guides and all these other issues.
49 We affect them but they affected them more in the past then
50 we are ever going to affect them in the future. I've just

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1 given up on, you know, having a membership here that's
2 fine, but never a majority. What I'm getting to is if we
3 add more people the cost having this kind of a meeting, we
4 are going to end up having it once a year and we will never
5 get anything done in regards to subsistence.

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So that's my concerns.

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CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Vince they wouldn't
10 increase, what they have increased in a couple of areas but
11 ours is at -- I think in fact we increased our RAC, by one.
12 Kodiak/Aleutians has been increased from nine to 10. And
13 the 70/30 is going to be -- the change is going to go
14 through in the reappointments as we resubmit our
15 applications, and weather you are going to submit as a
16 subsistence user or commercial advisor or other sports
17 users. And that's when you have to disclaim exactly what
18 position you are submitting for.

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MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, I can see Al Cratty,
21 Ivan and myself will not be appointed in 2005. Those seats
22 are going to be taken up by either a guiders or big game
23 hunters. Well I'm not a hunter or fisherman or commercial
24 fisherman. I don't know what Ivan's going to claim, maybe
25 Al will go and register as a guide because he is, he may be
26 one. I really don't really see those particular three
27 seats being appointed in my opinion, the way things are
28 going right now. Those three members that are coming up in
29 2005, I'll take a bet with somebody because of the input of
30 the guides and the hunters.

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MR. CHEN: Mr. Tutiakoff, your concerns are
33 duly noted and much appreciated. I think those were
34 discussed during some of the development of this proposed
35 rule. There were concerns expressed about for example
36 losing key members on the Council that had been very useful
37 and very helpful in the process. And if we went to the
38 rule immediately and switched over to those 30 percent
39 seats we could possibly lose those members as new
40 appointments came up. So there has been a kind of develop
41 a sort of staged process, so the rule would be put in place
42 over several years, and allow some kind of transition to
43 occur so we wouldn't lose the membership of folks or
44 participation of folks that have been useful members on the
45 Council.

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And again the 70/30 rule is a proposed rule
48 I think the comments that you've raised about the for
49 example there being a majority of subsistence users on the
50 Council that needs to be retained, are some important

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1 passed for the Board to have to consider as it makes it's
2 decision on this rule.

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4 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Madame Chair. I'll keep my
5 discussion short and follow up with a letter because, my
6 concerns.....

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Della, this is Pete.
9 I'd like to make a little comment on that. I think I know
10 the way it's going and with this 70/30 thing I have to
11 admit that I did put myself in again for the sport charter
12 seat so I guess we'll just have to wait here and see what
13 happens. And now they are not going to do it, so does that
14 mean that what I put in doesn't count.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: No they are using it,
17 technically Pete. I'll let Glenn answer that.

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19 MR. CHEN: Pete could you repeat your
20 question again for me please.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well I just think based on
23 what's happening here, I put in for the sport/charter seat.
24 Reading here it's not going into effect for this year.

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26 MR. CHEN: No there will be positions given
27 to sport and commercial users. What remains to be decided
28 though is how many of those seats will be designated and
29 what the process for designating those seats are. But we
30 have been ordered by the Judge to include other members on
31 the Council so again what remains to be worked out is the
32 process by which we appoint those members, the exact
33 numbers that will be on this Council, and again we have to
34 go through this Administrative Procedures Act, obtain
35 public review, public comments and so forth before the
36 Board can make the decision. So your application as a
37 sport user will still be considered and still be valid.

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That sort of got me a
40 little confused now. Does that mean we are going to end up
41 with more then 30 percent.

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43 MR. CHEN: Mr. Squartsoff the proposed rule
44 is 30 percent sport and commercial users and that is just
45 the proposed rule in the proposed rule in the proposed
46 formula. Based on input that we get from the public, from
47 the Councils that might increase or decrease but that is
48 just a proposed rule to provide for 30 percent sport and
49 commercial seats.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I don't know where this
2 came from. I thought that, you know, that it would be 30
3 percent and that was it.

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5 MR. CHEN: And what Judge Holland ruled was
6 the Boards decision to seat aside 70 percent subsistence
7 seats and 30 percent sport/commercial seats, did not follow
8 the correct procedures and process. We have to publish a
9 notice in the Federal Register, give the public opportunity
10 to comment on the proposed rule. And these comments have
11 to be considered by the before the Board could in fact
12 implement such a rule. So the Judge again determined that
13 we didn't follow the correct process, so that's what we are
14 going through right now,

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Ms. Chair. Can you hear me
17 Pete.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I got you Vince.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think what they are
22 asking us to do here is make a recommendation from the
23 Kodiak/Aleutians RAC and I'm going to throw this out for
24 comment and you guys could either go with or revise it. As
25 far as the 70/30 split, I'm going to recommend that no new
26 membership of more then one sports/commercial appointment
27 a year until the 30 percent is filled. And Number 2, that
28 the final appointment of the 30 percent -- 70/30 split that
29 they will be staggered terms is what I am trying to get to.
30 At one time there will be no big block of subsistence users
31 being replaced by sports/commercial. I think then we would
32 have an integrated Council where every year there would be
33 at least one sports and one commercial fisherman with the
34 subsistence users being replaced in one year. See what I
35 am saying.

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I totally understand Vince
38 and it sound like a good idea to me.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Maybe that's what they are
41 looking for as far a recommendation on the 70/30. I think
42 our first recommendation is we don't support it, but if we
43 have to have it then this is the recommendation we will go
44 with. I'll leave it out for the Council to discuss.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Richard do you have
47 any comments.

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49 MR. ZACHAROF: I agree with Vince. I
50 concur with Vince on that.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete are there any
2 comments form Ivan and Speridon in regard to that.

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4 MR. LUKIN: If it's got to happen I agree
5 with what Vince just said.

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7 MR. SIMEONOFF: This is Mitch. I agree
8 with that too.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I think we are all
11 agreeing because we have no other choice. But at least
12 this way it only puts on one a year.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Do you have that Pat.

