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2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
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8 Nankek Borough Chambers
9 Naknek, Alaska
10 February 12, 2013
11 8:40 a.m.
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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Molly Chythlook, Chair
18 Alvin Boskofsky
19 Dan Dunaway
20 Thomas A. Hedlund (Telephonic)
21 Lary Hill (Telephonic)
22 Nanci Ann Morris Lyon
23 Richard J. Wilson
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27 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 (Naknek, Alaska 2/12/2013)
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5 (On record)
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Good morning.
8 I guess we'll call the meeting to order and I've got
9 8:40. And I guess we'll start off with invocation and
10 I've asked Richard Wilson to have the invocation. If
11 we can all stand.
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13 (Invocation)
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll
16 start off with roll call to establish quorum. Donald,
17 do you want to do that.
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19 Thank you.
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21 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
22 Roll call for Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council.
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24 Mr. Pete Abraham.
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26 (No comments)
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28 MR. MIKE: I believe he'll be calling
29 in Madame Chair.
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31 Mr. Dan O'Hara.
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33 (No comments)
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35 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Mr. O'Hara is
36 in Juneau doing business for the Borough.
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38 Ms. Nanci Morris Lyon.
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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: Here.
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42 MR. MIKE: Ms. Molly Chythlook.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Here.
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46 MR. MIKE: Mr. Alvin Boskofsky.
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48 MR. BOSKOFSKY: Here.
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50 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan Dunaway.

1 MR. DUNAWAY: Here.
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3 MR. MIKE: Mr. John Jones.
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5 (No comments)
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7 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Mr. Jones
8 stated that he was on vacation and he couldn't be able
9 to attend this meeting.
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11 Mr. Lary Hill.
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13 MR. HILL: Here.
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15 MR. MIKE: Mr. Thomas Hedlund.
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17 MR. HEDLUND: Here.
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19 MR. MIKE: Mr. Richard Wilson.
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21 MR. WILSON: Here.
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23 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. You have
24 seven members present, you have a quorum.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
27 before we go on Nanci has a statement.
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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
30 Chair. I just want to give everybody a head's up, with
31 my apology, but I am also called on jury duty today and
32 I will be called later on this morning to go down to
33 report for that and I will be here in between that.
34 And luckily it's just downstairs so I can run back and
35 forth between the two as time permits but I just wanted
36 to give you a head's up for those matters that my
37 voting will be required on.
38
39 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, thanks,
42 Nanci. Without Dan here I'm going to need some support
43 because I get mixed up when the amendments start coming
44 in and who's doing what. But Dan or somebody will keep
45 me in line here.
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47 (Laughter)
48
49 I want to welcome each and every one of
50 you to our Naknek meeting. I guess everybody came in

1 safely. I guess the other day there was an attempt to
2 come from Anchorage earlier but weather, nature, we
3 can't fight the nature or sometimes mechanical, the
4 airport.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So let's start
9 the introduction from the back, and if you would mind
10 standing when you introduce yourselves.

11
12 Thank you.

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14 DR. CHEN: Good morning. My name is
15 Glenn Chen with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, fish
16 biologist.

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18 MR. WALSH: I'm Pat Walsh. I'm the
19 lead biologist for the Togiak Refuge.

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21 MS. MORAN: My name's Tina Moran. I'm
22 the acting Refuge manager for the Alaska Peninsula/
23 Becharof National Wildlife Refuges until the end of
24 March.

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26 MS. JULIAN: Liz Julian. Refuge
27 operations specialist for Alaska Peninsula/Becharof
28 National Wildlife Refuge.

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30 MR. ADERMAN: Andy Aderman. Wildlife
31 biologist with the Togiak Refuge in Dillingham.

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33 MS. WILSON: Sharon Wilson. Pebble
34 regional outreach coordinator.

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36 MR. PORT HEIDEN: Aniakchak.

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38 MS. ANDERSON: Sherri Anderson.
39 Wildlife biologist for Katmai National Park in
40 Aniakchak.

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42 MR. VEACH: Good morning. My name's
43 Eric Veach. I'm the Acting Superintendent for Katmai
44 National Park here until about the middle of March.

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46 MR. HAMON: Troy Hamon. Natural
47 Resource manager for Katmai National Park and
48 Aniakchak.

