

**KODIAK/ALEUTIANS SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Olsen, Chairman
Alfred B. Cratty, Jr.
Gilda M. Shellikoff
Melvin Smith
Vincent M. Tutiakoff
Paul Gunderson
Della Trumble

Regional Council Coordinator:

Cliff Edenshaw

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(On record)

5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We shall go ahead and call our meeting
6 to order here. We have all that's going to show at this time,
7 I believe, so Gilda, would you please call the role call,
8 please.

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10 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Mark Olsen.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.

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14 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Vincent Tutiakoff.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Here.

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18 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Alfred Cratty. Absent. Thomas
19 Everitt. Absent. Ivan Lukin. Absent. Gilda Shellikoff is
20 here. Paul Gunderson.

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22 MR. GUNDERSON: Here.

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24 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Della Trumble. Absent. Melvin Smith.

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26 MR. SMITH: Here.

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: As we look at the people that are
29 absent at this point, I would hope that we would wait before we
30 make a determination of excused absence or unexcused. I do
31 know that several are on their way and held up by weather. I
32 heard from Al Cratty, there haven't been any planes in Old
33 Harbor for four days, but however, I don't know, I have not
34 heard nothing from Ivan. Have you heard anything Cliff?

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: No. No, I called and left messages with
37 to call me back. And travel itineraries were mailed to each
38 Council member and he never called back.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's the only one that I'm aware of
41 that there's been no communication as to their intentions of
42 attendance at the meeting.

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44 MS. SHELLIKOFF: We do have a quorum.

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46 MR. EDENSHAW: Excuse me, Mr. Chair. Tom Everitt has
47 resigned.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. I believe at this time here I
50 would just like to welcome Paul here as the newest member to

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1 our Council. I believe, I don't know if everybody knows
2 everybody here, but Paul, of course, is the latest appointment
3 to the Council.

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5 I was going to have Taylor do some introductions,
6 but.....

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8 MS. SHELLIKOFF: You sent him off to do the copies.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We sent him off to do the work here.

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12 MR. GUNDERSON: I believe I know most people. These
13 two gentleman and the gentleman on the end there. Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, why don't we go ahead and go
16 around and have everybody introduce themselves, you know.

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18 MR. EDENSHAW: Rachel.

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20 MS. MASON: Hi. I'm Rachel Mason, Fish and Wildlife
21 Service.

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23 MR. SIEKANIEC: Greg Siekaniec, Refuge Manager of
24 Izembek. And if I could, I'd like to introduce, Mike Roy. He
25 just came on staff yesterday. He is our new pilot biologist
26 for Izembek Refuge. So Mike will be around, please take an
27 opportunity to talk to him a little bit. He'll be helping us
28 with out caribou work and stuff in the future here.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Good caribou eyes then.

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32 MR. SIEKANIEC: Good caribou eyes.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you.

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36 MR. WILLIS: I'm Robert Willis. Wildlife biologist
37 with the Subsistence Division out of Anchorage.

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39 MR. SHAUL: Arnie Shaul. I'm from the Commercial
40 Fisheries Division of the Alaska Department Fish and Game.

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42 MR. STOVALL: Robert Stovall with the Kodiak National
43 Wildlife Refuge.

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45 MR. ELEY: I'm Tom Eley. I'm with Division of Refuges
46 and I represent to the Staff Committee for the Fish and
47 Wildlife Service.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And here we have our recording person,
50 Tina.

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1 MS. HILE: My name is Tina.

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: And I'm Cliff Edenshaw. I'm the
4 coordinator for the region.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Does that suffice for the who's who in
7 Cold Bay? Next we have review and adoption of the agenda,
8 which we have under Tab B. I believe this was our last meeting
9 that was held in Sand Point?

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11 MR. EDENSHAW: Kodiak.

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13 MS. SHELLIKOFF: No, we're on the agenda.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Pardon me?

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17 MR. EDENSHAW: We're on the agenda.

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19 MS. SHELLIKOFF: We're on the agenda.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The agenda, I'm sorry.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chairman?

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Do we have any additions or -- Vince?

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'd like to make a motion to waive the
28 order of the day due to the missing members. Della, I
29 understand may be coming in on the plane. Cratty may be coming
30 in at 10:30. I guess one of the important ones is the Izembek
31 proposal, which I haven't seen yet for a subsistence hunt. And
32 if we happen to get up to it before they get here, I'd waive to
33 move it until after lunch, after the whatever. I know this
34 schedule, you have the times down here, I don't think they're
35 realistic.

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. And I would say at this time
38 we can move along item by item, that we feel we can address at
39 this time. I guess we're looking for a unanimous consent on
40 this issue, is there any objections?

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42 (No opposing votes)

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So moved. We will go ahead and try to
45 wade through the issues that we can at this time. And if we
46 are moving on some issue that we feel that needs to wait,
47 please feel free to speak up. This is a little different, out
48 of the ordinary, but that's okay.

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50 Okay, I believe then that takes us to the adoption of

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1 the minutes of last February's meeting, which was -- was that
2 Kodiak?

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4 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Kodiak.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Good memory, just short.

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8 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chairman, may I make some comments
9 first on the agenda before we move to the minutes. If you look
10 to your agenda on the 26th, under new business, under the
11 Governor's Item E, out on the front table out here we have some
12 handouts that copies were made regarding the AFN, AITC RuralCap
13 Subsistence Summit. There's a matrix out there with all the
14 regional corporations, as well as non-profits who attended the
15 conference that we had. There's three of them out there,
16 there's the matrix, there's a resolution that was submitted,
17 and.....

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19 MR. GUNDERSON: Guiding principals, is that.....

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21 MR. EDENSHAW:then there were draft.....

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Resolution.

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25 MR. EDENSHAW:resolution -- or it's draft
26 proposals done by each regional corporation. So those are out
27 there on the table.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But those are not the final ones,
30 though, the ones that were approved, right?

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32 MR. EDENSHAW: Correct.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The matrix?

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: Those are -- um-hum, yes, that was.....

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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is that like final, it looks like the
39 draft.

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I'd like to bring to the attention
42 that at that meeting, we were asked to keep these matrix's
43 confidential.

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45 MR. EDENSHAW: Oops.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That was definitely spoken out loud,
48 and the reason was not given, but we can only assume that the
49 reason to which they chose and requested that the matrix be
50 kept confidential.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: At least until they're finalized by
2 each region.

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4 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Because they're still working on.....

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct.

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8 MS. SHELLIKOFF:them and what's going to happen
9 is the.....

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: AFN.

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13 MS. SHELLIKOFF:committee -- the working
14 committee is going to continue to work with them.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I know that that matrix was revised
17 several times.

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19 MR. EDENSHAW: Several times, so probably.....

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And also at AFN Convention they will
22 approve the final format to be submitted to the delegation for
23 final approval.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: As I understand it, that's what the
26 resolution was and proposal back on the whole issue. I just am
27 responding to the request that was from the podium on that
28 issue. So however that's handled is -- I made my comment on
29 the request.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay, well, let's hold these for a
32 second, we're in debate over these.

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34 MR. SMITH: You hang on to them Vince.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: These here?

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38 MR. BRELSFORD: The Aleut Regional Summit results?

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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42 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No, that's the King Cove proposal.

45 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Whatever, yeah, those.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So at any rate, I don't know how we
48 wish to handle that. They never gave any reasoning, like I
49 say, I was just only passing on what the request was.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think the reasoning was they didn't
2 want it out in the newspaper about what each region was
3 debating, rather than it be influenced by the newspaper or some
4 political State moved. They wanted to have an open mind as to
5 how the Native population was going to deal with subsistence.

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7 MR. GUNDERSON: I mean, probably didn't realize how
8 divided it was and how different it was.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, they knew it was going to be
11 divided. And it effects each region differently and it splits
12 regions, specific to the Aleut region, down the middle.

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Um-hum.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The Aleut Corporation is split right
17 damn near down the middle in regards to what was proposed.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At any rate, maybe we can go ahead and
20 certainly, I'm sure there's a lot of discussion that will be
21 going on.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We can discuss it, but as far as making
24 it as part of the record, I would recommend that it not be put
25 on the record in the written format. We can discuss the -- or
26 the Aleut's Corporation's position is split pretty much, but we
27 did compromise with the State's position only if the State did
28 not deal with ANILCA. In other words, they want four or five
29 changes to ANILCA that we do not support. And the meetings at
30 Swampsea (ph) that I attended last week, the Lieutenant
31 Governor was there and we had about an hour and a half debate
32 because there again, we're split, because of the city versus
33 the corporations were involved. Some of the corporations are
34 part of Swampsea. And so it was pretty well split down the
35 middle.

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: There certainly was a lot of
38 discussion in the caucuses and a lot of give and take, but I
39 think we call came up with basically the same unified position,
40 that we were aiming for.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, AFN would like to think we're
43 unified on it. I mean they are basically probably 90 percent
44 there, but there are -- the smaller regions, Ahtna, Kodiak,
45 Aleut are basically out of that loop because of what some of
46 the changes that effect their lands.

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48 MR. GUNDERSON: Geographically, you know, they're all
49 coast line communities.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yep.

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3 MR. GUNDERSON: So that's.....

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The Interior and all them are
6 supporting basically.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Taylor, can you.....

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10 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I could
11 contribute one or two points on this discussion. I think on
12 behalf of the Federal Board, the Staff preparing materials for
13 you all, we realize this not a direct item of action by the
14 Councils to take a recommendation to the Federal Board. We did
15 think it was key information related to the subsistence issues
16 that you all address in your direct responsibilities. So our
17 goal was, really, just to make that information available to
18 you. I think we were aware of the sensitivities, and I
19 actually -- when we were thinking about what material to
20 provide, I spoke with George Erwin and asked whether the matrix
21 was intended as part of the public portion of the Summit
22 meeting and he said, that is the case, as long as -- he was
23 firm that it's the resolution and the principals that came out
24 of the Summit, that's the outcome of the Summit meeting. He
25 wanted to be sure we emphasized that. But that matrix was part
26 of the public portion of the meeting and he encouraged us to
27 provide that to the Councils if people were interested in it.
28 So that's separate from the Aleut Region topics that you guys
29 are looking at more closely right now. But we did kind of
30 check on the protocol before handing out the AFN, AITC,
31 RuralCap materials, and we did have the go ahead from AFN on
32 that.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. I was just repeating what the
35 last words were off of the floor.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think.....

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I was hoping that this was just going
40 to be a FYI issue.

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42 MR. BRELSFORD: That was our intention.

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44 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, that's.....

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. The only other thing that, I
47 guess, when we look at the agenda, we don't have it formally on
48 the agenda, but this proposal from King Cove or we would just
49 take that up with the Izembek caribou. Is that the intention?

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1 MR. EDENSHAW: That was the intentions when I spoke
2 with Greg. He was going to -- when we get to that portion of
3 the agenda.....

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5 MR. GUNDERSON: Is that what.....

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7 MR. EDENSHAW:he was going to.....

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9 MR. GUNDERSON: This is just what you made the remark
10 on with.....

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: he was going to.....

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14 MR. GUNDERSON:Della and them showing up.....

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16 MS. HILE: Wait.

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18 MR. EDENSHAW:give the opening.....

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20 MS. HILE: Wait.

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22 MR. GUNDERSON:and that one and.....

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24 MS. HILE: Wait, wait.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: One at a time.....

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, um-hum.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:please.

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32 MS. HILE: Yes.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It was submitted by the residents of
35 Sand Point, King Cove, Nelson and False Pass, Cold Bay area and
36 those representatives are not all here.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is it still the intent here to have
39 teleconference? Where are we at on that?

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41 MR. EDENSHAW: Well, on the fax here this morning,
42 Marvin states that if they're unable to fly in this morning,
43 they will -- we'll just go ahead and line them up by
44 teleconference.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: About 10:30.

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48 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Ten.

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50 MR. EDENSHAW: No, well whenever -- after Della and

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1 them get here.

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3 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Can we just add this as a separate,
4 new item, so that way we can get some of the other stuff done?
5 And if they're not here by the time we get to this and then
6 they can do teleconference, and by then we'll know whether
7 they're going to make it or not.

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Due to the importance of this issue, I
10 would, of course, like to see all efforts made to have, you
11 know, those that are involved in this to either be present at
12 teleconference or in person due to the travel problems that we
13 have. So how do we wish to handle this then as to have it
14 covered under the Izembek or as a separate issue?

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think it's an Izembek issue. And if
17 Greg gives his report, then when we do come to this issue that
18 we set it aside to bring up at a later point in the meeting.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I just feel that it's a separate issue
21 than the Izembek report, and a special request from the
22 communities.

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24 MS. SHELLIKOFF: I think it's a separate issue.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I think it.....

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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30 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah, I think it covers the whole
31 peninsula and then from the boundary south. So I think it
32 covers every.....

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The only question is as to whether we
35 incorporate it or have it as a separate issue.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to make it J, under new
38 business.

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40 MR. SMITH: I'll second.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We'll call it community.....

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44 MR. EDENSHAW: I think for those of us who.....

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF:King Cove proposal, I guess.

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48 MR. EDENSHAW: For those of us who're -- who aren't at
49 the meeting, what I intended, I spoke to Greg when I put
50 together the agenda and what I wanted to Greg to start off with

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1 is, in regards to the caribou, address the first portion of
2 what the Board acted on on Unimak Island in Unit 10 and then he
3 and Robert Willis, the biologist, have prepared a draft Staff
4 analysis regarding a proposal from the regional team. So I
5 assume whatever Greg and Robert have worked out, that's where
6 we'll lead into from what has already acted upon in Unit 10 and
7 then we move into Unit 9(D).

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Robert, did you have something? I
10 seen you twitching there.

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12 MR. WILLIS: I was just going to point out what Vince
13 said, that when we go through the agency reports, typically
14 that doesn't deal with any proposals that are acting on that
15 area at that time. It's just an update on what's happened in
16 the past and what's going on right now when we deal with the
17 proposals under new business as Vince said.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. That's the way I had hoped
20 to see it, too.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: And also this is a continuation of the
23 special action that was submitted by the Aleutians East
24 Borough.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is there any -- how are we going here?

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to approve the agenda; is that it?

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, we already.....

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's already done?

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The agenda we've already agreed to.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, we just waived it um.

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38 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Um-hum.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We're over here.

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42 MR. GUNDERSON: Where are we at?

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44 MS. SHELLIKOFF: We're on the minutes.

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46 MR. GUNDERSON: Oh, minutes.

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We're looking at the minutes.

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50 MR. SMITH: So that special action was incorporated in

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1 the agenda?

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: J.

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5 MR. SMITH: I mean in K (sic).

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, the special action, this is the
8 RFR, the continuation of, as I see it.

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10 Here we are, I guess at the minutes of the meeting. Is
11 there any corrections or changes that are incorrect on these
12 minutes, if they are complete as recalled?

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14 MR. SMITH: I move to approve the minutes.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I have a question. On the third page
17 there's a comment about -- what was the outcome of the points
18 reported or compensation of council. Do you got a special
19 report regarding that issue, specifically, for this meeting?

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: On which one?

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Page 3, I guess, it's not numbered, but
24 go back one, two, three, and it says, joint Federal/Council
25 Board meeting in large letters.

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Joint Federal Subsistence Board
28 Regional, I'm trying to be on the same page as you Vince?

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: November 20, 1996?

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right. Directly under that there's a
35 comment regarding a reported compensation to Council members.
36 What was the outcome of that?

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At this point I have not heard any
39 outcome of that.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Has anybody went ahead to do anything?
42 You'll give a report on that?

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44 MR. SMITH: Cliff.

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46 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes. Yeah, there's.....

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Cliff, you'll give a report?

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50 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: We've got the new business on the agenda
4 under Tab C or not C it's G, Tab G there's some information
5 regarding compensation restructure.

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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9 MR. EDENSHAW: And I believe Mark was at that.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I had another question. Early on in
12 this, about a year and a half ago, regarding the Southern
13 Peninsula Caribou Herd, the cap was at some figure, was it
14 2,500? I didn't bring my last section, but it seemed like
15 that.....

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17 MR. WILLIS: That's correct.

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Was that -- been consistent at 2,500?

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21 MR. GUNDERSON: No, wasn't an actual number without a
22 bull to a -- a bull ratio.....

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Ratio, yeah.

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26 MR. GUNDERSON:of 20 to 100.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, what I'm asking is, has this
29 number been consistent, 2,500 or was it at one point 2,000?

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Could I, if I may, I recall that I
32 think the numbers were between 24 and 2,500 numbers.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, when we passed that motion to
35 stop the hunting in Kodiak, was that a year and a half ago?
36 What figure was that that they came in at and said there was
37 only like 800 and that they wouldn't allow a subsistence hunt
38 'til they had 18 or 2,000?

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40 MR. WILLIS: 2,500.

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42 MR. SIEKANIEC: Two thousand five hundred.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And what is the.....

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46 MR. SIEKANIEC: That's the number that's in the plan.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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50 MR. EDENSHAW: And there's a copy.....

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's been consistent, right?

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3 MR. EDENSHAW:of the plan in the book.

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5 MR. SIEKANIEC: I'm sorry.

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7 MR. EDENSHAW: Excuse me, and there's a copy of the
8 management plan in the book that states those objectives.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. But I was wondering -- what I'm
11 trying to remember here is -- and it seems to me it sticks with
12 me at 18 to 2,000.

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14 MR. GUNDERSON: But 1,800 was brought up at one time.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah. That's what I'm wondering, when
17 did that change? Was that a year ago?

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me, if I can, if I'm recalling
20 the same issue where there was a difference, I believe of a
21 hundred animals at that time that we were questioning.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I personally took it upon myself to go
26 back and review the rest of the information that we had as far
27 as the bottom line and everything that I found was a 2,500
28 threshold that they had expected. I believe at that time they
29 were reporting in the neighborhood of 1,800 or a little better
30 animals at the time.

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32 MR. GUNDERSON: I believe that -- yeah, that's -- I
33 believe that's correct. Because I remember the number 1,800
34 was brought up a number of times, and they were looking for
35 2,500.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Maybe that's where I'm getting my
38 numbers -- okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, is there anything else here on
41 the minutes?

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43 MS. SHELLIKOFF: I'll second Melvin's motion. Melvin
44 made a motion, I'll second it.

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded to accept the
47 minutes as presented. Call for the question.

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49 MR. GUNDERSON: Question.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those in favor.

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3 IN UNISON: Aye.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed.

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7 (No opposing responses)

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I see we're under break now.

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11 (Off record comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I guess we might as well take this
14 opportunity to move on into and get some elections over. Is it
15 the will of the Council to go ahead with the elections as to
16 those members present or is there a wish to postpone until we
17 have more members possibly showing today? Normally, this is
18 something that we should move right on through, I feel, but I
19 will leave this up to the desire of the Council at this moment.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Let's review. Who's the vice chair,
22 was it Al?

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Al.

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26 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Um-hum.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. And the secretary was Gilda.

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30 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Right.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I don't have any problems.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is there any input Taylor or Cliff,
35 how this should be handled? Is there any reason that we cannot
36 hold off until, I believe, like I said, we got a lot of members
37 that are on their way. I would like to have them incorporated
38 in as much of the process as possible, but we do need to move
39 also. So that's the big question before us at this time. Any
40 suggestions here from the Council?

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We have a quorum here.

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44 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, that's what I suggest.

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46 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Move, just move on.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So we can go ahead and just do it.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Well, of course the first is

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1 the election of office of the Chair. And I believe at this
2 time we need to turn it over to Mr. Edenshaw.

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4 MR. BRELSFORD: I think the normal process is.....

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You take over.

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8 MR. EDENSHAW: The normal process would be.....

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10 MR. BRELSFORD:you would entertain
11 nomination.....

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13 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay.

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15 MR. BRELSFORD:take over for the purpose of
16 election of the Chair, starting with nominations, closing
17 nominations, the vote. After the Chair is elected, then the
18 new Chair will conduct the elections for the two remaining
19 officers.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So you have the power to adjourn right
22 now if you don't know it.

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24 (Off record comments)

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26 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. The Chair opens the floor for
27 nominations for Chair. The Chair is elected for one year.

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29 MR. GUNDERSON: I'll nominate Mark Olsen.

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31 MR. EDENSHAW: Mark Olsen has been nominated.

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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'll move to close.

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35 MR. EDENSHAW: Motion has been made to close the floor
36 to nominations. I put a motion on the floor for a unanimous
37 consent to elect Mark Olsen as the Chair for Kodiak/Aleutians
38 Regional Council.

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40 IN UNISON: Aye.

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42 MR. EDENSHAW: Congratulations Mark.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, I certainly thank you for the
45 continuing support here. Although I hope in the future we can
46 all look at these issues and those that have the time to be
47 involved, as the Chair position does require more attention as
48 far as bringing the consensus of the Council before the Board
49 and other issues. But I certainly take this job as Chair as
50 serious as I can. And just want to, I guess, thank you for

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1 your support and confidence that I must be handling it okay.

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3 At this time, I guess we look at the vice chair.

4 Nominations for vice chair.

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6 MR. EDENSHAW: Before we start, Al Cratty has been

7 serving as vice chair for the last year, so he's outgoing.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Who took his place?

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Al is.....

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Did they fill his position?

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Al?

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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19 MR. SMITH: No.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, Al is still on the Council he was

22 just detained by weather.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, I see.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: You're thinking of Tom. Nominations
27 for vice chair.

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29 MR. SMITH: I'll nominate Vince for vice chair.

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31 MR. GUNDERSON: How is the working relationship between
32 you and Al?

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I feel it's good, it's good.
35 Certainly I know Vince has also served in this position. It
36 does take communication should the Chair not be available to
37 update, that's an important side of it, that we do have
38 representation at every meeting.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And that's at the Board level?

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Pardon me?

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Board level?

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. Any more nominations for vice
47 chair? Move to close nominations for vice chair? Yoo-Hoo?

48 Hello?

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50 MR. GUNDERSON: Anybody else?

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1 MR. BRELSFORD: And you can declare them closed in the
2 absence of additional nominations.

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4 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Close them.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Then we declare that the
7 nominations close for vice chair and request unanimous consent
8 on this also.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. Secretary. Nominations
13 for secretary, please?

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15 MR. SMITH: I'll nominate Gilda for secretary.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to close.

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19 (Off record comments)

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Unanimous consent for approval for
22 Gilda as our secretary.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, great. And then we have.....

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28 MR. BRELSFORD: See that didn't take an hour and 40
29 minutes.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, we can take two hours off now for
32 catch up.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Next we have an open floor to public
35 comments on the Federal Subsistence Management Program. And at
36 this time we do not have anybody on line or otherwise. I'm
37 sure this is something that usually does take up a little bit
38 of our time. What's the consensus of this issue here Cliff?
39 Is this something that we should.....

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think it's open.....

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43 MR. EDENSHAW: It's throughout the meeting.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF:throughout the meeting.

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47 MR. EDENSHAW: If there is some other individuals
48 who.....

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: If there's people here, I.....

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1 MR. EDENSHAW:who left.....

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF:don't see anybody here, but I'm
4 sure they're going to be here when they get out of King Cove or
5 that are headed for this way. I know there's some people here
6 from maybe Cold Bay, itself, that are working that may want to
7 come in maybe later on today. Being in a rural area similar to
8 when we were in the Kodiak area, they can come in any time and
9 make their point and leave.

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11 MR. SMITH: Yeah, even by teleconference.

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Or teleconference.

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15 MR. SMITH: When we get the telephone hooked up.....

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: If they know the phone number.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I would just then like to make a short
20 couple comments on the Subsistence Management program. As we
21 all know when this was first introduced to us it was really
22 something that we did not know what the process was going to be
23 or what was going to be our jobs to fulfill. And as I recall,
24 we had even a lot of hostilities at the genesis. I certainly
25 feel that these Councils have come a long way. We have really
26 learned to work with each other and to respect each other's
27 opinions and I have seen a lot of growth and movement through
28 these Councils. It is something I certainly support and I
29 believe everybody's voice in it is as important as the next
30 persons and to treat it with such respect.

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32 Here I have received an overview of the Federal
33 Subsistence Management Program for Regional Council members.
34 It is a basic draft here that I hope that we can get circulated
35 here because it does address a lot of the questions that are
36 most typically asked by Council members and the public as well.
37 So I would hope that those interested would look at it or that
38 we might even be able to have copies made to show the direction
39 that has been taken in the process that has been given to us to
40 deal with for future changes or otherwise to the program.

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42 So with that, I just want to thank everybody that's
43 given so much participation in this as we have looked and the
44 people that have come and gone through the Councils, a lot due
45 to the absences and non-participation. But I certainly feel
46 that to serve the people of this region, we must be together
47 and put our heads together and do the job that we have sought
48 to do for the people of our region. So with that, I conclude
49 the comment.

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1 MR. EDENSHAW: And one other comment, Mr. Chair. On
2 that overview, later this -- whether it be this morning or this
3 afternoon, that will be covered in the portion of the agenda
4 where we have a draft booklet for new Council members for
5 review. And each of you, when you came in this morning, those
6 were on your respective chairs there. But it's a draft and
7 that will be covered this afternoon likely.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is that manual there part of this, they
10 go together or.....

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF:is that just an overview of this
15 one?

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17 MR. EDENSHAW: No, they go together.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But I believe this is just a short
20 form. I don't know, this one here also says draft. I was just
21 looking at this, it is something that is more condensed and I
22 was really particularly happy that most people do not have the
23 time to sit down and read a whole booklet. Like I say, I feel
24 this is the Top 10 questions.

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26 MR. GUNDERSON: Reader's Digest version, um.

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I encourage you to look at it and
29 give any feedback as it is still in the draft form.

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31 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Taylor.

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35 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, the overview, this was
36 some advice from Council members that we should have a quick
37 look -- overview and that's the yellow booklet. That actually
38 goes to a new member like Paul and, you know, new members
39 appointed in future years would get the five pages to quickly
40 get an overall picture of how the subsistence program works.
41 And when you read those questions it says, for further
42 information, see Section II in the manual. So if like, you
43 know, it breaks you in a little more gently, but provides a
44 table of contents for the additional information that's in the
45 full manual.

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47 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chair, if I could say something?

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Sure, Melvin.

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1 MR. SMITH: Like I said, I participated in putting that
2 together, you know, and we tried to keep it as condensed and as
3 easy, you know, for newcomers. It's like, I didn't have
4 anything when I first entered this Council, and you know, we
5 looked at that and tried to make it as easy as possible, you
6 know, because the main book is like, I mean it's pretty thick,
7 and we wanted something real simple to just help you along in a
8 quick easy way.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: As I read through it, I look at the
11 title, for Regional Council members, but I also feel that this
12 would be a good distribution for the public as well. A lot of
13 people are still wondering what these Councils are all about.
14 And in the past we have even been asked by community members,
15 is this open to the public, so certainly we are gaining
16 momentum, but still there is a lot of misunderstanding, I
17 believe, of exactly what the person of the Council is intended
18 to be.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Where in this -- I guess it really has
21 nothing to do with Subsistence Management Program, but maybe it
22 does, where in the agenda are we going to discuss the October
23 1st date?

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Taylor, maybe.....

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27 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, that's under the item of
28 Fisheries Update.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. I'll wait.

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34 MR. BRELSFORD: New business, Item A. And there's
35 actually a text for you to review and some overheads.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Because that seems to be the biggest
38 concern is what the Federal Subsistence Board will knee jerk
39 to, you know. Because that October 1st date is a scare to a
40 lot of people in our region and to some people it really
41 doesn't effect them. I guess as you go further west it doesn't
42 effect them because they're not involved into the navigable
43 water issue, which is a big issue to all the coastal
44 communities and the threat that the Federal government, which
45 may eventually trickle down to this level, making policies,
46 it's -- you know, I've been asked that, what are you going to
47 do if that happens, those kind of issues. And I said, well,
48 there's no policy been made on it.....

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50 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, it's pretty tough when they

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1 already cutout the welfare program.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF:we haven't addressed it.

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5 MR. GUNDERSON: That's about the only place that they
6 stepped on.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly this has been a
9 question.....

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:that has been circulated at most
14 every meetings we have had, our local regional meetings, summit
15 meetings and all. But I believe at this time it's the wait and
16 see issue. Of course, you know, is what's before them right
17 now is to whether the State gets the moratorium continued or
18 not. And I don't know how they're going to treat the summit as
19 whether it is a sign of trying to come to an agreement or
20 whether it will not be counted. So I believe we have only days
21 left to find out the first question that has to be answered,
22 will it be continued or will it not be.

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24 So far from the question that I have asked many times,
25 it's very unlikely.

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, my concern in this whole game is
28 that the State is utilizing leverage that supports the
29 communities saying that we want this to happen and make it
30 happen. But on the other hand, they're saying, we'll approve
31 rural definition of subsistence if you will -- you as a rural
32 people also give up something over here. I mean, I don't think
33 that's what we should be doing here, is giving up something to
34 keep, giving something away that down the road or future
35 generations may need, you know.

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly I am waiting to hear myself
38 as to I've had some input and some -- possibly -- and this is
39 how they're looking at it. I don't believe it's going to be us
40 taking over any fisheries, but to continue to look at it from
41 the subsistence point of view. But that's only my
42 personal.....

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The subsistence issue is the key to the
45 whole process. I mean if there's no fish, the subsistence is a
46 priority and that's what I meant by trickling down to this
47 level.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Um-hum.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We may be part of that and we need to
2 be prepared to -- two years or whatever it will take to put a
3 program in place. We need to be really actively involved, and
4 it may split a lot of communities. I can see that coming.
5 That's too bad that we have to do that.

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7 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, people in the State of Alaska got
8 a really short memory though, you know. When they -- that's
9 the reason Statehood come about, because they didn't want the
10 Feds messing with their.....

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Um-hum.

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14 MR. GUNDERSON:fisheries and game. And then that
15 got out of control, so now -- it didn't get out of control, but
16 it just -- you know, it's a whole new wave of people in the
17 driver's seat now so it's -- and they're approaching it in
18 different ways and things and I hope something can be worked
19 out because it's very important to all groups throughout the
20 whole State. You know, the people on the shoreline are a lot
21 different from the people from the Interior, or they got
22 different means of subsistence, and it's awful scary thinking
23 about it.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's dividing the State in a lot of
26 ways.

