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6 Anchorage, Alaska
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12 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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14 Molly Chythlook, Chair
15 Dan Dunaway
16 Lary Hill
17 John Jones
18 Daniel O'Hara
19 Nanci Ann Morris Lyon
20 Richard J. Wilson

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24 Regional Council Coordinator, Donald Mike

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
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3 (Anchorage, Alaska - 1/7/2014)
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5 (On record)
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'll call the
8 meeting to order. I'll say 10 -- it looks like 10:10
9 or 10:11 a.m.
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11 MR. WILSON: None of my clocks agree in
12 the hall.
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It's close
15 enough. Roll call. Donald, do you want to have a roll
16 call of the board members.
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18 MR. MIKE: Okay, Madame Chair. This is
19 Donald Mike, OSM in Anchorage. This is the roll call
20 of the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council
21 teleconference public meeting. Mr. Pete Abraham.
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23 (No response)
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25 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan O'Hara.
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27 MR. O'HARA: Here.
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29 MR. MIKE: Ms. Nanci Morris Lyon.
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31 MS. MORRIS LYON: Here.
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33 MR. MIKE: Ms. Molly Chythlook.
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Here.
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37 MR. MIKE: Mr. Alvin Boskofsky.
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39 (No response)
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41 MR. MIKE: Mr. John Jones, Sr.
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43 MR. JONES: Here.
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45 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan Dunaway.
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47 MR. DUNAWAY: Here.
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49 MR. MIKE: Mr. Lary Hill.
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1 MR. HILL: Here.
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3 MR. MIKE: Mr. Thomas Hedland.
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5 (No response)
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7 MR. MIKE: Mr. Richard Wilson.
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9 MR. WILSON: Here.
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11 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, we have seven
12 members present. You have a quorum. Before we get
13 started, Madame Chair, I request that the Council
14 members please identify your first name first and be
15 recognized by the Chair.
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17 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Let's
20 start with -- I listed out the names that Donald
21 started off with and we started off with Pete Abraham.
22 He's not here?
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24 MR. MIKE: No, he's not here.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The
27 second on the list was Dan.
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29 MR. O'HARA: Dan O'Hara?
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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33 MR. O'HARA: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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37 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yep.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Molly
40 Chythlook. And then Alvin is absent. Then John.
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42 MR. JONES: Here.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John Jones.
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46 MR. JONES: Yep.
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Then Dan
49 Dunaway.
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1 MR. DUNAWAY: Yes, I'm here.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Lary.
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5 MR. HILL: I'm here.
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, Lary.
8 And then Thomas.
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10 (No response)
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Absent, I
13 guess. And then Richard.
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15 MR. WILSON: I'm over here.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
18 we're here. Do we have any Staff or anybody else
19 present with you, Donald?
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21 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. Here in
22 Anchorage we have Jeff Brooks, our anthropologist.
23 He'll do a presentation on the FRMP project and we have
24 Karen Hyer, one of our fisheries biologist and we have
25 our court recorder.
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27 If you all have the agenda in front of
28 you, Madame Chair, we can go forward.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're
31 down to review and adopt agenda.
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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. Dan. I so
34 move.
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36 MS. MORRIS LYON: This is Nanci. I'll
37 second.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It's been
40 moved by Dan O'Hara and seconded by Nanci Morris. All
41 in favor say aye.
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43 IN UNISON: Aye.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
46 opposition.
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48 (No opposing votes)
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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,

1 the agenda has been reviewed and adopted. Number five
2 is Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program. It looks
3 like Karen is going to be presenting this.

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5 MR. BROOKS: Madame Chair. Good
6 morning. My name is Jeff Brooks and I will be giving
7 you a brief presentation today on the project before
8 you on your agenda. First I would like to say thank
9 you for taking the time to meet with us today and happy
10 new year to everyone, the Chair and the Council
11 members.

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13 My name again is Jeff Brooks and I'm a
14 social scientist working with the Office of Subsistence
15 Management. I live in Anchorage with my family. I've
16 been in Alaska about six years.

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18 Today, the project on the agenda is
19 Investigation Plan or Proposal 14-452. It was titled
20 Western Gulf of Alaska Subsistence Harvest and Social
21 Networks. It was submitted by principal investigator
22 Dr. Katherine Reedy-Maschner. She's in the Department
23 of Anthropology at Idaho State University, way down in
24 Pocatello.

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26 The project start date would be April
27 1st of 2014, the end date March 31st, 2017, so over the
28 course of four years the project budget was \$533,291.
29 The Federal conservation lands that this would affect
30 are the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, the Alaska
31 Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge and the Alaska
32 Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

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34 Briefly background. This project will
35 document and analyze subsistence harvest and social
36 networks in three communities in the Shumagin Islands
37 and Alaska Peninsula. Sand Point, King Cove and Cold
38 Bay are the communities. They are part of the
39 Aleutians East Borough.

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41 The project had nine rather detailed
42 objectives that you can read in the executive summary
43 that you have. I'm going to provide you a brief
44 synopsis of the technical review of this study 14-452.
45 This proposed study does have a strong link to Federal
46 public lands and is focused on subsistence uses of
47 salmon and other subsistence foods in and around three
48 National Wildlife Refuges. The proposed work has the
49 potential to help close numerous data gaps in the
50 region. Information and insights from this proposed

1 study would situate salmon in a larger subsistence
2 context and provide data on salmon availability and
3 importance in relation to other subsistence foods.