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16 MR. LUKIN: I know myself I'm losing
17 interest big time here so when it comes to my term I might
18 think other wise.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I agree with you, is that
21 Ivan. I agree with you and this is the only other option
22 that we have, basically. It's been taken to court and they
23 are getting their way to be on this Council which we have
24 objection to and I think every time they do speak we're
25 going to say that we do oppose it. That's all we can do,
26 we need to have the representation that we do have today to
27 continue into the future we're going to have to deal with
28 it.

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30 So with that I'll make a motion to that
31 effect. That says, that no new membership of more then one
32 per year sports/commercial quote unquote seat be filled
33 until the 30 percent is filled. And Number 2 of that
34 motion that no block of subsistence users shall be replaced
35 by a big majority block of sports/commercial. In other
36 words a three, one or a two one, would be appropriate,
37 subsistence user and one commercial user per year.

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay do I hear a
40 second.

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42 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Richard
45 Zacharof. Discussion.

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47 (No comments)

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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

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4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Hi this is Pete I had a
7 comment. You went a little to fast there I wanted to say
8 something about it.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You have the floor.

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You know this is all fine
13 I really support this, but is that going to affect what's
14 in right now, the application.

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16 MR. CHEN: Yeah Mr. Squartsoff. It won't
17 affect the appoints that are currently in place for this
18 2004 year. What we are talking about is the proposed rule
19 that will affect the appointments in 2005 an beyond.

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right, okay. If it was in
22 effect I would not only be competing against not only
23 against the sport but the commercial. Thanks.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The way I understand it
26 Pete, your appointment for 2004 is being considered on the
27 regular role. You are a subsistence user in 2005 then you
28 will have to compete with one seat or two seats if that's
29 the way they go on the final role in 2005.

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right I understand that
32 Vince. Thanks.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay is there any more
35 discussion.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
40 by saying aye.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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46 (No opposing votes)

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion Carries.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For clarification what

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1 Glenn will be reporting to whoever.

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3 MR. CHEN: It would be the Federal
4 Subsistence Board.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. Would be Number 1 we
7 oppose the 70/30 but if we have to have it then this is
8 what we are going with.

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10 MR. CHEN: That's correct Mr. Tutiakoff.
11 Members of the Council Tom Boyd also wanted me to give the
12 Council a briefing on the Governor's request for a seat on
13 the Federal Subsistence Board. This has been going matter
14 that was recently resolved. Do the gentlemen out in Larsen
15 Bay have a faxed copy of the Governors original letter as
16 well as letters from the Secretary of the Interior.

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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Got them. Did you hear me
19 we did receive them.

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21 MR. CHEN: Thank you. Last year the
22 Governor of Alaska submitted a request to the Secretary of
23 Interior and asked for a seat on the Federal Subsistence
24 Board a State member to serve on the Federal Subsistence
25 Board. There have been a number of meetings and
26 discussions by the Federal Board, there's been some
27 executive sessions, there's also a public meeting held last
28 fall to get public input on this request. There has been
29 extensive examination of ANILCA and Title 8, and what it
30 says that we are aloud to do in regard to appointing
31 another member to the Board.

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33 Recently the Board provided a
34 recommendation to the Secretary's office and Secretary
35 Norton did respond. There is a letter to Mitch Demientieff
36 the Chairman of the Board as well as a letter back to
37 Governor Murkowski. What the Secretary opted to do is as
38 follows she is indicating that there will be a State
39 Liaison to the Board. What the Liaison is essentially the
40 same role as the Council Chairs, they would provide feed
41 back and input to the Federal Board, but they would not
42 participant in the Boards decision making process on these
43 regulatory. There is quite a bit of discussion as to
44 whether or not the State Representative and or the Council
45 Chairs could participate in the deliberations that the
46 Board has on these proposals. And it was decided that if
47 the Board wanted to hear additional input from the Council
48 Chairs and or the State representative or State Liaison
49 that that would be allowed.

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1 But in effect both the Council Chairs and
2 the State Representative would not actually participate in
3 the decision making process. The Board and the Secretaries
4 Office based -- the Board based it's recommendation and the
5 Secretary based it's decision on the record of decision.
6 Which did state, liaisons to the Federal Board which
7 include the RAC Chairs as well as a State member would be
8 allowed.

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10 And I will take any questions that the
11 Council may have.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Vince.

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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And noting that the
16 recommendation of the Secretary, that this State
17 Liaison/Representative is a non voting member. I don't
18 have a problem with it.

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20 MR. CHEN: Madame Chair. There was
21 extensive discussion by the Board and the Staff and also
22 the State representatives, to what particular role the
23 State person would play. So there's a lot of discussion
24 about what a liaison would result in, what they could
25 actually do. So these things have been defined more
26 explicitly in the Board meeting procedures guideline. What
27 the Board has drafted is a series of meeting procedures
28 indication when people could provide testimony to the
29 Board. I don't have a copy here to give to the Council but
30 there's specific steps in there that outline how these
31 meetings are to be run and again at what point could the
32 Board consider comments by the Chairs or by the Liaison.
33 So this stuff has been worked out there's been a lot of
34 discussion as to what exactly will the State person and the
35 Council Chair will play in these deliberations.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete did you have any
38 questions in regard to that.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: My only thing was, you
41 know, with the nonvoting thing is I was going to ask Tom if
42 there was any discussion to anybody about talking about
43 that becoming a voting member.

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45 MR. CHEN: Mr. Squartsoff. I believe that
46 was the original intent expressed in Governor Murkowski's
47 letter to actually include a voting member on the Federal
48 Subsistence Board. And that obviously raised a lot of
49 discussion by the Board and so forth, so we had to look
50 back to the record to the Record of Decision to see if that

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1 would be allowed. The Record of Decision was signed by the
2 Secretary of the Interior back then by Luha, and it made it
3 clear that there could be a liaison but not a voting member
4 on the Board. So that's what the Board recommended to the
5 Secretary's Office and that's what the Secretary's Office
6 made it's decision on, was that specific language in that
7 Record of Decision.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Are there any other
10 questions or comments Pete.