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50 MR. CRAWFORD: Drew Crawford. Alaska

1 Department of Fish and Game, Federal Subsistence
2 liaison team.
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4 MR. CAMPBELL: John Campbell. Wildlife
5 biologist, Katmai and Aniakchak.
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7 MR. KNUTSEN: John Knutsen. Local
8 resident.
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10 MR. LIND: Ronald Lind. Aniakchak.
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12 MS. MCBURNEY: Mary McBurney.
13 Subsistence manager for Lake Clark, Katmai, and the
14 Aniakchak Monument for the National Park Service.
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16 MR. SUMMERS: Clarence Summers.
17 National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office,
18 subsistence manager.
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20 MS. STICKMAN: Hi. I'm Danielle
21 Stickman. I'm the subsistence fisheries scientist at
22 BBNA.
23
24 MS. WOODS: Hi. I'm Gayla Woods. I
25 also work at BBNA in Dillingham and I'm the subsistence
26 research specialist.
27
28 MS. GAMACHE: Good morning. I'm Jean
29 Gamache, I'm the Alaska Native Affairs liaison for the
30 National Park Service.
31
32 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning. I'm the
33 Council coordination division chief over at the Office
34 of Subsistence Management.
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Then we had
37 somebody just walk in.
38
39 MR. UNDERWOOD: My name's Tevis
40 Underwood. I'm the currently Acting Refuge manager at
41 Togiak Refuge.
42
43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, I think
44 that's everybody. And I want to welcome, especially,
45 John, I haven't seen you in a while so welcome to our
46 meeting.
47
48 You know, traditionally people have a
49 hard time remembering names, especially English names,
50 that's why traditionally people gave Yup'ik terms to

1 people that they want to remember, and then sometimes
2 the names, you know, they'll look at somebody and if
3 they, you know, braided hair, or has an extra large
4 nose or not to discriminate or be funny, they would
5 name people by their appearance, and that's how, you
6 know, local people were able to distinguish, you know,
7 people that were coming to visit. So when I look, you
8 know, when I look at the audience and I have a really
9 hard time remembering names, in my mind that's how I'm
10 able to distinguish some of you, is, you know, if I see
11 Mary and she has a certain way of look, I'll say, well,
12 you know, that's her.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 Okay, so let's continue.

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18 I guess we can go to No. 5, review and
19 adopt agenda.

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21 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Alvin.

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25 MR. BOSKOFISKY: The Board didn't
26 introduce themselves.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I'm sorry,
29 okay, I'm sorry. Okay, Alvin.

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31 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Alvin Boskofsky.
32 Chignik Lake RAC member and Aniakchak SRC Chair.

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan Dunaway. Dillingham
35 RAC member. I also sit on the Nushagak Advisory
36 Committee for Fish and Game, State stuff.

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38 MS. MORRIS LYON: Nanci Morris Lyon.
39 King Salmon, RAC member.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Molly
42 Chythlook. Dillingham. And I'm totally retired.

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44 MR. WILSON: Richard Wilson. Nankek
45 RAC.

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47 MR. MIKE: We'll start with Iliamna,
48 with Thomas.

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50 MR. HEDLUND: Thomas Hedlund. Lake

1 Clark and down that area.
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3 MR. HILL: Lary Hill.
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5 MR. MIKE: Anchorage.
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7 (No comments)
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9 MR. MIKE: Do we have any Staff in
10 Anchorage, introduce themselves, please.
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12 MS. HYER: This is Karen Hyer, Office
13 of Subsistence Management.
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15 MR. SHARP: This is Dan Sharp with
16 Bureau of Land Management.
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18 MR. LIEBICH: This is Trent Liebich
19 with Office of Subsistence Management.
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21 MR. MIKE: Thank you. And I'm Donald
22 Mike, the Regional Council coordinator.
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24 MS. MORRIS LYON: And Nathan.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
27 we can move to No. 5 on our agenda, and that's review
28 and adopt agenda items. And what I'd like to do is
29 maybe highlight the action items. For those of you
30 that are on teleconference, or on the phone, due to
31 sometimes our connections aren't very reliable and I'd
32 like to get all the action items taken care of so that
33 at least we'll be able to deal with those first.
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35 So review and adopt agenda.
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37 MS. MORRIS LYON: Move to approve.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
40 been a motion to approve the agenda.
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42 MR. BOSKOFKY: Second.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Motion by
45 Nanci and seconded by Alvin.
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47 Richard.
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49 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I have two
50 items I'd like to add to the agenda, if I may.