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5 While this project has potential to
6 integrate past studies and provide a comprehensive
7 subsistence and social economic analysis of the
8 Aleutian and Alaska Peninsula areas, it is not
9 recommended for funding at this time. Not all members
10 of the technical.....

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12 MR. HILL: Madame Chair. This is Lary
13 Hill. May I interrupt. I'm having trouble hearing Mr.
14 Brooks' presentation. Half of his -- and the volume is
15 cutting out.

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17 MR. BROOKS: I'm sorry for that
18 situation and I will try to speak slower.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Slower and
21 closer to the mic.

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23 MR. BROOKS: Let me back up here just a
24 bit. While the project does have potential to
25 integrate past studies and provide a comprehensive
26 subsistence and social economic analysis of the
27 Aleutian and the Alaska Peninsula areas and is not
28 recommended for funding at this time. Not all of the
29 members of the Technical Review Committee provided an
30 assessment of 14-452. A majority of the technical
31 reviewers who did provide an assessment of this
32 proposal did not feel justified funding this study at
33 this time because they feel that the investigation plan
34 failed to provide clear and direct implications for
35 subsistence management in Southwestern Alaska.

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37 In addition, the proposed study does
38 not address social network analysis in the Bristol
39 Bay/Chignik area, which was a priority information need
40 for the Southwest Alaska region. The reviewers highly
41 recommended that the principal investigator revise the
42 investigation plan and resubmit for further
43 consideration during the next funding cycle. The
44 revision would require collaboration with the affected
45 Federal Refuge managers and social scientists at the
46 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Subsistence
47 Division.

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49 That concludes my presentation, Madame
50 Chair.

1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm
4 glad to hear even though the investigation plan looks
5 okay, I had several concerns and most of the concerns
6 that I had -- concerns and questions I had you covered
7 and I'm glad that it's not being recommended for
8 funding right now until it's been improved. I'm very
9 encouraged to know that ADF&G subsistence is going to
10 be involved. When I read through the plan, there was a
11 lot of gaps that I had concerns about and then I guess
12 when it hopefully gets rewritten it will cover those
13 areas of concern.

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15 Is there any other comments from the
16 board members.

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18 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. This is Dan
19 in Naknek.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. O'HARA: John, can you hear me?

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25 MR. JONES: Yes.

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27 MR. O'HARA: John in Chignik.

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29 MR. JONES: Yes, I can hear you.

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31 MR. O'HARA: It sounds to me like you
32 guys have been cut out of that funding too or did I
33 miss something there?

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35 MR. JONES: Yeah, it sounds like
36 Bristol Bay and Chignik area wasn't in that plan. Does
37 that mean that it's not going to be put into the plan
38 until after the lower part is done?

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40 MR. O'HARA: That's a question I want
41 to know, why that particular area, especially your area
42 is cut out of it.

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44 MR. JONES: Maybe that could be
45 answered, why we're cut out of it. It seems like
46 they'd start here and then go down to King Cove and
47 those places.

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49 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair, maybe Donald
50 can answer that or else -- I didn't get the name of the

1 gentleman who made the presentation here, the opening
2 remarks.

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4 MR. BROOKS: Good morning. My name is
5 Jeff Brooks and I presented to you on this project.
6 I'm not completely clear on what you mean by being cut
7 out of the funding. For this particular study, you are
8 correct that it is for Cold Bay, Sand Point and King
9 Cove, more in the Alaska Peninsula region, and not
10 necessarily Bristol Bay or Chignik area. The priority
11 information need that was sent out was for your area
12 for a social network analysis and that's one of the
13 reasons why the Technical Review Committee is
14 recommending not to fund this is because I think they
15 would have rather seen it in Bristol Bay as opposed to
16 where it was proposed for.

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18 MR. O'HARA: All right. Madame Chair,
19 that clarifies it, yeah. I hope John is happy with the
20 fact that -- yeah, that helps a lot.

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22 Thank you.

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24 MR. BROOKS: You're welcome.

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: It's Dan Dunaway here. I
31 was kind of unclear because in the last meeting this
32 fall we discussed another harvest TEK networking
33 proposal that was also, I believe, not recommended by
34 the Technical Committee and I believe didn't you say
35 you'd like to see it conducted and it was, I believe,
36 designed for -- I'm trying to recap it here quick, the
37 Chignik and lower Bristol Bay area. Yeah, I was
38 getting a little confused with this. This is a
39 different one? What happened to the one that we
40 advocated for and how do these mesh? Over.

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42 MR. BROOKS: Madame Chair. This is
43 Jeff Brooks in Anchorage. This is a different
44 proposal. It's not the same as the one you're
45 discussing -- that you discussed in the fall. That one
46 is going to go before the Board and the RAC's
47 recommendations and comments will be included. This
48 one, I believe, is put before your Council because it's
49 in the Southwest region, although the study site itself
50 is not Bristol Bay. It's more over in Alaska Peninsula

1 area. Does that help?