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I guess not Della.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, well continue.

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16 MR. CHEN: Madame Chair. There is also a
17 number of other items just presented for informational
18 purposes and I could try to answer questions that the
19 Council may have on some of these things. The first one
20 being the Draft Predator Management Policy, back in
21 December was presented to the Council Chairs there was some
22 comments received there has been some revisions to that
23 policy.

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25 I do want to note that the Y/K Council did
26 provide some written recommendations to the Board on the
27 Draft Predator Management Policy. They actually wanted
28 some language strengthened in the policy indicated the role
29 and purpose and utility of predator control. So they
30 wanted to high light the use of predator control and it's
31 value in matching ungulate populations. They also wanted
32 to ask the Board to delay approval of this policy, the
33 implementation of this policy and to allow time for more
34 public input. So that's the information I would like to
35 convey as regards to the Y/K Councils recommendation to
36 the Board.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any questions or
39 discussions. And this is basically a draft it's not final.

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42 MR. CHEN: Madame Chair. The Board was
43 intending to take action on the May Board meeting and so
44 this is one of the reasons why the Y/K Council was asking
45 for more time for public comment and input.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Chair.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Go ahead Vince.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think I remember some of
2 this a couple of year ago. I think the concern was the RAC
3 as an Advisory Council, in some cases was being superseded
4 by the Office of Subsistence Management in regards to
5 proposals. In other words a proposal would come through
6 and if it didn't meet the specific regulations regarding
7 subsistence management policy, then it was rejected on that
8 bases and not brought before the RAC's for further
9 consideration. And that's how this particular issue came
10 up in the beginning and why I think Y/K is now wanting more
11 time is that they are trying to draft wording that would
12 allow at least the RAC to review and not necessarily to
13 make a recommendation. But have the opportunity to review
14 any proposal coming before a certain Council that has to do
15 with subsistence. So this is what this is about, and it's
16 in a draft form. I think it's very important that we keep
17 an eye on it.

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19 MR. CHEN: Mr. Tutiakoff. Your concerns
20 were exactly those concerns raised by some of the Council
21 Chairs at the December Board meeting. They wanted to
22 Councils the opportunity to review such proposals and not
23 have them rejected before they got to the Councils
24 attention.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Go ahead and continue
27 on.

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29 MR. CHEN: The other two informational
30 items are an update on Rural Determinations. OSM Staff
31 during it's training yesterday did provide some summary of
32 the process for rural determinations. And there is also a
33 informational item in your book having to do with the role
34 of the Staff committee. So in the interest of time I guess
35 I'll take any questions you may have on these two items.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay maybe just a
38 comment in regard to role of Inter-Agency Staff Committee.
39 I didn't make it to the December meeting, but the Spring
40 meeting of last year is where this initiated. There was a
41 lot of concern as to the changes made to the proposed
42 regulations by Staff. And I think it was some
43 dissatisfaction to some degree, and anybody can correct me
44 if I'm wrong. In regard to the how the changes were being
45 made and how the process was being done. So I think this
46 maybe just more or less clarifies what that actually is.
47 What Glenn also stated was he'd just take any comments in
48 regard to Number 3 and Number 5. So the next one is rural
49 determination and that's informational only so I know there
50 was questions to where we were in our last meeting to Pat

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1 or somebody where we were with the rural determination.
2 Does anybody have any questions or comments in regard to
3 that.

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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I do Della, this is Pete.
6 I know I've been asking about Kodiak, we just had some
7 meetings in Kodiak. And there was people concerned, the
8 Native population in Kodiak were very concerned about it.
9 About the rural determination.

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11 MR. CHEN: Pete this is Glenn Chen, and
12 I'll give you a complete run down as to what's been taking
13 place. Office of Subsistence Management and the Federal
14 Board submitted a contract or approved a contract to be
15 done by the Institute of Social and Economic Research, they
16 are part of the University of Alaska in Anchorage, to come
17 up with methods for doing rural determinations. ISER has
18 completed it's contract, has prepared a report to the Board
19 and given several presentations as it's methods to the
20 Board, as to how these rural determinations could be done.

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23 There's a couple of methods they are
24 proposing, one is basically a type of statistical model
25 using characteristics of rural density. How many people
26 live for example in a certain area. And also how much food
27 they use from what they call wild food or country food.
28 Basically what are people harvesting for subsistence, so
29 they developed a statistical model to try and integrate
30 these factors. They tested this model on I think on 180
31 some communities in Alaska that they had data on and they
32 found that the communities did split out fairly well
33 between rural and non-rural. But there were a number of in
34 between we require some additional factor to sort out as to
35 whether or not they were rural or non-rural.

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37 They also came up with another method that
38 was having to do with, that was not statistical it's called
39 a criterion based method. And basically it would involve
40 a more qualitative type of determination. You would use
41 factors like for example, how many people were there per
42 square mile for a given area, how much food they used,
43 other factors such as their dependence on rural type of
44 enterprises. Then you would kind of score communities
45 based on these factors. It's not statistical, it's a
46 little bit easier to understand by the public.

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48 The second method is criterion based
49 reference is what ISER is proposing that the Board adopt.
50 And since the completion of ISER's report and so forth the

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1 Federal Board has asked a committee of Inter-Agency folks,
2 representing the Federal Board to evaluate these methods
3 and come up with it's recommendation to the Board. So
4 that's were we are in the process right now. I'm on that
5 committee we are devolving again recommendations to the
6 Board as to what methods they should follow, what further
7 steps need to be taken before the Board can do it's rural
8 determinations.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Thanks Glenn.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other questions,

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14 (No comments)

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Discussion.

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18 (No comments)

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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Glenn.

21 That covers the agency reports and the next item on our
22 agenda will be Rick Poetter Izembek National Wildlife
23 Refuge.

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25 MR. POETTER: Thank you, Madame Chair,
26 Council. We talked a little bit about this already, the
27 first item is we've been with out a pilot since October.
28 The advertisements on the streets now, we are trying to get
29 one so we are progressing steadily towards our goal.