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28 MR. GUNDERSON: You have.....

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: The people in the Y-K are very
31 aggressive in the fisheries. They haven't been for, you know,
32 years and years up 'til CDQ came into effect. They didn't fish
33 the Bering Sea.

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35 MR. GUNDERSON: No.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's a big issue.

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39 MR. GUNDERSON: No, that's the thing.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: They're coming down and taking over a
42 lot of fisheries and that's too bad.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: When I look at the fisheries issue, of
45 course, the biggest concern or the Kodiak area people is what
46 we have experienced through the years and what we call the
47 mismanagement of our crab, shrimp and things that have totally
48 disappeared from our commercial harvest, let alone -- I believe
49 now the State does not have even a king crab subsistence.
50 These are very concerning. And it is just another sign where

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1 things are heading. We look at the halibut as a forever use
2 resource. I look at how the Federal government has been a part
3 of all this throughout many years when I look at all the
4 different commissions that have been structured through the
5 years. These are the principles that have been working. So
6 that's just my basic input as far as the fisheries go on that.

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8 Do we have any more open public comments here?

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10 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, I think that the Federal -- the
11 Feds have been more visible than the State people and more able
12 to communicate with the communities and that's been an
13 interesting fact here in the last few years. It's -- I don't
14 really know how to put it in words, I guess, but they've been
15 spending more time learning more about the communities and
16 taking the time to listen to people. It's been an educational
17 process for all of us and it's just -- and the State's got us
18 going through -- jumping through hoops and holes, you know,
19 catch me, if you can't, so it's kind of one of these damned if
20 you do, damned if you don't situations. Hindsight's such a
21 good teacher, I wish I had some.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I certainly believe that the people
24 that utilize the resource the most should have an input in on a
25 lot of the regulatory processes to which has been totally
26 absent as far as from the State's side. Some may argue that
27 the advisory councils are there for that purpose. But I have
28 been also part of some of the advisory councils and been there
29 on the subsistence behalf and I have to regret that I did walk
30 away from that position as I felt it was never being heard.

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32 I believe that.....

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We're on lunch time.

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Should we go down these item by item
37 and see which ones we shall continue to work with with the
38 present slate here or what shall we leave for more opportunity
39 from other Council members on their way?

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Why don't we move to, under old
42 business, the Kodiak, Item 2, and Alaska Department of Fish and
43 Game 3, and maybe move on to 4 if we make it. And by then I
44 think it will be lunch time.

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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48 MR. SMITH: The jet just landed, too.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What?

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1 MR. SMITH: The jet just landed, too.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, it did? Well, that's all right, we
4 can go on with the reports.

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6 MR. BRELSFORD: I think there may -- excuse me, Mr.
7 Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Sure, Taylor.

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11 MR. BRELSFORD: I think some of the other parties had
12 been told that we would try to start the teleconference
13 somewhere around 10:30.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Um-hum.

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17 MR. BRELSFORD: And I believe the topic of primary
18 interest to the teleconference was actually this Unit 9(D)
19 caribou. So it would be a little easier to kind of go ahead
20 with that since Sand Point and ADF&G.....

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What time was that?

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24 MR. BRELSFORD: 10:30 was what they were expecting.

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26 MS. MASON: And I just heard the jet come in.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Shall we break?

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30 MR. BRELSFORD: Maybe we could.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Then break until 10:30 and the rest of
33 the people might be here by then and we can start right in our
34 conference?

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly.....

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38 MR. BRELSFORD: It looks like that's in reach.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me, once again, how should we
41 handle this? As part of the reports -- or part of the
42 information that we are going to use as far as this discussion
43 goes, I believe, but are we going to go ahead and take the
44 teleconference and just zero in then on Izembek National
45 Wildlife Refuge with Greg Siekaniec or public comment?

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think we ought to go to public
48 comment first and then on to -- since you're bringing on new
49 people, the public. They might not want to stay, say what they
50 have to say and move on. They might not want to listen to

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1 everything.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yeah. I just didn't know if it would
4 make sense to go into a lot of discussion without hearing the
5 reports that were prepared.

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7 MR. BRELSFORD: I would say, to some extent, this is
8 continuation of old business. That the Council acted last
9 spring and the Board acted this summer on the South Alaska
10 Peninsula Caribou Herd. They took final action in regard to
11 Unimak Island and left some ongoing discussion in regard to
12 9(D), the mainland area. So I think it's actually continuation
13 of the special action that you put forward in the spring and
14 the Board acted on in part in July. I believe that's probably
15 about the way Greg has laid out his presentation, it's kind of
16 updated information. So I would say, in terms of, you know,
17 following protocols and everything, it's fair game to, you
18 know, go ahead and address this now as continuing old business.
19 And probably the people on teleconference would like to, you
20 know, talk about the decision, proposals, the actions on the
21 9(D), the mainland hunt.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So what is the wish, to go ahead and
24 break now and wait to see if there's going to be anymore shows
25 and go ahead with the teleconference at 10:30 with or
26 without.....

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28 MR. GUNDERSON: Those people.

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30 MR. BRELSFORD: Well, I was going to run out to the
31 airport, so if they made the plane, they'll be here and if they
32 didn't, they won't be here until tomorrow.

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. We'll have a break then until
37 then.

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39 (Off record)

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40 (On record)

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Al Cratty and Della, here is where we
43 are at. We have left the agenda flexible due to the special
44 circumstances we are facing on this meeting today. I would
45 like to bring to your attention the Agdaagux Tribal Council
46 proposal here that's probably going to be a main focus of the
47 topics here this morning. And we are waiting patiently to get
48 the other people on line and present here with us on this
49 issue.

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1 The other issue I would like to really speak out loud
2 about is that we do have a recording going on. Hello? And
3 that to please utilize the rules of order that we have for this
4 meeting and please do not speak above anybody else and wait
5 your turn as you will be called on. This is very important
6 that the recorder gets down everything that is spoken here at
7 this meeting. So I beg you, please, you will be called on and
8 only one person at the floor at a time.

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10 Are we ready to continue, I believe?

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Let me just check it out. Liz, are you
13 on line?

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think you hung up on them.

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17 MR. EDENSHAW: They'll call back. See that's what I
18 did when that.....

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20 MR. BRELSFORD: When the signal came on.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW:signal came on and then, yeah, I
23 should have pushed on.

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25 MR. BRELSFORD: I think she may have understood that
26 she was to hold Elizabeth off line and keep trying for the
27 others and then come back on when everyone was there.

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Clear as mud.

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31 MS. MASON: It doesn't seem very clear that we're going
32 to get Peggy Osterback, she said she tried everywhere.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I guess at this time, we'll give
35 you what, one more signature here?

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37 MR. EDENSHAW: Three -- six.

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39 MR. BRELSFORD: Do you want us to try and get Elizabeth
40 on line before we proceed on this? We could dial back.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, those that are available, I would
43 suggest that we need to keep the momentum moving here.

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45 MS. MASON: Here we go.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: For those of you who are new here,
48 this is not the ordinary. We usually run a tighter ship here,
49 but due to the different delays and the importance of the
50 meeting we are being as flexible as we can.

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1 (Off record)

2 (On record)

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4 MR. BRELSFORD: I'm not able to get through, she must
5 still be on the phone trying to reach the others.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Consensus then, do I hear a consensus
8 as to continue to hold or to move along with what we can at
9 this time?

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11 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Let's move along with what we can.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I hear a move along as we can. Is
14 that.....

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16 MR. BRELSFORD: Well, I have a bit of a concern. In
17 the public notice about this agenda item, we did notify the
18 public that action by the Council on the 9(D) caribou was on
19 the agenda, and we invited people to let us know if they wanted
20 to be included. So I believe ADF&G let us know and we probably
21 ought to include them before we go too far. So if you were to
22 proceed on other agenda items at the present time until we can
23 get Elizabeth Andrews back on line, I think that might be a
24 little more.....

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's the Kodiak one?

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I believe it is. When we say move
29 along to other agenda items, is that were we including to hold
30 off on the reports; is that correct Taylor? Is that how you
31 see it?

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33 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All reports?

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37 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Can't we move to the next report?

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39 MR. BRELSFORD: Right. I think the next report would
40 be less of a problem.

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42 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Kodiak National.....

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44 MR. BRELSFORD: Kodiak Refuge report might be a good
45 one at this point.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. I guess we could call this
48 meeting back to order here and at this time, after much
49 discussion, we have come to the conclusion that it's in our
50 best interest at this time to hold any other reports on the

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1 Izembek issue. So at this time I would like to ask Robert
2 Stovall to give us his report from the Kodiak National Wildlife
3 Refuge.

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5 MR. STOVALL: Thank you for letting me address the
6 Council. I just wanted to touch on two or three subjects. We
7 did and completed deer mortality surveys this year and we had a
8 count of 81, which is higher than the last four years since
9 I've been doing them. However, the nature of the mortality was
10 more or less the fawn crop. About 65 to 70 percent of the fawn
11 crop was that we did our surveys on was found to be lost. But
12 the adult animals of breeding age came through the winter
13 without any problems. And because of that, there's probably
14 not going to be any noticeable lack of hunting opportunity for
15 Sitka black-tailed deer on Kodiak for this year. There may be
16 some areas of isolated population declines due to the severity
17 of the weather in that particular area. But otherwise,
18 overall, there shouldn't be a noticeable change of hunting
19 opportunity.

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21 We also initiated deer brow surveys this year in some
22 of the key wintering areas just to check and -- check the
23 habitat, make sure that -- actually see if we had the ability
24 to monitor habitat changes that may or may not be occurring,
25 and that's going to be an ongoing survey.

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27 This year in April/May, the subsistence bear hunt had
28 its first season. We had seven permits issued, of which five
29 were used, and two successful hunters. They harvested two male
30 -- young male bears. One out of the Old Harbor area and one
31 from Larsen Bay. So from the report that I got from the Larsen
32 Bay hunt was that they distributed meat to about 14 or 15
33 individuals in the village. So that was relatively successful.
34 That particular hunt will have another opportunity and will
35 happen in December and then again in the spring time.

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37 The Refuge has been working on the Harlequin duck
38 survey. It is still on it's -- it's completed its second year
39 of banding. That's a study funded partially by Exxon Valdez
40 Oil Spill Trustees. And it's looking at the Harlequin duck as
41 an indicator species for oil spill bio-accumulation. And
42 there's a study going on, which is fish genetics. Taking
43 samples of coho salmon from various areas on Kodiak Island to
44 determine the genetics of those fish and their origins. And
45 that's ongoing, it just started this year. And a cooperative
46 bear viewing study is going on at Thumb Lake with Koniag and at
47 Ugak Bay to see the -- they're looking at different types of
48 responses to bear viewing from bears in those areas.

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50 That's all I had prepared. Are there any questions.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. I.....

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3 MR. GUNDERSON: I was kind of wondering how those bears
4 reported their response.

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6 MR. STOVALL: It wasn't easy.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I guess my questions here pertain back
9 to the deer population. Is it concluded then that the deer
10 population is up to par? In the past years it's been recorded
11 at 100,000 or excess, is that your feeling of the population
12 for the deer on Kodiak?

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14 MR. STOVALL: I would -- I don't usually talk about
15 total numbers of deers on Kodiak Island because that's
16 something that's very hard to get. I would say that the number
17 that we've been using which is 80 to 100,000 is still a viable
18 number. The population, there isn't a noticeable decline and
19 the weather wasn't such that the breeding aged females died.
20 Without those two factors happening, you're going to have a
21 continuing increase in the population or at very worst, it
22 would be stable, without any change.

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: How about the harvest reports, do we
25 have any indicators of harvest reports and how many animals
26 were taken this past year?

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28 MR. STOVALL: No. I'm trying to think if I've gotten
29 those reports or not this year yet. No, I haven't received a
30 report this year. I know what it was last year, but not this
31 year.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think another thing that comes to
34 mind as we speak of the Kodiak deer, as you are aware, we had a
35 special hunt permitted the previous year to which we ran into
36 much objection, I feel, basically because of the timing and the
37 time it took to initiate that. Do you feel at this time or has
38 there been any request as far as extending the deer season
39 through the month of January, as I believe, was our original
40 request that we looked at at the guidelines? Unfortunately
41 that time frame had passed when this special request came in
42 for continuation and it ran into later in the year than we were
43 prepared to act on. So I'm just trying to get a feel for it,
44 should we have proposals coming in to requesting the extension
45 of the deer season to the end of January? Is there any feeling
46 as to how that worked out or isn't working?

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48 MR. STOVALL: I know that the Refuge won't usually take
49 any stand on that nature. What I can say is the population at
50 present can bear an increased subsistence hunting season. It's

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1 up to the Council or the public to make a proposal of that
2 nature and I feel pretty confident that the Refuge manager
3 wouldn't object to that. But that's something that the Refuge
4 won't make a proposal of that nature.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly I understand that. I guess
7 my question would be, do you feel, I believe, by sheer numbers
8 of the population that would it be fair to say that if a
9 proposal was in for a continued season for the future, that it
10 might be accepted if we were to request a season to go through
11 January 30 or the end of January every year so we don't run
12 into this issue every year?

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14 MR. STOVALL: I would -- my suggestion would be for
15 the Council members.....

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17 (Phone interruption)

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19 (Off record)

20 (On record)

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, hello Elizabeth, this is Mark
23 Olsen here chairing the meeting. Just to give you an update
24 here, we are kind of putting on hold the major topic of the
25 Izembek caribou but we are continuing with other reports that
26 do not effect this area. So we are being very sensitive to the
27 people and their input on this issue. At this point, I think
28 we are looking forward to others that are proponents of this
29 proposal to be in here shortly. But at any rate, we're glad to
30 have you join us.

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32 MS. ANDREWS: Thank you very much and good morning.

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34 MR. BRELSFORD: Should we give her a picture of who's
35 here for the Council and public just so she's got picture and
36 introduce her?

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I believe so. Who would like to do
39 the introductions? Taylor, please.

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41 MR. BRELSFORD: Elizabeth, good morning, this is
42 Taylor. I think we're going to take a second and just kind of
43 do introductions so that you have an idea of who's here with us
44 in Cold Bay.

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46 On the part of the Council members, Mark was reelected
47 as Chair this morning, so he's chairing the meeting itself.
48 Gilda Shellikoff from False Pass. Paul Gunderson, a new member
49 joining us for the first time from Nelson Lagoon. Melvin Smith
50 from False Pass originally. Al Cratty from Old Harbor. Vince

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1 Tutiakoff from Unalaska. Della Trumble is another new member
2 joining the Council this year from King Cove.

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4 On the part of Federal Staff, there are the regional
5 team, Rachel Mason, the anthropologist. Robert Willis, the
6 biologist. And Cliff Edenshaw, the coordinator. I'm here also
7 from the Federal Board Staff. And Tom Eley from the Federal
8 Board Staff Committee is here. Greg Siekaniec from Izembek.
9 And the new pilot biologist who's just joined the Izembek
10 Refuge, Mike. Mike is his first name.

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12 MR. ROY: Roy.

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14 MR. SIEKANIEC: Mike Roy.

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16 MR. BRELSFORD: Roy is the family name. Arnie Shaul is
17 here from ADF&G. And I think that's.....

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Robert Stovall.

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21 MR. BRELSFORD: I'm sorry, from the Kodiak Refuge,
22 Robert Stovall was in the midst of presentation. And maybe you
23 could say a word of introduction. Several of the members might
24 not have met you and understand your liaison role. So why
25 don't we give you a second on that, Elizabeth.

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27 MS. ANDREWS: Yes, thank you Taylor. Good morning
28 Council members and others. My name is Elizabeth Andrews and
29 I'm with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Juneau,
30 Division of Subsistence. And I am the Department's lead
31 coordinator for the State/Federal Liaison Team. We have five
32 members that work with our counterparts in the Federal
33 subsistence program and we're trying to improve and better
34 coordinate the activities of both programs, the State program
35 of course and the Federal one and the Regional Council system
36 and the State's Board system.

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38 Thank you, Taylor.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Elizabeth. Mark here, just
41 one question. You mentioned that there was five other members
42 working with you. Could you give us an idea of who this is?

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44 MS. ANDREWS: Yes, Mark, I'm the coordinator and then
45 there are four other members from each of the divisions. We
46 have a representative, Paul Larson from Commercial Fisheries
47 Division. Gary Sanders from the Sport Fish Division. Steve
48 Petersen from the Wildlife Conservation Division. And Terry
49 Haines from the Subsistence Division.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Elizabeth. At this point I
2 believe we were having Mr. Stovall here giving us his report
3 from the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. At this point he has
4 covered the Sitka black-tailed, and the brown bear and the
5 ducks.

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7 MR. STOVALL: Various surveys that are going on.

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Surveys. At this point he has
10 addressed the subsistence brown bear and was giving us an
11 update here on the situation I had requested, as to it might be
12 viable if our deer season could be extended annually through
13 the end of January. I believe that is where we left off, am I
14 correct?

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16 MR. STOVALL: Um-hum. What I was going to say is it's
17 contingent upon what the Regional Council and the public would
18 like; to make a recommendation or to make a proposal up and
19 send it through the Board process. My bottom line is that the
20 resource at the present can bear an additional hunt, additional
21 time for hunting, and so I don't think the Refuge would object
22 to that. And my last closing statement, is any proposals that
23 come through the Regional Council or the Council works on
24 should at least be discussed with the Refuge so that we can be
25 kept abreast of any proposals that could effect resources on
26 the Refuge.

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: A proposal of this nature, would that
29 require Council approval or Board approval?

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31 MR. STOVALL: Oh, yeah, it would be a season change.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Any other questions here for
34 Robert?

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36 MR. SMITH: Yes. I have a question on the salmon study
37 that you were doing on the cohos. Now, you said this was the
38 genetics and stuff. Is this also on like where these fish
39 might be going or where they're coming from?

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41 MR. STOVALL: I think that's part of it, yes.

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43 MR. SMITH: Okay. And you're only doing it on the
44 coho, then do you plan on doing it on like the sockeye or other
45 species that are around there?

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47 MR. STOVALL: I'm not exactly sure. I know that the
48 coho's are the ones that they're collecting samples for right
49 now.

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1 MR. SMITH: Okay, thanks.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I would once again remind you, we do
4 have people on the lines here and it would be good if everybody
5 could state their name in any responses. Are there any other
6 questions here for Robert Stovall? Yes, Cliff.

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8 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair, Robert, maybe you could
9 elaborate to the Council that on our agenda here, this
10 afternoon, they have call for proposals. And as Mark was
11 mentioning, inside the '97/98 regulations, if the Council --
12 they can make a proposal when we get into the call for
13 proposals. If the Council wishes to extend the deer hunting
14 season into January 31st, then they may do so when we have call
15 for proposals this afternoon or whenever you do cover that on
16 the agenda.

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18 And also I wanted to ask Robert, in regards to this
19 community harvest bear hunt, brown bear hunt, was that a one
20 time deal or can the Regional Council resubmit another proposal
21 for that?

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23 MR. STOVALL: As far as I know, it's in the regulation
24 book as an ongoing.....

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26 MR. CRATTY: Ongoing thing.

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28 MR. STOVALL:every year. The process is for
29 individual registration permits to be issued, a set number for
30 each entity during the seasons. And the seasons are December
31 1st through the 10th, and spring season is April 1st through
32 May 15th. That's an ongoing program now.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Mark here. Robert, as we discussed
35 this at a meeting a couple of years ago, on the bear issue, we
36 had a lot of concern brought in from the sports hunters to
37 which, at that time, had 100 percent of the take of the bear
38 and permits and there was a concern about them losing permits.
39 Can you fill me in? Has there been any permits lost to them,
40 if so, how many, and how has this effected the game guiding?

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42 MR. STOVALL: Well, to my knowledge, no permits -- the
43 permit allocation numbers haven't changed for the State. Roger
44 Smith would probably know better, our area ADF&G biologist.
45 But as far as I know, none -- there hasn't been any change in
46 the allocation. This is the first opportunity, this season,
47 the spring season, and two bears were taken and that's not
48 enough to change anything, I don't think.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Just another small question here. As

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1 in Kodiak here, we have experienced more bear than normal being
2 -- and I believe it's island wide, do you feel that is in
3 reflection to bear populations or is it maybe the absence of
4 the late run of fish that never appeared? Do you have any
5 ideas to respond to that?

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7 MR. STOVALL: I'm afraid I don't know how to respond to
8 that. There has been -- I will say that there has been more
9 bear reports in the city of Kodiak itself, which I thought was
10 unusual, but I've only been on the island for six years. But
11 there seems to be more bears around, but it's hard to say
12 whether that's -- I can't give a reason for that. I'm not even
13 going to try.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly in my lifetime of living in
16 Kodiak, this is the most that I recall being reported. In
17 fact, my wife seen a sow and two cubs just out in our back yard
18 when the dogs were raising heck out there early in the morning.
19 But I am also aware that as Kodiak expands that we are also
20 taking up their habitat, too, so it's kind of a toss-up as to
21 -- I didn't know if there was anymore surveys of population on
22 bear, too, that might justify one way or the other.

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24 MR. STOVALL: Yeah. The stream surveys are done every
25 year for bears on certain selected streams, that was done this
26 year. I don't have the numbers for that, so I won't even say
27 what they were. I assume that they were normal. There wasn't
28 any increases and there wasn't a decrease, at least, that I'm
29 aware of.

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: When was this survey done?

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33 MR. STOVALL: They usually do the stream surveys in
34 July.

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: In July?

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38 MR. STOVALL: And that's just one type of survey that
39 they do. They do the density estimates also.

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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43 MR. STOVALL: And they do it in certain parts of the
44 island each year. This year, I think it was done in -- no,
45 that was last year -- this year it was done in the Tara
46 Bay.....

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Drainages.

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50 MR. STOVALL:drainages.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly my question there as I am
2 looking at it, is to see the results of the survey from bear
3 that are normally monitored at their streams. Of course, this
4 year we had very little water, let alone fish until late
5 August, even September of this year. It has been the latest I
6 have ever experienced this in my entire time being on Kodiak
7 Island. So I just wanted to make sure when this report comes
8 out it's not misleading as from the previous years of possible
9 reasoning.

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11 Are there any more questions for Mr. Stovall? Thank
12 you, Robert.

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14 MR. STOVALL: Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At this time would we like to take the
17 ADF&G RFR on the elk?

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19 MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman, it's actually not an ADF&G
20 item, but it's one -- may I?

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly. I'm just going by what we
23 have.

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25 MS. MASON: This is Rachel Mason. I was just prepared
26 to make a couple of comments about that request for
27 reconsideration for elk. Actually there's two aspects to that
28 proposal. One is that we did the C&T determination for it last
29 year and so this year the Board expects the Regional Council to
30 submit a follow-up proposal this fall. That would be what you
31 come up with in this meeting, to establish the season and
32 harvest limits as well as a permit allocation approach. And I
33 think Robert has a suggestion for that.

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35 But first I just wanted to comment on the RFR. This
36 was one of several RFRs that came from ADF&G. The original
37 thought was that this one and the others would be dealt with
38 right away, but now the State has agreed also that the Board
39 will not act upon them until spring 1998, and so that it would
40 be brought up for this Council to look at at the winter
41 meetings.

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43 Also, just to comment on the basis for that RFR, the
44 original Staff recommendation was for just two of the villages
45 on Kodiak Island to have C&T, and those were the northern two.
46 But the Council recommended C&T for all the communities in
47 Kodiak Island and that was on the basis of kinship connections,
48 marriage connections and also just a cultural unity among them.
49 And also the community of Kodiak was included in that, and that
50 was after testimony that came up at the Regional Council

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1 meeting.

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3 So the RFR stated that the Board decisions did not
4 reflect the eight criteria, so that's -- that's reflecting on
5 the fact that the Board's decision was based heavily on
6 Regional Council testimony and testimony from the public. So
7 just to comment on that, but it's not going to be looked at
8 until the spring meeting by the Board.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: When you mention criteria and the
11 Board, I'm kind of -- are we talking State or Federal at this
12 point?

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14 MS. MASON: Well, the RFR.....

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Because.....

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18 MS. MASON:came from the State.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. That's -- just making clear.

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22 MS. MASON: Yeah.

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly when we look at criteria, I
25 think the Federal Council has only three criteria and the State
26 would have eight?

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28 MS. MASON: No, we use eight criteria.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Eight criteria for determining, okay.

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32 MS. MASON: For determining a C&T, there are eight
33 factors we follow.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right, okay.

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37 MS. MASON: And I don't know the factors by heart, but
38 they -- part of what we rely very heavily on is the documented
39 consistent pattern of use over a number of years. Also the use
40 areas and in this case, the documented use was only from some
41 of the communities on Kodiak Island. There were not harvest
42 records from some of the communities and the historical
43 connection with the elk is closest for the communities of Port
44 Lions and Ouzinkie because they were there when the elk got
45 there.

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47 The basis for the Council recommendation, and then
48 later the Board decision was to add all these other
49 communities, and, too, because of the fact that there have been
50 marriage connections and kinship connections between the

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1 communities. And I think Al testified, for example, that his
2 wife was from another community and there were a number of
3 factors that did not come into play in the documented harvest
4 pattern for elk.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: When we talk about the documents, I
7 don't recall the word, documents, being in there, but other
8 than a long history of the use. So like I say, I don't have it
9 in front of me, but I don't remember the word, documented use,
10 being in there.

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12 MS. MASON: Yeah. I'm using documented harvest to
13 refer to ADF&G, Division of Subsistence harvest surveys in
14 which communities a certain percentage of households within a
15 community said that they had used elk over the past year or had
16 harvested it.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Another point that kind of caught me
19 in the statement of somewhat -- that the reason the two
20 northern villages were put on was because they were there when
21 the elk were. I don't quite understand that statement.

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23 MS. MASON: They had a longer, actual historical
24 connection to the elk. At that meeting, there was a, I believe
25 his name was John Nelson, but there was some -- an interview
26 with John Nelson, in which he reflected on his participation in
27 actually planting the elk on Afognak Island. The people that
28 lived in, what was then the village of Afognak were the first
29 ones to ever see the elk of any community on Kodiak Island and
30 so there was more of a historical connection to them.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I'm trying to figure out what we
33 need to do as far as -- it's unclear to me as far as we say,
34 the documented historical use, as I am very aware that these
35 elk were right in my grandparents back yard.

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37 MS. MASON: Right.

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And to look at it that the closer
40 connection, why certainly because, the village was part of it
41 in Ouzinkie being the next closest, that those from other parts
42 of the island had to, of course, travel further. I am just
43 trying to see the clear connection to their objection.

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45 MS. MASON: Well, first of all there are two kinds of
46 documented historical use that we're talking about. One of
47 them is this historical involvement in the actual introduction
48 of the elk. The other is the fact that the northern two
49 villages are in closest proximity to the elk and from the
50 Division of Subsistence's harvest surveys, those villages have

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1 the largest percentage of households in the community that have
2 used elk. And you know, probably there's a connection to the
3 fact that they're closest to it, they're most familiar with it
4 and they're the ones that use it the most.

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6 At this point, the Council is not being asked to act on
7 this RFR at all. But this is only for informational purposes
8 and it will be brought before you at the winter meetings.

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10 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chairman.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.

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14 MS. ANDREWS: This is Elizabeth.

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, go ahead, Elizabeth.

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18 MS. ANDREWS: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just
19 wanted to offer a couple of comments that might clear things up
20 a little bit for the Council members. As Rachel mentioned,
21 it's our understanding that this would be taken up at the
22 winter Council meeting, and at that time we would have Staff
23 there to have at your meeting to discuss some of the points and
24 the questions that you're raising right now.

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26 I also just wanted to mention that the RFR that was
27 submitted to the Federal Board talked about the Board action
28 and our emphasis is on the community harvest patterns. And so
29 we definitely acknowledge that community harvest patterns
30 exist, that they are definable and that that's a good basis for
31 the C&T determination by the Federal Board. And we just didn't
32 think that adequate information had been brought before the
33 Board, both from the members of the public and the Council to
34 demonstrate the community patterns of harvest and use. So we
35 -- that's why we filed this particular RFR. And we would have
36 Staff available at the next meeting to have the discussion with
37 the Council.

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. I guess when I look at
40 this concern, is what my thought is of towards the future as to
41 which way this will go. Of course, the deer were also planted
42 on Long Island, which is very close to the community of Kodiak
43 Island and 20 years ago we did not have any deer at the
44 southern end of the island or even past Afognak Island. But
45 they were very successful to the habitat and, in fact, I
46 believe, that there is a heavier deer count on the portions of
47 Kodiak without any trees, so to speak. Now, elk have moved,
48 not as fast, but I don't know how they recognize the elk that
49 are moving off of Raspberry and Afognak Island on to Kodiak
50 Island, and there has been many sightings. So here again, as

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1 the resource comes close to the communities, if we're going to
2 take this position, someday they might be heavily populated and
3 still there would not be a reason for C&T.

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5 MS. ANDREWS: Um-hum.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So these are the factors that I try to
8 look at also. It's inevitable. Is there any other question
9 here for Rachel on the RFR for the elk?

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11 MS. MASON: I wanted to ask Robert to come forward in
12 reference to the permit allocation for elk on the Federal land.

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14 MR. WILLIS: That would come under the heading of new
15 business -- new proposals for this cycle, we can cover it now
16 if you'd like or we can wait until we get into the new portion
17 of the meeting?

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: What's the wish of the Council?

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You say it's in new business?

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23 MR. CRATTY: Well, since we're on the subject why don't
24 we just.....

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly I have no objection if
27 Council doesn't, as we have a very flexible agenda here today.
28 I would like to cover more of the basis as the topic that we
29 are on.

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31 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, I would, too.

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33 MR. WILLIS: Okay.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So, Mr. Willis, please.