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Mr. Brooks through
4 the Chair. Thank you. So I'm glad to know the other
5 one is moving forward. My previous residence in the
6 Sand Point area I kind of expect a similar study done
7 there. It could be very useful because there is
8 (indiscernible) down there and some of it -- a lot of
9 it would pop up with stuff. It was obviously turned
10 around. So I'm not really opposed to this study
11 either. I just don't know how to balance them out.
12 Over.

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14 MR. BROOKS: Yes, sir. I would agree
15 with you and the whole key to this is trying to
16 competitively balance the funds for the projects that
17 were submitted. This 14-452 does have potential, but
18 at this time the technical reviewers who responded are
19 saying that it's not to be funded. They're
20 recommending that anyway.

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22 Thank you.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: This is Molly.
25 Even though this study is from out of our area, are
26 they recommending us to make any comments or is this
27 just information?

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29 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. This is
30 Donald in Anchorage. This particular project was -- it
31 didn't make our fall meeting material book when it
32 should have been, but it got lost in the shuffle
33 somewhere, but this is an action item that the Council
34 would have taken in their fall meeting. So the Council
35 needs to take action on this project Proposal 14-452.

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37 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Then
40 once the other recommended project is rewritten and
41 also this one, it will come back to us in the next
42 meeting or is it going to wait until the fishery
43 proposal comes up?

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45 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. The 2014 FRMP
46 projects will be going before the Federal Subsistence
47 Board in a couple weeks and they're going to be
48 discussing it on January 14th in the work session. Do
49 you have any more to add, Jeff.

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1 MR. BROOKS: Yes, Madame Chair. Just
2 to clarify, the recommendation at this point is that
3 the project 14-452 not be funded at this time and the
4 principal investigator down at Idaho State would be
5 encouraged to revise and resubmit for the next funding
6 cycle. It's very likely you may not see it again
7 unless that principal investigator decides to revise
8 and resubmit for a different funding year.
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
11 more comments and questions from the board.
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13 MR. JONES: Madame Chair, this is John.
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh, John.
16 Go ahead.
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18 MR. JONES: I was wondering, funding
19 for the Chignik area and lower Bristol Bay, it's
20 funding that is going to be used for both projects or
21 just for King Cove project? Is this going to be all
22 separate or is it in one package?
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Jeff, do you
25 have an answer for that?
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27 MS. HYER: Madame Chair, Council
28 members. This is Karen Hyer. I think there's some
29 confusion. There was a proposal that was submitted
30 that was brought before you in your fall meeting and
31 that is being forwarded to the Board for their
32 consideration whether to include that in the Fisheries
33 Resource Monitoring Program and then, of course, that
34 would entail it being funded.
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36 This proposal should have been included
37 with those. It's an entirely separate proposal and so
38 what we're looking for is a recommendation from you as
39 to whether to fund this or not to fund it. Your
40 recommendation, along with the Technical Review
41 Committee's recommendation, which was not to fund it,
42 will all be taken before the Federal Board. The
43 Federal Board actually then will weigh in on all the
44 projects for all the regions. There are two separate
45 projects and, unfortunately, this one got lost along
46 the way. It was filed in a different place and we
47 didn't realize that it needed to be included in the
48 packet that went to you this fall and that's why we're
49 visiting it now.
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1 Thank you, Madame Chair and Council
2 members.
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4 MR. JONES: Well, what I was trying to
5 find out is the funding for the whole -- both proposals
6 or is that the amount of funding just for one proposal?
7 That's what I'm trying to find out.
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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John, my
10 understanding is these are two separate proposals and
11 they'll be funded separately.
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13 MS. HYER: Madame Chair, Council
14 members. That is correct. The amount of money that you
15 see on the proposal in front of you is the amount to
16 just fund the particular proposal we're discussing now.
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18 MR. JONES: Okay. I'm in total
19 agreement with you guys not doing the funding, you
20 know, if that's what you're going to do is wait until
21 the proposal is, but I would hate to see the funding
22 taken from the lower Bristol Bay and Chignik area for
23 -- you know, that would be my concern on it, you know,
24 if it's not going to be one killing the other one, you
25 know.
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27 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair, this is Dan.
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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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31 MR. O'HARA: Just because the
32 management of Federal Subsistence Program did not carry
33 through on their responsibility of funding the proposal
34 for the South Peninsula doesn't mean that we support
35 them on that. All of a sudden out of the blue here,
36 first week in January, we're getting information that
37 we've never heard before. We don't deal with the
38 Aleutians area because it's not part of our management
39 program with Donald and you and the Council. I just
40 don't like the idea that something fell through the
41 cracks and so let's let it go away.
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43 So my opinion would be that -- and I
44 think Chignik is closely and culturally related to a
45 lot of the South Peninsula areas and I understand that.
46 So I'm not very happy about that, but that's just my
47 opinion.
48
49 Thank you.
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
2 Dan. My understanding from Karen's comment is that the
3 Chignik proposal is going to go forward and the Federal
4 Subsistence Board is going to be dealing with it, is
5 that correct?