1 One, which has been handed to me
2 recently here. It's on local hire by the National Park
3 Service and I think we have somebody here that's going
4 to talk to that.
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6 And the other one is a year or so ago
7 we talked about, subsistence salmon up on Naknek Lake
8 and it kind of fell through the cracks. We never
9 really -- there wasn't an end result, I don't believe,
10 so I'd like to bring that back up just as a talking
11 item.
12
13 Thank you.
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15 MS. MORRIS LYON: Where would you like
16 those, Richard.
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18 MR. WILSON: Well, it's kind of old
19 business but I -- wherever it fits in.
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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So under old
22 business, would they fit in under the old business so
23 they'd be E and F. The -- what was that, local hire
24 would be E. And then F would be the subsistence at
25 Nankek Lake.....
26
27 MR. WILSON: Red Fish.
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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Or Red Fish.
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31 Okay. Any other additions to the
32 agenda.
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34 (No comments)
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not,
37 Donald, you want to help us with maybe highlighting
38 action items.
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40 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
41 The action items required for this Council are
42 indicated by asterisks on your agenda.
43
44 No. 10, under old business, is to
45 approve the draft 2012 annual report.
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47 Under new business, 11, is rural
48 determination process.
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50 And call for wildlife regulatory

1 proposals, we'll just make an announcement on that.
2
3 Review and comment on the draft
4 consultation implementation guidelines
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6 And then other action items requiring
7 action by this Council is the future meeting dates and
8 Carl Johnson has more to add to this.
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10 Madame Chair.
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. What
13 I've got.....
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15 REPORTER: Molly.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I'm sorry.
18 What I've got under 10 is old business is D, approve
19 draft annual report for FY2012 as an action item.
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21 Under 11, new business, A, rural
22 determination process.
23
24 And then I guess new business, C,
25 review and comment on draft tribal consultation
26 implementation guidelines. Is that what you mentioned?
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28 MR. MIKE: Right.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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32 MR. MIKE: That's right.
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Then 13 would
35 be the future meetings.
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37 MR. MIKE: And the recent action by the
38 Board of Game on Unit 17 moose, we have Staff present
39 to address that issue, to update the Council on what
40 happened.
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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And
43 that's the management plan, 17A, and that's just going
44 to be informational?
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46 MR. MIKE: I believe so. It's just
47 more, yeah, informational, and I'd like the Council to
48 be updated on what actually happened at the Board of
49 Game because at our last meeting the Council signed off
50 on the old management plan and gave it the go ahead

1 with the working group to make changes. That's what
2 the Council did at its last meeting and Mr. Dunaway has
3 more information on that.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan,
6 did you have a comment.

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8 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you, Madame
9 Chair. Yeah, I was anticipating that that 17A moose
10 plan might be an action item, too. It's kind of up to
11 us. But I think there is a possibility we could act on
12 it so I was kind of trying to clarify what we plan to
13 do there. I'm not sure what the Council wants.

14
15 Thank you.

16
17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. I think
18 the RAC is the only participant that hasn't signed off
19 on it so we'll do informational and then act on it.

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21 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. Can we
22 request to have an open agenda?

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, if
25 there's no, you know, that's fine, I don't have any
26 problem with that.

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28 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I'm going to probably
29 have to leave, I'm not sure exactly what time, but
30 tomorrow before noon in order to catch a flight home.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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34 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. My
35 suggestion to the Council is to take action on the Unit
36 17A moose management plan to start off the meeting
37 since we have a couple of members that may have to
38 leave early, and then work on the rest of the action
39 items that require action by this Council, as indicated
40 by asterisks on the agenda.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, that'll
43 work. We'll start off with.....

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45 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question first to
46 approve.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
49 we need a question -- Carl.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.
2 I just wanted to clarify that Item 11A, rural
3 determination process is information only, it's not an
4 action item but it will be an action item at your fall
5 meeting.
6
7 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci,
10 was there a question -- did you call for the question?
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12 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question, yeah.
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. All in
15 favor of adopting the agenda with the additions say
16 aye.
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18 IN UNISON: Aye.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
21 opposition.
22
23 (No opposing votes)
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
26 Okay, as suggested we can start off with, is it Unit
27 17A moose management plan, since we might lose Nanci
28 here, is that what we were going to do. Okay, yeah,
29 let's do the elections of officers at this time, how do
30 we want to do that.
31
32 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. I
33 can open up the election as Acting Chair for this
34 Council and then the Chair can take over from there.
35
36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So you
37 want to, I guess, delegate or do this section first.
38
39 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I can open up
40 the election and whoever's the new Chair will take over
41 the remaining elections of the officers.
42
43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Donald.
44
45 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Election of
46 officers, position for the Chair is now open for
47 nominations.
48
49 Mr. Wilson.
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1 MR. WILSON: I nominate Molly for
2 Chair.
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4 MR. MIKE: Nominations.....
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6 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second.
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8 MR. MIKE: Nominate Madame Chair and
9 seconded by Nanci. Any other nominations.
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11 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Nominate Nanci Morris
12 Lyons.
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14 MR. MIKE: Mr. Boskofsky nominates
15 Nanci.
16
17 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.
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19 MR. MIKE: Second by Dan.
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21 MR. HEDLUND: Nominate Richard Wilson.
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23 MR. MIKE: Nominations for Mr. Richard
24 Wilson by Thomas.
25
26 MR. HILL: Second.
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28 MR. MIKE: Second by Lary.
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30 MR. DUNAWAY: Move to close
31 nominations.
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33 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dunaway moved to close
34 nominations.
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36 Nominations are closed. We'll do a
37 ballot voting if that's okay.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And then how
40 are we going to receive nominations from the people on
41 the phone?
42
43 MR. MIKE: We just did.
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45 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm sorry, Madame Chair,
46 when we did this with the State Advisory Committee, I
47 think a couple of Staff folks kind of in confidence
48 heard over the phone votes, and the rest of us were out
49 of ear shot for that so I think we could trust, maybe,
50 Donald, or maybe somebody else from the Staff to record