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31 Regarding waterfowl, this winter a project
32 of interest probably to the Council, that US Geological
33 Services Biological Resource Division has been co-funded
34 with us to do a project with the Stellers Eider. Putting
35 so telemetry equipment on them and then tracking them
36 throughout the winter to see what their movements are.
37 We've found some interesting things, you know, as you start
38 looking at something and you come up with more questions
39 then answers a lot of time. Anyway we have found some of
40 these birds to be moving between Dutch Harbor and the
41 Izembek area as well as the Kinzarof Lagoon, to Izembek
42 Lagoon. This is on going, the problem with the project was
43 it was sort of a learning curve and we are trying to
44 develop some techniques in that area for capturing the
45 Eiders themselves.

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47 This has already been done in Dutch Harbor
48 and is pretty effective, but the difference two areas was
49 the Eiders in Izembek have a lot more country to go spread
50 out to. And to track their movement into a narrow confined

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1 area where we could run or get them to fly into nets for
2 capture is a little more difficult. Anyway that's on going
3 some birds where captured later on in the season, and they
4 were not radio tagged they were just some samples for some
5 disease study that's being worked on with the Alaska
6 SeaLife Center, so a lot of interagency kind of work going
7 on.

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10 We were able to get a pilot in to do a
11 survey for us March 5th. Just for interest we had about
12 13,000 Black Brandt in the area 2,000 Emperor Geese and
13 about 37,000 Stellers Eiders. I'll just sort of move on
14 to, we've talked about caribou already. Moose I wanted to
15 update the Council and I know Della stepped out for a
16 minute here, but in essence the subsistence permits for the
17 area as she eluded to earlier were not basically utilized
18 to well this year. There was one permit issued in Nelson
19 Lagoon but do to the lack of ice on the rive that
20 individual was not able to use his permit. King Cove
21 didn't issue and Sand Point didn't issue any and Cold Bay
22 didn't issue any. So I'll just present that for your
23 information.

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25 Regarding outreach the 2004 calendars were
26 distributed, we had about 800 of those. Hopefully everyone
27 has one in their house if you don't let me know we still
28 have some available. I should have brought some with me
29 and I forgot to do that. We just went through local
30 judging on the 2005 calendar contest and in our Aleutians
31 East Borough we had about 120 artistic entrants. I don't
32 remember for the literature part of the contest how many we
33 have got. Anyway now that we've done to local judging and
34 I don't have those names and they were tallying it and et
35 cetera. Those winners will go on to the State contest, and
36 that will happen here in the next month or so.

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38 Big game guides, we still have three
39 appeals pending but some interim permits are being issued.
40 In essence I do have names of the awardies at this time.
41 Warren Johnson and Larry Rivers on the north end, working
42 on down would be Richard Guthrie and Dave Leonard, around
43 the Pavlof Bay area on the west side. Richard Guthrie on
44 the Joshua Green River area. Henry TIPPIN at the very tip
45 of the Alaska Peninsula, and then Rod Shoe for the Unimak
46 Island area.

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48 I see Della came back, just to go back for
49 your benefit Della. Because I know I had called you on the
50 King Cove on the moose permits. I called and checked with
51 everyone else and Nelson Lagoon had one issued, and that

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1 hunter wasn't able to go out because of ice. And then Sand
2 Point didn't issue any and Cold Bay didn't issue any.

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I just have a question
5 I know we talked about this in regard to the counts on the
6 Steller Eider.

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8 MR. POETTER: I passed that along as well,
9 I'm sorry you missed that. 37,000 on Stellers Eiders this
10 was March 5th, we had about 2,000 Emperor Geese and almost
11 13,000 Brandt on that survey. I talked a little bit about
12 the Eider project and we are finding out some interesting
13 things on the movement of the transmitted Eiders that some
14 of them are going to Dutch Harbor so there is a bigger
15 interchange of birds than what we originally envisioned.
16 So we are going to be looking and probably getting more and
17 more interesting in what's going on.

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19 The last item I had was we are, Izembek
20 Refuge is conducting a biological review it's basically we
21 gather as many scientific heads from various agencies.
22 From State, from the educational fields universities, of
23 course from our own agency and et cetera. Bring them in
24 and have everybody sit down and look at our biological
25 program on this refuge. And analyze what we're doing is
26 the right thing to be doing, should we be looking else
27 where. And come up with plans for what maybe what we
28 should be looking at more importantly, and it ranges from
29 everything from water quality to big game mammals, joint
30 management of course with the State so we've been putting
31 together a list of the invitees as far as the professionals
32 and that. And I've made a recommendation that we also
33 invite your chair of this Council and King Cove resident
34 and community leader Della Trumble. For her to participate
35 as far as providing her insight about the local area and to
36 give us any guidance as to what people might be wanting to
37 see the refuge do, as well as to be able to sit with us and
38 get a better feel for what we are doing out there. In
39 addition to her I suggested we invited the Migratory Bird
40 Co-management Council representative Stanley Mack. He's
41 also our local elder from Cold Bay and Sand point and
42 Borough Mayor.

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44 With that said that's all I've got for now.
45 Any questions.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: This is Vince. In regards
48 to the management, as you know Adak has been transferred to
49 the Aleut Corporation 47,000 acres of which there are
50 approximately 2,000 plus caribou on Adak at this time.

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1 I've been in contact with the manager from Homer, Greg
2 Siekanic and we are in discussions right now of how we are
3 going to work together to manage this herd. My Concern is
4 the big operators, guide operators now moving in on what we
5 call our property now. And instituted and even put out on
6 the net work that they have exclusive rights to hunt and
7 actually there is a note out on, also that they have the
8 rights to exterminate that herd on Adak. Of course that's
9 not true after talking with Greg two days ago that that's
10 not going to happen. There's going to be a management
11 meeting between the Homer, I guess Homer manages the Adak
12 Wildlife Refuge now. So just to let this Board know that
13 from the community of Adak we are going to be submitting
14 what we feel is going to be how we are going to manage on
15 the properties, and work with Fish and Wildlife Service out
16 of Homer to get to that point. Because they want in and so
17 do we, we want to bring that herd down to a management
18 level so they don't over kill themselves by over eating or
19 whatever. It is a good resource it's subsistence, we
20 recognize the guide effort, big game hunting effort, we see
21 it as a economic value for the community in the future.
22 But there has to be something in place to manage it rather
23 then this rural.....