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7 MS. HYER: Madame Chair. That is
8 correct. If you remember, there were some other
9 proposals from your region too. I think there was
10 Afognak and Buskin and those were also brought before
11 you and all of those will go together as a package to
12 the Federal Subsistence Board with your
13 recommendations.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
16 comments. I'm in agreement with Dan O'Hara that this
17 proposal not be funded at this time.

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19 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. This is
20 Donald.....

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22 MR. JONES: Isn't Kodiak area and Area
23 M areas should be discussed by their areas instead of
24 us putting yes/no, extra comments on? I mean Kodiak
25 area has a board there too. We're out of our league
26 here.

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28 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. This is
29 Donald.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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33 MR. MIKE: Yeah, the Kodiak/Aleutians
34 Council addressed this yesterday, but they deferred
35 further action until they get more information.
36 They'll be reconvening on the 10th of January to make
37 their final recommendation to the Federal Subsistence
38 Board. The other item I forgot on the agenda was we'll
39 give an opportunity for any agency or public comments
40 on this project.

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42 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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46 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair, I have a
47 question. Donald, this is Dan in Naknek.

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49 MR. MIKE: Yes, Dan.

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1 MR. O'HARA: Donald, is there a
2 timeframe where we need to act on this before our
3 February meeting?
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5 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Through the
6 Chair, Mr. O'Hara. This particular project 14-452 will
7 be going before the Board on January 14th and that will
8 be the time when the Board decides whether to fund or
9 go forward or not to fund.
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11 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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13 MR. O'HARA: Thank you, Madame Chair.
14 This is Dan.
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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
17 you.
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19 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.
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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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23 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan Dunaway here. My
24 first priority would be to support the study out of
25 Chignik. I think this study properly written is
26 important also and I don't want to get into kind of
27 bickering between the two areas. I want to be real
28 supportive of all the subsistence usage needs. You
29 said you had some concerns with the design of this
30 study proposal in front of us here today. So I guess it
31 needs clean up. What problems do you see with it?
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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, I think
34 -- this is Molly. I think was it Karen that covered --
35 no, no, it was Jeff. Jeff covered the concerns that I
36 had and one of the main ones was ADF&G Subsistence
37 Division be involved as one of the -- I guess one of
38 the lead investigators. That was one of the areas that
39 I noticed was missing here. Since Dave has had
40 historical experiences with this type of survey and
41 they have information of the past surveys that have
42 been conducted, I think that they would probably be a
43 good source of partnering on this investigation.
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45 And then one of the areas that I
46 noticed, you know, it's harvest monitoring and cultural
47 knowledge and traditional ecological knowledge, they
48 have students as investigators or survey personnel and
49 usually when there's cultural knowledge and TEK surveys
50 going on, it's more in-depth, people are more cautious

1 about just anybody coming in to do research. So my
2 recommendation would be to -- they'll probably discuss
3 this when they revisit this, but to get somebody that
4 the communities would respect to give their traditional
5 and cultural knowledge to and not just students from
6 the community.

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8 MR. DUNAWAY: Excellent point, yes. I
9 agree with you entirely. My personal experience in
10 Sand Point, folks are extremely cautious who they talk
11 to. Yeah, it sounds like this definitely needs a
12 rewrite.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The general
15 knowledge -- just collecting general knowledge is fine
16 and it's probably wonderful for the students to
17 experience, but when it comes to collecting cultural
18 and traditional and ecological knowledge, that's a
19 little bit more sensitive.

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21 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Especially you can
22 walk around Sand Point and it's hard to tell you not in
23 some kind of acreage, but there's still a lot of
24 traditions going on. They're just real quiet about it.
25 Especially when I was working for Fish and Game, I
26 didn't -- I'd hear stuff around about but not see it
27 directly. It would be good to have real experienced
28 data collectors and folks that the community has a lot
29 of confidence in.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
32 comments.

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34 MR. HILL: Madame Chair. This is Lary
35 Hill.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh, Lary.

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39 MR. HILL: I have some concerns about
40 the partnership and capacity building with the local
41 research assistants and the training they need to
42 receive. Again, I'd be careful about these because I
43 participated in these same kind of surveys and my first
44 concern would be how is this information going to be
45 used. I may be a bit paranoid, you know, telling
46 anybody where the best fishing and hunting is because
47 that might be where the -- that might possibly be used
48 against us and that's a concern that those people have
49 also.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. This is
2 Molly again. Every survey that has been conducted here
3 in Bristol Bay that's always been their number one
4 concern. That's why it's so important to get somebody
5 that the people respect and trust in the village to
6 conduct the surveys.
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8 MR. JONES: Madame Chair. This is John
9 again.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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13 MR. JONES: How is this proposal any
14 different from the proposal for the Chignik and lower
15 Bristol Bay? What, is the words in it the same or are
16 they different? I didn't see the -- I wasn't at the
17 last meeting so I was wondering what was discussed on
18 the proposal for the Chignik and lower Bristol Bay.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, do you
21 remember? I don't have my notes in front of me. Do
22 you remember what the main concern was for the Chignik
23 proposal?
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25 MR. JONES: I mean they're the same
26 type of proposal, aren't they?
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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.
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30 MR. JONES: The only difference is it's
31 the lower Bristol Bay and the Chignik area but is the
32 wording the same?
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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. Dan
35 Dunaway.
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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39 MR. DUNAWAY: What I recall -- I've got
40 the executive summary of the study proposal in front of
41 me, but what I remember was that one of the TRC's
42 criticisms was there were so many different
43 investigators.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, that's
46 right.
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48 MR. DUNAWAY: They were pumping up the
49 cost. When we discussed this, we thought there were a
50 number of investigators and they were tapping each