1 those.
2
3 MR. MIKE: I can have one of my Staff
4 call the two members in Iliamna when we get the ballot
5 voting going. Thomas, do you have a second phone line?
6
7 MR. HEDLUND: No, I don't.
8
9 MR. MIKE: How about Lary Hill?
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11 MR. HILL: (Inaudible)
12
13 MR. MIKE: Okay, I'll have Staff call
14 you.
15
16 (Pause)
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18 MR. MIKE: We'll take just a five
19 minute break so I can call Mr. Hedlund.
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21 (Off record)
22
23 (On record)
24
25 MR. MIKE: If you all can find your
26 seats we have the tally of the ballot voting for Chair
27 for the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council.
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29 (Teleconference interruption)
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31 MR. MIKE: Okay, Thomas and Lary, we
32 have the results of the ballot voting. The majority of
33 the Council members nominated Molly Chythlook as Chair.
34
35 Madame Chair you have the gavel.
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, well,
38 thank you.
39
40 Okay, the Vice Chair, nomination for
41 Vice Chair.
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43 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I nominate Nanci.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'll nominate
46 Richard.
47
48 MR. WILSON: I shall decline.
49
50 (Laughter)

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
2 other nominations.
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4 (No comments)
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, Nanci,
7 unanimous. If I don't hear anything.....
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9 (No opposing votes)
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:which I
12 don't.
13
14 So Nanci is Vice Chair.
15
16 Okay, Secretary.
17
18 Nominate Richard again.
19
20 Any other nominations.
21
22 (No comments)
23
24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Everybody
25 silent. Unanimous.
26
27 (No opposing votes)
28
29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard is the
30 Secretary again.
31
32 Thank you.
33
34 (Laughter)
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Moving
37 on, let's go to that.....
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39 MR. MIKE: Unit 17A moose.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pardon.
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43 MR. MIKE: Unit 17 moose, do you want
44 to take action on that before Nanci leaves today, this
45 morning?
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The 17A moose
48 management plan.
49
50 MR. MIKE: Yes.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think
2 we have Andy Aderman to give us the information.
3
4 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. And does
5 the Council wish to have a PowerPoint available for
6 visual reference, if so we'll take a five minute recess
7 and we can have it set up. We have a projector.
8
9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Andy, if you
10 have a PowerPoint presentation we can stand down for a
11 few minutes to have you set it up; about five?
12
13 MR. ADERMAN: Yeah, that'd be fine.
14
15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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17 MR. ADERMAN: Yes.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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21 (Off record)
22
23 (On record)
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm
26 going to call the meeting back to order and before we
27 proceed with the slides, let's review and approve the
28 October 24, 25, 2013 meeting minutes. And if you've
29 had a chance to read the minutes let's take care of
30 that before we proceed with the slide presentation.
31
32 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I'll move to
33 approve them, Madame Chair.
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35 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I'll second.
36
37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
38 motion by Nanci to approve the October 24, 25 meeting
39 minutes, seconded by Alvin.
40
41 Question.
42
43 Any comments to the minutes.
44
45 (No comments)
46
47 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.
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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Question's
50 been called, all in favor say aye.

1 IN UNISON: Aye.
2
3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
4 opposition.
5
6 (No opposing votes)
7
8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
9 Okay, we'll proceed with the slide presentation on the
10 moose management plan, 17A. You've got the floor,
11 Andy.
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13 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you, Madame Chair.
14 Council members. My name is Andy Aderman. I'm a
15 wildlife biologist with the Togiak National Wildlife
16 Refuge.
17
18 What I'm going to show you here is a
19 presentation that I also have shown to the Nushagak and
20 Togiak Advisory Committee meetings earlier this year.
21
22 A lot of it has to do with the biology
23 behind the management plan so I'm going to show some
24 stuff that you probably already know about, this
25 population, things like how the distribution has
26 changed over time, the colonization. I'm going to talk
27 about some reproductive philological measures. I'm
28 going to compare that to some other populations around
29 the state. I'm going to talk about habitat quality and
30 habitat quantity and this concept of carrying capacity.
31 And then towards the end I'm going to kind of just real
32 briefly go over what the major differences are in the
33 new plan versus the old plan.
34
35 So I'm going to start out with
36 distribution in this colonization.
37
38 This is a map showing the Togiak
39 Refuge. 17A is the drainages between Cape Newenham and
40 Cape Constantine. We don't happen to have a laser
41 pointer here -- no, okay. Basically right up the
42 center of the slide, kind of a triangle, is 17A. But
43 this is where moose were back in the late '80s, right
44 on the very eastern edge of the Refuge and I'm going to
45 go through these hopefully fairly quick, year by year,
46 and I'm going just going to keep adding a new year on
47 while leaving the previous years on so starting with
48 '89.
49
50 '94 is when really the first kind of