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37 MR. WILLIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As Rachel said, the
38 Board's expecting Council to come forward with a recommendation
39 for a subpart (D) season and bag limit since we did establish a
40 C&T for elk on Federal lands on Afognak Island last year.
41 There was a proposal submitted by this Council about two years
42 ago, or a year and a half ago now, I guess, which was put
43 together by Robert Stovall and at that time the State season
44 was slightly different than it is now. And what the Council
45 was looking for at that time, just to refresh your memory and
46 for the benefit of the new members, was an extended season for
47 elk on Federal lands, and the recommendation then was an
48 October 1 opening. Well, the State has changed its season
49 somewhat, it now opens on September the 25th, so that would be
50 one difference that we'll have to deal with in the

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1 recommendation. The portion of the island that has the Federal
2 lands that have elk on them is in that part of the island which
3 is currently wide open as far as elk hunting goes. It's a
4 permit hunt, but there's no limit on the number of permits,
5 anybody can get one. And so we see no reason to try to
6 establish an allocation or something of that nature, the elk
7 population is on and off Federal lands. That particular group
8 of animals is known as a water fowl herd. There are about 80
9 to 120 of them generally. And the fact that they migrate on
10 and off Federal lands and they're relatively inaccessible
11 unless -- except for people who are really interested in
12 getting an elk, leads us to the conclusion that there's no need
13 to be terribly concerned with special regulations. That we can
14 probably deal with the subsistence priority simply with an
15 earlier opening, if that's satisfactory to the Council.

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17 We don't think that there will be an overharvest of
18 animals out of that group because of the accessibility and the
19 relatively limited area of Federal lands involved. So our
20 recommendation would simply be to open the season possibly 10
21 days earlier. I'd like to get some input from the Council
22 members who live on Kodiak and the surrounding area for that
23 and see what they think would be an adequate or suitable
24 opening date for that season. I think that's all I have right
25 now.

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Al.

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29 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, Al Cratty here. I was thinking due
30 to the weather around there we'd like to get it open as early
31 as possible. Trying to get up on that north end of Afognak in
32 September or October, it's pretty tough.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly one concern I have as to do
35 with the dates, as we have experienced in the past, although
36 there has been no confirmed documentation as to why this had
37 happened, several years ago with the elk jumping over the cliff
38 at Steep Cape, which is in the basic general vicinity to
39 Federal public lands, although not specifically on public lands
40 as far as where it happened. But we feel that the pressures of
41 the hunting season opening at that time had pushed the elk,
42 which when the season opens they really get on the move. And
43 how that's going to effect this subsistence area, as we have
44 experienced in the past, that they are pushed hard. And to me,
45 I can see the potential of them pushing the elk northwesterly
46 and then subsistence pushing possibly the other way. I don't
47 -- I'm saying we had lost, what was it, 40 elk over the cliff,
48 which I believe is contributed to the pressures of the hunting.

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50 So I am just speaking on behalf of the resource and we

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1 would certainly hate to see anything of that magnitude happen
2 again to try to take in these considerations of what effect the
3 pressures will have on driving the herds.

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5 MR. CRATTY: Where does that exactly split, up on
6 Paramanof across?

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And Ban Island, Fowl Bay.

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10 MR. CRATTY: Well, that's a pretty tough area to get
11 into. I think if I guy wanted to subsist up there, he'd want
12 to be up there as early as possible because of the problem
13 getting in and out of there.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: True.

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17 MR. WILLIS: That's pretty rugged country. It's hard
18 for me to picture enough hunters being in there at any one time
19 to drive elk to the point of jumping over a cliff. That elk
20 going over the cliff is news to me, Mark, I wasn't aware of
21 that. But the idea that it could be done by hunting pressure,
22 I don't -- can't see that happening in that piece of country,
23 especially. Al?

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25 MR. CRATTY: Well, I don't know, I heard different
26 stories on that but I ain't going to comment. I don't know
27 what happened to them elk. But where you're talking, Fowl Bay
28 is a really tough area. I've been in there hunting and it's
29 just harder than heck. If you get any westerly kind of winds
30 and there's no way you can hunt in there. You can't get in and
31 off of the boat.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That Ahtna Cape is where the herds
34 are.....

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36 MR. CRATTY: Um-hum.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:usually at that time of year,
39 correct?

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41 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So anyway, I'm just voicing it as a
44 concern. I'm sure it is well documented. The elk weren't seen
45 there until the morning time, whether it happened under
46 darkness, under traverse, anybody can suspect. As all as I
47 know that's a hell of a lot of animals to lose, especially out
48 of one area. They do have specific migration patterns that I'm
49 aware of, so at any rate, it's just a concern.

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1 MR. WILLIS: At this point, I guess I would suggest
2 that the Council or Al could make a recommendation on when he
3 thinks the season should open. My main objective was to point
4 out that this is an open hunting area. It's not a permit
5 drawing area and so we don't really have any concerns about
6 having unlimited number of subsistence hunters. So with that,
7 I guess I'll turn it over to Al to come up with a
8 recommendation for an opening date, keeping in mind the State
9 season opens on the 25th of September now.

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11 MR. CRATTY: The 25th?

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13 MR. WILLIS: Right.

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15 MR. CRATTY: How about the 15th of September?

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17 MR. WILLIS: Beg your pardon?

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19 MR. CRATTY: 15th of September. I'd like to go earlier
20 if we could. I mean just to make it easier for the people
21 that, you know, if they're going to subsist off of it, they
22 have to worry about the weather. The weather's getting -- any
23 time after August, you're getting into really tough weather.
24 What do you feel, Mark?

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly I would vouch for that
27 myself. Just due to the geographical location and what our
28 winter weather pushes, that it's going to be limited to a
29 subsistence hunt other than those that traverse over the
30 island, we should not want to forget that there is more and
31 more access being available every year, whereas that area was
32 only accessible by boat and airplane in the past years. I do
33 feel, as Al says, yes, the winter weather comes in and the
34 Paramanof, Foul Bay area does ice up in the winter time to
35 reduce safe moorage for your vessels while hunting. So I think
36 that would be an appropriate opening date.

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38 MR. CRATTY: So you're saying that September 15th would
39 be appropriate?

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I feel so, yes.

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43 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, I do too. If we could get it
44 earlier.....

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46 MR. GUNDERSON: Do elk go into rut later than caribou
47 do or moose?

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49 MR. CRATTY: I think about the same time.

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1 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, I would think if that were the
2 case and if you're looking for weather and to be able to go in
3 there, it seems like it would be August, about mid-August would
4 be the better time because the animals -- especially the bulls
5 and stuff would be in their prime then.

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7 MR. CRATTY: Um-hum.

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9 MR. GUNDERSON: You know, I'm not -- I don't know
10 anything about elk other than I've seen a few of them and
11 that's about it.

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13 MR. CRATTY: Like what I said, the earliest would be
14 the most convenience because of the weather.

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16 MR. GUNDERSON: Um-hum.

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18 MR. CRATTY: If people were going to subsist off that.

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20 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah, you get those westerly's after
21 that, then that side whole side of the island would be exposed.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It's certainly one of the conflicts
24 that I see possible for the earlier opening is that we still
25 have a lot of bear roaming heavily in that area. And there has
26 been many, many deer and elk, especially elk being a bigger
27 animal, you don't get it out in one pack, and there's been a
28 lot of meat lost to bear. They sniff that, seems like, miles
29 away and they zero right in on it, and they have even come into
30 the logging camps and into the sheds and taken the meat. So
31 that's the only contention that we might have in the earlier
32 openings.

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34 MR. WILLIS: At this point I would say, that I'd point
35 out that what we need is a proposal to analyze so that we can
36 look into some of the items that you're raising Mark and that
37 Paul is raising. You know, as of right now we don't have a
38 proposal for any type of a season, and so we need to get
39 something created and on the table so that we then, the Staff,
40 can evaluate that. We may come to you at the winter meeting
41 and point out some things that we don't have right now as far
42 as rutting times and possible bear problems and so forth, but
43 we won't really be able to get into that until we do have a
44 proposal to work from.

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46 MR. GUNDERSON: I think the proposal would probably be
47 more useful if it was constructed around -- if they knew a
48 little bit more about the animal as to what the, you know, the
49 breeding habits and things like that and the other animal
50 population and up to the people, like Al was pointing out about

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1 the, you know, the weather conditions and things and see if you
2 could make all these things match. But unless we put one out
3 and you guys pull it apart and look at it and see what part of
4 it's viable and what's not and we could come back and look at
5 it again or something.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, Vince.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Vince. On the proposals for new area
10 for subsistence do they have to be contiguous seasons with the
11 State? What I'm asking is can it be September 1st to the 15th
12 of September for subsistence hunting or does it have to be
13 adjoining to the State season?

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15 MR. WILLIS: It can be anything you recommend Vince.

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17 MR. CRATTY: Does it have to be two weeks or a month?

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19 MR. WILLIS: No, it's generally whatever's most
20 effective. Whatever's customary and traditional. In this
21 case, I guess we don't have a long history of the custom and
22 tradition to look at because being an introduced species, the
23 first hunting seasons were necessarily restricted and so we
24 don't have a traditional time period to look at.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: When you speak of customary and
27 traditional, does that have anything to do with geographics? I
28 mean it wasn't customary and traditional for a lot of hunting
29 in that area because there was other areas more accessible.
30 See, so I'm just trying to figure out where C&T would play a
31 part on that issue or would it?

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33 MR. WILLIS: We'll we're restricted to Federal lands
34 and.....

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I understand that.

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38 MS. MASON: Customary and traditions.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. What I'm saying is.....

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42 MR. WILLIS: That's where custom and tradition ends, I
43 guess.....

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:geographical areas.....

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47 MR. WILLIS:is at the Federal boundary.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Customary and traditional was to take
50 the elk that was closest to the village. That's.....

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1 MR. CRATTY: At the earliest time.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Vince.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: If we're looking for a date and
6 recommendations to Mr. Willis' -- like he mentioned, I'd like
7 to make a recommendation that it be the 1st of September to the
8 25th given the weather condition. Not knowing -- at least it'd
9 give you the opportunity to come back in the winter meeting
10 with those dates in mind. And possibly we could narrow it down
11 enough to go ahead, but at least give you dates to look at.
12 Like Paul mentioned, we don't particularly know the habits of
13 the elk, myself. But for the community, I think they need as
14 much time as possible due to the weather in that area. If it's
15 earlier, then I would recommend we go earlier. But at least
16 this will give you a time line to work with.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I'm hearing the proposal opening
19 date is anywhere between the 1st and the 25th?

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I would say, start on the 1st of
22 September and end on the 25th for a subsistence hunt.

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is there a time line on the
25 subsistence hunt I'm not aware of?

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27 MR. CRATTY: No.

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29 MR. WILLIS: Well, once the State season opened you'd
30 have the same opportunity.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: As everybody else.

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34 MR. WILLIS: Yeah.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What I'm saying is that for subsistence
37 users to have the 1st through the 25th for only subsistence
38 hunting. The 25th, I understand is the State opening. You can
39 go on beyond there, but you'd have to go within the State
40 guidelines; is that right?

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42 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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44 MR. WILLIS: Correct.

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is it possible to have a subsistence
47 area only?

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49 MR. WILLIS: Well, under that regulation, the federal
50 lands would be a subsistence area only, at least, for that

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1 period of time. We don't really see a need to close Federal
2 lands to other people after that period of time, after the
3 25th.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. I guess is what I'm saying is
6 we have, in the fisheries, sport fishing areas only and such.
7 So I don't think it's out of line. We have traditional spots
8 where we always subsistence fished, which we cannot do anymore
9 because it is sports area only. So that is my intent of
10 bringing that up.

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12 One second Della, did you.....

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14 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, I was going to ask if we set this
15 date, I mean we could change it in the future?

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: In the winter meeting.

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19 MR. WILLIS: Certainly. As I said, we just need a
20 proposal to work on so we can proceed with gathering the
21 information to respond to that proposal and look at some other
22 alternatives to that proposal. With the small Staff we have
23 it's impossible to have all the information available all the
24 time to make a decision here at this meeting on every species,
25 and the proposal gives us a focus. Okay, we're dealing with
26 elk and we're looking at an early opening, so what are the
27 factors we need to look at. What specific information do we
28 need to try to gather to come to you in the winter and make a
29 recommendation either to go with the proposal as you created
30 here or to make some modifications based on what we learn
31 between now and then.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Della.

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35 MS. TRUMBLE: I was just curious, I guess it's my
36 understanding that the subsistence hunt is on Federal lands and
37 I think we kind of questioned this also at one point in time,
38 whether it comes into play or not, but does that include like
39 your corporate or village corporation lines?

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No. At this time it's private lands.

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43 MR. WILLIS: No.

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45 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay.

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47 MR. CRATTY: The State has jurisdiction.

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49 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: All right. And the other reason I
2 look at this this is a subsistence area only. It has the very
3 potential of bringing the elk population down in that area
4 where it could even forcibly be closed. I have not seen it
5 happen, but as new process and hunts are taking place, we don't
6 know what's going to happen we can only suppose.

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8 Yes, Vince.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: On the same line it could effect all
11 Federal lands within Kodiak/Aleutians, specifically, the
12 Izembek if you want. You know, look at this area as being open
13 range, but if -- I guess the question, if we wanted to do that,
14 to set aside Point A to Point B as only subsistence hunting for
15 these periods of time and no outside hunting could be done;
16 there's that possibility?

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18 MR. WILLIS: Certainly, the Council.....

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's what he's saying, right?

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22 MR. WILLIS: The Council can certainly recommend that.
23 And as I said earlier, when you create a special season for
24 subsistence hunting you have, in effect, created a subsistence
25 hunting area for that period of time.

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27 The serious question comes when you make it a permanent
28 or year-round closure to non-subsistence use. And the Board
29 looks very seriously at that because those are Federal public
30 lands, they belong to everyone in the country. And if there's
31 not a conservation reason to close those areas to non-
32 subsistence hunters, after the subsistence priority is
33 established and they're very reluctant to do that.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Here again, I ask what is subsistence
36 priority. When we do not have a subsistence management program
37 in line that identifies that threshold, this could bring us
38 back into the same situation as Izembek is now. That is what
39 I'm trying to steer clear of. What good does it do us to have
40 a subsistence hunt and then to lose it because the resource has
41 diminished. I'm saying that hypothetically, people that oppose
42 the subsistence use could target that area heavily and we could
43 lose our subsistence on the same year. These are the kind of
44 things I want to take in consideration as well.

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46 I guess is there any other questions here for -- yes.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Did we make that recommendation for
49 September 1st to the 25th, are we going to move with that or is
50 that still under the discussion phase?

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: My thoughts were that we could work
2 together on a proposal, whether it's the committee here or you
3 know, whoever wants to be involved to draft a proposal.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What exactly do we need to start this
6 process for the winter season?

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Regular proposal.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A proposal?

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12 MR. WILLIS: It will go in the regular proposal cycle.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: This will start that?

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16 MR. WILLIS: You can submit that from this meeting and
17 the analysis will start. It will.....

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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21 MR. WILLIS:be dealt with by the Council at the
22 end of the winter meeting and by the Board at the spring
23 meeting.

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25 MS. TRUMBLE: Does this need to be passed by this
26 Council before it gets passed by their Council? Do we need to
27 take any action on it?

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's what I was asking. I made a
30 recommendation of September 1 to the 25th for a subsistence
31 hunt on Afognak and -- does it have to go by motion?

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33 MR. WILLIS: I would.....

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35 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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37 MR. WILLIS:assume that's the way to do it is for
38 the Council to make a motion for the Council to.....

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So moved.

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42 MS. TRUMBLE: I'll second.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. I'm just looking at the
45 discussion that we don't move too quickly on it and lose some
46 of our reasoning why it is on the table. But we did have a
47 motion by Vince and second by Della as.....

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Discussion.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What was your objection to the motion?
4 Is that what you're saying?

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, no, I was not objecting the
7 motion. I just didn't want to move hastily.....

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, I'm trying to get.....

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:and leave out some of the
12 important factors that are important to this proposal.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think -- this is Vince again, I think
15 what Robert needs here is the dates and then he will come back
16 to us in the winter meeting with the specifics regarding
17 whether it's good or bad. And at that point we will decide if
18 those dates are good or not good. I think the recommendation
19 will come through probably stating the dates, the length of
20 time.

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22 MR. CRATTY: The harvest limits.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Harvest limits and all those other
25 things. We need to give them a date that the community wants
26 to have these dates open, set aside for subsistence use and
27 that's all we're doing here. We're not making decisions on
28 specific issues at this time.

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: We're basically opening a door.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Just opening it so they can do their
33 proposal.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is that assumption correct?

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37 MR. WILLIS: Correct.

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. Paul.

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41 MR. GUNDERSON: That's what I was wondering if there
42 was a specific proposal put in by the communities involved?

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's what they wanted -- it will
45 become our recommendation or our proposal.

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47 MR. GUNDERSON: I would feel a lot more comfortable
48 about the whole thing if there were people that were involved
49 that knows the area, knows a little more about the.....

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's where you're going to get it
2 from, right?

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4 MR. WILLIS: That's why we depend on Al and Mark here
5 to -- and the Council members to provide that information since
6 we don't have any people from those communities here. We have
7 not received any proposals from individuals in those
8 communities for.....

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10 MR. GUNDERSON: That's what I was asking.

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12 MR. WILLIS:a hunting season. No, we haven't.
13 So we're giving the Council the opportunity to speak for those
14 people and recommend a subsistence season.

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Would this proposal then to entertain
17 a subsistence area only or would that have to come under a
18 separate proposal or could that be amended into this?

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20 MR. WILLIS: You could do that either way. If what
21 you're saying is, in addition to creating a subsistence season
22 you want to close Federal lands in that area to non-subsistence
23 elk hunting.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Mainly just for resource purposes,
26 yes.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Just for subsistence use only.

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30 MR. WILLIS: That could also be part of the same
31 proposal.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: All right. That is my.....

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think that is the object of the
36 motion for subsistence use only.

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38 MR. GUNDERSON: Unfortunately those animals don't have
39 a map. If you get any hunting pressure, they'll go off.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No, they'll go into State area and that
42 opens up on the 25th and we can't control that.

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44 MR. GUNDERSON: I don't know if it would be a can of
45 worms or not.

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47 MR. WILLIS: Sometimes these things can be, I guess a
48 non-issue, like the bear season. There's relatively low
49 harvest of bears for subsistence purposes or at least there
50 were the first year. And so there's really no reason to monkey

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1 with the State season to account for that because the normal
2 year-to-year variation in harvest under State regulations is
3 going to bury that small subsistence harvest.

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5 In this case you've got a relatively small herd of elk
6 on a relatively small piece of Federal land which moves on and
7 off of that land. I'm not sure if there would be enough elk
8 harvested even with a special subsistence hunt to be concerned
9 about what happens with the State hunt.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Question's -- excuse me, Mr. Mack.

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15 MR. MACK: Yeah, usually, you know, you make a motion,
16 you second it and then you get discussion and then you get
17 public comments before you call the question. And I would
18 appreciate it, Mr. Chairman, for public comment. A close
19 friend of mine is a designated hunter for that area on this elk
20 hunt, and I got here late and what I covered so far and
21 listened -- I'm sorry, I didn't get your name?

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23 MR. WILLIS: My name is Robert Willis.

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25 MR. MACK: Robert Willis.

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27 MR. WILLIS: I'm the wildlife biologist with the
28 Subsistence Division out of Anchorage.

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30 MR. MACK: My name is Marvin Mack from King Cove. And
31 like you're saying you got a small piece of land and we could
32 put animals moving here, moving there, and before you even
33 close it off, even if they do get their share and if they
34 don't, you're going to have guidelines. One is the designated
35 hunters, once this herd is built up to be, and I've known Pete
36 -- I've known Pete all my life, feel like all my life, and he's
37 not no person to go out and just wipe the country out. And I
38 could hear your concerns, but then you're saying a short time
39 it is, you know, why not give it to them. If they get it it's
40 gone -- gone to the elders. Because I know the way he hunts
41 and that there is one thing that we got to establish, and
42 that's where has this meat gone. We're not going out there to
43 kill the country off. And I want to support that and that
44 there is just my public comment. You know, whether -- so the
45 elders in that small area at that time, let them get them at
46 that time.

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48 That's all I got to say, thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Marvin. I just wanted to

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1 let you know you did miss it this morning here, but we have --
2 when we had -- because of the meeting and the people that were
3 unable to make it on time schedules, we have left the basic
4 public comment open throughout the meeting.

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6 MR. MACK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Please feel free to address at any
9 time.

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11 MR. MACK: I appreciate it.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you.

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15 MR. MACK: If we had a road here we'd have been here.

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17 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Where are we at, are we still under
18 discussion here?

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20 MR. WILLIS: I would suggest that you get the exact
21 language that you want in this proposal figured out here in
22 your discussion period here and written up.

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That was my hopes that, I don't know,
25 are we ready to put a proposal verbatim, I guess?

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27 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, let's go ahead and put a proposal
28 together now while we're on the subject.

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30 MS. MASON: Do you want me to write it down here?

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Please.

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34 MR. CRATTY: Do like Vincent said.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: One, the date of opening and closure,
37 the 1st of September to the 25th. Two, would be specifically
38 for subsistence use hunt only. And the boundaries would be the
39 Federal properties, all on Afognak Island. The -- I guess the
40 other issue would be based on the report on the proposal, that
41 the opening dates of September -- and this is in addition to,
42 based on the opening dates of the recommended proposal, that
43 these dates can be moved like to August 15th to the 30th or the
44 25th of September.

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46 MS. MASON: What were the dates again?

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48 MR. CRATTY: August.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: August 15th to the 25th of September

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1 with the -- based on the reporting. And those have to deal
2 with rutting, calving or whatever the elks do, biological.

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4 MS. MASON: Biological reports?

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Biological reports, yeah. The
7 reasoning is to give opportunity to those people living in an
8 area that need to get to the area due to weather constraints.
9 There, is that enough?

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11 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, I've got one more question for
12 Robert. Mr. Chair. Robert I was wondering how are you going
13 to set harvest guidelines? Are you going to set.....

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I believe that's part of it.

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17 MR. WILLIS: Probably one bull per.....

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Per household?

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21 MR. WILLIS: Per person or per household, yeah.

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23 MR. CRATTY: Per families?

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25 MR. WILLIS: There's.....

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I like the term.....

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29 MR. CRATTY: Is there going to be a limit?

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31 MR. WILLIS:a couple ways you could do that.

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33 MR. CRATTY: A limit on the animals taken?

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35 MR. WILLIS: We don't think there's a need for that,
36 Al. Right now, as I said, that area is open for, you know,
37 it's like a two and a half month season.

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39 MR. CRATTY: Um-hum.

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41 MR. WILLIS: There's no restriction on the number of
42 hunters. And there's been from three to 10 elk taken on the
43 refuge portion, say an average of seven elk, you know, six or
44 seven elk a year taken out a herd that numbers around 100 to
45 120, so we don't think the additional pressure is going to have
46 an effect on the herd. It will just shift the harvest earlier
47 into a different group of people.

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49 MR. CRATTY: There's no restriction of how you get in
50 there besides you don't use vehicles on the land? You can fly

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1 in or you can boat in?

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3 MR. WILLIS: Yeah. I don't know if you could fly out
4 of that country or not. Maybe you could fly in there, but
5 I.....

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7 MR. ELEY: You could fly and land on water.

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9 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, that's what I.....

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11 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah.

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13 MR. ELEY: There's a refuge cabin there and then hike
14 in.

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16 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, that's what I mean.

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18 MR. WILLIS: Yeah, but it's still two to three miles
19 from the nearest -- when you talk about getting into the
20 country.....

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22 MR. ELEY: It's very steep country.

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24 MR. WILLIS:if you can get within two to three
25 miles.....

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27 MR. SMITH: Yeah, that's.....

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29 MR. WILLIS:of the area.

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Please.

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33 MR. WILLIS: Yeah, unrestricted access.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: One at a time, please. Vince.

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I guess in addition to these proposed
38 guidelines would be the -- is that the recommendation, one bull
39 per household?

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41 MR. CRATTY: Yes.

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think that is ample.

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45 MR. CRATTY: That.....

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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49 MR. CRATTY:sounds real good.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: One bull per household, no limit.

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3 MR. CRATTY: One bull or cow?

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5 MR. WILLIS: Well, again, we'll have to look at it
6 between now and then.

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8 MR. CRATTY: Well, on the State season, they have it so
9 it's a bull and cow season.

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11 MR. WILLIS: Is it currently either sex, I don't have
12 the regulations in front of me.

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14 MR. CRATTY: Yeah. Once it opens -- I've got a tag.

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16 MR. WILLIS: You're right, it's one elk.

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18 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, one elk.

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20 MS. MASON: Is that what you want?

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: One elk per household.

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yeah.

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26 MR. WILLIS: Yeah, one elk.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Is there any more guidelines, Mark,
29 that I missed?

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Let's see, Della, did you have
32 something?

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34 MS. TRUMBLE: Is it my understanding that you have
35 already in place a designator hunter policy?

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: For the deer.

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39 MS. TRUMBLE: Do you need to add that to this?

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I believe so, that would.....

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43 MS. MASON: Yeah.

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45 MR. WILLIS: Yes, you would need to add that.

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Designated hunter policy.

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49 MS. MASON: Let's see, what would we.....

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1 MR. ELEY: Designated hunter.

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3 MR. BRELSFORD: Designated hunters are authorized.

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5 MS. MASON: Okay.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Anymore discussion on this proposal?

8 It kind of meets all my thoughts.

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10 MR. CRATTY: Same here.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, Marvin.

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14 MR. MACK: One more comment. I appreciate you putting
15 in that designated hunter. You know, with that designated
16 hunter, it's going to give the Feds less problems. They don't
17 have to spend so much money chasing a bunch of people down,
18 they'll just have one person to contend with.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's management.

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22 (Off record comments)

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, are we ready for the call for
25 the question?

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Question, all those in favor of this
30 proposal signify by aye.

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32 IN UNISON: Aye.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed by the same sign.

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36 (No opposing responses)

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Motion passes unanimous. Thank you.
39 We still have our work cut out on this. We are nearing the
40 lunch hour here and I would just like to welcome those, Mr.
41 Huff and Marvin that have made it here a little later. And we
42 have been holding the fort down and doing other process on the
43 agenda that is not going to effect the proposals on the
44 caribou, which we have before us. So I believe this would be a
45 time to go ahead and get our lunch out of the way so we can get
46 back to the table and come right into the Izembek.

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48 MR. BRELSFORD: What time do you want to reconvene, Mr.
49 Chairman?

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Due to the limited facilities we have
2 for eating, I would like to really get back by 1:00, but I
3 don't know if it's possible. So can we shoot for 1:30
4 realistically? I realize we'd like to get on sooner, but I
5 just don't feel that -- maybe I'm wrong, but what I seen this
6 morning. So let's shoot for 1:30.

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8 MR. BRELSFORD: Elizabeth, this is Taylor, we'll
9 reconnect the audio conference at 1:30 then.

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11 MS. ANDREWS: Okay. Thank you very much.

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13 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay, bye for now.

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15 (Off record)

16 (On record)

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Back to order, I believe. So as we
19 look at our travel time back home, if we don't get out of here
20 tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, then it's going to be
21 Saturday before we get out of here. As I'm not sure how much
22 time is going to be absorbed here, I was just wondering if the
23 Council would be willing to spend a little extra time this
24 evening if need be or start at 8:00 o'clock tomorrow morning to
25 try to meet those airline schedules. At this time I'd like to
26 hear from the Council as to pro's or con's on the issue.

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28 Vince.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I really feel that the big issue is
31 Izembek here and the proposal from the communities. The rest
32 of these are reports, and one of the main ones, I guess within
33 the new business would be -- I guess the other big item of
34 discussion would be, Item H, which is Melvin Smith, Regional
35 Council membership. I think that's probably the only other one
36 that I can see where we'd have any time spent on these issues.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I kind of look at the open floor for
39 proposal changes, public regional proposals and agency
40 proposals. I'm certainly trying to just get some kind of
41 feeling as to where we might want to be so that if, in fact, we
42 do want to target the tomorrow 2:00 o'clock flight, we can get
43 this across to the proper people who could set it up for us.
44 That is what I'm looking at.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Realistically I think we can be
47 finished by noon tomorrow.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So then it would be fair to say that
50 we can try to target and meet that time. If we find ourselves

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1 taking more a length of time on these issues this afternoon, we
2 might be willing to stay a little bit longer this evening to
3 ensure that we can try to meet these deadlines; does that sound
4 fair?

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to consider it at that point, you
7 know.

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. I'm just looking at right now,
10 the Staff has to get in touch with the office so that these
11 changes can be, in fact, started. Any nays? Okay, I guess we
12 can go ahead and shoot for that. Kind of like shooting for the
13 soccer hole, you make it or you don't.

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15 MR. GUNDERSON: I'm the only fortunate one, I can walk
16 home from here.

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18 (Telephone interruption)

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20 MR. EDENSHAW: Liz? Peggy?

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22 MS. ANDREWS: Yes.

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Do we have them both on line or just
25 one?

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27 MR. EDENSHAW: No, that's one.

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29 MR. BRELSFORD: Ask who that was.

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31 MR. EDENSHAW: Is that you Liz?

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33 MS. ANDREWS: Yes, I'm here, thank you.

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35 MS. MASON: Ask Peggy if she's there?

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37 MR. EDENSHAW: Peggy?

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39 MS. OSTERBACK: Yes, I'm here.

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41 MR. EDENSHAW: Both are on line.

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, thank you. At this time I'd
44 like to reconvene the meeting again as set before us. Just for
45 Elizabeth and Peggy on the line here, we had discussed trying
46 to get our issues resolved prior to the departure of 2:00
47 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. And we are willing to put extra
48 time in this evening if need be so to try to meet that
49 deadline. So I just wanted to inform you of that decision as
50 we spoke.

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1 I guess we need to look starting under old business. I
2 think it would be appropriate at this time to start with the
3 reports, to which Mr. Siekaniec has the floor at this time,
4 please.

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6 MR. SIEKANIEC: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the
7 Council. If it sounds like I'm talking in a tin can it's
8 because it feels like I am.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Can you be recycled?