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Rick you still there.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete Vince is talking
28 and I think you just can't hear him.

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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Sorry you didn't hear me I
33 got to speak up. But anyways what's happening in regards
34 to Adak Herd we are working with Homer management people to
35 bring forth a proposal for the next year in regards to how
36 we are going to manage the Adak Herd so that's going to be
37 a new subject for next year. That's all I have.

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I have a question,
40 Rich and I were trying to figure this out yesterday a
41 little bit. The amount of land -- there was land
42 transferred to Fish and Wildlife is that correct on Adak.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: They already own.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Because that came up
47 with a question yesterday. And then how does Homer manage
48 that instead of Izembek.

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50 MR. POETTER: Well actually we manage the

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1 Unimak Island for them basically. Unimak Island was
2 created under the Alaska Maritime Refuge. Alaska Maritime
3 Refuge covers islands throughout all along the entire coast
4 of Alaska, all the way up towards Barrow and over in the
5 Southeast so they cover a big area. There's occasions like
6 Unimak Island where it's more appropriate for the station
7 that's right there to do active management on that Unit.
8 We've proposed some name changes and authority changes to
9 congress but those have never been worked on. They have
10 lots of other things going on obviously.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: So how is the
13 representation for the Kodiak/Aleutians is through Homer
14 and Izembek.

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16 MR. POETTER: Yeah. There is a lot of
17 ownership in fact parts of Senak Island are Alaska
18 Maritime. Amak Island is Alaska Maritime. I for get what
19 your question was other then that.

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21 MR. ZACHAROF: I think the question was why
22 doesn't Izembek manage the whole Aleutians.

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24 MR. POETTER: Okay. And that's why.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Our Board is comprised
27 of Kodiak/Aleutians, which includes all of Kodiak and all
28 of the Aleutians. But we only usually hear from Kodiak and
29 Izembek we don't hear from Homer as part of the Alaska
30 Maritime, so that's.....

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32 MR. POETTER: Yeah, I guess if there was an
33 issue I'm sure they would want to talk. I do have some
34 information on that land exchange in that however many
35 thousands of acres it was that are going to be transferred
36 to the Aleut Corporation. Those selections in Izembek and
37 Alaska Peninsula Refuge, mostly Alaska Peninsula down to
38 the southern tip there. Some of those will be going away
39 because there was old obviously some selections there. And
40 i don't remember the acreage I just talked to somebody in
41 the regional office just recently and they were telling me
42 that. So some of that land selections will disappear in
43 exchange for the lands out there.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And what it was was 2.2
46 million acres the Aleut Corporation selected and we were
47 releasing to the Fish and Wildlife 1.2 million and what we
48 have left is half a million to select approximately 200,000
49 acres with in the refuge. We have five years in which to
50 complete that problem.

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1 MR. POETTER: And on Adak how many -- like
2 percentage on the island will still be Fish and Wildlife if
3 any?

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well it's 123,000 acres on
6 Adak 47,600 of it is going to the Aleut Corporation. Just
7 under half.

8 MR. POETTER: So the caribou roam equally
9 basically between so there's a lot of co-management needed
10 there.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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14 MR. POETTER: And from what you were saying
15 the Corporation is looking at trying to provide guiding
16 services on your property.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: On our property.

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20 MR. POETTER: Does the Alaska Maritime for
21 my information have a big game guide on the other part.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No they've got, what's
24 happened over the past four years you've had four
25 significant guides from Kodiak and Homer and I believe one
26 from out of state that every year has to apply for a
27 permit. When they do they bring in the people from all
28 over the world to hunt in Adak. And what we are saying is
29 you can no longer hunt on the Aleut Corporation property
30 with out a permit from the Aleut Corporation, so it's going
31 to happen it's not going to straighten it's self out.

32 MR. POETTER: Yeah.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Are you still there.

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36 MR. POETTER: Yeah.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah Vince is still
39 talking. This set up is really bad Pete we apologize.

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41 MR. POETTER: Did you have any questions
42 Pete or anybody over there.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah Rick. We have a
45 local resident that would like one of your calendars.

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47 MR. POETTER: Okay. I will send say 10 of
48 them, well how many would they like in that area.

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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Just send them to City of

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1 Larsen Bay and they can hand them out.

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3 MR. POETTER: I will do that.

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5 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You could send our box
6 we didn't get this year.

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Thank you. And the other
9 thing I had Rick was you said you're survey you said there
10 was 2,000 Emperor Geese. How does that coincide with or as
11 an average.

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13 MR. POETTER: It's average. Nothing
14 unusual there, we get those birds tend to move in and out
15 of Izembek and our area, because they are using the entire
16 Aleutians basically.

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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I hoping for an increase
19 so we can get it back open.

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21 MR. POETTER: Yeah. And a total survey is
22 coming up here shortly. We were most interested in getting
23 a Brandt count because they were miss about 3,000 down in
24 the lower 48 and they were wondering where they were at.
25 So our coming up with 13,000 sort of answered some
26 questions as to where those birds were at. We had them,
27 yeah they just stayed over which is not unusual that has
28 ranged up to 16,000 before or down to six.

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30 Any other questions from your side there
31 Pete.

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33 MR. LUKIN: Rick this is Ivan send some of
34 those Calendars to Port Lions too, please.

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36 MR. POETTER: Will do. I'll check with
37 Jude, well he was supposed to send some to King Cove but
38 we'll make sure.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We need 25 in our
41 office.

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43 MR. POETTER: Okay well thank you folks out
44 there, and thank you Madame Chair.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, good
47 report. Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, it has
48 informational only is that Beth.