1 influx of moose started into 17A.

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3 '96 is when management planning
4 actually started to begin.

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6 So that's up to the last year, you
7 know, through 2012.

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9 You see that they've filled in much of
10 the area. The areas that you don't see dots are
11 primarily just open tundra, caribou habitat, if you
12 will.

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14 These are counts that we have conducted
15 over time. This is just in 17A. You can see back in
16 the early '90s there was hardly any moose. Our last
17 count in 2011 was just under 1,200 moose. And it
18 doesn't show it real well here but if you look at the
19 last three counts, while it's still increasing it's
20 slowing down compared to back in the early 2000s.

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22 Getting into some of the physiological
23 reproductive measures. This is our observed twinning
24 rate. This is among adult radio-collared cows. Pretty
25 darn high, average of 63/64 percent.

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27 Calf production, over the long-term,
28 has been 128 calves produced per 100 cows. This is
29 what's born in the spring. And that black line that
30 goes across there, you can see a slight declining
31 trend, it's starting to go down and get closer to 100
32 calves per 100 cows. How many calves are still alive
33 in the fall, or November, a little less than half,
34 which is really good, on average 63 per 100 cows. But
35 you can see that line, too, is starting to decline.

36

37 These are weights of moose that we
38 capture when they're not quite a year old. They're
39 still considered calves, we may also call them short
40 yearlings, they're not quite a yearling. But anyways
41 they're among some of the heaviest moose calves in the
42 state, although we did notice a significant decline
43 last year. About a 50 pound difference from the
44 previous three captures. We think it might be related
45 to last winter's cold and the amount of snow because it
46 was a trend that was seen elsewhere around the state
47 where they also had a lot of snow, a lot of cold and
48 that, but we plan to capture some more moose and weigh
49 them and we'll see if that was just an anomaly or
50 something. But I'll show you very quickly here that

1 they're still in pretty good shape.

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3 So we're down here towards the bottom
4 in the yellow, 17A, we're going to look at just some
5 comparisons real quick, to other moose populations.
6 Moose in 17A start producing a calf on their second
7 birthday. Actually we've had a couple of them produce
8 twins elsewhere, it's three years old. And, yeah,
9 we're the only population, measured, that we had twins
10 produced when moose were on their second birthday.
11 That's really rare. That's like triplets in the adult
12 moose. It happens but it's not common.

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14 And, actually, again our twinning rate
15 was the highest compared to all these other
16 populations.

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18 Our weights, this doesn't include this
19 last year, the 2012 weights, but those previous three
20 captures, we had the heaviest moose calves in the
21 state.

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23 So why is this, you know, earlier
24 maturation in moose, higher twinning rates and bigger
25 calves; well, it's essentially what they eat and what
26 they're eating is really good. That's what's allowing
27 them to grow really big, fast, and become of breeding
28 age and have calves on their second birthday.

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30 This is a graph related to the quality
31 of the food or the habitat. The top line, the green
32 line is 17A, and the other two lines, the blue, Denali
33 National Park and the red is the Nelchina study area,
34 Unit 13, would be kind of like the Mat-Su area.
35 Researchers looked at what moose eat in all three of
36 these areas, in fact, the same species of willows and
37 they modeled a diet based on the amount of nitrogen
38 digestible protein that is in those browses during the
39 summertime, and they converted that to lean muscle
40 mass. So early on in the year in mid-June, just after
41 the leaves come out, they're at their best, most
42 nutritious time and it kind of goes downhill from there.
43 But what this shows is Togiak moose are putting on
44 about two and a half pounds of lean muscle mass there
45 in mid-June. The other two populations start below
46 that. And if you carry that over the summer, Togiak
47 moose are still putting on lean muscle mass the first
48 part of September. The other populations, that stops
49 in late July to mid-August. They can still be putting
50 on fat but they're not putting on muscle mass. But

1 that's how our moose are growing really fast over
2 there.

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4 MR. DUNAWAY: That's two and a half
5 pounds per day?