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12 MR. SIEKANIEC: I hope so. One day I hope I will be.
13 I have some information for you, just some background
14 information we put in a folder here that I'd like to at least
15 provide to the Council members. What it has is our mid-winter
16 survey results and a letter from distribution from Dick Sellers
17 and that, and sort of the work that we've done, you know,
18 leading up to earlier in the year as far as when the Board met
19 in the -- the Federal Board met in July on that. So I guess
20 first I'd like to just cover a little bit of the background
21 information and where we ended up with.

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23 As you can see there's a winter caribou survey for the
24 Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd, a trip report in there.
25 It breaks out Unimak Island completed in January of '97. The
26 Alaska Peninsula portion actually completed in April of 1997.
27 An attempt was made in January to complete the entire Peninsula
28 area but we ran into conditions in the Caribou River, David
29 River area, Trader Mountain area that was a snow and open area
30 mix that we -- visibility was such we were having great
31 difficulty in locating caribou up in that area so we kept
32 waiting for, one, either additional snow or for it to clear
33 off. We ended up finally waiting for it to clear open and we
34 did it in April. And you can see the participants in the mid-
35 winter survey there, Vernon Wilson managed to get in with us in
36 the last round of April there. I jumped in and did some of it
37 with Chris Dau. Prior to that we had Melvin Smith again, and
38 we also had Vernon Wilson help us out in some of the other
39 areas. So we're trying, you know, to continue to incorporate
40 community members into the survey efforts. We will continue to
41 work towards that end, to have community members participate in
42 the surveys.

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44 The January survey for Unimak Island, I'm sure everyone
45 is aware of ended up with around 600 animals. The April survey
46 for the Alaska Peninsula area ended up around 3,200 animals.
47 Since we arrived at those numbers and you know, we've had
48 discussions with Dick Sellers and Dick Sellers did some
49 additional work on the herd. We met with Jim Fall from the
50 subsistence for the State Fish and Game Department. We came

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1 out and we visited the communities out here and we had a
2 meeting to discuss, you know, what our options would possibly
3 be for harvest for this coming year, this coming fall, on
4 caribou. We met in King Cove. We met in Nelson Lagoon. We
5 met in False Pass. We did not get it put together to get over
6 to Sand Point, it was right at the end of May, I think we were
7 running into difficulty in scheduling between the fishery
8 starting up and us getting over there. We talked to Mr. Dick
9 Jacobsen a couple times and it just didn't come together as far
10 as a meeting over there.

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12 Again, the survey results and in discussions with the
13 State, we then knew the Federal Board meeting was coming up in
14 July and we were comfortable then after the meetings with the
15 residents in False Pass and they had asked us if there was any
16 opportunity that we could look at the Unimak Island portion of
17 the herd as a distinct unit of the herd. And we said, well,
18 you know, it's still part of the Southern Alaska Peninsula, but
19 there may be some room in there that we can view it as a
20 separate segment in relationship to the overall herd. And it
21 depended a lot on what we found in July on production of the
22 calves and then survivorship of the calves. When we looked at
23 the production early in June, the production looked wonderful.
24 We had production as high as we get in, you know, many of the
25 healthy herds throughout the State. You know, 80 percent of
26 the calves had -- excuse me, 80 percent of the cows that were
27 having calves or had evidence that they were going to be
28 bearing calves and then our post-calf survey when we returned
29 there indicated that the survivability of those calves was
30 absolutely terrible. On the mainland portion we had
31 approximately 11 percent of the cows that still had calf at
32 side at that point in time. So some concerns were immediately
33 elevated as far as a recruitment. You know, how many animals
34 were we going to be able to recruit into the population and
35 bring through to survive through this upcoming winter.

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37 When we looked at the Unimak Island portion of the
38 herd, those animals obviously had a much higher survivorship
39 this year. We got to look at 90 some animals, adults, and we
40 had 41 calves, I believe, at their side, 40 some calves. One
41 heck of a lot higher survivorship down there on Unimak Island
42 right now.

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44 At that time we discussed, well, you know, we're real
45 comfortable saying that we should move forward with the hunt on
46 Unimak Island so that we do not want that segment of the herd
47 to just suddenly take off and, you know, exceed the carrying
48 capacity of the land, you know, overeat the habitat. It's
49 showing good positive signs of recovery and it's starting to
50 pick up numbers, we're very comfortable with that. And under

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1 those conditions, you know, there is nothing wrong with a 10
2 percent harvest figure. That is what they would recommend, is
3 what the caribou biologists are recommending. When you want to
4 stay with a herd and give it an opportunity to harvest off of
5 it and perhaps slow it to a degree where it's just
6 incrementally increasing, it just doesn't take off and go. So
7 we were comfortable with that, recommending that 60 permits be
8 permitted on Unimak Island and the Federal Board agreed with
9 that in July.

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11 We were still discussing at that time what options we
12 had for the mainland hunt now that it was demonstrated that our
13 survivorship again and our recruitment was going to be very low
14 on the herd. The 3,200 animals from my standpoint and from
15 what we've been talking about with the plan, the 2,500 animals
16 when we get to that point and the bull/cow ratio is adequate at
17 20 to a hundred or better, you know, I remember very distinctly
18 at a meeting saying, when we get those parameters met we were
19 going to have a limited harvest of some sort, at least, a
20 limited harvest. So now it was to try and define what the
21 limited harvest would be and I wanted to take an opportunity to
22 try and discuss with, you know, Dick Sellers some additional
23 information. We were trying to get another survey in to look
24 at -- to see if we could locate numbers again. Anyway, with
25 the weather that came out, we managed to look at the core herd
26 again and it just confirmed again that we had very poor
27 survivorship on the calves. Numbers wise, obviously it's been
28 questioned, how we jumped from the 1,800, 1,400 up to the 3,200
29 animal level. However it happened we did. You know, I mean I
30 was involved in the survey, I'm comfortable with those animals
31 were there.

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33 So based on that we needed to come up with some sort of
34 a harvest level that we could try and reach. Coming back, I've
35 discussed the proposal from our standpoint, you know, with
36 Della and Dick Jacobsen and Paul and members of Cold Bay and --
37 you know, what we could possibly do and we have a proposal
38 that's been put together that Bob is going to -- Robert Willis
39 will introduce or will discuss.

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41 So that's sort of the background information to anybody
42 that brought us to where we are right now. Some of the latest
43 work we've done, we did have an opportunity to fly the radio
44 collared animals. And I should also add, that we did put some
45 additional radio collars out this fall. So now the caribou are
46 all talking amongst themselves, via radio.

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Networking.

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50 MR. SIEKANIEC: Yeah. Now, we did get some additional

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1 collars out, we're trying to maintain at least a representative
2 number up in the Peninsula area. And we also put five of them
3 on animals on Unimak Island. Pat Wolkenberg with the State was
4 down doing the darting, and his impression of the animals on
5 Unimak Island were they were in wonderful condition. They had
6 a very minimal botfly infestation and their health was good and
7 they looked really to be in good health. The animals in the
8 Peninsula region look certainly healthier than they did five to
9 seven years ago when they were taking a look at them.

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11 You know, so it appears that things are looking better.
12 And why we're not getting any survivorship in this part of the
13 herd as far as the Nelson Lagoon area, Trader Mountain area and
14 that, you know, some ideas are cropping up and around. You
15 know, it could be a combination of factors of predation, could
16 be, you know, nutrient related, because we are starting to look
17 at the range that's out here from the standpoint of available
18 forage base, and it's starting -- the very early indications
19 are that, of course, that the nutrient base is still
20 suppressed. You know, the diets are consisting of a fair
21 amount of moss yet and that. So probably a combination of
22 factors that are working on the herd up there.

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24 The radio collared cows, we just got a look at as of
25 last week. We located 17 of them. Again, none of them have a
26 calf at their side up here in this area. We did not manage to
27 get down to the Unimak area to take a second look at this one.
28 So that is and will continue to be the emphasis of our caribou
29 work is to work the animals, keep working on, again obviously,
30 a mid-winter survey again, and continue to do the radio
31 collared work and to do the habitat evaluation work that we
32 started this year. And we put in a number of different
33 transects to read and try and get a handle on just what we have
34 out here for available forages and nutrients, nutrient based
35 forage that's important to caribou diets.

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37 So I think at this time, Robert, you're probably
38 interested in introducing what we had thought would probably be
39 a harvest opportunity in our area, so I'll turn that over to
40 Robert.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: If I might, one minute, just ask Greg
43 here -- I'm just curious, do you have anything that will answer
44 whether the caribou calves versus the adults have the same diet
45 on vegetation?

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47 MR. SIEKANIEC: Well, I guess, personally, no I don't.
48 Yeah.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: You know, I just put it into all other

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1 species, it seems like the young in other species do not feed
2 on the same as the adult of the same species in many, many
3 cases. I was just curious if that might be under any study?
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5 MR. SIEKANIEC: No, it's not at this time.
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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thanks.
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9 MR. SIEKANIEC: Yes.
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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Please, Robert.
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13 MR. WILLIS: Thank you, Mark. I'll just work from the
14 tear sheets up here because we have the specifications for the
15 hunt which is recommended at this time, they're spelled out
16 here. Back in July when the Board met they established the
17 hunt for Unimak Island as being from August 10 through March 31
18 in the hopes that people going out fishing in August then would
19 be able to take advantage of that August portion of the hunt
20 and harvest some animals. Greg tells me he knows of only one
21 that was harvested during the August portion and that right now
22 they're waiting for the rut to get by before they start out
23 hunting again.
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25 The Board also committed to having a hunt starting in
26 November and running through the end of March for the mainland
27 portion of the herd and that's what we have spelled out here.
28 What we're recommending is November 10 to March 31, one bull
29 caribou by Federal registration permit only for the total
30 harvest not to exceed 100 caribou and this is on Federal public
31 lands only because the State is not committed to any type of a
32 hunt. They don't feel that the herd's ready yet. Number of
33 permits to be issued is spelled out here. King Cove - 35, Sand
34 Point - 35, Cold Bay - 15, and Nelson Lagoon - 15. Because of
35 the hunt on Unimak is available only to False Pass residents
36 due to the fact that they're the only ones who have C&T for
37 caribou on that island. Gilda tells us that False Pass is
38 willing to forego hunting on the mainland for this portion of
39 the hunt. Not to give up their right to hunt there, but for
40 this particular hunt only.
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42 Greg had talked some about the different in production
43 earlier on the mainland versus Unimak. And the reason we're
44 recommending only a hundred animals for the mainland portion is
45 the fact that normally when you're trying to nurse a caribou
46 herd along and you want it to continue to grow you harvest at
47 about a five percent level when your production and your
48 recruitment are up to norms. However, in the case of the
49 Southern Alaska Peninsula mainland herd, that simply is not the
50 case. Right now we've got calving averaging only five to 10

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1 percent. In recent years it got up to 21 percent in '94, which
2 is good but not excellent, but then it dropped back to about 11
3 percent, as Greg said, this year. And we still have 25 to 30
4 percent mortality on our adult cows. So the production we're
5 getting on the mainland herd is not nearly enough to offset the
6 animals that we're losing.

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8 So five percent, the standard, is not considered to be
9 advisable at this time. We feel that three percent, which
10 would be 98 animals, rounded off to a hundred would be adequate
11 to let the herd, at least, maintain itself and hopefully to
12 slowly keep growing. There is a possibility that taking a
13 hundred bulls out of the herd at this time would reduce the
14 bull/cow ratio below the minimum for next year because we
15 estimate there's only 500 to 550 total bulls in the population.
16 However, because of the high mortality on adult cows, it's just
17 not reasonable to have a cow hunt at this time, so the harvest
18 does need to be concentrated on the bulls.

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20 As Greg mentioned earlier, the herd on Unimak is in
21 much better condition, greater production and much greater
22 survivability of calves. The animals are in better physical
23 condition, so we feel that we can have a 10 percent harvest on
24 that herd. For that reason and the fact that we don't really
25 want that herd taking off like it did at one time in the past
26 and maybe damaging the range and putting us back in the
27 situation that we were in a few years ago.

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29 So that's the difference between the recommendations
30 for the mainland, three percent and the recommendation of 10
31 percent for Unimak Island. The November 10 opening date was
32 kind of a consensus date based on the information that Greg
33 collected here, as was the number of permits allocated to each
34 community. We looked at the population size, customary and
35 traditional use of the caribou and got input from the local
36 people to come up with these numbers. They didn't make a lot
37 of people happy, maybe they didn't make most people happy, I
38 don't know. But we feel that we have a biological necessity to
39 limit the harvest to a hundred animals and for that reason this
40 was the best division that we could come up with.

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42 We felt that the best way to distribute those permits
43 should be left up to the communities themselves. And our only
44 recommendation there is that a committee be put together of
45 three people to decide who should get those permits. That
46 committee may decide to do it by lottery, they may decide to
47 make corrections, and we'd recommend that when you have a
48 tribal council, a local governing body and the Native
49 corporation in the community, if they're all willing to
50 participate that one person be selected from each of those

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1 groups in order to make sure you get the widest possible
2 representation of the people in the community when you're
3 deciding who gets the permits.

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5 That's all I have to present Mark. I'll entertain any
6 questions.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. Does anybody have some
9 questions here for Mr. Willis?

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11 MR. SIEKANIEC: Mr. Chairman, can I jump in?

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Sure.

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15 MR. SIEKANIEC: A little more information. Back in May
16 when we went out -- this is for the people on the telephone,
17 I'm Greg Siekaniec, Refuge Manager, Izembek Refuge again. When
18 we went out to the communities on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd, one
19 of the resounding concerns that were voiced no matter where we
20 went was that, no matter what we do here, we would like to try
21 and take a conservative approach to the harvest. And they did
22 not want to get into a situation where we would like have an
23 open season and then have to close it because we're flirting
24 with the edge of this threshold number or something like that.
25 So we were encouraged strongly to move into it very
26 conservatively. At the time we were talking with the residents
27 in the communities, we were very hopeful that we would be
28 having a season that involved both, State and Federal lands.
29 Right now we're put into a situation where the only lands that
30 are going to be made available for harvest of caribou are going
31 to be the Federal lands. Those lands, predominately, are going
32 to be, you know, in the north of the Izembek, the Moffet Bay
33 area, Lagoon, south through the Cold Bay area down to the
34 southern end of the Peninsula region, you know, around Morzhovi
35 Bay and that.

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37 What it does is effectively reduces the area available
38 with which we'll be able to harvest animals on significantly.
39 There are some of the maps laying around here that, you know,
40 if we wanted to take a quick look at, you know, that does show
41 the area that we're talking about is predominately the lands
42 that are colored pink on the map. So you know, it pretty much
43 entails Unimak Island and then again, as I said, the lands that
44 make up sort of the Pavlof Mountain area, Pavlof Sister, the
45 Pinnacles and then comes down to the lowland areas around
46 Izembek Lagoon and south to the Morzhovi Bay area. So you
47 know, that being a concern as well, you know, based part of our
48 decision on this that, you know, we need to look at this from
49 the standpoint of what animals are coming down into this area,
50 and what we could recommend is a harvest off of that group of

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1 animals that are particularly in our area, you know, and what
2 would be a reasonable number. And you know, Robert indicated
3 that we settled around the hundred animals and the three
4 percent range.

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6 We're somewhat concerned that, you know, if we had a
7 higher harvest level on bull caribou, particularly in that
8 area, that we would be harvesting off of the core area, the
9 animals that are predominately using the Trader Mountain area.
10 Depending on what type of a winter we get, if we get a very
11 severe winter, yeah, we might get all the animals down here
12 from Nelson Lagoon and the Caribou River and David River area.
13 If we have a fairly open area, what we're likely going to have
14 is the Trader Mountain group to harvest any -- in excess of a
15 hundred animals on that, we thought we're starting to probably
16 be somewhat risky and stressing the population, particularly
17 the bull population. So our goal here is to continue to have
18 the herd increase and we don't want to get into a harvest
19 situation where we are causing a decrease in the herd. We feel
20 that the health of the herd base for the bull/cow ratio is we
21 don't have great information. The October helicopter flights
22 that are supposed to take place have not taken place for a
23 couple of years due to funding levels. That -- but our
24 productivity has been demonstrated to be up in that 80 percent
25 range. We feel that that is very, you know, significant.
26 We're up there with the production on many of the healthy herds
27 throughout the State. You know, but when our survivorship,
28 though is what's impacting us to be able to continue to see a
29 herd really start to grow and develop.

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31 So again, we wanted to take a conservative approach.
32 That's the basis for what we're giving you these numbers based
33 on. We stepped back, you know, we talked to the communities,
34 the numbers of 35, 35, 15 and 15 are -- you know, they sort of
35 were looked at from the standpoint, again, of the population of
36 the area, but if you look at it realistically, the smaller
37 communities are getting somewhat of a better shot there. They
38 increased the numbers a little bit, you know, because truly
39 Cold Bay and Nelson Lagoon don't have the numbers of people
40 that would support that. So you know, that's just sort of
41 where we're at. And I certainly would answer questions or.....

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43 MR. MACK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Just one second. I see you raising
46 your hand, sir. I think I would just like to interject one
47 thing that we need to be really thinking on as we start this
48 process that comes to a question in my mind. And that has to
49 do with the C&T of the Unimak Island situation. Here again, it
50 questions me, is C&T being defined as the resource or is C&T

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1 being defined as geographics, because we're kind of confusing
2 the issues with those? So I would kind of like to get some
3 answer on this here before we go into more here.

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5 MS. MASON: Okay.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So Rachel might you?

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9 MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.

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13 MS. MASON: I can speak to the issue of the C&T for
14 Unimak Island. And typically when we do a C&T analysis, in
15 response to your question about it, it is based on a geographic
16 area that we're looking at, a unit typically. But we don't
17 only look at the residents of that unit, we look at all the
18 users of the unit. So -- and that's very appropriate to this
19 thing. Because what you're asking about would be a C&T
20 analysis of Unimak Island and it wouldn't be just the residents
21 of it, but it would be other people from the area that go to
22 Unimak Island to hunt for caribou.

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24 And at this point I would suggest that it does make
25 sense to request a C&T analysis of Unimak Island because the
26 same caribou herd, the Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd
27 is found both, on Unimak Island and on the mainland.
28 Currently, False Pass has C&T for harvesting caribou in Unit
29 9(D), as do all the Unit 9(D) communities. But on Unimak
30 Island, only False Pass has currently C&T there. And I think
31 there is general agreement that caribou is important to all of
32 the communities, both in 9(D) and to False Pass.

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34 Currently there's limited documentation of the use
35 areas of caribou as we've found out in other discussions of the
36 use of caribou here. So we don't have very much information
37 now about what communities use caribou on Unimak Island. We do
38 know that fishing.....

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40 MR. HUFF: You never asked us.

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42 MS. MASON:both are typical -- I'm going to ask
43 you in a minute, just in a second. We know that people go by
44 fishing boat to harvest them so it would make sense that people
45 from the other communities would go to Unimak Island. So what
46 I had in mind, knowing that such a request was probably
47 forthcoming, was at this meeting, to ask residents of the
48 communities what use areas there are and whether in the past
49 you have harvested caribou on Unimak Island.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think that question, to me, seems
2 kind of ambiguous for the simple fact is, when we have a
3 shortage of a resource on the east side of Kodiak Island and
4 there's an abundance on the west side, we will go that extra
5 distance for it. But normally we will take what's plentiful to
6 the closest, which is part of our human being on any living
7 animal. So to cross the boundary of C&T between resource and
8 geographics, I'm really trying to figure out what does that
9 have to do with the issue?

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11 MS. MASON: Well, a C&T analysis would have to be based
12 on information about where people have harvested caribou.

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Depending on where the abundance was.
15 I mean that's -- that's a given.

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17 MS. MASON: Yeah.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I mean you don't go hunting to a place
20 where you know they're not, so, I mean.....

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22 MR. GUNDERSON: It's the nature of the.....

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me.

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26 MR. GUNDERSON:people that occupy the land.
27 Just, they utilize everything in their favor. They don't go
28 against the odds.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At any rate I was.....

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32 MR. GUNDERSON: It's a lot of stuff.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:bringing out the point of
35 geographic versus resource. At any rate, as I've been watching
36 here and I believe, Marvin, you had your hand raised first and
37 Mr. Huff, you're next.

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39 MR. MACK: Yeah, I.....

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41 MS. HILE: Wait, wait. Why don't you step up closer to
42 Al, and Al, why don't you turn the mic around.

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44 MR. CRATTY: Like this?

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46 MS. HILE: You can put it on the table.

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48 MR. MACK: First of all, Greg, I got to commend you on
49 your survey -- your surveys, I know you tried, and we all know
50 you tried, and you done the best you could with the budget you

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1 got. And I commend that and stuff. And the whole thing is
2 we're looking at a lot of options, you know, on this caribou
3 hunt. And you're going on a 10 percent with the False Pass
4 herd and we've hunted False Pass before because that was the
5 only place we could get caribou at one time. And there was ice
6 in False Pass, ask Gilda. She's got pictures, caribou,
7 swimming down the channel, tying them up because they were
8 coming across to False Pass on that island, and there was times
9 -- I lived here in Cold Bay and that was the only place that
10 was -- there was none here. Butch Gunderson can vouch for that
11 because he flew around here.

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13 And getting back, you know, you're talking culture and
14 tradition, you know, where are we going to cut it off? We got
15 no subsistence the whole time we've been down here because it
16 turned into a sport hunt. And that's what it is today, and
17 Greg you know it. And you know, nobody can deny it. I'm here,
18 they're my people, Aleut people. And you know, it's one thing
19 that really upsets me, Dillingham came up last winter, you talk
20 about your surveys. Dillingham last winter, what they came up
21 with extra caribou, had an extra hunt, didn't they?

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23 MR. GUNDERSON: Up around Togiak, yeah.

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25 MR. MACK: Yeah. And that was years ago they moved
26 caribou.....

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28 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah.

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30 MR. MACK: But you know, I'm not debating and this is
31 what it sounds like, we're -- we don't want to get in a debate,
32 all we want to do is -- is we got caribou here, we counted
33 them, you counted them Greg, and you know, the State. Is there
34 anybody here from the State? Arnie. Oh, Arnie Shaul is here.
35 Do you have any answers? Did you see any caribou this summer?

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37 MR. SHAUL: Well, yeah, I see caribou.

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39 MR. MACK: Lots of them or a little bit? You weren't
40 worried about caribou. See, then all of a sudden we're here
41 with a debate against the State on subsistence, which is a big
42 issue coming up, right? We all know it. We got all the Feds
43 here. I'm starting to feel like I'm, you know, talking to IRS,
44 where I got to pay my dues or get my dues, you know. And it
45 really hurts down inside, it really hurts.

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47 You know, we got elders and stuff, but one thing before
48 you people make a decision and it's right -- right in there
49 about the elders and the people that come get caribou, we are
50 people. We are people. We're Natives. And before I can see

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1 anybody in Cold Bay, people coming off that airplane and
2 getting the caribou, you know, and it's right in the proposal
3 -- it was in the proposal.

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5 But getting back -- getting back to graphics you're
6 talking about. In 1972, that there is where caribou were,
7 swimming across the channel, I was fishing there. They were
8 swimming across that channel from False Pass, and they died
9 off. Because what happened, Gilda you know it, the ice
10 disappeared. When was the last time that dock washed out
11 because of ice went across there, caribou run across?

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13 MR. GUNDERSON: Late '70s wasn't it?

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15 MR. MACK: '72, 1972.

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17 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah, they took -- when the ice took
18 the dock out?

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20 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Yeah, that was in the '70s.

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22 MR. MACK: And you know, you're talking migrating
23 caribou and then you turn around and I want to ask one
24 question, the three caribou that were found the other side of
25 Herendeen Bay, with the collars on, and they say that's not a
26 migrating herd and they all show up up north. I mean, you
27 Feds, you know -- pardon me for using that there, you know, I
28 respect your jobs, you know, but please respect me, you know.
29 I've hunted here for years and years and years, you know, and
30 it just really disturbs me when you people come here and all of
31 a sudden you say, our caribou just sit here and die. And then
32 we're killers, the Natives are the killers, which is wrong. We
33 got wolves, we got nothing. And you know, then you people go
34 up north and then you worry about, oh, got to kill the wolves,
35 got to kill the wolves, because oh, there's no program down
36 here because, you know, we ain't got airplanes like people up
37 north to kill everything off and stuff, you know. And them
38 people up north, and they got so much subsistence it's unreal,
39 but do we have subsistence, there is not such a word. There is
40 not such a name down here for subsistence for us, there isn't.
41 We have no bird subsistence. We have no caribou subsistence.
42 The fish, thank you, Arnie, that's all we got is fish. And
43 I'll tell you something, if you want to eat fish seven days a
44 week, that's fine. But I ain't going to grow my family up on
45 fish alone.

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47 And it hurts me to listen to all your surveys, you
48 know, I respect you for your surveys, I really do. I really
49 do, Greg, and I know you got to manage the refuge and stuff,
50 but you got a count and then the State comes back and gets

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1 another count, and then you turn around and give 10 percent to
2 False Pass. Which is great, I really appreciate that. I
3 really do. Thank you, but there is still 3,200 caribou left,
4 and why can't you go on that count and -- like the proposal
5 that is in front of you, and you got letters of it. I just
6 hope you just look at it and -- and another thing, Greg, we
7 talked about it over the phone about subsistence, you know, a
8 designated hunter program in this district. And I just want
9 this Board -- if you want me to put it in there, I'll put it
10 in, but I hope Della -- I know Della will put it in there, but
11 designated subsistence hunter for this area, like I say, that
12 will take it off your back, Greg, and it would -- you know, and
13 that there is what I say.

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15 You know, and respect it and we respect it. We're not
16 a bunch of killers, we just want our share. We're not going to
17 wipe this country out. You know, but like I say, I respect all
18 your studies, I do. I really do. And don't force us into --
19 don't force us back, you know. It's just like the old days
20 was, you know, they started out with spears, then all of a
21 sudden somebody came with a bow and arrow, you could get them
22 further away, right? Then came the rifle. Oh, so here we are,
23 Natives, man we got to go get a rifle now because we can't keep
24 up with the guys that got the rifle. So where does that put
25 you? So all of a sudden it goes and goes and goes. And then
26 where are we at now? We're right back -- everything is gun and
27 here we are, us Natives, really -- we got rifles, but we can't
28 -- we can't get our share. You want to put everybody in bow
29 and arrows, good, give us bow and arrows and then let us
30 compete with your sport hunters and show them where the hell to
31 go.

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33 If it's going to come to that, I'll tell you something,
34 for designated hunters, we can do it. If you're going to force
35 us into doing that, that's fine. That there is great. I'll go
36 out with a bow and arrow and I'll out hunt any white man in the
37 world. But I'll tell you something, if we're going to revert
38 back to that, it's just -- you know, you talk progress and
39 stuff, it's terrible. But we got elders that we respect and we
40 bury, you know.

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42 Just listen. There's a lot of people that got culture,
43 tradition, and that's all I got to say. Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Marvin. I know we have
46 others on the phone here and I'll give you a chance in the
47 moment, but I'd like to hear from Mr. Huff here, please.

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49 MR. HUFF: You guys are talking customary and
50 traditional hunting on Unimak Island. Every one of us, King

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1 Cove, Sand Point, even Nelson Lagoon hunted Unimak Island at
2 one time. We hunted just as much at -- just like Unimak Island
3 came and hunted the mainland. If that's where the caribou was,
4 they came over there. If they were on the island, they hunted
5 them there, we went to the island and hunted them there. So
6 there's no such thing as customary and traditional for one
7 group.

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9 And I don't know if this is the time to put in this --
10 I have a separate proposal here. And Greg and them are basing
11 their counts and everything on the State, Sellers, I think it
12 is, he can't even count the caribou. He hasn't been doing it
13 for years. He hasn't been coming up to the same count --
14 caribou count you did. Dick Sellers is calling you a liar. He
15 said those caribou ain't there. And calf survival, we're going
16 to take Dick Sellers' word, he can't even count the caribou.
17 There ain't no such thing of taking Dick Sellers' calf survival
18 count, not with me. And I have a proposal, it's fairly long, I
19 think each one of you got it. Is this the time?

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At this time, I would like to keep
22 that to the Item J, on new business.

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24 MR. HUFF: Okay.

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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's scheduled for tomorrow. That's
27 when I think it will be appropriate. And does the Council
28 feel.....

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: I just had some comments I wanted to make
31 and some impressions on the reports are arguing.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Is there any questions for Mr.
34 Huff here? I want to thank you. Do you have a -- go ahead
35 Della, please.

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: This is Della Trumble. I guess I kind of
38 wanted to reinforce a little bit what Big Shot and Marvin Huff
39 were saying. That basically in the C&T for our area, customary
40 and traditional use which we've used for thousands of years, we
41 all understand and know that it's there. But we also hunt and
42 fish under the State's sports regs. We've never had a
43 subsistence hunt in this region for anybody.

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45 He made a comment about the caribou moving from Unimak
46 to the Peninsula, and yet these figures, I guess I'm a little
47 confused as to how we get 10 percent when they're moving and
48 assume you get a figure there. The one concern that I've had
49 and sitting in these caribou meetings for the last few months
50 is the State survey that was done. It was done at the time

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1 when the brush, the alders were full. It was not done with
2 anybody from any of our communities. And the discrepancy in
3 those figures are tremendous. I mean, how the heck do you come
4 up with a few hundred caribou and then all of a sudden it
5 almost doubles or triples, and then it goes back down? Are we
6 talking about ghost caribou here? There's no carcasses,
7 there's no theory or story as to why they're disappearing. The
8 bears and the wolves in this area, the population is up and
9 that never comes up as a consideration as a possibility.

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11 And I think in the long run, we are really left out,
12 seriously left out of this. I agree with Marvin. It's at a
13 time in the communities that people need this a lot and are
14 going to be depending on it.

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16 MR. CRATTY: Mark.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Does that conclude Della?

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20 MS. TRUMBLE: Well, I would like a theory on the
21 discrepancy in that survey.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think we're going to try to narrow
24 that down. But I would like to take everybody's input here
25 first so we can cover it. Al, you're next.

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27 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, Mark. Well, we had this problem on
28 Kodiak, too. You're dividing the villages, which I think
29 shouldn't be done. I think all communities are equal,
30 especially in an area like this. You're just going to cause
31 problems.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: You're talking geographics?