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50 MS. PATTEENSON: Hi everybody out there in

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1 Larsen Bay, this is Beth Pattenson. I'm a fisheries
2 biological technician for Kodiak Wildlife Refuge, and I'm
3 here to represent the refuge. We are really short Staffed
4 at the refuge, we are missing employees that we are still
5 trying to find to hire. I think we have four positions
6 open, one of them's just been filled and the rest of the
7 Staff is on spring break vacation, so you've got me.

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9 In your manual there is just basically an
10 informational rewrite up about the refuge and the things
11 that are going on, after my little presentation here. I
12 may not know the answer but I will get back to you with it.
13 I also have a hand out here of our news letter that Tonya
14 Brockman wrote, I think you guys already have it, those in
15 Larsen Bay just let me know, I'll get your address from Pat
16 probably. Does any one here want one. She did a really
17 good job, she's off in Costa Rica getting married tomorrow
18 so you can forward your congratulations when she gets back.

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21 As I said earlier we've been pretty short
22 Staffed, we do have a fisheries biologist with a pilot
23 trainee status and he's been hired and he's suppose to
24 arrive in May. That's with everything running perfectly it
25 might be a little bit later then that. So we'll probably
26 get some fisheries research underway again in 2005. As of
27 this year there is none planed for 2004, just with not
28 having anybody there to plan it and fund it. We just don't
29 have anything on the books for this year.

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31 The sea otter situation, maybe you guys
32 have some questions about that. I know there is going to
33 be a pretty extensive study started this year somewhere
34 around Afognak it might be in Raspberry Straights in might
35 be in Nushagak area. Just to kind of start studying what
36 might have caused that population decline. But the decline
37 has no impact on subsistence harvest, that's definitely not
38 a factor in it. So just want to ese your minds about that,
39 you might have already heard.

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41 That's about it for me I'll take questions
42 now if anybody has any.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'd like to recommend you
45 do your survey in Whale Pass, there's a lot of them there,
46 by Port Lions.

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48 MS. PATTENSON: Yeah. I think they looked
49 at Whale Pass, Raspberry and up by Nushagak. There's quite
50 a few otters up in all those areas.

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1 MR. SIMEONOFF: Beth this is Mitch. Are
2 you going to eventually do the whole Kodiak Island
3 Archipelago or just the north end.

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5 MS. PATTENSON: I think they are starting
6 up there because it is such a viable population there are
7 so many. They'd like to see what a healthy population
8 looks like, genetically wise, disease wise, health wise and
9 they probably will go off into other areas as they get the
10 funding and understand a little bit better what a healthy
11 population looks like. And to monitor any decline in our
12 area if it was to happen. Doug Burns, he is in charge of
13 the mammal the sea mammal operation up in Anchorage. Mitch
14 I can get your name and number and have him call you
15 directly if you like.

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17 MR. SIMEONOFF: 907-836-2210.

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19 MS. PATTENSON: Alrighty, Mitch, I'll have
20 him call you.

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22 MR. SIMEONOFF: Thank you.

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24 MS. PATTENSON: Anybody else down there in
25 Larsen Bay.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Don't have anything right
28 now, it's Pete.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Beth.

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32 MS. PATTENSON: Thank you guys have a good
33 day.

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35 MR. LUKIN: This is Ivan. I've got one, if
36 they find the sea otter endangered and then the eventually
37 put it on the endangered species list. You said it will
38 not affect the subsistence users, is that correct.

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40 MS. PATTENSON: That's correct. Okay have
41 a good day you guys.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay the next item on
44 our agenda is the Buskin River Weir Project, informational
45 only. Does anybody going to go over that. Does any body
46 have any questions or comments. Okay hearing none, I'm
47 going to make a recommendation at this time. I've go a
48 draft resolution for the Kodiak/Aleutians in regards to the
49 four other regions. Did the Guys in Larsen Bay get a copy
50 of this. Maybe I'd like to recommend at this time we go

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1 ahead and break and then we can work on this and make
2 comments. Since basically it's a draft resolution and have
3 some time to talk about it, that when we go back in session
4 we'll be able to take action in regards to it and for the
5 record what the record. One o'clock and then we should be
6 able to wrap up with in the hour or less. And we'll also
7 take a look for the next 15 minutes and we'll pick the date
8 for the next meeting and location. Pete do you have a copy
9 of the resolution.

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11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: She's making copies.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. At this time
14 I'd like to entertain a motion to recess until 1:00
15 o'clock.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to recess until 1:00
18 p.m.

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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Is there a second.

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22 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Richard.
25 All in favor signify by saying aye.

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27 IN UNISON: Aye.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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31 (No opposing votes)

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carries we will
34 recess until 1:00 o'clock. And Council members please stay
35 on line.

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37 (Off record)

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39 (On record)

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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete can you hear me
42 now.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I hear you.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Vince is walking
47 around the room testing the phone. Okay we are going to go
48 a little bit out of order here I think in what we had set.
49 I'm waiting for a fast phone call back but I think we are
50 okay. If we can go ahead and do Pat's report, I know I did

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1 send it out or fax it over to you. Just questions or
2 comments in regard to the report, from the Federal Board
3 meeting in December.

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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Did you call back to
6 order.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yes, we did.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to accept the.....

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Where are we at.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We are looking at
17 Pat's report, the chair report from the meeting in
18 December, the Federal Board meeting.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to approve hie
21 report, Pat Holmes.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, Pete Vincent
24 made a motion to approve Pat's report. Pat Holmes report.
25 Is there a second.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second I Believe that
30 was Pete.

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Discussion.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Maybe just a comment
39 from me I think Pat did a really good job on this and I'm
40 glad things went the way things did.

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42 Okay all those in favor signify by saying
43 aye.

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45 IN UNISON: Aye.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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49 (No opposing votes)

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion Carried.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Chair.

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5 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Vincent.

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Just a clean up issue, were
8 we supposed to read this adjusted language into the record.
9 Ethics for the record.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah everyone was
12 supposed to read.