1 person's area of expertise to come together to make a
2 stronger program was part of it. It looks to me like
3 the total study costs are \$100-200,000 less than the
4 one that we're talking about today. Yeah, somewhere
5 around \$100,000 cheaper. I think that was one of the
6 main criticisms of that Chignik study. I thought there
7 was some discussion about rewriting it in a way to
8 maybe fill out the official investigators or something.
9 Maybe Donald can speak to that.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, this is
12 Molly again. Yes, I remember that and thanks for
13 bringing that up. I remember that discussion. There
14 was a concern about, like Dan Dunaway said, was a total
15 of investigators, but there was an explanation that all
16 those investigators weren't going to all be traveling
17 at the same time, so I think that was one of the areas
18 that they were going to rewrite.

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20 Donald, do you remember or, Karen, do
21 you remember what other concerns we had with that
22 proposal?

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24 MR. BROOKS: Madame Chair. This is
25 Jeff Brooks in Anchorage. Although I did not review
26 that proposal, I'm somewhat familiar with it and what
27 you have remembered and discussed here thus far is
28 correct to my recollection.

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30 I don't know if you had a concern with
31 this, but the other main difference other than location
32 is that the principal investigator in the study before
33 you today is from Idaho State University. Whereas in
34 the other study I believe the investigators were with
35 the State of Alaska and the local tribal entity, if
36 that's correct.

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38 Thank you.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Also from that other
41 study there were some folks from Oregon State and
42 University of Maryland involved. But, yeah, the main
43 folks are David with Fish and Game and some people like
44 Courtenay Gomez from BBNA.

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46 MR. BROOKS: That's correct.

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48 MR. JONES: So what are we looking for
49 here, Molly? Are we looking for us to make
50 recommendations to the Sand Point area and King Cove

1 and down -- I don't know how far down it goes, False
2 Pass or wherever, Cold Bay? Are they looking for a
3 recommendation to us stating something like if they
4 rewrite it to suit that area, then they should allow
5 the funding or what are you looking for? Are you
6 looking for a vote from us to, you know, say, well, if
7 they're not recommending funding for it now, we
8 recommend it and do that or what? What are we looking
9 at?

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: This is Molly.
12 My understanding is that they're recommending for this
13 board to either decide to fund or not fund, but I think
14 you had the same concern as I had, that we were kind of
15 out of area and my question earlier was this just
16 information for us or, Donald, do you want us to make a
17 recommendation?

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19 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. This is
20 Donald in Anchorage. What we're looking for is
21 recommendations from this Council. You can make a
22 motion to support this project and then vote on it up
23 or down. Thank you, Madame Chair. This would be going
24 before the Federal Subsistence Board.

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26 Thank you.

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28 MR. JONES: My recommendation to it,
29 Molly, would be for us to have them rewrite it to the
30 liking of the area and then before they submit any
31 funds to it. That would be my recommendation. If I
32 was asked, I'd want it to be rewritten for that area to
33 their likings.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If this
36 is John, so your motion would be to vote it down and
37 have this proposal be rewritten like it is recommended
38 by the Technical Committee.

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40 MR. JONES: Yeah. I wouldn't fund
41 something or recommend anything to be funded in a
42 different area without that area agreeing to it.

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44 MR. BROOKS: Madame Chair and members
45 of the Council. This is Jeff Brooks. I just want to
46 make sure that you're clear that the Technical Review
47 Committee is recommending not to fund at this time.
48 They're not saying fund with modification. So they're
49 saying do not fund and they're encouraging the PI down
50 in Idaho to redo it and send it in again for the next

1 funding cycle.
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3 Thank you.
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5 MR. JONES: Molly.
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. (Pause)
8 John, what you said was cut off. I didn't hear all of
9 your comment.
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11 MR. JONES: I said that makes things
12 simpler if they're already asking not to fund it.
13 Let's just agree with them, you know. I mean say,
14 yeah, let's not fund it until whatever you guys come up
15 with.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, make a
18 motion, John.
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20 MR. JONES: Can you still hear me?
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22 MS. GOMEZ: Madame Chair.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. Is that
25 Karen?
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27 MS. GOMEZ: No, this is Courtenay at
28 BBNA, Molly.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, hi,
31 Courtenay.
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33 MS. GOMEZ: I believe Donald stated
34 earlier that there is going to be time for public
35 comment during this meeting and I would like to provide
36 public comment prior to the Council making a decision
37 if possible.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay,
40 Courtenay, you've got the floor.
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42 MS. GOMEZ: Thank you, Madame Chair.
43 Members of the Council. My name is Courtenay Gomez.
44 I'm the director of Natural Resources at the Bristol
45 Bay Native Association. I am one of the principal
46 investigators in the 14-451 project that you guys are
47 referencing.
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49 I just wanted to make a few comments
50 regarding the process of this proposal and also I guess

1 the investigations that we put forward in trying to
2 clarify some of the questions that you guys have had
3 and it appears that these questions just keep getting
4 reanswered and not entirely clarified.