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7 MR. ADERMAN: Two and a half pounds per
8 day.

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10 And so why is this, that they're able
11 to do it and, you know, there's differences elsewhere.
12 We think it has to do with just the history of moose
13 being in the area. They really haven't been there
14 until 20 years ago, I mean, at least, in any
15 appreciable numbers. Nelchina, Denali, they've been
16 there a bit longer, and we think -- plants react to
17 getting browsed on. They have chemical defenses that
18 make them taste bad and kind of bind up some of that
19 protein and stuff but it apparently hasn't happened yet
20 in the Togiak habitat.

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22 Will it happen. More than likely.

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24 Moving from quality to quantity. This
25 one talks about quality, but most of the Unit 17A isn't
26 moose habitat or it's, you know, considered low
27 quality. The moose habitat we have is primarily along
28 the river corridors and scattered patches of
29 cottonwoods and willows, you know, kind of at the base
30 of the mountains and throughout the area, but most of
31 it's tundra and mountains. In fact, about only 13
32 percent of 17A could be considered moose habitat, and
33 this is winter moose habitat; it's willows,
34 cottonwoods, things that moose eat.

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36 We took a -- relooked at our habitat
37 data from an earlier estimate that was used in the old
38 plan. What we come up with was there's about 450
39 square miles of this winter moose habitat. And if you
40 apply a figure of two or three moose per square mile we
41 come up with this range of 900 to 1,350 is what -- it's
42 not necessarily a carrying capacity estimate but it's a
43 figure that we don't feel we want to get above 1,350,
44 in fact, we'd like to keep it down below that a ways.
45 The carrying capacity is probably a bit higher. And
46 when you're at carrying capacity, theoretically your
47 births equal deaths and you're not really gaining any
48 new moose, that it's a stable population. So what
49 we're thinking is we want to keep it.....

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1 (Teleconference interruption)

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3 MR. ADERMAN: Sorry.

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5 (Teleconference interruption)

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7 MR. ADERMAN: We want to keep this
8 population below, it gets up to this point, you know,
9 carrying capacity where it's always trying to increase.

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11 The old plan we estimated, or the
12 former land cover mapping, we estimated 560 square
13 miles of moose habitat and that was the basis for the,
14 I guess we called it carrying capacity in the old plan,
15 but we come up with this 1,100 -- seventeen hundred and
16 50 range -- or 1,200, I should say, 1,200, but a higher
17 estimate. So this is one of the main differences now
18 from the previous plan, is the lower, we'd like to keep
19 it -- see it lower.

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21 So, again, here's our population
22 counts, you know, it's been increasing but it's been
23 slowing down. That black line suggests, well, we could
24 just keep increasing indefinitely. That's not
25 realistic. What's more realistic is something like
26 this. This is what ungulate, moose, caribou, deer,
27 this is what these populations typically do over time,
28 they build up and then they go down. The Mulchatna
29 Caribou is one example I don't have to tell you about.
30 The caribou herds on the Peninsula, you know, a little
31 different species, a little different biology but this
32 suggests that it's going to go down immediately, you
33 know, it peaks out at 1,200. We're probably already at
34 1,200 or more moose over there right now and things are
35 still looking pretty good. The twinning rate is really
36 high. But we don't want to get to that peak or on the
37 right side of that peak and where we're going downhill,
38 we want to stay on the left side.

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40 So I have this listed as carrying
41 capacity estimate. It's a poor slide but, anyways, it
42 lowers it from the former plan, or the old plan. We
43 did some modeling. We filled in the years we didn't
44 have counts and we used various harvest scenarios as
45 far as harvesting bulls and then adding in some cow
46 harvest, and what we come up with, and this is based
47 on, you know, current calf production and recruitment
48 estimate, survival of cows is we can up the harvest of
49 bulls a little bit and actually introduce some cow
50 harvest and we can start to bring this population down

1 a little bit over time. That's just one possible
2 scenario, there's lots of other ways it could be
3 modeled. And so this fits within that range of moose
4 that we'd like to see.

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6 This is where we get into parts of the
7 new plan. The new plan suggests that we could start
8 harvesting cows or antlerless moose at 600, the old
9 plan it was 1,400. We also lowered the level at which
10 non-residents could participate, down to 1,000, it was
11 1,750 in the old plan.