13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah we can't hardly hear
14 you Vince.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I was asking a question are
17 we supposed to read that ethics question into the record or
18 what and Pat was saying oh yes. So before we end the
19 meeting we've got to read that thing out so it's on the
20 record,

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22 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I recommend we do that
23 now. I need a little bit of time here so we'll start with
24 Vince and the Richard. And if you guys have a copy there
25 can you make your selections and when it's your turn to
26 read into the record. Vince.

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I don't really understand
29 what you are talking about.

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31 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: There's an ethics
32 statement and there's various examples on the back of it.
33 We are doing this at the end of the meeting, apparently we
34 need to start doing this at the beginning of every meeting.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Did you find in there Pete,

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Did you find it Pete.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, I read mine into
44 the record when I first started. Go ahead Vince.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: My name is Vince Tutiakoff
47 Sr. and I live in Adak, Alaska. I subsistence hunt, fish
48 in the Federal lands and waters under consideration at this
49 meeting. I do not hold any commercial permits or conduct
50 any business activity directly affected by any agenda item

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1 before this Council at this time.

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3 MR. ZACHAROF: My name is Richard Zacharof
4 I live in St. Paul Island. I subsistence hunt and fish on
5 Federal lands, waters under consideration at this meeting.
6 I also hold a halibut commercial fishing permit, but no
7 other permits and not under any of the areas under
8 consideration at this meeting at this time.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay Pete are you
11 ready.

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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Ready.

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15 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Go ahead.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah this is Pete
18 Squartsoff. My name is Pete Squartsoff I live in Port
19 Lions, Alaska. I subsistence hunt, fish in the Federal
20 lands/waters under consideration at this meeting. I also
21 hold a -- I do not hold a commercial or conduct any
22 business directly affecting any agenda items before the
23 Council.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay we are going to
26 go ahead. Ivan.

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28 MR. LUKIN: My name is Ivan Lukin I live in
29 Port Lions. I subsistence hunt and fish in Federal lands
30 and waters under consideration at this meeting. I do not
31 hold any commercial permits or conduct any business
32 activities directly affected by any agenda items before
33 this Council.

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35 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Speridon.

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37 MR. SIMEONOFF: My name is Speridon
38 Simeonoff I live in Akhiok. I subsistence hunt and fish in
39 Federal lands and waters under consideration at this
40 meeting. I do not hold any commercial permits or conduct
41 any business activities directly affected by any agenda
42 item before the Council.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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46 MS. PETRIVELLI: Normally Michelle would be
47 doing this but at every meeting this will be the new
48 procedure that all Council members are supposed to disclose
49 their commercial activities or whatever potential
50 conflicts. And then the Coordinator gets to read a summary

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1 statement. So for the summary statement, members Della
2 Trumble, Vincent Tutiakoff, Richard Zacharof, Pete
3 Squartsoff, Speridon Simeonoff, Ivan Lukin. Do not have
4 any significant financial interest directly related to the
5 matters before this Council meeting and may fully
6 participate.

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: If somebody is talking we
9 can't hear.

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11 MS. PETRIVELLI: Oh you didn't hear it all.
12 Well I'll I did was read your names and say there was no
13 significant financial interest in matters directly relating
14 to what the Council was dealing with. Did you hear that
15 part.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.

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19 MS. PETRIVELLI: Okay.

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We just heard it.

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23 MS. PETRIVELLI: Okay. Pete that will be
24 the standard procedure from now on at the beginning at each
25 meeting.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Sounds good.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We know better we do
30 it at the end. Okay lets go to the windows and dates for
31 meetings. To understand for everybody we kind of
32 tentatively selected October 4th and 5th in King Cove.
33 However is that going to be a conflict with Michelle our
34 coordinators schedule.

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36 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yes. Well it's the office
37 schedule.

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah that works for me
40 we are always having to make changes. Pete and guys in
41 Larsen Bay, does September 20th and 21st work for you guys.

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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: From October 4th and 5th
44 through September 20th and 21st. Is that what you are
45 asking.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That or possible the
48 27th and 28th of September.

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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Either one of those is

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1 fine with me, because of the charter. I guess Mitch and
2 Ivan says it's fine with them.

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You said Eastern
5 Interior already changed, did they change to the 5th and
6 the 6th.

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8 MS. PETRIVELLI: Western Interior.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Eastern Interior is
11 maintain the date of the 5th and 6th. We are one of the
12 first RAC's to set our dates, each fall we are one of the
13 first RAC's to have a meeting. My opinion is that we keep
14 our dates to October 4th and 5th and they can work around
15 us for a change. We do this every time. October 4th and
16 5th.

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18 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We are back to where we
19 were.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We are back to where
22 we were. I've got year end in the last week of September
23 and that just doesn't work for me. Does anybody have a
24 problem or concern with that. October 4th and 5th. We
25 made these dates and Michelle was with us when we did it,
26 if they overlap and it's on Michelle Council, but I do know
27 time and time again we keep changing our dates. The next
28 page we picked the 21st and 22nd of March, see here we are
29 in this open window again and then we get pushed out of it.
30 So tentatively the 21st and 22nd of March either the first
31 choice is Ouzinkie and depending on what the issue is for
32 housing our second choice is Port Lions.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion needed to approve
35 this schedule. Yeah Pete can we get a motion to approve
36 the schedule right now for October 4th and 5th King Cove.
37 And also for March 21st and 22nd for Ouzinkie or Port
38 Lions.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll second that motion
41 and with the first one as Cold Bay as a back up and the
42 second one with Kodiak.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's been moved and
45 seconded. All those in favor say Aye.

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47 IN UNISON: Aye.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Motion carries. We are done
50 with the schedule.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay thank you Vince.
2 Okay the next item on the agenda is resolution, and is this
3 resolution going to be 04-01 for Kodiak/Aleutians. All
4 right, I'm going to go ahead and read this. And just for
5 clarification with Bob Jeckner to make sure they reviewed
6 this and whether or not they had any problems with it and
7 they fully support it. Now that I am out of breath from
8 running down the hall and back.