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6 First of all, as I understand it, the
7 Technical Review Committee through OSM and the
8 InterAgency Committee have not had a formal meeting to
9 review this. Different members of the TRC have met and
10 provided comment, but this is the first investigation
11 where I, myself, and perhaps you RAC members have ever
12 seen presented to a RAC asking a RAC for a
13 recommendation without a formal recommendation from the
14 Technical Review Committee. I think that's a very big
15 flaw in this process and really needs to be addressed
16 adequately.

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18 Secondly, I just wanted to let you guys
19 know that I really am sharing some of the same concerns
20 that you are in regards to this proposal not having an
21 immediate need to be funded and recommending that it's
22 not funded at this time. I do really appreciate the
23 RACs comments at their October meeting regarding our
24 proposal and going against what the TRC said, making
25 our proposal recommended for funding.

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27 And I do hope that, Madame Chair, you,
28 yourself, or one of your delegated representatives is
29 available at the January 14th Federal Subsistence Board
30 work session to maybe advocate for funding of that
31 proposal as that proposal is a direct reflection of the
32 needs identified by you, the Bristol Bay Subsistence
33 Regional Advisory Council.

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35 In regards to some specific details
36 about this proposal before you today 14-452, Western
37 Gulf of Alaska Subsistence Harvest and Social Networks.
38 It does address a priority information need for the
39 multi-region, but does not -- for any region around the
40 state to submit a proposal under this priority
41 information need, but it does not directly address a
42 proposal for our region.

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44 In regards to some of the questions the
45 RAC members are having about weighing in on a proposal
46 that's outside of our region in regards to the Federal
47 Subsistence Program, we're all part of Southwest Alaska
48 including having two RACs. One, your RAC that's
49 meeting today and, second, the Kodiak RAC, which we
50 heard earlier from Donald had chose to defer their

1 comment on this until they get a formal review from the
2 Technical Review Committee, which is my recommendation
3 as to what you do today.

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5 This proposal is looking at being
6 directed research in three communities that are not
7 part of necessarily the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory
8 Council, but, as we know, the Kodiak/Aleutians Council
9 also voted and supported the RAC's Proposal 14-451, so
10 it doesn't go against you guys' mission to weigh in on
11 this. It's important that you weigh in on this because
12 it does fall into your region as being part of
13 Southwest Alaska.

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15 This proposal is 70 percent more
16 expensive than the proposal that was before you at your
17 fall meeting and it's only addressing half of the
18 communities. The 14-451 proposal does not just address
19 the specific subsistence needs in communities in
20 Chignik, but it actually looks at six Bristol Bay
21 communities and encompasses all of the Federal
22 management in the Bristol Bay region, including Chignik
23 Lake, Chignik Lagoon, Egegik, Nondalton, Port Heiden
24 and Kodiak. So a very well encompassing.

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26 You guys have already supported
27 recommending not funding and I would just really hope
28 that at this time the Council, as previously discussed,
29 not recommending the 14-452 proposal for funding, but
30 that the Council really tries to focus its energy on
31 the 14th of January work session and works closely with
32 the Federal Subsistence Board in their advisory
33 capacity trying to advocate for that proposal.

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35 Thank you very much for your time
36 today.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
39 Courtenay. Any comments, questions from the board.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan Dunaway. That was
42 helpful, Courtenay. Thank you.

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44 MS. GOMEZ: Thank you.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
47 other comments.

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49 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, Madame Chair. I
50 have a question for Mr. Brooks.

1 MR. BROOKS: yes.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Mr. Brooks, under the
4 executive summary, are you familiar with the headline
5 here that says issue?
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7 MR. BROOKS: Yes, sir, I am. Through
8 the Chair.
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10 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Why is the King
11 Cove, Cold Bay land exchange on that road part of this
12 issue?
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14 MR. BROOKS: That, sir, is not directly
15 part of this issue. What they're saying is that, I
16 believe, when that environmental impact statement was
17 conducted there was some data gaps concerning
18 subsistence and impacts to subsistence that the PI
19 here, the principal investigator, is suggesting that
20 this study, if funded, would help address those data
21 gaps.
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23 MR. O'HARA: Oh, okay.
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25 MR. BROOKS: So that's why that is in
26 there, sir. Thank you.
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28 MR. O'HARA: Thank you. Well, I'm a
29 little suspicious of big government anyway. Thank you
30 very much for your help. I appreciate it.
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
33 Dan. Any other comments.
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35 (No comments)
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If there's no
38 other comments, we can call for a motion.
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40 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. I wonder
41 why is Kodiak waiting to input on this issue and it's
42 their region? This is Dan in Naknek. Why are they
43 waiting, not to weigh in on this funding part of it and
44 then maybe not even comment for the Federal Board on
45 January 14th? Can either Mr. Brooks or our coordinator
46 help us out on that.
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48 MR. BROOKS: Yes, Madame Chair. The
49 Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council met
50 yesterday via teleconference to discuss this. They

1 shared concerns about an incomplete review by the
2 Technical Review Committee, so they asked us to get
3 that together as completely as possible and send it to
4 them so that they could reconvene on the 10th, Friday,
5 this week to address the proposal and perhaps take
6 action if they choose to.