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13 One of the things in the plan is this
14 idea of a corridor along the primary areas that Togiak
15 and Twin Hills hunters use. They're primarily boat-
16 based, and so this green shaded area kind of up the
17 center of 17A is the Togiak River, Togiak Lake, up to
18 Upper Togiak Lake, and then the branch off to the right
19 there is Ungavin, a tributary to the Togiak and then it
20 also goes up a little bit further on a couple
21 tributaries on the west side, the Keemuk (ph) and
22 Kashiak Creek area, but it's a two mile, either side of
23 the river, the lakes and that. The old plan it was no
24 aircraft access and we're just talking about the fall
25 now, no aircraft access until the population got above
26 1,100, or it was at 1,100 that the aircraft access
27 restrictions went away. This would be like a permanent
28 buffer regardless of what level the moose population is
29 at, and it wouldn't be in regulation but it would be,
30 if we continue with the State registration permit, it's
31 discretionary permit authority that becomes a condition
32 of the permit. When you get that permit it says
33 aircraft is not allowed in this two mile buffer area
34 during the fall hunt.

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36 And I will add that the Board of Game
37 did endorse this concept and make it a recommendation
38 to the Department of Fish and Game that it be included
39 in the hunt.

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41 Just trying to wrap up here.

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43 Survival of cows and productivity of
44 having calves remains high. It's still growing but
45 it's slowed down some. We're not sure right where
46 carrying capacity is but as we get closer to it things
47 start slowing down and, you know, it's on the future
48 there somewhere so we want to stay where we're at and
49 maybe even bring it down a little bit. And to do that
50 we need to kill more moose.

1 So, again, some differences between the
2 old plan and the new plan, we can start hunting cows
3 now or, you know, this next winter hunt.

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5 Another big change is the old plan had
6 what was a general hunt and the new plan doesn't. And
7 what that mean -- a general hunt, you can pick up your
8 harvest ticket anywhere in the state, there are no
9 restrictions unless you have a controlled use area,
10 which we do not have in the Togiak so somebody could
11 pick up a harvest ticket in Anchorage, Fairbanks and
12 they could fly right to Togiak Lake, Togiak River and
13 start hunting, if that was the -- if, you know, that
14 was endorsed. So I see that as, you know, it's more
15 maybe a social issue and avoiding some conflicts on the
16 river. Again, we want to harvest more moose, but --
17 and this would do it, but I think in a way that
18 probably wouldn't be acceptable, at least to local
19 folks. So that's where we have, at least, under the
20 registration hunt there would be no aircraft access in
21 that. It doesn't mean people can't hunt there, they
22 just have to get there by a different means, they have
23 to get there by boat or walk.

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25 And then the last item is it
26 incorporates this non-resident opportunity in the very
27 near future.

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29 That's the end of my presentation. I
30 can hold off if you have questions there, and go into
31 the Board of Game did a couple days ago.

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33 MS. MORRIS LYON: I only had one
34 curiosity question. So, Andy, thank you, that was a
35 great presentation.

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37 You say that you feel like that slowing
38 trend in the calf size was due to the hard winter last
39 year, are you sure some of the overall slowing wasn't
40 also couldn't be attributed to that, are you sure -- I
41 mean are you -- you're fairly confident that the
42 slowing overall you're seeing means that you're
43 reaching carrying capacity?

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45 MR. ADERMAN: I think it's a
46 combination. Again, we know things aren't going to
47 just continue to keep going up indefinitely, numbers
48 wise, and I don't know if I sho -- I guess that one
49 slide that showed weights in other areas of the state,
50 you know, over south of Fairbanks was on the other end

1 of the chart, you know, it was about 130 pounds
2 lighter. But they have 15,000, 16,000 moose in that
3 area. I'm not sure what the density is but it's a lot
4 higher than what we have in 17A. So you can have a lot
5 more moose but they become smaller and they become less
6 productive. You know their moose don't have cows until
7 age three, but only about a third of their three year
8 olds produce calf which means most of them don't have
9 their first calf until they're four. They don't see
10 any twins until a cow is five. And, you know, it's not
11 a sustainable situation, you know, because you damage
12 the habitat. It takes a lot longer for habitat to
13 recover than moose numbers are to recover. So, you
14 know, when you're on the left side of that curve, you
15 know, you're still going uphill. If you were to
16 overharvest that's not as -- it doesn't take as long to
17 recover from that as when you dropped off on the right
18 side of that curve and habitat is compromised.

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20 MS. MORRIS LYONS: Great, Andy. That
21 answers my question perfectly. Thank you.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, Richard.

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25 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Andy,
26 thanks, that was a great presentation. A lot of good
27 info there. I had a question on predators.

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29 I noticed a lot of the moose are, you
30 know, in drainages and your vegetation and everything
31 there is, you know, allowing that, is there much as far
32 as -- I did read your -- a lot of the information you
33 had here but the bear count, is there any increase in
34 bear count because of the increase in population in
35 moose?