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35 MR. CRATTY: Yes.

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you.

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39 MR. GUNDERSON: One time we owned the State, now we're
40 in a region -- now we're in a borough.

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42 MR. CRATTY: We're all the same people.

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44 MS. TRUMBLE: Now, we're split amongst each other.
45 That's not right.

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47 MR. GUNDERSON: Della brought up a lot of good points.
48 The predation has been real high. I, you know, experienced
49 watching the moose and the caribou, the calf population is --
50 the bear population is real high. And there's been some pretty

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1 weak runs in certain systems in certain years, and predation's
2 real high on them. And wolf counts have been pretty high, too.
3 As a matter-of-fact, there was several wolf encounters right in
4 the village of Nelson Lagoon last winter, and that's not
5 normal. You know, it's not on the norm. But the bear season,
6 that being -- really not alternating years, in spring and fall,
7 the bear population has quadrupled, and there are -- and as a
8 matter-of-fact, there is -- I seen sows around the summer
9 taking either three cubs or two sets of cubs and that's really
10 a -- you know, that shows there's an abundance of food and they
11 won't breed unless they, you know, can cover themselves. They
12 are really detrimental on the caribou and moose calves early in
13 the year.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I would like to remind that I am
16 trying to be fair with everybody's time to be heard. In order
17 for me to be able to do that I would need to see a nod or a
18 sign of a hand so that I might keep the meeting in concession
19 here. Gilda, did I see you had something?

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21 MS. SHELLIKOFF: I was just going to make a couple of
22 comments. This idea of dividing our region is really
23 disturbing to me also because, you know, like those guys said,
24 you know, in the past it's been the way of the people to go to
25 where the caribou are. And it's just causing hard feelings and
26 fighting amongst our own people, you know, when you start
27 dividing up the region like that. It's just -- I'm not sure
28 how to -- I don't have any real recommendations or answers, but
29 you know, it's something that we all need to think about.

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Just one second Melvin here. I will
32 also speak against. I am really against mixing in geographics
33 as the C&T. If that were the case today, I would not be
34 allowed to hunt a deer on the south end of Kodiak Island
35 because 15 years ago they weren't there. The animals migrate
36 where they eat best. We are no different. So I really want
37 some hard thought given to geographic C&T being intermingled
38 with the resource to which I thought was the issue.

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40 Melvin, please.

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42 MR. SMITH: Yes, I feel the same way Gilda does. You
43 know, we're all the same people. I don't like to see fighting
44 amongst the communities and villages. You know, I participated
45 in that caribou hunt and we did it in the fall or the winter,
46 and I think that's the time to -- I mean the caribou count --
47 you know, that's the time to do it. And when Sellers did his
48 survey or count, you know, that obviously was the wrong time, I
49 believe, you know. So I saw the caribou there and I still
50 believe that caribou are there. And I don't know why there's

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1 this discrepancy and I don't know if they've ever explained why
2 there was a discrepancy in the numbers.

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4 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Gilda.

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6 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Yeah, another thing. I think maybe
7 you, as managers of the refuge, one of the things you really
8 need to look at is the increase of the bear population because
9 it's increasing, you know, we got bears in the communities all
10 summer. And they got to eat off of something, and if they're
11 losing a lot of calves, you know, that could be a big piece of
12 the puzzle right there, and maybe increase the number of bears
13 available in the hunt or something.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. Al, do you.....

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17 MR. CRATTY: I said what I was going to say.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, I see.

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21 MR. CRATTY: Vincent.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Um?

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I guess at this time I would like to
26 hear if our phone guests have any input on what we've been
27 discussing so far? Hello?

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29 MS. ANDREWS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, this is Elizabeth
30 Andrews, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, go ahead.

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34 MS. ANDREWS: After you decide on what your hunt
35 structure might be I'll probably have some comments and, you
36 know, depending on what your final proposal looks like, but I
37 would just like to be able to, you know, speak to your proposed
38 hunt structure when you get to that point. Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So the State, at this point, doesn't
41 have any suggestions?

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43 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chairman.....

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45 MR. MACK: Take a letter to that person, get her
46 number.

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48 MS. ANDREWS:we do have a few comments.....

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50 MR. MACK: Give it to her.

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1 MS. ANDREWS:if what we're looking at November 10
2 to March 31 proposal that I see in the Staff analysis. And I'm
3 not sure if that's what you want to be focusing on right now or
4 if you're still continuing with the C&T discussion?

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right now, we are basically, yes on
7 open discussion at this point trying to get through one hurdle
8 at a time.

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10 MS. ANDREWS: Okay, well.....

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Go ahead.

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14 MS. ANDREWS:I guess let me just offer a few
15 things then while you're in the discussion phase there. And
16 that is I know that you're aware of the points that we've
17 raised in the past about our continuing conservation concern
18 and our concern about the very poor recruitment.

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20 We would like to see, of course, better overall health
21 and some indicators that, in fact, the herd is increasing.
22 While the number might have gone up at one point this past
23 year, we think that we need to see some other indicators of
24 overall increase in that population and the recruitment's not
25 looking real promising. But having said that, in your
26 discussion on the hunt structure, I guess one thing I'd like to
27 point out is that we'd be interested in seeing some sort of
28 reporting requirement that provides adequate opportunity for
29 monitoring when you're getting close to the 100 caribou quota.
30 So I'd like to offer that up. And then the other thing would
31 be is that we would like to see that the hunt and how the hunt
32 went is reviewed, you know, after the March 31st, that the
33 information on the surveys that are done between now and then
34 are brought forward and also what the results of the harvest
35 monitoring effort has been.

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37 So basically we're asking for a review of the hunt from
38 those three aspects at the conclusion of the hunt season.
39 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, thank you Elizabeth. Certainly,
42 we hear conservation very much. And we do absolutely recognize
43 conservation. But I also would like to recognize the
44 conservation on another threatened species, which is the Native
45 Alaskans here, that they need to survive too.

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47 So with that, Peggy do you have any input at this time?

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49 MS. OSTERBACK: Just a little bit here. I'm kind of
50 concerned with the survey numbers submitted by the State and

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1 the discrepancies in that. And also feeding our area equally.
2 We don't like to see a division in our unit that's being
3 proposed because all of our communities utilize the resources,
4 and they all have customary and traditional uses, whether it's
5 documented or not at this time. It's been a way of life in
6 this area forever. And we would like to comment on Item J
7 tomorrow when it's brought up on the agenda.

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. One minute Della, I think
10 Marvin did you have some more that you wanted to add in there?

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12 MR. MACK: Well, one more comment Mr. Chair, thank you.
13 I just have one comment, you know, the lady that just talked
14 and stuff. I would like to talk to the one that did the survey
15 and just hear what he's got to say about what kind of survey he
16 did and versus the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service, the
17 survey that they did. Now, the Federal, as far as I'm
18 concerned, the Feds done a hell of a job, they done a lot, they
19 spent a lot of money. Then you got the State that came out
20 here and done a quick survey and they got the -- pardon my
21 French, but they got the balls to come and tell us that this
22 survey has completely went down the tube. But I would like to
23 hear -- I'd just love to hear from that man how much money they
24 put forward and how much time they put forward for all the
25 efforts that the Federal Fish and Wildlife put forward for
26 this. And here we got -- we have no representative from the
27 State here, this meeting was for how long, we knew it was here
28 -- why wasn't he here, and that really upsets me.

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30 And all we got is Arnie Shaul, and he's here just
31 totally with the Fish and Game worrying about fish. And now we
32 got some person that done a survey and that the State and all
33 of a sudden they're bucking us on our culture and everything
34 and they're not even here. That really upsets me. Sorry
35 Arnie, I know you have nothing to do about caribou and stuff,
36 but you know, and my apologies to you, ma'am, but I'd like to
37 hear from the State, why weren't they here? Why weren't they
38 here? We spend a lot of money to come here and we're spending
39 tax money to get you here, why ain't you here?

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, Marvin, I would like to just give
42 a little overview of why we are at where we are at and this
43 certainly has to do with the surveys that we have questioned at
44 the beginning of this process. It was a survey that we could
45 not accept, so we made a recommendation as to what type of
46 survey we would like to see done. At that point is when we did
47 have a new survey done, which involved our Council as well as
48 the refuge managers and came up with this higher number. So
49 when we look at the guiding principles of the survey that were
50 acceptable and not acceptable, we found the State's

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1 unacceptable at that time and this is why we are here where we
2 are at today. So now we are going on from there.

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4 MR. MACK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Greg.

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8 MR. SIEKANIEC: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, thank you. This is
9 Greg Siekaniec, Refuge Manager from Izembek Refuge. I'd like
10 to just address the surveys just a little bit.

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12 In the Caribou Management Plan, it calls for a mid-
13 winter survey. And that is a mid-winter survey, which is an
14 attempt to try and identify a population estimate. And we try
15 to do that when snow conditions are great, all the animals have
16 been sort of pushed down out of the high country, the leaves
17 are off the alders, the visibility factor is considerably
18 better. The difficulty in always completing that one during
19 those conditions is that we found last year that the lower end
20 had some snow, the upper end did not have some snow as Melvin
21 was riding backseat, you know, we did -- part of it was great,
22 part of it was, wow, the caribou were tough to find. So we
23 then opted to wait then to obviously the snow was better and we
24 found caribou. You know, we went up -- we were in the Caribou
25 River, David River area, Nelson Lagoon country and we found
26 caribou.

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28 And that was done in late April. Again, that is what
29 we were using as our population estimate for the area, our mid-
30 winter survey. And that is what the plan relates back to when
31 it says, when we have a threshold of 2,500 animals, below that,
32 we recommend no harvest, above that, yes, we do recommend
33 harvest and depending on what is happening, we recommend what
34 type of harvest. You know, whether it's a bull harvest. At
35 some point we recognize that it needs to jump into a cow
36 harvest because we don't want the population climbing beyond a
37 certain point where we can't maintain it.

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39 The survey that is done typically in the calving areas
40 in June by Mr. Sellers is not intended to be a total population
41 survey. It is intended to look at the core calving group areas
42 that -- Trader Hills -- excuse me, the Black Hills, Trader
43 Mountain area and again, down in the Caribou River, David River
44 flats. And within those areas there he then takes a look at
45 what numbers he does see there as well as what animals are
46 producing calves. And then he takes the calf estimates from
47 the immediate calving period and compares them with a revisit
48 there again in July, approximately a month later to determine
49 what kind of survivorship those calves that were produced are
50 experiencing. So you know, that part of it is really not

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1 intended to be a total population estimate. The estimate that
2 we are using for our mid-winter surveys is the numbers that
3 we're looking at to use basing a harvest allocation on. So our
4 numbers, then that we flew just recently on the radio collared
5 animals, recognizing full well that caribou are widely
6 disbursed at this time, visibility factor is way down. You
7 know the animals are up in the higher elevations, they're in
8 the alder areas and that. But having looked at the radio
9 collars, that helps locate at least a sample that we can come
10 and we can take a look at.

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12 The unfortunate part there, as I would point out again
13 is that our survivorship on calves seems to be lousy in this
14 particular area. Again, when we did that initial survey in
15 July for post-calving and looking at how they survived Unimak
16 Island, it looked very favorable. You know, 41 of 99, you know
17 had calves at their sides. So, you know, that is just to try
18 and explain a little bit about the differences in those
19 particular surveys. The composition counts which would
20 normally happen in October for bull/cow ratios is a helicopter
21 survey where they come down, ideally when the animals are
22 rutting where you can get a good representative sample of a
23 herd of cows and the bulls that are associated with them and
24 determine what you have for young bulls, medium bulls, mature
25 bulls, and particularly with the helicopter you hopefully can
26 get an idea of the calves that are there, a composition of
27 those relative to the bull/cows. So that money has not been
28 available for a while. Normally, we would work with Mr.
29 Sellers on completing those.

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31 Hopefully we are going to try this year and complete
32 some of that type of survey work. I don't know that we'll have
33 the luxury of a helicopter, but we may just have to get out and
34 do as much as we can on foot and around the animals that are in
35 the area and we can do some from Super Cub, but it's extremely
36 difficult. That element of being able to stand still a little
37 while helps, helicopter wise, when you're trying to sort out
38 whether you have young bulls or cows amongst the herd and that.

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40 So just a little bit to try and define the difference
41 in the surveys.

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43 And I would like to go maybe a step farther and say
44 that, you know, over the last two years I think we've come a
45 long ways in recognizing that there were areas that people were
46 not happy with and to initiate efforts to get better
47 information and to incorporate people from the communities
48 amongst us and with our survey efforts. And you know, we're
49 talking today that we are going to have a hunt, Marvin, you
50 know, and it is a subsistence hunt. It is the Federal lands

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1 are going to be open only for rural residents within this area
2 for subsistence. The concern over customary and traditional
3 use determinations, you know, I would like to say that I hope
4 there's a way that if this customary and traditional use has
5 occurred throughout this region then that we look at that and
6 we define that. We define it to a degree that satisfies the
7 residents in this area. And if you take a quick look at just
8 what that might mean right there, the fact that we would not be
9 talking of just a hundred permits for the mainland, we'd be
10 talking of 160 permits at a minimum for this region. That's
11 kicking us right close to the five percent recommended by the
12 experts on if you want to have a harvest of caribou and still
13 allow the herd to keep bumping along in increasing increments.
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15 So we're not that far off in what we're talking about.
16 The unfortunate part is that somehow we got a customary and
17 traditional use determination that's separated out an area and
18 from what I'm hearing is that that is viewed, even by the
19 residents of the area as probably not appropriate. So I think
20 there's room for us to work within, you know, the systems that
21 are setup and to review the determinations and that. And maybe
22 I'm speaking out of line because I'm just the refuge manager, I
23 don't do the determinations and work within that. But I think
24 we've come a long ways and we're close and we're working within
25 the system that, you know, I think we're getting there and
26 again, having met with the communities and hearing the
27 concerns, that, you know, number one, let's be conservative so
28 we don't get into this sort of a -- I think it was called the
29 whip saw effect or the up/down, harvest one year and not the
30 next, you know. So from the standpoint of myself and the
31 refuge staff is that I think we've come a long ways and I think
32 we'll continue to bounce along in the right direction, so, you
33 know, Marvin, I hope you know it satisfies -- it is a
34 subsistence hunt in our area towards the caribou that we're
35 talking about.
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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Just one minute, please, Marvin. As
38 we are sitting here listening to the different methods and
39 means of this survey, I have to, Greg, look and ask you, I'm
40 sure you're doing the best job that you possibly can knowing
41 that we cannot get numbers down to per animal or even close but
42 we try our best to come up with anything that supports what we
43 have seen.
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45 Now, given the means and methods as we have set forth
46 on this particular survey, my question is, would this survey be
47 more likely to have more animals or less animals than what you
48 had predicted are there?
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50 MR. SIEKANIEC: Which survey are you referring to,

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The latest one that was done.

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5 MR. SIEKANIEC: The latest one that was done?

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That -- you know.....

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9 MR. SIEKANIEC: The April, the mid-winter, the total
10 population estimate?

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.

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14 MR. SIEKANIEC: Of the 3,200 here and the 600 on
15 Unimak?

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17 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I consider them both as to one survey,
18 yes.

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20 MR. SIEKANIEC: Okay, right, they're compiled.....

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct.

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24 MR. SIEKANIEC:so it's 3,800. And you want me to
25 compare that to?

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I'm trying to ask, we are trying to
28 find the best means and methods to come up with an accurate
29 count. With the means and methods that we have used in this
30 survey, would you say the count would be likely to be possibly
31 less or could be likely to be probably more?

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33 MR. SIEKANIEC: If I was to go do it today?

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, no.

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37 MR. SIEKANIEC: I'm not.....

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: With this survey that's done.

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41 MR. SIEKANIEC: Oh, do you mean are there some outlying
42 animals?

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Do you feel that there is possibly
45 more animals than you surveyed or possibly less animals?

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47 MR. SIEKANIEC: Oh, I'm.....

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: What would you be your.....

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1 MR. SIEKANIEC:I'm never going to stand here and
2 say that we got 100 percent of the animals.

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4 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: True.

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6 MR. SIEKANIEC: You know. And along with that, we were
7 also requested last year and maybe this will help to do some
8 outlying areas and we did. We went and we did do some of the
9 surveys of the Belkofski Bays and Minnow Creek area and Canoe
10 Bay and those areas that traditionally did not make up our core
11 survey areas. You know, sort of what we had felt was if we
12 surveyed the core areas we were getting a representative sample
13 of, you know, probably upwards of 90 percent of the population
14 as a good estimate and then the outlying areas we did not. But
15 we did, if you look through the trip reports, then this last
16 year because of the meetings we had and, you know, with Mr.
17 Huff and Marvin and the various folks saying, oh, we need to
18 look in these different areas and we took Melvin and we took
19 Vernon Wilson and we went to those areas and we looked at them.

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21 I'm comfortable that the 3,800 animal estimate is a
22 pretty darn good estimate. I participated in it, the animals
23 were there. You know, the speculation as to how or why or
24 what, that I don't know. You know, in talking with Butch -- I
25 mean Paul, animals moving from the north down to our area has
26 been brought up, we've missed areas have been brought up, you
27 know, at that I cannot say.

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. As I look at though, you
30 identify where the different herds and animals were seen over
31 248, roughly herds. So as what I am saying is, we have
32 identified that we're comfortable that those animals are there,
33 but we also agree that there's a lot of area that we couldn't
34 conceivably cover that there probably is more then; would that
35 be a fair statement? Is -- the point I'm getting at is, we've
36 been asked how could this herd double in size all of a sudden?
37 Well, my fear there is, again, then if this is possible to
38 happen, what's going to keep it from growing so fast that it's
39 going to out graze itself once again?

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41 MR. SIEKANIEC: Okay. So I think part of the concern
42 then possibly that we're hearing is that if the herd's moving
43 back and forth, perhaps from the north to the south, and this
44 has been raised before, why are we worrying about a Southern
45 Alaska Peninsula Caribou Management Plan? Because perhaps this
46 Southern herd is not as distinct as we perhaps thought it was.
47 And if we're getting those kind of movements around, you know,
48 is this plan a valid thing that we should be looking at and
49 following? That's a good question.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yeah. I'm looking at for trying to
2 determine the harvest certainly.

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4 MR. SIEKANIEC: Yeah.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Marvin, you've been patiently waiting
7 again.

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9 MR. MACK: Greg, you know, I appreciate all your
10 comments and stuff, and then, you know, you just look at the
11 percentages. 3,200 caribou, 10 percent, that there is 360
12 caribou, and we're only going to get a hundred.

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14 And I feel, I really feel, the only reason why that
15 hundred came up is because we asked for 100 last year, we
16 fought real hard, the Aleutians East Borough. We tried on the
17 Native Council, we tried for a hundred caribou and we were shot
18 down, due to what reason, and Mr. Chairman you remember that.
19 Then all of a sudden this 100 comes up. I don't know where the
20 hundred came up, but then you're turning it around and it's --
21 you know, 10 percent. You're giving 10 percent to the island,
22 well, that's fine, they can use 10 percent. But then all of a
23 sudden, you restrict the villages -- and what you're doing --
24 you've gone chaos -- is going to say, okay, you can get 35, you
25 get 35, you get 10, you get 15, I mean.....

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27 MR. SIEKANIEC: Yes, that's.....

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29 MR. MACK: I mean, no, I respect you. I totally do,
30 you know, all due respect and stuff. But then just with your
31 figures and your figures and you're coming out with all these
32 percentages and stuff and you're biologists and stuff, you
33 know. I'm not a biologist, but I've lived here all my life. I
34 went and run around these hills, I could tell you every rock
35 and stuff around here. But it just -- and there's a lot of
36 places, calving, you know, I mean let's get real, and you're
37 talking about two places you go look for calves.

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39 MR. SIEKANIEC: That's why I said that it was not a
40 population estimate.

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42 MR. MACK: That's what I'm -- and then you know.....

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44 MR. SIEKANIEC: We're looking at.....

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46 MR. MACK:there's a lot of little groups and
47 stuff, you know, behind Hanson Creek, there's you know, calves
48 in there and stuff and I've been back there, you know. We're
49 not killers, we're not going to go and kill a bunch of calves
50 off. I mean we still got culture and tradition. But then, you

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1 know, getting back to your percentages, you know, even 10
2 percent, that would give us 360 caribou and you're just locking
3 us off with a hundred caribou. You know, and you got the
4 proposal from the tribal council from King Cove and supported
5 by all the other tribal councils and there's one that's going
6 to be up tomorrow, what -- you know, it's just -- you know, I
7 could listen to you and I could listen to all you biologists
8 here, you know, that back you up and everything and I
9 appreciate your surveys, and which I believe your survey is
10 great and it's right, because you had locals with you, and it
11 was proven that your survey was right. Vernon, he talked to
12 me, Chris Dau, you know -- and Chris, he flew with Vernon and
13 Melvin flew and they seen caribou where, you know, the other
14 people never seen caribou before, and that's great. But then
15 you turn around and you here Mr. Sellers coming down and say,
16 they're not there. I would like to hear from the State and
17 find out where he's at and where he looked and what did he do,
18 how many hours he did? And you know, then just it appalls me,
19 it just really pisses me off to hear this guy, he come down in
20 our area, you know, against your survey and what it is you
21 know.

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23 And I appreciate you, you know, you talking how the
24 survey's done, we understand that. I understand it, and we all
25 paid for it. I'm a taxpayer, we all pay for it. But then here
26 you got somebody else come in here and all of a sudden say,
27 stop. I mean we're looking forward to a hunt and we got just
28 as much culture, tradition as the person up in Barrow to the
29 person down in South Africa, and that there is -- thank you,
30 Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, Marvin, I would like to once
33 again point out that we chose not to accept the means and
34 methods to which the State conducted their surveys. You know,
35 this keeps emerging that we just -- I don't think it's any
36 fruit gained in a basket by going over that again. We have
37 already made that decision on the Council and that's why we did
38 have the newest, recent survey done with the means and methods
39 that we accept.

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41 MR. MACK: Okay, Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. Melvin, did you -- I kind of lost
44 track here a little bit ago?

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46 MR. SMITH: No.

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No?

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50 MR. SMITH: I didn't have anything.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Excuse me, Della.

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3 MS. TRUMBLE: My question maybe is to Greg, and I've
4 heard this statement made a number of times through his report
5 and through answering some questions, that he is comfortable
6 that these caribou are here, that the 3,800, including the
7 Unimak and the Peninsula.

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9 I guess my next question is, given that this
10 percentage, now, what is a comfortable percentage? If you're
11 going to use a percentage and not strictly a 100 or 160
12 caribou?

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14 MR. SIEKANIEC: Well, if we.....

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16 MS. TRUMBLE: Is there a safe medium here that we maybe
17 can seriously take a look at to work with?

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19 MR. SIEKANIEC: Well, yeah, I think that based on, you
20 know, the information that Robert gives and what the State
21 biologists are giving, it's that if you want to harvest off of
22 a caribou herd and try to maintain it in an increasing
23 incremental herd, they're recommending in that five percent
24 range. Robert.

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26 MR. WILLIS: Robert Willis, Fish and Wildlife Service.
27 I went through that earlier, but I'll run through it again
28 quickly. When your herd has a healthy production, that is,
29 you're getting a high number of calves produced and a high
30 number of calves that survive around to the next year and you
31 want that herd to continue to increase, normally you'd harvest
32 at about five percent. When you want to cut off a herd, as in
33 the case of the Nelchina herd up in the Nelchina basin, you try
34 to harvest around 10 percent because you don't want that herd
35 to be increasing and you also start harvesting females.

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37 In the case of the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd, the
38 mainland portion of that herd, whether it's Greg flying or Dick
39 Sellers flies or whoever flies out there, they're not finding
40 calves with those cows. Recruitment is just not very good, you
41 know, no matter who looks at it. On the other hand, on Unimak
42 Island, production appears to be very strong, the recruitment
43 is quite high. It is obvious that that group of animals out
44 there is doing much better than the ones on the Peninsula. And
45 we also know that a thousand animals is a lot to find on Unimak
46 Island, so you don't want to let that herd grow too much, so
47 we're thinking now, is we can set a 10 percent harvest out
48 there and stop the growth of that herd, at least and until such
49 time as we can determine what is a good number of animals for
50 the habitat out there.

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1 On the mainland, the herd's not doing as well and so we
2 feel that the five percent level -- the five percent harvest
3 that you use for a normal herd, a normally productive herd in
4 order to let it keep increasing, it's going to be a little bit
5 too high, so we thought, well, what would we recommend there
6 and we thought three percent harvest, backing off two percent
7 from five. That turned out to be 98 animals and that's where
8 the 100 animals came from Marvin. We said round it off to 100.
9 It had nothing to do with the fact that that was recommended
10 last year. That's three percent of 3,200 animals, it comes out
11 to 98 animals. So.....

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13 MS. TRUMBLE: As part of this question, you know, I sit
14 here and I listen to this and we understand that it's apparent
15 that this herd has grown and I really commend everyone for
16 using -- utilizing local people and determining where this
17 population of these caribou are. The one thing that concerns
18 me in sitting here is we listen and we've talked about -- I've
19 brought it up, Gilda's brought it up, Butch has brought it up,
20 of the predators. Now, we are having to pay, as individual
21 people and communities because there's nothing being done to
22 determine if that is the case, we have to pay for it because
23 we're not able to harvest these caribou.

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25 And I really -- you know, I have a hard time sitting
26 here and listening to this. We keep going here, here, here,
27 here, here, and there's never, in the last two years, been any
28 really good answers about what the heck is going on. And yet
29 we sit here and we have to pay for it.

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31 MR. WILLIS: My answer to that would be that we have no
32 means of controlling predators.

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34 MS. TRUMBLE: But you have means of controlling people.

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36 MR. WILLIS: We have no control over that. You know,
37 the State manages bears and wolves and we have limitations on
38 what we can do as far as managing these predators on Federal
39 lands. It's an unfortunate fact of wildlife management that
40 you have to manage by controlling those factors that you have
41 some control. At the present time, we don't have any control
42 over predation, and that -- I don't -- there are no studies
43 that I'm aware of that are going on to try to determine what
44 the level of exactly what's happened to the calves. But
45 whether it's predation or whether it's poor range or whether
46 it's a combination of the two, we still have no control over
47 that at this point. We have to try to control the things we
48 can control. And I don't think we can, in good conscious say,
49 well, the predators are killing a lot of caribou, so we're
50 going to go out and kill a bunch of caribou, too, even if it

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1 causes the herd to go down. In good conscious I can't do that.
2 Acknowledging that more animals are dying because of predation
3 that are being taken by the people in this area.

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5 MR. GUNDERSON: I think that probably our biggest
6 predator is on two feet.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I must say, wow, I'm just very
9 shocked. This is the first time I've heard that the Fish and
10 Wildlife doesn't have any control over predation? I mean is
11 that correct?

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13 MR. WILLIS: Greg, would you like to explain
14 refuge.....

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I mean.....

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18 MR. WILLIS: Well, first of all let me add this, Mark.
19 The Federal Board has dealt with the issue of subsistence
20 harvest of animals for that purpose before. Whether it's for
21 predator control or for damage control where people were
22 concerned about bears breaking into fish camps and so you shoot
23 bears that you're not really going to use just because they're,
24 you know, they may damage fish camps and so forth. The Board
25 has ruled in the past that that is not a subsistence activity.
26 Predator control is not a subsistence activity and therefore,
27 we cannot have Federal subsistence regulations to control
28 predators.

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: But isn't it your job to maintain.....

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32 MR. WILLIS: And so that.....

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34 MS. TRUMBLE:these.....

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36 MR. WILLIS: That takes it away from us, you know.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Just a minute here. I want to say
39 then, I must interject and say that I cannot accept this as
40 management then.

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42 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, I'm confused. Totally confused.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Absolutely.

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46 MR. WILLIS: Well, let me let one of the refuge.....

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48 MR. SMITH: Everybody put their hands up.

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50 MR. WILLIS:discuss the.....

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me here. I think I know we all
2 have a lot to get put into this. We are far from even coming
3 close, I feel at this point. At any rate, as I look here at
4 this, Agdaagux Tribal Council proposal, we are looking at some
5 of the same questions that this might entertain, too. I
6 thought we might be able to nail two geese with one shot if we
7 were able to.....

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9 MR. MACK: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:go through this.....

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13 MR. MACK: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:and try to keep on the same -- I
16 don't want to break anybody's -- take away from anybody's input
17 to it by any means. But I'm trying to set a format of how we
18 are going to come to these conclusions. Al.

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20 MR. CRATTY: Yes, Robert, I'm just thinking back, isn't
21 it two years ago when we started this and you guys only had
22 1,800 animals and we asked for 100 animals? Now, you've almost
23 doubled and I'm trying to understand why you can't give a few
24 more.

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26 MR. WILLIS: Well, I thought I explained what our
27 reasoning at setting it at three percent.

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29 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, but.....

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31 MR. WILLIS: That's based on the best information we
32 have available to us from caribou management experts on what it
33 takes to harvest a herd and still allow it to grown when it is
34 a productive herd, a normally productive herd, which we don't
35 feel this one is at this time.

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37 MR. CRATTY: Well, I think.....

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39 MR. WILLIS: It's not -- you know, that's what I have
40 to go with.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: You have to save some for predators.

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44 MR. CRATTY: Well, to me it seemed like it's doubled
45 just since we've started this. I mean this has come to the
46 table, you know?

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48 MR. WILLIS: Certainly the number that was counted this
49 year is probably what it was a couple of years ago. And
50 whether that's -- how much of that is production -- when we

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1 look at the production in the areas where we check production,
2 you know, the refuge goes out and flies and the State goes out
3 and flies, it doesn't seem reasonable that all those animals
4 were produced by the group of animals out there, you know, that
5 are looked at every year. So whether or not they came from
6 elsewhere or whether or not they're a breeding -- a calving
7 population of animals that are not getting looked at every
8 year, we really don't know.