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10 Resolution of the Kodiak/Aleutians Regional
11 Subsistence Advisory Council. Resolution Number 04-01.
12 The Kodiak/Aleutians Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory
13 Council opposes the Special Action Requests submitted by
14 the Eastern Interior, Western Interior, Bristol Bay and
15 Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Councils. The
16 recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board are (1) to
17 request that the Governor of Alaska invalidate the February
18 2004 Board of Fisheries actions relaxing the restrictions
19 in the Area M commercial salmon fisheries; and (2) for the
20 Federal Subsistence Board to exert its extra-territorial
21 jurisdiction authority into Area M, if the Governor does
22 not reverse the Board of Fisheries' actions. As an
23 Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board, we
24 question the appropriateness of our involvement in
25 commercial fisheries issues that should be in the domain of
26 State managers.

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28 Justification: The Kodiak/Aleutians
29 Council supports the recent Board of Fisheries actions in
30 the Area M commercial salmon fishery, and the Governor's
31 position upholding these decisions. The Council is not
32 aware of and new data or other scientific information
33 considered by the Board of Fisheries demonstrating that the
34 expanded Area M fishery would have significant impacts to
35 salmon subsistence harvests by users in these regions.

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37 The Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory
38 Council is concerned that the Area M issue has the
39 potential to create conflict and divisiveness amongst
40 subsistence users. While the Council understands the
41 concerns expressed by the Eastern Interior, Western
42 Interior, Bristol Bay, and Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta Councils,
43 we feel that there is substantial misunderstanding
44 regarding the perceived effects of the Area M commercial
45 fishery, on western Alaska salmon stocks harvested by
46 subsistence users. We therefore strongly support
47 continuing education efforts to promote a better
48 understanding of this fishery. We urge that the Chairs and
49 members of these Regional Advisory Councils visit the Area
50 M region in June, to see first hand to see how important

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1 these fisheries are to the area's residents. The Council
2 further requests that the Office of Subsistence Management
3 provide financial and logistical assistance for these
4 visits.

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6 The Council urges that the other Federal
7 Subsistence RAC's carefully consider the implications of
8 expanded Federal extraterritorial jurisdiction in the Area
9 M and how such actions may affect other fisheries and
10 regions in the state.

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12 The Council supports the process currently
13 being developed in the Memorandum of Agreement between the
14 State of Alaska and the Federal government. We request
15 that the Federal Subsistence Board continue to work closely
16 with the State on the Area M salmon fishery concerns. We
17 ask that the other Regional Advisory Councils endorse the
18 co-management effort, and that all Councils work
19 cooperatively together to address such resource allocation
20 issues for the benefit of all subsistence users.

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22 Do I hear a motion to accept Resolution 04-
23 01.

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25 MR. ZACHAROF: Richard I move.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Richard
28 Zacharof. Do I hear a second.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll second.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Vincent
33 Tutiakoff. Discussion.

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35 (No comments)

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I'd like a roll call
38 please.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Della wait just a second.
41 Under discussion I was waiting to see if you guys had
42 anything.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: No I don't have
45 anything Pete. I went through this and then like I said I
46 did fax it to Aleutians East Borough they just went through
47 it to make sure. And they said it looks fine and I think
48 it looks great.

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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Now I just wanted to say

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1 that I support it. I'm just a little bit concerned,
2 because we are a Federal Subsistence Advisory Council, and
3 this has a lot to do with commercial. So that's why I just
4 wanted to know where's we stepped over the line it should
5 be coming from more a State Advisory Council. I don't
6 know, I say i support it 100 percent. but I mean you know
7 what I'm saying.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah but if you look
10 at the last sentence in the very first paragraph and it
11 says as a Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board
12 we question the appropriateness of our involvement in
13 commercial fisheries issues that should be within the
14 domain of State managers.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I do support the
17 resolution.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay roll call.

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21 MR. LUKIN: Second.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Oh I'm sorry. Is that
24 it does anyone else have any comments.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No I guess not.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Go ahead Pat.

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30 MS. PETRIVELLI: Okay with the roll call
31 vote. Ivan Lukin.

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33 MR. LUKIN: I don't have any comment, I
34 support it.

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36 MS. PETRIVELLI: So is that a yes vote.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: She's doing a roll
39 call vote Ivan.

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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah we couldn't hear her.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That's what I figured.

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45 MS. PETRIVELLI: So Ivan Lukin. Yes or no.

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47 MR. LUKIN: Yes.

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49 MS. PETRIVELLI: Okay. Vincent Tutiakoff.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.
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3 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pete Squartsoff.
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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.
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7 MS. PETRIVELLI: Speridon Simeonoff.
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9 MR. SIMEONOFF: Yes.
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11 MS. PETRIVELLI: Della Trumble.
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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yes.
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15 MS. PETRIVELLI: Richard Zacharof.
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17 MR. ZACHAROF: Yes.
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19 MS. PETRIVELLI: And that's six yes's.
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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, everyone.
22 An we also according to with the Aleutians East Borough, we
23 will work to try and do what ever we can to have this
24 happen this June. I know we've been talking about it the
25 last two June's so I think this year is more important then
26 ever.
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28 Thank you.
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30 Is there any other business?
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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Pete are you there.
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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete.
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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yes.
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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do you guys have any
39 other business.
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41 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well I would like to for
42 the record Della that we did have 23 residents from the
43 community of Larsen Bay, with nine of those being students.
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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And maybe Pete, on our
46 behalf could you thank them for coming to the meeting and
47 participating and like I say we are sorry we couldn't be
48 there.
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50 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll do that. Also I'll

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1 have the list of the names and I'll turn them into
2 somebody.

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you.
5 Motion to Adjourn.

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So moved.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Second.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Pete
12 Squartsoff, second by Vincent Tutiakoff. All in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

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15 IN UNISON: Aye.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed same sign.

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19 (No opposing votes)

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried.

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(END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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