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8 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair, Mr. Brooks.

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10 MR. BROOKS: Yes.

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12 MR. O'HARA: Did they recess then or
13 did they adjourn? What do you mean by coming back to
14 it again?

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16 MR. BROOKS: Excuse my terminology.
17 They recessed.

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19 MR. O'HARA: Okay, good. So they're
20 still in session.

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22 MR. BROOKS: I believe that's correct.

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24 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Thank you, Madame
25 Chair.

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27 MR. JONES: This is John. Are we going
28 to be able to see what it's going to be -- how it's
29 going to be rewritten or what?

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31 MR. O'HARA: When Courtenay gave us her
32 testimony, she said the Technical Review Committee has
33 not met to look at 14-452 proposal, so, you know, it's
34 kind of up in the air. I think Kodiak is on the right
35 track. I think -- the only concern I have is we're not
36 in the Sand Point, Cold Bay, in that area, but we are
37 -- you are a part of our area.

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39 As long as the Chigniks are protected,
40 it's fine with me if they don't fund the 14-452. I
41 just made my statement that we want to make sure the
42 Chignik subsistence and all the areas that we have
43 there along -- that they be part of the Bristol Bay
44 plan. I don't really care if they fund it or not. As
45 long as it becomes a social issue of greenies having to
46 say something about what might develop in the south
47 area, that's, I guess, my main concern.

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49 MS. HYER: Madame Chair. This is Karen
50 Hyer. I'd like to clarify something.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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3 MS. HYER: The Technical Review
4 Committee didn't physically convene, but these
5 proposals were emailed to them and we asked them for
6 their response via email and we did receive written
7 response from six of the Technical Review Committee
8 members. What Jeff presented to you today orally was
9 their conclusion to do not fund.
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11 What Kodiak/Aleutians asked for was
12 that they receive that recommendation in written
13 format, which we sent them today, and that is why they
14 deferred. There is no new information that they will
15 be provided. They are just being provided it in
16 written format and not oral format.
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18 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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22 MS. MORRIS LYON: Molly, this is Nanci.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. Hi,
25 Nanci.
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27 MS. MORRIS LYON: Hello. Hey, I've
28 been listening very carefully to everybody's comments
29 and even though I agree with Dan Dunaway and respect
30 the need for further investigation in different areas,
31 I feel like we need to make a motion to not fund this
32 project.
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34 I remember this fall the other project
35 that we had spoke about and that Courtenay spoke about
36 also this morning. I think it's much more valid to our
37 region. I feel much more strongly about throwing my
38 support behind it at the meeting in a couple weeks.
39 I'm not interested in following through on this
40 proposal in any form unless it comes back in a written
41 form that's going to affect my areas more strongly than
42 it currently does. My vote is only going to be not to
43 support this proposal.
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45 Thank you.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
48 Nanci. Any other comments from the board.
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50 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair, this is Dan.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Boy, that sounded like a
4 pretty long motion that Ms. Lyons made there. She
5 might want to rephrase that with Donald's help. It
6 sounds pretty good to me.
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.
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10 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay. Madame Chair.
11 I will make a motion not to adopt -- I'm trying to do
12 it in a positive light here -- Project 14-452 at this
13 time.
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's a
16 motion not to fund 14-452 by Nanci Morris.
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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Second. Dan Dunaway.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seconded by
21 Dan Dunaway. All in favor say aye.
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23 IN UNISON: Aye.
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25 MR. O'HARA: Didn't hear enough ayes.
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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
28 opposition.
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30 (No opposing votes)
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,
33 the proposal not to fund is carried. Donald, you have
34 that?
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36 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Yes, I do.
37 We're down to item number six if it's the wish of the
38 Council or Madame Chair.
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Closing
41 comments.
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43 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. Dan
44 Dunaway.
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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48 MR. DUNAWAY: I think if our motion is
49 put into context with some of our discussion, I think
50 -- hopefully Donald captured some of the main points.

1 Our concerns for its incompleteness, exclusion of Fish
2 and Game and such like that, would be helpful. That's
3 all.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Richard.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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11 MR. WILSON: Yeah, same here. You
12 know, I'd like to -- you know, the subsistence issues
13 are very important in all Southwest here and it's not
14 that we voted this down so that it would go away, it's
15 just that it's not written up properly. So there is
16 some support from us in the subsistence arena there.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
19 other comments.

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21 MR. BROOKS: Madame Chair. This
22 is.....

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24 MR. JONES: Actually, they may have
25 wrote it down. We're just agreeing with their comment,
26 right? Their recommendation, right?

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, we're just
29 supporting the recommendations of the Review Committee.

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31 MR. JONES: If it comes to the table
32 again, we'd look at it again, right?

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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36 MR. JONES: I mean we didn't throw it
37 out the door.

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39 MR. WILSON: Thanks, John, for that
40 clarification there.