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10 One thing we do know is that bull/cow ratio is not that
11 great in the areas you look at, you know. It's adequate. But
12 it's right around that threshold limit and so you don't want to
13 go in and shoot a lot of bulls. And we know that the cows --
14 the adult cows are dying off, you know, we know that for a
15 fact. You got a very high mortality on adult cows, and so
16 those are the things that we have to look at in recommending a
17 three percent harvest.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At this time I see many hands still
20 coming up. I believe at this time I have Vince, Paul, Mr.
21 Huff, Marvin, and finally Cliff. I would, at this time, like to
22 hear from these five and then move into this latest proposal
23 that we have before us so that we could start coming down to
24 what we are here for is to try to get to the core of this and
25 get some action moving. So Vince, did you.....

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27 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes. Well, I haven't said much on this
28 issue because I'm trying to understand why the State, you know,
29 came up with all these figures two years ago and the Federal
30 government at that time had not done a survey and that was, at
31 that point, the request that one be done. Now, that it's been
32 done, I would like to say that they've done, what I feel is a
33 complimentary job for the people in this region, which is a
34 very conscious study.

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36 I support the hunt in the Izembek area on the Peninsula
37 down to False Pass. And I think that in the new C&T, that
38 should be revised to include all the communities from Nelson
39 Lagoon, King Cove, Sand Point, Cold Bay and False Pass because
40 it is a traditional and it has been a cultural thing more than
41 anything else that they traveled by boat prior to the airplanes
42 coming into their communities, they traveled by boat to get to
43 Cold Bay or to King Cove or to False Pass. And even in those
44 days they took the old expansion just to go hunting, they'd
45 spend two months away from their communities just to get the
46 caribou so they could get back to their communities before
47 winter. I remember those days very well.

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49 Also I support that the communities should be selecting
50 these hunting methods, whether it by proxy, by drawings or

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1 whatever, how they do that. You know, who the individuals are,
2 whether it's the traditional hunter type person that goes out.
3 They may not necessarily have a full-time job, but he is out
4 there supplying food for the community, and there are people
5 like that in all the communities. And a lot of us nowadays
6 have full-time jobs just to keep alive and keep going. Over
7 the past 10 years we've lost a lot of our subsistence, which
8 made us go to corporations and cities and go to work full-time
9 where we can't go out and gather and be part of the community,
10 which is unfortunate.

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12 The total percent should be based on what is necessary
13 for the community. I mean I don't know how the Fish and Game
14 came up or the State comes up with a percentage of a herd. I
15 heard Bob mention that the professional -- or the people that
16 have dealt with the caribou. I mean I don't understand this.
17 What I've read earlier is that this is a definite mixture of
18 caribou that's, you know, unlike any other and it moves from
19 one area to another, it's territorial. It moves by weather.
20 It has a lot of factors. Now, I've heard that the predators
21 may be somehow involved with the demise of the herd. I think
22 that we should request, as part of this Council, a predator
23 study be done. Also heard, well, we don't control those. I
24 really don't believe that. If the State of Alaska really feels
25 that they need to be part of this situation, I think it's their
26 responsibility to get out there and do what is necessary to get
27 rid of these or enlarge the hunts of these predators so that
28 they're not taking away from these communities. If that means
29 they enlarge the bear hunts, the wolf hunts, the whatever it is
30 that are wiping out the herd, then they need to do that. If
31 they don't, then they're not responsible to -- for what they're
32 doing.

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34 I'd like the predator count to reflect the percentage
35 of the hunting that is done in this area. By that, I mean if
36 the predators may be in some way connected to up and down scale
37 of the herd, then I think that the predators ought to be raised
38 up and down to the same percentage, rather than going flat
39 level across the board year by year for 20 years. Say for
40 instance, the wolf count is up to 1,500 and they only do 400 a
41 year. You know, by mathematics, there'll be like close to
42 4,000 of them in 20 years and you're still doing 500, and yet,
43 you're losing caribou every year and you blame it on the
44 people. Or it's blamed by the people as being a part of the
45 problem or they're blaming the tundra or the food or the
46 weather and not really the predators. I think the predators
47 ought to be a real key to this issue. And if that doesn't
48 work, then I think that the Federal Subsistence Board ought to
49 look at the predators as a subsistence and deal with it on a
50 subsistence level. We utilize the -- have in years, utilized

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1 the furs as a trading element within the communities, even to
2 other areas of Alaska. So there's a connection there in
3 subsistence use of those parts of that animal.

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5 I hope that, you know, when we come out of this and
6 I've read both the Federal Wildlife's proposal and I've
7 reviewed the King Cove proposal and I hope that when we get out
8 of here we come to a meeting. Because there's a wide range of
9 difference in what King Cove and -- or the proposal that's
10 before us than what the Federal government has come up with.

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12 And last I take exception to the percentage that you
13 use. How does the Federal government come up with a percentage
14 of three percent? I know you're saying, well, it's estimated by
15 what the professional herders feel is sufficient to keep a herd
16 going. But I've always questioned the count, even from day
17 one, from the time the State did it two, two and a half, three
18 years ago. I always felt that they never really did an
19 indefinite study. Hopefully this one that we're going to do in
20 the mid-winter will reconfirm our feelings from the local area
21 that there is maybe 55 to 5,800 that we just never really
22 actually had an actual count, at least that's what I'm hoping.

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24 And as far as what the communities need, I can only go
25 to the people like Big Shot and Marvin and people in the
26 communities that actually go out and go hunting. I, myself, do
27 not do that, come up on the Peninsula and hunt the caribou.
28 But I really feel that if we're going to do this, we ought to
29 do what's good for the community. And also, the community must
30 also respect that the fact that three years from now they still
31 want to have a hunt. So there's got to be a little bit of give
32 and take from both sides. That's where I'm coming from.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Vincent. Yes, Paul, you
35 were next please.

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37 MR. GUNDERSON: Just a little bit more on what Vince
38 was saying, is that most of the communities are kind of the
39 shepherd of the herds, you know, in their surrounding. It's a
40 lifestyle. They probably keep better tabs than Fish and
41 Wildlife and Fish and Game all put together. They know what
42 the ratios are. They know how many animals they can take. And
43 they've done it for thousands of years. And it's a way of
44 life. It's -- sure, you know, we've been read down and --
45 those square heads and russians or whatever, but that trail
46 still stays with us. We are, as a people, probably managing
47 these animals closer than anybody by numbers. The only influx
48 -- the only trouble we have is that somebody else wants them,
49 too. And that's where our management problems come in. We
50 cannot -- I don't know how else to say it, you know, and it's

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1 just getting to be a -- the predator level that we spoke about
2 earlier, you know, we've had real healthy strong salmon runs in
3 a lot of the stream systems on the north side of the Peninsula
4 and that's the breeding grounds for bears, and you've got
5 probably a higher bear population now than you probably had in
6 20 years in this whole area, and they are real crucial to the
7 caribou calves and moose calves.

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9 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Paul. Please.

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11 MR. HUFF: Mr. Chairman, they're basing their plan and
12 their three percent -- my name is Marvin Huff. And their
13 three percent and the State count calf cow ratio, they're
14 calling it 11 percent of something. Myself, I cannot take that
15 count as truth. They couldn't count the caribou in the first
16 place. First they kept the caribou population down by saying
17 there was only 1,200, now they're -- and that wasn't working,
18 now we got 3,200 or 3,800, so now they keep the calf count down
19 and this is just another way from keeping us from getting
20 subsistence. This is what I'm viewing their calf count as.
21 It's just another way of keeping us from getting our
22 subsistence. We've been working against this for about five or
23 six years now.

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25 And what they're talking about, the bear population,
26 the bear population is up higher than any time that I've known
27 it in my life. There's more bears now than when I was nine or
28 10 years old. There's -- the State can't count them either.
29 They say there's two to a square mile, there's a lot more than
30 that. There's four or five. No matter where you go you see
31 them. And the State evidently is just having trouble with
32 their counts. The bears could be controlled a little bit if
33 you have maybe a spring and a fall hunt. That's one way of
34 controlling it a little bit, maybe open it up so we could get a
35 bear with a hunting license and sell the skin. That's another
36 way of doing it. It's been done years before. And the bear
37 population, the bears are the biggest -- I believe they're even
38 worse than the wolves right now for predation. They're even
39 finding it out up north. I just seen it on the news, that the
40 bears are taking more moose calves than the wolves are. There
41 are just way to many of them. Maybe you could open a season up
42 for a hunt for us. We could sell the skins or have a double
43 hunt, you know, spring and fall. But there's way to many of
44 them.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Marvin. Is the other
49 Marvin, oh, yes, I couldn't see you back there, Big Shot.

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1 MR. MACK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yeah, I just -- the
2 only comments I got to make to the Board, it just -- really the
3 upsetting thing is the percentages, you know. You bring up
4 percentages, you got a five percent and he's talked about the
5 Nelchina herd. That there is great, they got a great herd.
6 It's like Eureka Lodge up in Eureka, that's the Nelchina herd,
7 right, I mean that's great. They turn around -- I got a nephew
8 that lives in Anchorage, yeah, he's happy, he goes out and gets
9 two tags, he runs out there, sits in the truck just so he can
10 get his two tags, bingo, they wait for them to cross the road.
11 Now, there's no way that you can even, even think about a herd
12 in Nelchina and this herd down here. The vast of hunting, you
13 know, and I beg your pardon, that there is the way it's done.
14 You know it and I know it. And you know, Feds, they sit there
15 and they watch it done and they know, they're legal, they do
16 it. But here we are, a vast area and what are we talking, um,
17 a hundred some mile square district down here, a 130 mile
18 square. Not mismanaged, but hard to manage. I'll put it that
19 way, Greg. It's not mismanaged, but hard to manage. Really
20 hard to manage with the funds you got. You know, I appreciate
21 what you're doing with the management that you're doing and I
22 respect it. But then again, too, you got to respect the people
23 with the animals that are here.

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25 And it's -- and they say it's five percent, okay, five
26 percent of what, 3,200 is what, 160 okay. So go six percent,
27 you're getting a five percent return. Nobody knows about this
28 percent here, not really, you know. And then you're talking 10
29 percent, 10 percent would be 360. And then the proposal is
30 there, and we'll talk about that tomorrow, but something to
31 sleep on tonight. You can't compare this herd with the other
32 herds in the State of Alaska. We've been fighting that for
33 years and you know, that's for sure.

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35 And like I say, Greg, it's a hell of a job, it's a hell
36 of a job, but then here's somebody else coming here and all of
37 a sudden say, we lost 1,800 caribou, I mean that is totally
38 asinine. Mr. Chair, to compare this herd with percentages to
39 other herds within the State is totally crazy. And you know, I
40 appreciate the percentages, I do, and you know, I'm not
41 educated enough to go out and -- I don't watched caribou all my
42 life you know, and when I go out to get a caribou, I go out to
43 get a caribou, I don't want to kill the country off. It's just
44 like ducks and everything else. But it's just one thing to
45 keep in your mind. I don't feel the percentages to -- with
46 your percentages against other herds within the State that they
47 can monitor with a pickup truck and they can do all their
48 surveys and stuff, which they can't do down here because of
49 budget, and I understand that, and we all understand that, but
50 the thing is to compare us with other herds up there -- if

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1 they're going to compare us then give us five percent. Give us
2 five percent if they're going to turn around and worry about
3 returns on other herds, then give us the returns that we're
4 supposed to have, too.

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6 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Marvin. At this time I had
9 mentioned that I was going to hear from the five here that we
10 had down. The reason is here again, I think we need to move on
11 and continue on a basis, but I would like to utilize this basis
12 as to whether we are going to accept or reject the proposals or
13 recommendations that we have with us. So at this time, Cliff,
14 here was next.

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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is Cliff
17 Edenshaw, the coordinator. I just wanted to make some comments
18 in regards to the data. I think it with the State's data, I
19 think as a Regional Council coordinator, I would like to see
20 more of the State's data collection that they've done over the
21 years. I know that in the Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou
22 Management Plan, that was signed off in 1994. You see we're
23 making the decision or the Board -- the Board is going to meet
24 October 21st in Anchorage to address 9(D), well, they will
25 address the proposal -- whatever the number is that goes forth
26 will be addressed by the Board in October. The Staff Committee
27 will meet October 9th, is that right Tom -- October 9th to
28 address this proposal as well.

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30 I think, you know, when I've been thumbing through the
31 management plan and the data that Greg has submitted, along
32 with what Dick Sellers has done, you know, I think we're
33 looking at -- this is one year's data. I'm curious to see what
34 was collected in '94 and '95, because I think last year Greg
35 displayed a time table, over a 12 or 20 year period showing the
36 caribou fluctuation in the populations in thousands. And you
37 know, for all we know, we could be on the upswing in the data
38 that is being presented, that could be normal for the herd, we
39 don't know that. Greg doesn't know that. Dick Sellers doesn't
40 know that. That could be normal. The calf recruitment, that
41 could be normal. That could be normal for this herd. I think
42 in terms of the three percent or the five percent of the
43 Western herd, the Mulchatna, that's not the Southern Alaska
44 Peninsula Caribou Herd. The conditions on the Aleutian Chain
45 and Unimak Island, I think are different from the Interior or
46 the Northwest. It's damned colder up north. And I think to
47 use some sort of an empirical formula to address allocation,
48 and that's another thing that isn't addressed in the management
49 plan, so for myself as a coordinator, I'd be more in tune to
50 get more data from the State. I think when it comes down to

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1 next month when they make the decision, they're going to be
2 looking at the biological data that's been collected this year
3 as well as what has been collected from the State in terms of
4 calf recruitment, cow -- bull/cow ratio. And I think if you
5 look in your booklets, I included a copy of the management
6 plan. And I recall last year when the proposal was rejected by
7 the Board, they strictly adhered to the management plan and to
8 the biological data that was presented to the Board at their
9 meeting.

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11 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.....

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Cliff.

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15 MR. TUTIAKOFF:I request a recess.

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17 MS. TRUMBLE: Yeah, there you go.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We are requesting a recess. I will at
20 this time -- I would like to see it, but I hope when we get
21 back I would like to tune in to next, number one, take the
22 Agdaagux Tribal Council proposal and to find out if we are --
23 want to support or reject that and also look at the State --
24 the Refuge management recommendations to compare the two.
25 Because as I look at it, we are addressing the materials that
26 are in part of both of those. So after the recess, we will get
27 right into it.

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29 (Off record)

30 (On record)

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I would like to call this meeting back
33 to order if you will, please. Our five minutes has run out on
34 us and we've got much work yet to do here. Like I had stated,
35 we have heard much good discussion here today and we want to
36 continue this, but I would like to do it in a more productive
37 manner. Productive manner, meaning that I would like to
38 incorporate our discussion from here on with the different
39 proposals and recommendations we have before us. So I believe,
40 at this time, it would be proper and I would so entertain a
41 motion on the Agdaagux Tribal Council King Cove proposal.

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43 MR. GUNDERSON: And I'd move to adopt it.

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45 MR. SMITH: I'll second.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded on this. We can
48 certainly move right into some discussion here. And from here
49 I'd like to hear the wish of the Council. Would you like a
50 reading of the proposal or would we like to take it basically a

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1 paragraph or issue by issue?

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3 MR. CRATTY: Mr. Chair, could you read it?

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. Do we have these folks on the
6 line with us here, Elizabeth and Peggy?

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8 MS. ANDREWS: Yes, I'm here, Mr. Chairman. This is
9 Elizabeth.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. Peggy?

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13 MS. OSTERBACK: I'm here.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. Yes, Vince.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think the main portion of this
18 proposal is paragraph three.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Paragraph three, yes.....

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: On the first page.

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I understand that. I guess what I'm
25 trying to do is give some courtesy to our people on the phone
26 that do not have this proposal in front of them, just trying
27 to.....

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29 MS. TRUMBLE: Do they have fax machines?

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, because a lot of this, I feel is
32 good information. Good information and a little bit of
33 history. But the whole proposal is the third paragraph, and I
34 think we should deal with that because it deals with the actual
35 amount of animals that we're discussing. And also the
36 percentage, which is 10 percent versus a three percent
37 supported by the Staff.

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. There are certainly other issues
40 that we have discussed that will come as we discuss it.
41 Elizabeth and Peggy, here, we are about ready to go into
42 discussion here on the Agdaagux Tribal Council proposal from
43 King Cove. I am not sure whether you have had the opportunity
44 to see this or would like to have one faxed to you or.....

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46 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chairman, this is Elizabeth. I do
47 have a copy that was faxed to me that I just received, so I can
48 follow through as you work through it. Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Elizabeth. Peggy?

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1 MS. OSTERBACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I do have a copy of
2 it.

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4 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. Okay, we are into
5 discussion on this proposal. So far I hear -- is there any
6 objection, I heard one request a reading and the other start
7 with paragraph three. Can we be more specific? Can one or the
8 other wish to change?

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10 MR. CRATTY: I'll wish to change. You read paragraph
11 three if they have a copy.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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15 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chair, Big Shot just pointed out to me
16 on Page 3, on the first, second, third, fourth -- fifth
17 paragraph down, there's a good point there. It's basically
18 saying what the third paragraph says, but it brings up the
19 designated hunter provision also.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, it's not my intent to delete or
22 not talk about any part of this issue, but to try to get a
23 focus on where our indifferences are. To come to some
24 conclusion reasonably that we might be able to have the
25 proposal that we are satisfied with.

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27 So thank you. At this time, I would go ahead with the
28 reading of paragraph three that has the most important impact,
29 what we feel, on the proposals before us:

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31 We are requesting 320 animals as Unimak Island was
32 allocated 10 percent of the estimated herd or 60 caribou (600)
33 animals. We feel there shouldn't be a double standard and we
34 should be treated equally as they. Both 9(D) and 10 proposed
35 harvest -- excuse me, both 9(D) and 10 proposed harvests, 60 on
36 Unimak Island and the proposed 320 on the mainland would amount
37 to 10 percent of the total herd of 3,800. As we see it now,
38 the Board is managing Unimak Island as a separate herd by
39 allocating False Pass with 60 animals in the Southern Alaska
40 Peninsula Caribou Herd Management Plan. Unimak Island is not
41 managed separately from the mainland herd.

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43 I would just like to give you my thoughts on this. I
44 certainly feel that this request is a fair request. Given the
45 fact that the 10 percent has been a rule of thumb on a great
46 amount of our resources, including the fisheries, herrings,
47 land animals, so I don't think that is out of line in one
48 respect. That if we were to see 320 animals as a good number,
49 I still feel that you take 320 away from the 3,800, which
50 leaves us approximately 3,500, which still then gives us 1,000

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1 animals above the bottom threshold. So I am not, at this time,
2 prepared to make a recommendation for the 320, but I think it
3 is reasonable to look at a basic minimum percentage or number
4 and up to a certain number, so that if there is changes that we
5 haven't taken into consideration that we don't jeopardize going
6 back to a zero hunt, if you follow my train of thought.

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8 So with that, I would like to address what other input
9 we might have here. Yes, Marvin Huff.

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11 MR. HUFF: Mr. Chairman, my name is Marvin Huff. The
12 320 animals on the mainland, that if we took that many, would
13 leave the 3,500 like you said, except for the growth that are
14 in the -- growth of the herd, according to Dick Sellers and
15 them is supposed to be 10 or 11 percent. So we would have no
16 growth at all. But that 10 or 11 percent, we don't take as
17 accurate. He's not counting it accurately.

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: As a bottom line?

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21 MR. HUFF: The bottom line is, I think, the herd will
22 still grow. And also I would like to say that if the Board is
23 uncomfortable with 300 -- or 10 percent of the animals, I feel
24 that we're certainly deserve more than three percent and
25 probably we could negotiate a number -- it's not written as
26 take it or leave it, you know. We could negotiate it if the
27 Board was to feel uncomfortable, but more than three percent.

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29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Marvin. I think the
32 questions here in the paragraph are several. Number one,
33 identifying the separate allocations and amounts, and also the
34 number that we hope to achieve out of this. So I think that
35 both sides are going to be heard, but I would like to keep the
36 discussion on the numbered topic as we are talking at this
37 moment. Marvin.

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39 MR. MACK: Yeah, Mr. Chair, Marvin Mack from King Cove.
40 I was talking to Greg, the Refuge manager, you got 40 percent
41 at a return in False Pass, which is the same herd -- pretty
42 much the same herd, and at 40 percent, we're talking big
43 numbers, and all we're asking for is 10 percent. I feel with a
44 40 percent return in False Pass and the caribou herd that we
45 have is the same herd, the same caribou. And I don't know what
46 their calving return is up in Dillingham and that area and Port
47 Moeller and that area, but it's been doing good. So I feel
48 that the 10 percent, 320 animals should not be any problem.
49 And I feel that we should go with that and then -- and we could
50 see what happens next year. I feel that 10 percent is not

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1 asking for too much.

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3 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Marvin. Do I hear anymore
6 discussion as to how to define or accept the -- achieve a
7 number that we can live with? Vince.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Did you just write that?

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11 MS. MASON: I just wrote summarizing what was in their
12 proposal.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay. You need to ask the communities
15 to designate -- or that have a committee for drawing or
16 whatever, who's going to get the permits.

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18 MS. MASON: Oh, how are the designation -- okay, okay.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, right, designation permits.

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22 MS. MASON: Um-hum.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I know that the Federal -- the Staff
25 recommendation was three percent based on -- to come up with a
26 figure of 100 basically. And based on traditional caribou
27 herds in the Interior and other areas and we talked a little
28 bit about that earlier. But I still -- and after talking with
29 Mr. Willis, the biologist, I -- he was opposed to my statement
30 that, you know, the three percent was just a biased opinion.
31 But I told him that I felt that the reason I was objecting to
32 how they came up with the three percent was not based on the
33 herd population, necessarily, but the herd's decrease. And we
34 need to look at, as part of all this, and I didn't make it
35 clear, I guess, but I would like the committee to also -- and
36 from now on, to look at the predator evaluation or analysis of
37 how it effects the herd.

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39 Now, the State of Alaska, as was mentioned earlier,
40 does not want us to necessarily have a subsistence hunt on
41 these animals, but they do want to maintain a high predator
42 growth. And that's for commercial reasons. I think that's a
43 hunting reason, you know, it's not a subsistence reason. As to
44 the figures that we're crunching around here and looking at 320
45 animals, I don't feel it's a -- would be a real detriment to
46 the herd, but we need to come to -- I really feel we ought to
47 come up to a figure if it comes down to what is necessary for
48 the communities to make it through the winter. They've had an
49 unnecessarily hard summer with the fishing. It's brought an
50 economic situation to this particular region that they're going

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1 to have to rely on the caribou to sustain their continued
2 activity in this area. I mean their fishing industry was just
3 about zero. You know, a lot of these communities are going to
4 be in economic hardship and they're going to have to rely on
5 the subsistence of the caribou this year. And based on that, I
6 would -- you know, my thinking is to try and keep the
7 sustainable growth level. But I've also got to have a strong
8 feeling for the communities. And I would recommend that they
9 -- if we could get them and we agreed to it, I'd recommend a
10 320 animal limit.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Vince. Della, you'll be
13 next here. I just want to point out that I have had a moment
14 here with Tom and of course, as I mentioned I am really struck
15 with the comments made about the predation. It's not
16 consistent in any shape, manner or form to which a good
17 management is based on. So therefore, later on here, I would
18 like to hear from Mr. Eley what his overview is as far as
19 predation and how it's handled, State or Federally.

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21 Della.

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23 MS. TRUMBLE: I guess I just have kind of a point of
24 interest here. Marvin brought up the fact that you're looking
25 at a 10 to 11 percent increase, at least, you want growth per
26 year. But if you were to look at these figures which went
27 from, what is it, 1,800 to 3,200 to 3,800, that's 50 percent.
28 If you were to take the State letter from Dick Sellers and his
29 locating 19 of 22 functioning radio collared caribou and he
30 counted 60 in '96, if you figure a 2:1 ratio, that's 32/3,500
31 caribou. And I think, you know, we'd have -- mention that
32 we've had hardships this year. And until, you know, that we
33 can come up with actual correct figures, and if this herd can
34 sustain that 320 caribou, I'd recommend it.

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Della. I would like to say
37 that I hope that we are -- as we sit here and discuss this,
38 that we are looking at having this again reviewed at this same
39 time next year. I hope this isn't the expectations for the
40 years to come, but to reevaluate at least next year to see
41 whether it, in fact, has stabilized or has shown deterioration
42 or growth. So that's my thoughts on it in hoping that we can
43 look at it from that point.

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45 Melvin.

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47 MR. SMITH: Yes, Mr. Chair. Like say this Council is
48 to approve this and it goes before the Federal Subsistence
49 Board and they say no, and if we turn down the State -- is that
50 the State that's proposing the -- or that's the Refuge that's

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1 proposing that.

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3 MR. GUNDERSON: Staff.

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5 MR. SMITH: Say if we turn that down and approve this
6 and then the Federal Subsistence Board turns ours down, I mean
7 shouldn't we be looking at maybe something in between or is --
8 I'm not sure how to explain this.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: This is why I had really looked at it
11 as to put an up to number. I mean as we are aware, anything
12 can happen. We certainly do not want to jeopardize a no
13 hunt.....

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15 MR. SMITH: Right.

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17 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:next year on this. That is a
18 very high concern that I have.

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20 MR. SMITH: Yeah.

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And that I hope to make my decision on
23 when it comes time to do so. So at this point, I am looking --
24 I would recommend an up to number certainly to establish a
25 minimum, whether by percentage or by number to ensure that we
26 don't get cut short of what we know already exists.

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28 To answer that number, I believe that the -- if we can
29 back this with the criteria to which we and the Board makes
30 their decisions on, then I think it can only be rejected if it
31 doesn't fit into the criteria of sound management and to show
32 that conservation is part of our plan, too.

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34 Paul, I seen you after Melvin there.

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36 MR. GUNDERSON: No, I just wanted to make the comment,
37 we talked about a lot of things and then this one particular
38 caribou area in particular is -- you know, we talked about
39 geographics of people and going from place to -- Point A to
40 Point B to go get these animals. I feel that they all, you
41 know, if it's a -- if we do get a number of animals, it all
42 should be incorporated as one. I don't think there should be
43 really any geographical lines or anything drawn on it.

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45 And I am speaking for the community of Nelson Lagoon,
46 they were in support of the 320 animals based on the numbers
47 that have been brought forth. And they asked me to express
48 that at this meeting.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Paul. Vince.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: In my discussion earlier, I did not
2 count the 60 animals. Because that 60 animals was based on the
3 Staff's recommendation separate -- as a separate region. I
4 included False Pass in the 320.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: So that is not separate.

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10 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you for pointing that out.

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'm not separating them as one region
13 getting 60 and the other area as getting 320. I said 320, the
14 whole region. And how it's divided shall be up to the
15 communities. I mean in working with Greg and his staff on how
16 you're going to determine that amount, who gets what in what
17 community, that's been the communities and Greg. We can
18 probably say that here. But you know, some communities may
19 need more than others, based on the economic issue. And that's
20 why I didn't address it individual.

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. And as we discussed that, I
23 think we were discussing again, what I believe Gilda here had
24 brought as far as False Pass' position on the mainland herd
25 versus the Unimak Island herd. It's unclear to me -- it sounds
26 to me like there might have been a change of consensus, am I
27 reading it.....

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29 MS. SHELLIKOFF: No.

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: When I say that, are you still
32 recommending that False Pass gets the animals on Unimak and
33 does not participate in the mainland hunt?

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35 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Yeah, well, well if they all go and
36 combine as one, that probably would change, but if they leave
37 it like 60 for False Pass and 320 for the mainland, False Pass
38 wouldn't hunt on the mainland.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, I'm just trying to get a
41 consensus here.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Or vice a versa.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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47 MR. GUNDERSON: See the differential is starting right
48 there. I think to be safe, you should lump it all in one
49 number and take a percentage off of that because there is -- as
50 it was pointed out a number of times earlier, that these people

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1 went where the animals were. You know, you wouldn't want to
2 see Gilda out there chasing somebody off the beach -- the
3 caribou or, you know -- I can see a big headache there. And
4 probably management sees a big headache all the time because
5 this is a wandering herd, you know, it moves all over the
6 place. And they do visit other communities, too, so.....

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The reason I asked this and want to
9 clarify it is because as you can hear from me, I do not support
10 a geographical C&T, for the simple reason that this issue has
11 been addressed by the Board as we were in discussion with the
12 Board on the same thing with Prince William Sound as being able
13 to hunt on one side of the Sound or the other, but where it's
14 all one area. And the Board, at that time, ruled in favor that
15 there was no geographical discrimination. That it was a unit
16 and the people were entitled to the resource within their unit
17 as put before them.

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19 So is there more discussion? Yes, Marvin.

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21 MR. MACK: Mr. Chairman, Marvin Mack. I just want to
22 commend you people for the job that you're doing. I know it's
23 a hard position to be in. You know, me being on the Aleutian's
24 East Borough, it's very hard, and you all are doing a -- you
25 know, it's hard and you're spending a lot of money and a lot of
26 time. But it would really upset me. I know it's going to
27 upset a lot of people if it goes forth and the main Board
28 shoots it down and we have to go back to the drawing table
29 again. And I commend you all and whatever you voted. You
30 know, I just say that 320 is not that many animals and I think
31 we deserve it.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Marvin. Greg.

34
35 MR. SIEKANIEC: Yeah. This is Greg Siekaniec from
36 Izembek Refuge just to provide a few comments. What I'm
37 hearing, I think, is that one, when we split out the Unimak
38 Island is due to the productivity that was being demonstrated
39 down there. We would just as soon keep it as, hey, this is the
40 Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd. That little segment of the
41 herd is exhibiting, as Marvin indicated a substantially higher
42 recruitment, as demonstrated from this last year's data. The
43 data that we have on the Peninsula herd, the recruitment seems
44 to be marginal, at best. But if we look at it from the
45 standpoint of the whole herd, and the recommendations that come
46 from the caribou experts are that if we move into a harvest
47 strategy on a herd on which we want to keep the herd building,
48 and I think that's probably a consensus that we have here, we
49 look at it from the standpoint of around five percent. So if
50 we look at that 3,800 animals, now we're talking the whole

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1 herd, that's not split between Unimak and the Peninsula, 3,800
2 at a five percent rate is approximately 190 animals; 60 permits
3 are on Unimak already, that leaves 130 permits. We're not very
4 far off from already being at the recommended guidelines that
5 the experts are telling us, if you want to harvest and still
6 continue to watch your herd grow, you know, you would recommend
7 a five percent harvest rate. You would go in there and you
8 would target five percent of your animals and predominately in
9 the bull range because you don't want to take your cows because
10 they're the ones that are going to produce your calves. You
11 know, this is real basic stuff. We all have an agreement on
12 that.