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42 MR. BROOKS: Madame Chair. This is
43 Jeff Brooks in Anchorage.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes, Jeff.

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47 MR. BROOKS: I just wanted to assure
48 that the Madame Chair and the Council members that we
49 are taking close notes of the concerns of not only the
50 limited number of Technical Review Committee's members

1 who responded, but also the Regional Advisory Councils.
2 When the letter and review goes back to the
3 investigator, those recommendations from you all will
4 be reflected and she will be encouraged to resubmit for
5 the next funding cycle because there is potential in
6 this proposal given the problems as well.

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8 Thank you.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Jeff, this is
11 Molly. I've got a question regarding the investigator.
12 This investigator not being from that area, was that
13 one of the concerns from the Technical Committee? I
14 guess we're revisiting this after we voted on it.

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16 MR. BROOKS: Madame Chair. Dr. Reedy-
17 Maschner has worked in this area before in Alaska and
18 she's a well-established anthropologist and social
19 network analyst. Her ability tended to be rated high
20 by everybody. There was some capacity written into the
21 IP. She proposed to work with tribal councils before
22 starting the research. The communication with the
23 State of Alaska and the Refuge Managers was thought to
24 be less than adequate.

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26 Thank you.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
29 you, Jeff. Any more closing comments.

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31 MS. GOMEZ: This is Courtenay, Madame
32 Chair, if I may.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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36 MS. GOMEZ: I just wanted to, I guess,
37 either ask a question of Mr. Brooks or make a
38 statement, but I don't think it's proper procedure for
39 an investigation plan review to have RAC comment part
40 of it. The investigation plan review is comments made
41 by the TRC and resubmitted to the principal
42 investigator. Never before have I in all my years of
43 submitting investigations either to or from received an
44 investigation plan review with comments from the
45 Regional Advisory Council. I don't think that's proper
46 procedure and I'm just wondering if that's really the
47 case or if maybe that was a misstatement.

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49 MR. BROOKS: Madame Chair. Courtenay,
50 thank you for your comment and I appreciate your public

1 testimony today as well. What I meant by saying we're
2 taking notes of this, we're paying attention to a lot
3 of information and things that may jive or be
4 consistent with the TRC review. Mind you, the TRC
5 review was not complete. We have all the information
6 that we believe we're going to get from them given the
7 January 14th Federal Subsistence Board meeting.

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9 We are going to respond to the
10 principal investigator based on the limited TRC review,
11 but we have to also pay attention to what the RACs say,
12 but that is not a part of the formal process. You're
13 correct. I'm sorry if I confused anyone.

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15 Thank you.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
18 closing comments.

19 MR. JONES: I have a comment. Is Dan
20 or somebody going from Bristol Bay to the workshop,
21 Madame Chair?

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23 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. This is
24 Dan.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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28 MR. O'HARA: I would imagine that's
29 going to be your job is to go before the Board, right?

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The
32 Chairperson?

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34 MR. O'HARA: Yes.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I haven't been
37 contacted, but I'll be willing to go if I'm asked.

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39 MR. O'HARA: Well, I think that would
40 be the proper procedure.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.

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44 MR. O'HARA: And any board member who
45 happens to be in there if they wanted to go down and
46 listen in.

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48 MR. JONES: (Indiscernible).

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50 MR. O'HARA: Me? No.

1 MR. JONES: Oh, I thought they were
2 talking to you, Dan. It don't matter. My hearing is
3 going.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
6 comments.
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8 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. This is
9 Dan. Are we meeting in February?
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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13 MR. O'HARA: 11th or 12th?
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald,
16 remember what the dates were? Weren't they 14th, 15th,
17 middle of February?
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19 MR. MIKE: It's the middle of February.
20 I'll send a reminder notice to all the Council members,
21 Madame Chair.
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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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25 MR. JONES: Let me ask you this. If
26 it's in February or that time in February, can it be
27 later in February? We couldn't change the date to a
28 later date? I'm going to be traveling. Matter of
29 fact, end of this month here I'll take off, but I won't
30 be back until after the 14th.
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: This is Molly.
33 I'm in agreement with that. I'm going to be out of
34 state that week.
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36 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. This is
37 Donald. I can look at the calendar and poll all the
38 Council members and see if they want to move that date
39 back or ahead one week.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. That
42 will work.
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44 MR. JONES: I'd rather see -- you know,
45 because I don't know exactly what day I'm going to be
46 taking off. You know, I missed the last one because I
47 was in Vegas and I'll be in Vegas again in February.
48 It kind of interferes with my travels. So I'd like to
49 go to the next meeting, but I can't afford to fly up
50 for a couple days and then fly back down there.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Donald
2 is going to revisit the dates and email us possibly
3 other dates that we could look at.
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5 MR. O'HARA: Happy new year.
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Happy new
8 year. I need a motion to adjourn.
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10 MR. HILL: Motion to adjourn.
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Who is this?
13 John?
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15 MR. HILL: Lary.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Lary.
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19 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second. Nanci.
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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci second.
22 All in favor say aye.
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24 IN UNISON: Aye.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Happy new
27 year, merry Christmas today, I guess.
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29 (Off record)
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31 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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