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14 That 10 percent level of harvest is recognized as the
15 level at which you want to stagnate the herd, keep it at that
16 very same level or reduce. So from my perspective, I think
17 we're really close on one hand, and I think we're too far off
18 on the 10. You know, for us to come and say, all right, we're
19 in line, you know, that 10 percent is okay, because -- and when
20 I visited with the communities, they were all in favor of let's
21 take a conservative approach so that we can continue to see the
22 herd increase over time. We've got only one year of data that
23 indicates that we've had an increase in animals. I'm just so
24 on edge that we come back next year and we see a decrease in
25 this herd, where are we going to go with it, you know, what are
26 we going to be up against.

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28 I think that five percent, if we were to look at it
29 from the standpoint of the herd as a whole, including the two
30 segments, I think we're really close. I mean I think that we
31 can come in line and we can probably work and support that sort
32 of a target number.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think one other piece of the puzzle
35 as I had mentioned before, we are getting ready here and
36 starting to narrow down to look for how we're going to vote
37 this issue. I think I'd like to incorporate Mr. Eley's input
38 here on predation. Just so we have that last factor in prior
39 to making a recommendation from the Council. So Tom, could you
40 please.....

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42 MR. ELEY: Sure.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:enlighten us on some predation
45 regulation or management or what it might need.

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47 MR. ELEY: I don't know if this is going to help or
48 confuse the situation even more. If it confuses, I apologize.
49 But predator -- just to step back, before I was in my present
50 job I was the refuge manager in Galena for the Koyukuk/Nowitna

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1 Refuges. We had a major control concern up there about wolf
2 and moose populations. And it is reverberated through the Fish
3 and Wildlife Service, we've been working on a new predator
4 management policy, and the bottom line is that in certain
5 circumstances the Fish and Wildlife Service does control
6 predators. We're certainly doing it on the Aleutian Islands
7 with foxes and with rats. We're doing it in other places with
8 coyotes and so forth. And we could do it with wolves if the
9 situation were right.

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11 Now, the problem that the Fish and Wildlife Service
12 runs into is the same problem that the State ran into, and
13 that's going to be a public outcry if we go into a wolf control
14 program, let's say. Well, if we went into a bear control
15 program as in the side, the wolf control fiasco would be, you
16 know, the outcry would look like good times, and this is going
17 to be bad times with bear control, bottom line. But for the
18 Fish and Wildlife Service to institute a predator control
19 program, there's going to have to be overriding scientific
20 evidence that, in fact, predators are what are causing the
21 problem. Once there's that sort of information and it's not
22 impossible to collect that information, it is spending to
23 collect that information, but it's not impossible. It takes a
24 lot of work, you know. And budgets are already strapped, but
25 it can be done. And certainly in other areas we know that
26 black bears are a major issue with moose population, but the
27 State hasn't, of course, proposed any black control either.
28 Liberalizing seasons are certainly a possibility. Both the
29 sport seasons and the subsistence seasons if you want, you
30 know, bear control, if you will. But for the Fish and Wildlife
31 Service to enter any sort of a predator control project, there
32 would have to be overwhelming evidence.

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34 This evidence would then undergo all sorts of
35 scientific scrutiny, if you will, within the Fish and Wildlife
36 Service, certainly in Alaska, and certainly outside of Alaska
37 in Washington, D.C. And then remember that the State had to
38 open their predator control project to public scrutiny on the
39 level of Alaskans. That would certainly have to go on for the
40 Fish and Wildlife Service to get into predator control in
41 Alaska. It would also have to open it up to public scrutiny
42 outside the State of Alaska, because these are national
43 wildlife refuges, they are public lands belonging to everybody.
44 Certainly the input from subsistence users would carry lots of
45 weight, but the bottom line would be it's going to take a while
46 for it to happen, if it, in fact, happened at all. It's not
47 impossible, but it's pretty doggone difficult for it to happen.

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49 Some things are very straight forward. The foxes out
50 on the Aleutian Islands here in the bird colonies, very

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1 straight forward biology. Some of these other issues become
2 much more complex, much more political, much more emotional and
3 other people get involved, and expensive, absolutely.
4 Certainly it's easier to put a crew out to trap foxes and rats
5 than it is to control wolves and so forth.

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7 So it's not impossible, it's very difficult. It's not
8 going to happen easily and certainly not without a lot of
9 public scrutiny. Much more than the State has gotten under
10 theirs and they had to appoint a special committee to come up
11 here and look at their wolf control project.

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13 MR. WILLIS: Mark.

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. But I'd just like to say here
16 though, as we have looked at it, number one, I don't think any
17 of us have approved the different types of control that have
18 been utilized before, such as the wolf control.....

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20 MR. ELEY: Um-hum.

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:for the sports hunting gains to
23 the Hagemeister issue.

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25 MR. ELEY: Um-hum.

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But certainly I don't think we have
28 went out and taken a look at all potentials that are out there
29 to help this. Specifically, when I say that, we certainly have
30 looked at calving rates, we look at survival rate. To me, the
31 three factors that come to my mind are human, health or
32 predation. I'm not saying the only ones, but they all have
33 something to do with it. So at any rate, I just hope that all
34 these are taken, once again, when we make a recommendation.

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36 Yes.

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38 MR. WILLIS: Thank you, Mark. Robert Willis, Fish and
39 Wildlife Service, Subsistence Office. I just wanted to add one
40 thing to what Tom said, and that is what he is describing would
41 be an agency operation and not a Federal Subsistence Board
42 operation. That is the agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service
43 would have to go through this procedure to determine if they
44 could do predator control on a national wildlife refuge. The
45 Federal Subsistence Board would not, in any way, get into
46 predator control. And so this Council functions to advise the
47 Board. And so it would not be worthwhile to try to go through
48 the Federal Subsistence Board to accomplish what Tom is
49 speaking of here.

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1 MR. ELEY: Absolutely right.

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3 MR. WILLIS: It would have to be done by the Fish and
4 Wildlife Service as an agency acting independently of the other
5 agencies that make up the Federal Subsistence Board.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: To me that brings back then the avenue
8 such as, well, maybe the Board does have some say in that if a
9 bear is a subsistence animals, if the wolf is a subsistence
10 animal, it could increase the taking if they can show that we
11 have a survey that indicates that this could be a part of our
12 problem. Am I on the right line?

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14 MR. WILLIS: Up to a point, yes. You could certainly
15 increase the harvest limits and expand seasons, but only for
16 the purpose of taking that animal for meat and hides and not
17 for the purposes of simply.....

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19 MR. CRATTY: Predator control.

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21 MR. WILLIS:removing it as a predator on caribou.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We certainly could use a customary
24 trade on it.

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26 MR. ELEY: And if you were going to do that, you would
27 want to do that in concert, perhaps, with the State, where you
28 might have other people coming in from outside that would also
29 increase the harvest count.

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31 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly. This is the avenues I'm
32 hoping would defer heartache to everyone.

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34 MR. ELEY: Yeah.

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, go ahead Marvin.

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38 MR. HUFF: Okay, Mr. Chairman, my name is Marvin. The
39 State doesn't see these bears, they're flying and stuff. I've
40 flown between Nelson Lagoon and King Cove and I know I'm in big
41 bear country and you don't see the bears flying, you can not
42 see them flying. You might see an occasional one. But you get
43 down on the ground and you walk around, you'll see them. I've
44 walked in Pavlof Bay hunting caribou and you walk one mile, you
45 count five to six, seven bears, walk another mile, you count
46 five, six different ones. It's a -- there's a tremendous
47 amount out -- and you fly over the same place, you won't see
48 them, but there's a tremendous amount of bears on the terrain.
49 When we're hunting caribou, when the season was open, we had --
50 they were even learning to come to our shots, you know. You

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1 shoot a caribou and they all head for you looking for a free
2 meal. Instead of running from a shot, they were coming to it.
3 So we have to take care of the caribou and get them down to the
4 beach real fast if we want to save them, you know.

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6 But you don't see those bears when you're flying. Even
7 out on the tundra you don't see them, you got to get down on
8 the ground to see them. The State doesn't know how many bears
9 there is out there, and that's a fact.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Still, one thing that comes to mind to
12 me, I'm looking at the unit I'm most familiar with, and that
13 would, I guess, be the Katmai Refuge. Certainly we have lots
14 and lots of bear there. But I also see an absence of caribou.
15 And not knowing that they ever really have used as part of
16 their boundaries, if you will.

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18 Vince.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For purpose of clarification, we made a
21 motion to accept this proposal as it's been presented, right.
22 It then becomes now the Board's proposal to Staff; is that
23 correct?

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No. From here it goes to our -- the
26 recommendation goes to the Board.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Full Board?

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.

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32 MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.

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36 MS. MASON: I just wanted to clarify that -- I mean it
37 goes recommended by Council, the Staff would analyze it, the
38 recommendations would be forwarded to the Board. But I just
39 wanted to make sure everybody knows, it's not an all or nothing
40 proposal. That the Board might not approve every part of it,
41 but it would be -- like it wouldn't necessarily be shot down in
42 toto.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Because there are -- at this point
45 there are now two proposals. There's the Staff proposal and
46 now we have what is called -- I'm going to call it now because
47 we've adopted it under motion, the Board's recommendation,
48 right?

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50 MR. BRELSFORD: Council's.

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1 MS. MASON: Council's recommendation, yeah.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Council, okay, I keep calling us a
4 board. I hope you know what I mean. Well, the reason I'm
5 asking is because under the -- I didn't mean to break in here,
6 but the reason I'm asking is I want to get to a medium that the
7 communities that are represented here will accept and also that
8 our Staff will accept. And I understand Greg's concern about
9 their management to keep this a continuing growing herd, but I
10 would like to move it and get it going and make a
11 recommendation change that it be seven percent of the -- of
12 what is called now, as you recommended, the total 3,800, which
13 would come out to 140 and 60 -- plus the 60 from Unimak, which
14 would be a combined for the region of 200.

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16 It would go from what is a high, what you feel is a
17 high of five, recommendation, well, now it's three, right?

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19 MS. TRUMBLE: Three, yes.

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21 MR. SIEKANIEC: And five percent is.....

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And you spoke as the high as being
24 five?

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26 MR. SIEKANIEC: Five percent is what is sort of
27 recommended to sort of keep your herd bumping along in an
28 increasing increment.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right. And the 10 you felt was a
31 high.....

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33 MR. MACK: Forty percent and now you're going to drop
34 us to 10? You got 40 percent.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What's that?

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38 MR. MACK: They got 40 percent calf ratio out there and
39 then you're going to drop us to five; give us a break Vince.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No, I'm talking about the total.....

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43 MR. MACK: Oh, the total, yeah.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF:the total herd.

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47 MR. MACK: Yeah, the total herd.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Not just umnik (ph). He's talking --
50 you're talking 40 percent of umnik. I'm not.....

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1 MR. MACK: You're going to cut us down to 200 animals.

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3 MS. HILE: Wait.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I'm not talking about umnik, I'm.....

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me, I appreciate it.....

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9 MR. MACK: But.....

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:but we're getting too many
12 talking at once. Vince has the floor.

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, at this time what I see here,
15 there's only a recommendation of three percent or 100. And
16 that's 100 plus the 60; is that what I'm hearing?

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18 MR. SIEKANIEC: Right.

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And I move that -- you know, I'd like
21 to see us come to a consensus here and move on. I hope that
22 the communities understand that at the requested 10 percent of
23 the total 320, which is also including Unimak, the way this
24 proposal is written, 3,800. Right, that includes the herd at
25 Unimak?

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27 MR. SIEKANIEC: My understanding would be that it would
28 be 320, plus 60.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Um-hum.

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32 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Which is.....

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34 MR. SIEKANIEC: That would be 380, that would be 10
35 percent of 3,800.

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37 MR. MACK: Thirty-two hundred, that there is the stuff
38 on the mainland. That 60.....

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, 3,200 is the.....

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42 MR. MACK:is of the island.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's how I read it here as it is,
45 Vince. That they are requesting 320 animals, that's from the
46 mainland as.....

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But see under the second or third
49 paragraph -- or I mean the sentence of that it says 320
50 mainland would amount to 10 percent of the total 38, that's why

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1 it's confusing to me. It should be 3,200, not 3,800, right?

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct.

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5 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes.

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7 MR. TUTIAKOFF: See that's what's confusing to me when
8 I read this is that -- and it would be to anybody else that
9 didn't understand it, I guess, would say that they're
10 requesting 10 percent, plus the three percent on top of it.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, the 10 percent is equivalent of
13 the -- 60 animals off Unimak plus 10 percent of the 3,200 on
14 the mainland, which brings it to 380.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right.

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18 MS. SHELLIKOFF: You're just reading half of that
19 sentence. If you start at both 90 and 10 proposed harvest --
20 60 on Unimak Island and a proposed 320 on the mainland would
21 amount to 10 percent of the total.

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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25 MR. HUFF: We have a tremendous growth on the Peninsula
26 right now, you know.

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28 MS. HILE: Wait.

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30 MR. HUFF: If you want to listen to.....

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32 MR. CRATTY: Get over here near the microphone.

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34 MR. HUFF:listen to the Staff and the State, we
35 went from 1,200 animals in two years and we're up 32 -- 3,800.
36 That's what, how big a growth is that?

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Two hundred percent.

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40 MR. HUFF: Three hundred?

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Two hundred percent. 1,200 to 3,800,
43 that's a little better than.....

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45 MR. HUFF: Yeah.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:200 percent.

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49 MR. HUFF: That's a tremendous growth. I mean.....

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly I don't think we can
2 actually say a growth because we never really did believe that
3 they counted them all. So I'd.....

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5 MR. HUFF: Yeah.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:be hesitant to count it as
8 growth.

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10 MR. HUFF: Yes, but.....

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: At any rate.....

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14 MR. HUFF:the same way, you know, that 10 or 11
15 percent calves found, you know, is probably a lot higher
16 because you didn't see all the animals.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly we're starting to stumble
19 here. I guess the first thing I would want to hear is, the
20 stand, are we going to look at this as separate units or are we
21 going to agree to combine it as a total number so we can come
22 down and get this moving. We are kind of stagnate here right
23 now.

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25 Yes, Della.

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27 MS. TRUMBLE: Okay. I'm just trying to -- I know we
28 were trying to balance something here and I know one side is
29 trying to be conservative and the other -- you know what we
30 want. I'm wondering if we can use 200 caribou? And if these
31 surveys come November and December show there's 5,000 caribou,
32 then we continue on and get that other 190 caribou. Because
33 this hunt is from November through March. I mean is that --
34 does that make sense or.....

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36 MR. HUFF: If they make a count in January or.....

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38 MS. TRUMBLE: And there's 5,000 caribou.....

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40 MR. HUFF:they're really not sure.....

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42 MS. TRUMBLE:we can get that other 190 caribou.

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44 MR. GUNDERSON: This is caribou hunting by sliding
45 scale.

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47 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I feel that's a realistic approach
50 though. Number one, I guess we'd have to ask Greg, then is it

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1 reasonable to have another survey this coming winter?

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3 MR. SIEKANIEC: We are definitely attempting to have
4 another survey.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, thank you. Then I believe, then
7 it would be fair to utilize a formula of that magnitude here.
8 I am very -- I want to make sure that we don't get back into
9 this again because of the lack of animals, nor do I want to get
10 back in this to too many animals. These numbers have been
11 identified, so at this time I would like to hear from Gilda as
12 to how she feels about her people at False Pass. Do you think
13 it's a negotiable situation as we have discussed here?

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15 MS. SHELLIKOFF: I don't think there's any problem.

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17 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. At this time, I wish to go
18 and hear once again, take from each member, is that how we wish
19 to do it or to put another proposal here as to number and to
20 vote on it? At this time I'd like to just hear from the
21 Council because it's getting stagnate here. We have covered, I
22 feel, the major basis.

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24 MR. CRATTY: Mr. Chair, are we proposing the 200
25 animals for this fall hunt and then if everything's right, 120
26 animals for spring hunt or what are we doing?

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: This is a possibility. This is what I
29 want to get down to.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I think that's what the question is at
32 this time.

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34 MR. CRATTY: Well, I'd agree with that if -- it's just
35 I -- you know, when we started on this two years ago, there was
36 only 1,200 or 1,800 animals and we turned it down, now it's
37 doubled. It's where.....

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So are you saying 200 animals for
40 Unimak and the mainland?

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42 MR. CRATTY: Well, I think you could get the 200
43 animals off the mainland and the 60 off the Unimak.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Because as I tried to mention
46 here, are we going to look at it as one herd or two herds.
47 So.....

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49 MR. CRATTY: No, I think you.....

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1 MR. GUNDERSON: One herd.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: One herd.

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5 MR. CRATTY:I think you should look at it as one
6 herd, but the growth on Unimak, I don't think you should drop
7 that. And I don't think you should be dividing the communities
8 so you're having problems there. I think it should be all one
9 swing.....

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I agree, but.....

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13 MR. CRATTY:so everybody's got a good chance at
14 it.

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I guess is how I'm looking at it then,
17 is if we have a less of a growth on the mainland and a more of
18 a growth on Unimak, maybe sometimes these herds will cross
19 again and we're going to find a better balance. I don't know,
20 is that unreasonable?

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22 MR. SIEKANIEC: No, that's not unreasonable.

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24 MR. CRATTY: The way I'm.....

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26 MR. SIEKANIEC: And I also think that, you know, it was
27 pointed out that if that was a -- this area, you go to where
28 the animals are. If the animals are doing better on Unimak
29 Island and they're not finding them here, well, then Paul will
30 say, hey, we'll go to there, and that seems very realistic to
31 me.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I would say then since we are
34 looking at this one herd that the different areas that -- do we
35 want to put a cap on say the Unimak herd, if they are easier to
36 target, then why wouldn't everybody go there? So we do not
37 want to -- we want to be careful and not take 320 animals or
38 200 animals off of the Unimak herd is what I'm trying to.....

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40 MS. TRUMBLE: Mark.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. Al, first, excuse me Della.

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44 MR. CRATTY: Yes, Mr. Chair, like I said, I think you
45 should look at -- we should look at a 200 animal hunt for this
46 fall and let them go ahead and do their survey and look at a
47 120 animal hunt for the mainland for the spring hunting and
48 leave the Unimak at 60. Make it all a joint effort, so you
49 ain't.....

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is that a recommendation proposal?

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3 MR. CRATTY: Yes. That's a recommendation.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Della.

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: I'm going to do a little back talking
8 here. I really think that, you know, Marvin is the president
9 of the tribal council and really needs to voice his opinion on
10 this -- and Marvin Mack, as you know, they are here from the
11 public of King Cove. I don't want to get in a dispute among
12 members in my own communities, and you know, we all got our
13 ideas here. I'm not sure where we're going to come to
14 consensus on anything, but I would like to ask that they be
15 given a chance to speak one more time.

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17 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly, Della, I feel that we have
18 heard and I don't know if there's any new information. We have
19 listened to all sides of it and we have come to a consensus of
20 a number that is there. The second thing is, how do we want to
21 handle this from keeping ourselves from getting back to ground
22 zero again. I do like what I'm hearing that to leave the
23 Unimak as it is and now come to -- which was agreed upon by the
24 Board, now we need to settle the mainland issue. I do like --
25 and I think it is real possible to have it passed, the 200
26 animals and possibly another 120 in the spring if their
27 findings are consistent with this. So it's time to get down to
28 some hard numbers because this is only a part of our job today.

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30 MR. MACK: Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, one more time Marvin.

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34 MR. MACK: Okay. I just.....

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36 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I don't mean to cut this short, but we
37 are running short.

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39 MR. MACK: I just -- you had a motion on the table for
40 the 320 animals, it was seconded. There should have been a
41 question on it after discussion. Now, all of a sudden you got
42 an amendment for 200 animals, apparently, right, on 200 animals
43 and you're going to settle for another survey. Which to me,
44 you're talking percentages. You heard the experts coming out,
45 I'm not an expert. Greg is not an expert, but he's got
46 experts. And I'm sorry, but you're talking, you know, surveys
47 on wolf kills and predators and everything, we know how many
48 animals are there by survey. We know the percentage of 40
49 percent out there. Now, you tell me, this Board, you tell me
50 that from 20 miles different in an area, 40 percent calving and

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1 you can't give us 10 percent, and we got 3,200 caribou?

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3 Now, just -- I'm not done. Now, you want to lower us
4 down to 200 animals. The motion was on the table for 320
5 animals, it was seconded. Now, I think it should come to a
6 question and vote on that 320 animals. And if you people can
7 take your percentages and swallow it, I appreciate you do it
8 instead of trying to look out for another survey. If the
9 weather's bad -- we've had surveys -- how many years it took to
10 get these surveys done? They had to come out this summer and
11 get a survey done to get these caribou counted, right Greg?
12 They done it this summer with people, Vernon, it was just
13 before spring.

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15 MR. SIEKANIEC: We did it in January and April.

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17 MR. MACK: No, the spring before herring was when
18 Vernon went with what's his name, it was spring. So you're
19 going to tell me they're going to do a survey in January,
20 maybe, maybe if the money is there. And we're talking money.
21 Surveys are done by money, State versus Federal, percentage
22 wise. We all know it. The hunting seasons, the State is
23 making money, the Feds are, you know, they're managing it,
24 okay, so fine. But I feel, right now, it's on the table at
25 320. And first if you take -- it's already been on here and
26 seconded. You vote on that unless you got an amendment to it
27 to lower it to 200, but I feel it should not be lowered. I
28 feel that 10 percent is not asking for too much and then they
29 can do their survey. And then if they got more, give us more.
30 But that's the way I feel, Mr. Chair, thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. Marvin, I hope you understand
33 that, yes, we are trying to do this, but I certainly do not
34 want to jeopardize losing anymore. I think this is a win/win
35 situation as we are discussing it now. That if, in fact, the
36 survey does show that it has stabled, then I think you will get
37 your other 120 in the spring. Do you want all your caribou in
38 one month? I don't think that's good for the communities. I
39 don't.....

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41 MR. MACK: You.....

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I'm not biased because I don't hunt
44 caribou out here.

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46 MR. MACK: Well, you have to get them when they're
47 there just like the Nelchina herd. They drive up the road and
48 they shoot them right on the road, that there is when they get
49 them. It's just like up here, when the time is right, you
50 ain't going to hunt them when they're rutting, you're going to

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1 get them when they're ready. You get them when they're to the
2 beach when the snow is there, we all know that. I mean I ain't
3 going to run 10 miles back in the god dang country and chase a
4 caribou down when, you know, you get them when the time is
5 right, and the time is getting right and stuff, but then,
6 again, too, it's just like anything, it's bureaucracy. And we
7 all know bureaucracy, don't we? You can't tell me any
8 different, everybody look around here. I worked for the Feds
9 so long too and we all worked together. We're trying to work
10 together. But let's face the fact, we need -- that 10 percent
11 is not asking for too much. Because when this Board is done,
12 and I hate to say it, I hope to get two percent. When your
13 recommend goes to the main Board and go ahead and put it on
14 record, I hope we get our 10 percent. But if we don't, there's
15 going to be a lot of problems, you know. And not problems, but
16 there's going to be a lot of upset people.

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18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you, Marvin. Al.

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22 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, I'd just like to state to Marvin,
23 you know, it was hard for me to turn it down for your people
24 when it faced us when there was 1,800 animals. Now the herd
25 has doubled and I think we're just trying to, you know, look at
26 a reasonable.....

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28 MR. MACK: You didn't turn it down. You told us to go
29 ahead and get the hundred.

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31 MR. CRATTY: Yeah. But.....

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33 MR. MACK: You didn't turn it down, it was the main
34 Board that turned it down.

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36 MR. CRATTY:when it first come to us we sat it on
37 the table and we decided, let's sit it out and wait and see
38 what they got out of the spring count. Then it come back to
39 us.....

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41 MR. MACK: Oh, no.

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43 MR. CRATTY:and now it's come back to us again.

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45 MR. MACK: That there vote in Sand Point was unanimous
46 to go for the 100 caribou.

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48 MR. CRATTY: No, before that. Before that. There was
49 other times in King Cove and in Kodiak.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I don't want to get into another
2 debate here, I'm sorry. We need to keep this rolling.

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4 MR. MACK: That's all right. Go for the vote. Go for
5 the vote.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So we do have a proposal here on the
8 table. We are into this discussion. I will hear from Vince.

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10 MR. TUTIAKOFF: This is Vince. You know for
11 clarification the 200 animals and the reason I recommend that
12 happen, it does not at this point include the Unimak herd, but
13 we need to have, what I feel -- and that's part of our job here
14 at the Council is to make sure that the next year and the next
15 year and 10 years down the road that we're doing some kind of a
16 hunt.

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18 They're right at the limit right now where we can do a
19 hunt. Where in the last two or three years it hasn't been, it
20 hasn't been possible. And we fought hard to try and get one
21 and it caused some problems in communities where we had to make
22 criminals out of our own people because we could not, you know,
23 support them or we couldn't get the support necessary. And
24 hopefully, you know, we don't have to do that at this point.
25 I'm recommending 200 in this fall hunt, and then after the mid-
26 fall or mid-winter survey, that it comes back to us with the
27 recommendation for the 120 or an additional amount beyond that
28 if that's what -- we're happy to see that happen.

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30 But I'm not asking that it be cut or anything. The
31 320's been requested by all the communities and I can
32 understand why they feel that they need to have that. It's a
33 percentage that they've requested, 10 percent. Big Shot said,
34 you know, get rid of the 10 percent, swallow it. Well, we're
35 working with a 10 percent or the percentage because that's the
36 way it was brought to us. I think that's just the way they
37 manage and the way we have to manage our own resource.

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39 I'm not arguing that we're taking anything away because
40 right now there is no hunt in this region. And what we are
41 doing right now is recommending that a hunt happen and with the
42 support of our Staff, they're also recommending one, but at a
43 lower level. And I -- you know, I'm just going to the number
44 of animals, 200 for the whole region, Region 9, and you already
45 have the 60 that have been approved in Unit 10. So you know,
46 and the community of False Pass, if they're willing to share
47 those 60 with the other community, that's great, wherever they
48 may be. It also allows them to move into Region 9 and get
49 their caribou, and that's the way it should be. Putting in
50 units and putting in different programs and separating

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1 communities, that's -- you know, that's what's been going on
2 for years and we got to stop it. We shouldn't be fighting
3 amongst ourselves about who's going to get what here. Let's go
4 with what we can get right now and then next year, maybe it
5 will double, that'd be great.

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7 MR. MACK: Well, go with the 320 and 60.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: At least we'll get something. The last
10 two years you got nothing.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me, we have a motion on the
13 table I want to point out. We need to do one of three things.
14 We need to either call for the question and vote on this 320
15 motion. We can amend it. Or we can withdraw it. What is your
16 wish? We need to move. Do I hear an amendment or do I hear
17 call for the question?

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For clarification, the motion at this
20 time is to approve 320 or 10 percent of the 320. But what I'm
21 doing is a technical probably amendment, if somebody can
22 explain it to me, maybe Taylor. That of the 320 that we're
23 supporting, we want 200 to be done now and with the survey and
24 the community is going to have to put in a lot of input to make
25 this happen to get the 120 -- the additional 120. That does
26 not stop -- that involves all the community people, all hunters
27 to start turning in their surveys.

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I understand where you're at, but that
30 wasn't the original motion. I just want to make that -- or is
31 it not?

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33 MS. MASON: Well, the original motion contained a lot
34 of other stuff other than the number of animals and that maybe
35 should be clarified. That by making the amendment that you
36 retain the designated hunter provision, as well as adding the
37 mainland communities in 9(D) to the C&T for caribou on Unimak
38 Island, as well as adopting the proposal's allocation method of
39 having a committee with one member from the tribal council, one
40 from the city and one from the village council. All those were
41 part of the proposal.

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But those numbers up there were
44 not.....

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46 MS. MASON: So the only thing you're changing is the
47 numbers.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct.

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1 MS. MASON: The way that the time frame of it.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The splitting of it.

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5 MS. MASON: Yeah.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We didn't talk no split before, now
8 we're talking a split between fall and spring.

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10 MR. MACK: All you're doing is taking 120 animals away.

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12 MS. MASON: So I'll just add in whatever that.....

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We're still talking.....

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16 MR. MACK: So you started making an amendment to that
17 there to make that there from 320 to.....

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19 MS. MASON: Yes. We're still talking 320, but.....

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21 MR. MACK:200. You got to make a motion and
22 somebody's got to second it.

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24 MR. GUNDERSON: The motion was already on the table?

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For 320.

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28 MR. MACK: The motion is already on the table for.....

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Excuse me, Marvin. I will not have
31 any outbursts here, please.

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33 MR. MACK: I'm sorry.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We are trying to work this out.

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37 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Taylor, yes.

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41 MR. BRELSFORD: The maker of the motion was Vince. The
42 maker of the motion can, with the approval of his second amend
43 his motion.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct.

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47 MR. BRELSFORD: I think in the spirit of things, that's
48 where Vince is going with this. That he's adding a
49 refinement.....

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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3 MR. BRELSFORD:to the original motion. If you
4 had the approval of, I understood it was Paul -- Mr. Gunderson
5 was the second, that would be.....

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7 MR. SMITH: I thought I seconded it.

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9 MR. BRELSFORD:a friendly amendment on the part
10 of the maker and the second.....

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12 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I seconded it.

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14 MR. SMITH: You seconded it?

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Um-hum.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's what I'm trying to get at.

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20 MR. BRELSFORD: Do you need me at a microphone?

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22 MS. HILE: I can hear you.

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24 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay.

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26 MS. HILE: If you keep your voice at that level, I can
27 hear you.

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29 MR. BRELSFORD: So it does not require a new formal
30 motion for an amendment if it's an amendment offered by the
31 original maker of the motion and with the concurrence of his
32 second.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct. But it should be spelled out
35 in the motion that.....

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37 MR. BRELSFORD: Right. We need the details, right.

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct.

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41 MR. BRELSFORD: Marked out, correct.

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43 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's all I'm trying to get to the
44 basis of it.

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46 MR. SMITH: We should find out who did the motion.

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Vince.

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50 MR. TUTIAKOFF: For the record, who made the motion?

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Vince?

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3 MR. GUNDERSON: I did.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: See.

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7 MS. HILE: I have that Mr. Gunderson made the original
8 motion.

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10 MR. GUNDERSON: Right.

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12 MS. TRUMBLE: And Melvin seconded.

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14 MS. HILE: And then Vince started talking.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I asked for -- I was asking for
17 clarification.....

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19 MS. HILE: Yes.

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF:on those 220 (sic); did it include
22 the 60 already, that's where my comment was coming from, and
23 you said no.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, then we have it between Paul
26 here, the motion.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Paul and.....

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: He's the one that made the motion?

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32 MS. HILE: And Melvin seconded.....

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34 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Oh, okay.

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36 MR. SMITH: Yeah, I thought I did.

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38 MS. HILE:it originally.....

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You seconded it?

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42 MR. SMITH: I thought I seconded it.

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44 MS. HILE:is what I have.

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46 MR. BRELSFORD: Yeah. I apologize. I had written it
47 down improperly.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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1 MR. BRELSFORD: And so the analysis is different.
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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It's the same process, but.....
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5 MR. BRELSFORD: Well, if Vince wants to proceed.....
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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:clarification.....
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9 MR. BRELSFORD:that does have to be in a form of
10 an amendment.
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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct.
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14 MR. BRELSFORD: A motion to amend.
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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So at this point I see it up to Paul
17 here to make a determination as how he interprets his motion.
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19 MR. GUNDERSON: Do you want me to withdraw that motion
20 or to amend it?
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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It's up to you.
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24 MR. GUNDERSON: Okay, I withdraw my motion.....
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26 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It'd be easier to.....
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28 MR. GUNDERSON:if you second it.
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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:to amend I believe.
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32 MR. SMITH: Okay.
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34 MR. GUNDERSON: Okay, now it's back up on the table
35 again.
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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The motion was withdrawn then, do I
38 understand?
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40 MR. GUNDERSON: Um-hum.
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42 MS. TRUMBLE: There's parts of that motion that should
43 probably.....
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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. We're withdrawing a whole
46 bunch of.....
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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Just amend it.
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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:the things that we.....

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1 MS. TRUMBLE: Just amend it.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:have just done. I would like to
4 hope that.....

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Just amend it, it would be easier.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:we can come to a consensus on the
9 amendment.

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11 MR. SMITH: Then we'll get done with it.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Or a friendly amendment as suggested.

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15 MR. HUFF: Can I have one question before he makes
16 another motion.

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18 MR. CRATTY: Just give them what they want, the 320
19 animals.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Otherwise we're throwing away a bunch
22 of work we've already agreed upon.

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24 MR. HUFF: Just one question. If they go for this 200
25 and then have a January count and if they count 4,000 animals,
26 what then? Do we have to go through all this all over again
27 next year or are we going to have a decent hunt?

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think it would be a lot easier next
30 year if they showed 4,000, I'll put it that way. I mean we are
31 talking this year only as far as I.....

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33 MR. HUFF: No, no, it's.....

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:know at this moment.

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37 MR. HUFF: See what you guys are all forgetting one
38 thing, too, you know, you say you're going to open it in
39 November. November we're not going to be able to hunt those
40 caribou yet. They're -- they're still -- they're starting to
41 rut right now and by the end of November, probably December
42 sometime we'll be able to eat them again. But we'll get those
43 200 caribou in December and then he's going to do his count and
44 if he comes up with 4,000, which is a possibility.

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. I don't know what to.....

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48 MR. HUFF: We shouldn't have to go through this at all
49 next year. We'd just get.....

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:do in that case, we have to.....

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3 MR. HUFF:five or 600, right, for the
4 communities?

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No, I don't think that's the consensus
7 here of the Council anyway. I would like to hear from Al here
8 for a second.

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10 MR. CRATTY: Did they withdraw their motion?

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That's what I've heard, yes.

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14 MR. CRATTY: Well, I make a motion that we accept the
15 320 and the 60 for Unimak and go with that. Let it go to the
16 Board.

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: With the designated -- all the other
19 provisions?

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21 MR. CRATTY: Yeah.

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23 MS. TRUMBLE: I'll second.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is that 320 outright or is that.....

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27 MR. CRATTY: Ten percent.

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:the 320 split.

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31 MR. CRATTY: All right. No split.

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33 MS. MASON: Split like.....

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35 MR. CRATTY: Yeah, 320 and 60 in Unimak.

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37 MR. GUNDERSON: That's 380.

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39 MR. CRATTY: 320 for the mainland.....

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: No split, just the 320 flat.

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43 MS. MASON: The proposal as written?

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I'm only talking 320 split. We have
46 already agreed on the Unimak side. I'm just taking that as
47 a.....

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49 MR. CRATTY: Yeah. No, not the 320 split, 320
50 altogether. Let's go for the 10 percent, let it go to the

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1 Board and go from there.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: A 320 split on the mainland.....

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5 MR. CRATTY: No, no split.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:for spring and fall?

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9 MR. CRATTY: Just the 320, the 10 percent. Let's go
10 for what the people want.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I'm talking.....

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14 MR. WILLIS: Al, there's a total of 3,800, not 3,200 if
15 you count Unimak Island.

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17 MR. TUTIAKOFF: But he's not counting Unimak.

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19 MR. WILLIS: That'd be 380.

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21 MS. MASON: Yeah, Vincent's got, it's 380.

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23 MR. CRATTY: Oh, okay. Well, that's what I mean, what
24 was up there.

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26 MS. MASON: The proposal as written.

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: When I say, split, I'm talking about
29 fall and spring?

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31 MR. CRATTY: No.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Flat outright 320.

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35 MR. CRATTY: Flat outright now.

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I hear a motion.

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A second over here.

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Second by Della. And Della, do you
42 wish to speak next?

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44 MS. TRUMBLE: No, I seconded.

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I see hand waiving and I'm trying to
47 keep -- okay.

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49 MS. TRUMBLE: Oh, wait a minute, I did have a question,
50 but then that kind of got answered because you're going for the

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1 380.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Right.

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5 MS. TRUMBLE: The other thing was if you went with the
6 seven percent and took the three percent and you got the 10
7 percent.

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9 (Off record comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So we have the motion on the table
12 again here, a new one. A motion and seconded. Once again,
13 discussion, please.

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15 MR. SMITH: So this will go before the Federal Board,
16 Subsistence Board, and if they turn it down we're going to be
17 back at this again in the spring meeting or winter meeting?

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19 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The Board has the authority to say a
20 number they feel.....

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22 MR. CRATTY: Um-hum.

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24 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:is within the parameters.

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26 MR. SMITH: Okay. So then.....

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28 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So it's not a zero -- all or zero as
29 explained before.

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: My question is -- or point is that it
32 can be up to 320. We support a limit high of 320, it could be
33 120, it could be -- they could come back with 200.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: This is the question I asked before.
36 Are we putting a solid number or are we going to say up to.

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38 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, that's what I was.....

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40 MR. CRATTY: What's the motion say?

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The motion was a flat 320.

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44 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Up to?

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46 MR. CRATTY: Yes.

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48 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A flat 320 or up to 320?

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50 MR. CRATTY: Up to 320.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, that was not clear.

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5 MR. CRATTY: What the people asked for.

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7 MS. TRUMBLE: Total.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Up to.

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11 MR. CRATTY: Well, what's your.....

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Total -- a high.....

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15 MR. CRATTY:tribal government ask for?

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17 MS. TRUMBLE: For the.....

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19 MR. MACK: 320.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, we're saying the same thing but
22 just in a little different version. It leaves a little more
23 latitude and flexibility for the Board, which I think is
24 advantageous for the proposal.

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26 Vince.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: This gets rid of the percentage that we
29 had talked about.

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31 MR. CRATTY: Um-hum.

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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Because then it leaves it now up to the
34 Federal Board to decide that percentage and not this Council.
35 This Council supports a limit of 380, and that's -- and if it
36 comes back at -- based on the recommendation of our Staff or
37 other entities as less, then we have to accept that, as long as
38 it's clear.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes. Okay. Anymore discussion of
41 Council. Excuse me, I'm just hearing from the Council this
42 time.

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44 MR. MACK: Okay.

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46 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We got a motion going and I would like
47 to.....

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Call for the question.

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1 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Question.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Question is being called. Do you want

4 a.....

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Reading of the motion?

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:rereading of the motion?

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10 MR. SMITH: Somebody.

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12 MS. MASON: Would you like somebody.

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14 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Maybe you can read it and you can

15 concur?

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17 MS. HILE: Go ahead.

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19 MS. MASON: The proposal, and this is just summarized
20 from the King Cove proposal. It includes a provision for
21 designated hunter for all of the communities. It asks for up
22 to 320 animals to be taken from the mainland, 60 animals are
23 already in place from Unimak Island. The allocation that is
24 proposed is King Cove - 125, Sand Point - 125, Nelson Lagoon -
25 50, Cold Bay - 20, and False Pass already has 60 in the hunt
26 that's ongoing. The request includes a proposal to add the
27 mainland communities in Unit 9(D) to the customary and
28 traditional determination for caribou on Unimak Island. And
29 also each community's allocation of permits would be by
30 committee in that community, that would include, members from
31 the tribal council, the city and the village corporation.

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33 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Question.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Once again.....

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37 MS. HILE: Yes.

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:concurred. The question has been
40 called, how would you like to vote this?

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42 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Roll call.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Roll call vote. Please, secretary,
45 take a roll call vote.

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47 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Della.

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49 MS. TRUMBLE: Yes.

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1 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Vince.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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5 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Al.

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7 MR. CRATTY: Yes.

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9 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Melvin.

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11 MR. SMITH: Yes.

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13 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Paul.

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15 MR. GUNDERSON: Yes.

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17 MS. SHELLIKOFF: And I vote yes.

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: How does the Chair vote?

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21 MR. CRATTY: Mark.

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23 MR. SMITH: Yeah, you didn't ask Mark.

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: For all purposes I'll vote yes. A lot
26 of times, under Robert's Rules, I think the Chair should
27 abstain unless a tie, then there is reason for it. But if.....

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, it's an important issue, got to
30 hear your voice.

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32 MR. HUFF: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It's important, that's why I voted,
35 thank you.

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37 MR. HUFF: Add mainland communities to customary and
38 traditional for caribou on Unimak Island, that's for mainland,
39 too?

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes.

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43 MR. SMITH: They're already in mainland.

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45 MS. MASON: They're already on there.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: They're already on there.

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49 MR. TUTIAKOFF: They're not on the Unimak?

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1 MS. MASON: Right.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: They're not included in the Unimak

4 C&T.

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6 MS. MASON: But Unimak is included on the mainlands.

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8 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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10 MR. HUFF: But.....

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: For all general purposes we had.....

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14 MR. HUFF: But we want to.....

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:agreed that that.....

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18 MR. HUFF:that customary and traditional for

19 caribou.

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21 MS. MASON: That would be.....

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That would take care of it.

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25 MS. MASON:take care of it.

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27 MR. MACK: It's covered.

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right. Anyway, that answers the.....

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31 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:geographics of it. Yes, Vince.

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35 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Vote to recess to 8:00 a.m.

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37 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I would like to take a look here

38 first.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Daylight's burning here.

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42 MR. GUNDERSON: You're dipping into bird time.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: We have yet to hear the backlog of

45 C&T.

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47 MS. MASON: That will take a few minutes.

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I would like to go ahead and work up

50 to 5:00 and take care of some of these other small items.....

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:if that's okay.

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5 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Fifteen more minutes.....

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I think we can afford that.....

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF:the limit.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I guess we did decide that there was
12 nothing else in this that needs attention. Other than that,
13 we're going to accept this proposal or are we accepting this as
14 the proposal in place.....

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That's in place of that.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:because did choose.....

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20 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah.

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22 MR. SMITH: Um-hum.

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24 MR. GUNDERSON: That's my understanding.

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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28 MR. SMITH: Yes.

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30 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's now the Council's recommendation
31 to the Board.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, because we did move on this
34 particular one. I wanted to clarify that that this is no
35 longer what we are accepting, but this as the proposal?

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37 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, as a Council we submit to the
38 Board any recommendations to this Board comes from this Council
39 as a Council, not as individual or communities, we support it
40 as a Council. So that's the way it should go to the Board.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, thank you. I just wanted to
43 make sure we were done completely with this, and not have to
44 revisit it again.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Until next year.

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48 MR. BRELSFORD: You're heartless, Vince.

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50 (Off record comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So, Rachel, please, can you give us a
2 C&T backlog update?

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4 MS. MASON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Actually
5 this might take a few more minutes, but we can work up to 5:00,
6 I guess and see what it takes. What I have included in the C&T
7 backlog item is, first to tell you the status of what has
8 happened to the C&T backlog, and that doesn't really effect
9 this region very much because we have already dealt with the
10 backlog.

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12 But just to give you a status report, there are a
13 couple of issues that have come up from proposals that were
14 deferred by the Board because they originated in other regions
15 but they effect this region. One of them is a proposal that
16 was for beaver in Unit 9(D). And I've recently found out that
17 there are a few beaver in Unit 9(D), so that, I welcome the
18 input of the Council on, you know, whether there is interest in
19 harvesting those beaver and what the wishes are of the Council
20 on that.

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22 Another proposal that is even more appropriate to the
23 discussion today is one for brown bear in Unit 9(D). And that
24 was another proposal that originated in Unit 4 and it was
25 deferred in order to give this Regional Council a chance to
26 weigh in on whether or not you wanted C&T for brown bear here.

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28 So I'll get to those, but just generally on the C&T
29 backlog. This Council does not have any C&T backlog proposals
30 that are still on the books. For those Councils that do,
31 during this round of fall meetings, we're asking the Councils
32 to consider dropping or revising some of the proposals that
33 have been on the books for years on grounds that they are very
34 broad or unfocused. So asking the Councils to come up with
35 more focused proposals. But again, since you have already
36 dealt with your backlog, this doesn't really apply to you.

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38 Do you want me to go on to the beaver proposal?

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Absolutely, I think this is what we
41 would like to put behind us.

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43 MS. MASON: Okay. At the spring 1997 meeting, the
44 Federal Subsistence Board considered a proposal that was for
45 customary and traditional use of beaver in Units 9 and 17. So
46 they deferred on the portion that applies to Unit 9(D) on the
47 grounds that there are no beaver in this unit or they wanted to
48 know for sure if there were any. And so as I was developing my
49 comments on this, I called up Mr. Gunderson and I asked and I
50 found out to my great surprise that there are a few beavers in

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1 this unit. There's in the northwest corner by Herendeen Bay.
2 And apparently they have come into the area in the last 10
3 years.

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5 MR. GUNDERSON: Arnie, could probably tell you. He's
6 probably seen some of their dwellings in the upper reaches of
7 some of the rivers, beaver moving into the area?

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9 MR. SHAUL: Yeah, actually it wasn't until this summer.
10 I thought I was seeing things.

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12 MR. GUNDERSON: The first time I saw one there, too, I
13 thought I was seeing things. Excuse me, I didn't mean to butt
14 in.

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16 MS. MASON: No, no, at this point I wanted to gather
17 some information from the Council and from members of the
18 public that are here about, first of all, if you have any
19 interest in harvesting -- if anybody is trapping or hunting
20 these beaver at this point or if, since there so very few of
21 these animals in the unit, if there has been any effort to
22 harvest them in other units?

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24 MR. GUNDERSON: Not that I know of.

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26 MS. MASON: Um.

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28 MR. MACK: You don't harvest them until you get
29 raccoons.

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31 MR. GUNDERSON: I don't know if, maybe Port Heiden as
32 far south as they're -- you know, that's still in Unit 9.

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34 MS. MASON: Um-hum.

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36 MR. GUNDERSON: That may be the farthest down to the
37 southwest that they're doing any trapping. But I don't know of
38 anybody that's tried anywhere south of there -- to the
39 southwest of there.

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41 MR. SHAUL: The Chignik, you know, there's beaver
42 around there and -- but there's very few people trapping them,
43 the price is so low, everybody is complaining about beaver
44 damning up the creeks and stuff. And the price of the pelts
45 are so low, there's nobody wanting to mess with trapping them.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Can I, just for a moment try to
48 correct myself, excuse me. You say this was a proposal by Unit
49 4 that might effect Unit 9(D)?

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1 MS. MASON: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But determining that they have just
4 moved in recently, we are still on the backlog for C&T, so you
5 see my confusion?

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7 MS. MASON: I see your confusion and I will attempt to
8 shed some light on the matter. This proposal came out of the
9 backlog many years ago, well, sometime between 1990 and now,
10 somebody Bristol Bay submitted a proposal for C&T for beaver in
11 all of Unit 9 and Unit 17. And Unit 9, most of it is in Region
12 4. But one portion of it, Unit 9(D) is in your Council's
13 region. So although this went through the whole hopper of the
14 Region 4 Council, they acted on it, it went to the Board, but
15 both the Board and the Regional Council declined to act on the
16 portion of it that effects the Kodiak/Aleutian's Council. So
17 that's why just for Unit 9(D), I'm bringing it before this
18 Council just to gather more information to see if it does even
19 apply to this area.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So when you discuss the possibility of
22 withdrawing the proposal, then it would be up to Unit 4 to
23 withdraw, would it not?

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25 MS. MASON: Well, they would just as soon not have
26 anything to do with this part of it. They would be just as
27 happy.....

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29 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Well, I thought they were the ones
30 that brought this proposal in and we were only looking at how
31 it effected 9(D), which is in our unit?

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33 MS. MASON: Right. It matters to them to act upon the
34 part of it that deals with their region. But they are
35 deferring to this Council to act on the part that applies to
36 your region. So they don't want to act on this part of the
37 proposal. They are deferring in order to let this Council act
38 on it.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: What action are we looking for? As
41 I'm saying, we did not make the proposal.

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43 MR. GUNDERSON: There is no C&T use for beaver in Unit
44 9(D), I guess is what it would be.

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46 MS. MASON: Yeah.

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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50 MS. MASON: Yeah. At this point this proposal could be

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1 tabled by this Council or decline to act on it.

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3 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Five years.....

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: If we decline to act on it then they
6 could act on it? Is that the process that would probably
7 happen then?

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9 MS. MASON: They've already acted on it. They've acted
10 on every part of it except this portion of the proposal.

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12 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: To which they can't?

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: They can't.

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16 MS. MASON: Right.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: So I am trying to figure out.....

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20 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Because they included all of 9.

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22 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: And 9(D) is part of 9 so we have to
25 pick it up, either table it or say yes there is or.....

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No there isn't.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF:10 years from now there may be
30 beaver everywhere and we might want to get involved. I don't
31 know.

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But then it could also be brought back
34 under subsistence and not a C&T then?

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36 MS. MASON: Right.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Absolutely.

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I move to table 9(D).

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42 MR. CRATTY: I second.

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44 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: But by tabling it -- excuse me, go
45 ahead -- we have it moved and seconded. I just -- discussion.
46 How does that effect them, are they still stonewalled then that
47 they can't act upon it?

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49 MS. MASON: They've already acted upon everything
50 except this portion of it.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And we're not acting on it now,
2 so.....

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4 MS. MASON: Yeah.

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: That leaves it open for them to do it,
7 right?

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9 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, Taylor.

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13 MR. BRELSFORD: The key is that the Bristol Bay
14 villages down through Port Heiden and so on, they're not asking
15 for a C&T down south of Port Moeller, they're happy with the
16 C&T that runs through the other parts of Unit 9. So they got
17 nothing left over that they're worried about. And in fact,
18 it's now up to the Kodiak/Aleutian's Council to decide whether
19 anything needs to happen in 9(D) or nothing needs to happen,
20 but Bristol Bay is done as far as they're concerned.

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22 MR. TUTIAKOFF: It's basically ours to some portion.

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24 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.

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26 MR. TUTIAKOFF: At some future.....

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28 MS. MASON: Yes.

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: In other words, a comitate.

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32 MR. BRELSFORD: Or never.

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34 MS. MASON: Right.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Or never.

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38 MS. MASON: Well, as far as they know there are no
39 beaver to.....

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41 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. I just wanted to make sure one
42 side wasn't hanging somebody up on the other side. It's more
43 clear to me now.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Move to table it now.

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47 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It's moved to table, it's been
48 seconded.

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50 MR. CRATTY: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Moved and seconded. Anymore
2 discussion?

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4 MR. BRELSFORD: Who was the maker of the motion,
5 please?

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7 MS. HILE: Vince.

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9 MR. CRATTY: Vince.

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11 MR. BRELSFORD: And the second?

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13 MS. HILE: Al.

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15 MR. BRELSFORD: Al, thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Do we need a vote on this?

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Table is non-debatable.

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21 MR. BRELSFORD: But it does require a vote.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: To a definite point in time?

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27 MR. BRELSFORD: Just tabled.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Okay.

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31 (Off record comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. I just want to, once again, go
34 over what we have before us tomorrow just so.....

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36 MR. BRELSFORD: The vote.

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38 MS. SHELLIKOFF: We need a vote on.....

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Unanimous consent or something.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I'm sorry, that was the question I had
43 previous and it seemed to have walked away. Let's see, who
44 called the question then? Question's been called, I guess.

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46 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah.

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Roll call vote or.....

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50 MS. SHELLIKOFF: No.

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1 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: No. All those in favor.

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3 IN UNISON: Aye.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Those opposed.

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7 (No opposing responses)

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9 MR. MACK: Nay.

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11 MS. MASON: Good.

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13 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Was there anymore C&T backlog
14 then?

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16 MS. MASON: Yes, there is the one about bear.

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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20 MS. MASON: There is a similar item, similar, it was a
21 C&T proposal originating in Unit 4 and it was for brown bear in
22 all of Unit 9. And the proposal was deferred by the Federal
23 Subsistence Board and at this point it would be helpful if this
24 Regional Council could provide information on this or --
25 there's no request to bring it forward right away, but it could
26 be brought forward as a proposal by this Regional Council for
27 C&T for brown bear because it is a backlog that was inherited
28 from another region. And so.....

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30 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Is it the same thing only different?

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32 MS. MASON: It's the same thing only with brown bear.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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36 MS. MASON: Which there are brown bears in this unit.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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40 MS. MASON: So I should also mention that I was looking
41 through the regulations book I wanted to check to see if there
42 was a positive C&T for brown bear in Unit 10, which is Unimak
43 Island, and there isn't anything listed there. So I don't know
44 what it is.

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46 MR. BRELSFORD: And actually Unit 9(D), it's no
47 subsistence.

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49 MS. MASON: It's no -- it's currently a no subsistence
50 in 9(D) and there's nothing in Unit 10, so I don't know what it

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1 is there. But that might be something that the Council wishes
2 to discuss.

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4 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Yes, Vince.

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8 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I would like to take this evening to
9 possibly work on a C&T on brown bear in Unit 9 and propose one
10 for tomorrow's consideration?

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12 MR. GUNDERSON: For 9(D)?

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14 MR. TUTIAKOFF: 9(D).

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16 MS. MASON: Yeah, Unit 9(D).

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18 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: There currently is no subsistence on
19 the brown bear in Unit 9(D).

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21 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, we should have one.

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Is then.....

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25 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We'll present one.....

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I can accept that.

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29 MR. TUTIAKOFF:a t the appropriate time on the
30 agenda.

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32 MR. CRATTY: J.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: That would be under.....

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36 MR. CRATTY: J tomorrow.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Or would that be under J?

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40 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yes.

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42 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Under J, brown bear. Brown bear, Unit
43 9(D) or Unit 9?

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45 MS. MASON: 9(D).

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: 9(D).

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49 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: 9(D) only, okay. The Federal
50 Subsistence Board meeting -- excuse me, was that the extent of

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1 our C&T backlog Rachel?

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3 MS. MASON: Yes, that's it. That's all I've got.

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5 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Thank you. I see we have two Federal
6 Subsistence Board meeting, April 7th to 11th and Federal
7 Subsistence Board meeting July 17th. Can you give me -- well,
8 I see we've got from 3:20 to 5:00 p.m. on one or is that
9 covering both? I don't know, what time frame are we looking at
10 for -- can you give me some idea?

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Well, I put that in there for you
13 because you attended the Board meeting for April 7th through
14 the 11th.

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16 MR. TUTIAKOFF: A report?

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18 MR. EDENSHAW: Just a report. And there was only one
19 proposal that we made and that was for elk C&T.

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21 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Correct. From there we -- the
22 fisheries update, I think, do we -- are we looking at a lot of
23 -- I'm just trying to get a time frame.

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25 MR. BRELSFORD: That's still for tomorrow?

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right.

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29 MR. BRELSFORD: Twenty minutes on fisheries update.
30 There may be questions.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Sure.

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34 MR. BRELSFORD: It's been a key concern in people's
35 opening comments this morning. But the presentation portion
36 will be 15 to 20 minutes.

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38 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Annual reports. I see a Task
39 Force report for Federal Subsistence Board restructure.

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41 MR. BRELSFORD: That has to do with the item, Mr.
42 Chairman, two of the Regional Councils and then the Chairs,
43 collectively, proposed a change in the structure of the
44 Subsistence Board so that in the last version, one of the
45 Council Chairs will be a member, a full member of the Board
46 itself. We have some updated information. There was a Task
47 Force with Mitch Demientieff and a couple of other members, so
48 it's an informational item, probably 10 minutes.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. Memorandum of Agreement, what's

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1 that, Tab H? Just trying to get a consensus here how much time
2 we have to spend yet on this. Any idea?

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4 MR. EDENSHAW: That's probably about 10 or 15 minutes.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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8 MR. EDENSHAW: That's an MOA that hasn't been agreed to
9 with the State and Fish and Wildlife Service.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: The Governor's Subsistence Task Force,
12 I kind of have a problem understanding the Governor's
13 Subsistence Task Force report and AFN, okay. They're both
14 together, I see.

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16 MR. BRELSFORD: And that was intended as informational,
17 not even for discussion unless you guys want to talk amongst
18 yourselves. But our role in this.....

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: It's another FYI.

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22 MR. BRELSFORD:is just to pass to you
23 information.

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: Present the packet information.

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And we have Regional Advisory Council
28 charter renewal. That's fairly simple?

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30 MR. EDENSHAW: I think a half hour.

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32 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Training for new Council members,
33 draft book and oh, man, we're looking at days.

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35 (Off record comments)

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37 MR. BRELSFORD: It's for review at leisure and send us
38 in the little questionnaire.

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40 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Certainly another thing here I think
41 is going to require some consensus here from us, is the Melvin
42 Smith Regional Council membership. That has been kind of
43 bounced around for quite some time. I think it would be very
44 much beneficial to talk to it because at one time or another I
45 think it's going to hit the Board level and we need to be
46 prepared for that.

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48 Regulatory year schedule.

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50 MR. EDENSHAW: Robert is.....

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1 MR. WILLIS: Ten minutes.

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3 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, 10, 20, 30, one hour, one hour
4 and 20 minutes. Proposal changes to the Federal Subsistence
5 regulations. Did we pretty much cover or do we have some new
6 ones that haven't been discussed yet?

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8 MR. EDENSHAW: The one that Rachel just brought up with
9 regard to brown bear.

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11 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. So in other words, we did have
12 this J met?

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14 MS. MASON: During the.....

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16 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I'm just confirming. If I hear no
17 opposition, I'm just assuming then that my assumption is
18 correct.

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20 MR. EDENSHAW: It's not. J hasn't been met yet.
21 Rachel brought up the topic of brown bear for C&T.....

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23 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Right, other than. Other than.....

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25 MR. GUNDERSON: Then he made a motion to.....

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27 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Other than the brown bear for 9(D).
28 That's the only thing I believe that -- is there anything else
29 before?

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31 MS. MASON: I think it's just a question of where you
32 put that proposal, whether it be under J or under open the
33 floor to proposals. Oh, it's the same thing.

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35 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Same thing, only different. It is J.

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37 MS. MASON: Okay.

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39 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: And that's where I have it, too.
40 Thank you. Okay, Vince, you had moved for adjournment
41 until.....

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43 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Recess.

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45 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:recess until what time?

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47 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Well, we can get done according to what
48 I've seen here, we can be done by 2:00.

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50 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay, but I believe the flight leaves

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1 at 2:00?

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3 MR. BRELSFORD: Right. So the target would be to be
4 done by 1:15.

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6 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: 1:15, we'll just be getting back from
7 lunch.

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9 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What lunch?

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11 MR. CRATTY: Well, we'll skip lunch.

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13 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Yeah, what lunch?

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15 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay. That's the only thing, I guess,
16 we have to discover.....

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18 MR. TUTIAKOFF: We'll save our money.

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20 CHAIRMAN OLSEN:that if time does carry on, we're
21 going to miss our lunch to catch our flight?

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23 MR. TUTIAKOFF: What do you feel 8:00 or 9:00?

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25 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Eight o'clock.

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27 MR. CRATTY: Eight o'clock.

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29 MR. GUNDERSON: Is that a motion, the fact that it
30 sacrifices your lunch to get on the airplane.

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32 MR. CRATTY: Sure, I second it.

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34 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Okay.

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36 MR. TUTIAKOFF: How about 8:30 because this facility
37 doesn't open until 8:00?

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39 MR. EDENSHAW: No, we have the key.

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41 MR. TUTIAKOFF: You have the key?

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43 MR. CRATTY: Cliff wants to be here at 7:00.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Eight? Does everybody feel comfortable
46 with 8:00 in the morning?

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48 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: I hear 8:00, do I hear any otherwise?

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50 MR. SMITH: Eight's fine with me.

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1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Eight's fine.

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3 MR. CRATTY: Fine.

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5 MR. GUNDERSON: 8:15.

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7 CHAIRMAN OLSEN: Move to recess until 8:00 o'clock.

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9 (Hearing recessed)

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