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37 MR. ADERMAN: We only have one estimate
38 for brown bears and it actually includes the entire
39 Togiak Refuge of which 17A is pretty much entirely
40 within the Refuge. That estimate is about 40 bears,
41 plus or minus 10, so about a range of 30-50 bears per
42 1,000 square kilometers. What that means, Refuge wide,
43 is, I think about 800/900 bears, about 800/900 bears.
44 Compared to over here, that's a lot less bears.

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46 We don't have any estimates prior or
47 since then. My belief is, you know, this is through
48 flying around and radio tracking moose, listening to
49 locals, bears have increased over time on the Refuge.
50 Are they taking moose, yes, they are, you know, they're

1 getting calves. It hasn't prevented this population
2 from becoming established. Will it increase or benefit
3 the bear population over time, I suspect it will a
4 little bit. But there was, I think, a fair number of
5 bears there before the moose really got in there and
6 they were eating salmon and plants and other stuff, you
7 know, that they could get.

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9 Wolves, we don't have a real good
10 handle on, we know they're there. I think they have
11 benefitted more because they really need a source of an
12 ungulate, caribou or moose that they can depend on, you
13 know, more or less year-round. And that works with
14 moose. Caribou, if it's only there for a couple months
15 of the year that might be a little tougher go of it.
16 But I think, again, I think their numbers have
17 benefitted but we don't have the surveys, the
18 information to, you know, say that definitively.

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20 MR. WILSON: Certainly don't have a
21 problem yet, which is great.

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23 Thank you.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, any
26 other questions.

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28 (No comments)

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: My question
31 is, your last show of the population practically
32 covering the Refuge lands, do you also monitor the
33 areas outside of the Refuge because, you know, you
34 showed moose going over towards Goodnews Bay but not as
35 many. But it seems like a majority of the moose are
36 just hanging in there, in 17A.

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38 MR. ADERMAN: Yes, Madame Chair. We do
39 monitor moose in other areas outside of 17A including
40 the Goodnews drainage and a good part of the Lower
41 Goodnews drainage is not Refuge, it's outside of the
42 Refuge but we work with the Alaska Department of Fish
43 and Game, both in 17A and in Unit 18, which is where
44 the Goodnews drainage is, and we caught moose there, we
45 have radio-collared moose there. And Goodnews is
46 essentially what Togiak was 10 years ago in a sense. I
47 mean 2002 we counted two moose in the entire Goodnews
48 drainage. A year ago we counted 205. They've had a
49 hunting season now the last five years. It's a little
50 different area but it's been a success story and it's

1 due to the folks in Togiak, closing down their winter
2 hunt, willingly, to get moose to go into the Goodnews
3 drainage. And really the last part of the Togiak
4 Refuge is a little further north of the Goodnews
5 drainage where moose are just starting to get into.
6 But that's, I guess, outside this area. But suffices
7 to say that folks over there, at least, Goodnews and
8 Platinum, are really happy with what's happened there,
9 and they sacrificed themselves. They willingly shut
10 themselves down and didn't hunt for four years, whether
11 it was consequence or coincidence, it's good.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
14 other questions. Dan, did you have one.

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16 MR. DUNAWAY: Not so much a question
17 but kind of a comment and that Andy touched on here at
18 the end. I get pretty excited, when I first came to
19 the Dillingham area in '89, I would hear reports of
20 winter poaching kind of between Dillingham and Togiak
21 and the communities got together and decided that if
22 they showed self-restraint that maybe these moose would
23 do exactly what they seem to have done since, and it's
24 pretty cool that Aleknagik, Dillingham, Manokotak, Twin
25 Hills and Togiak all agreed let's let these moose
26 expand and it really, the moose responded. And then
27 that kind of got contagious over, like Andy says, to
28 Goodnews, and folks are being rewarded for their --
29 like he says, local management, and they never quite
30 adopted that 2004 management plan, but my understanding
31 is, is that, the Refuge and State game managers used
32 that as their guiding policy and it's been pretty darn
33 successful. And it's cool to have a strong population.

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35 Also something that I heard in -- I've
36 seen this presentation several times now, but my
37 understanding is, is that, they really do need to take
38 some cow moose now to keep this population in check.
39 They take about 50, 55 bulls a year, but from what I've
40 heard is that the reproductive capacity, contrary to
41 what we did for awhile here to let that population
42 build, now we do need to keep it in check. And so I've
43 heard Jim Woolington say, we probably do need to allow
44 some cows to be taken to truly keep this population in
45 the, I guess it's about 1,000 animals, is what I
46 understand they want, 900-1,100.

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48 So I just wanted to add those two. I
49 think there's some other items that might pop up.

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1 I guess one thing is as we look at this
2 new plan, it got hashed around a lot in the Nushagak
3 Advisory Committee, and I wasn't there but I understand
4 the Togiak Advisory Committee, and it got hashed around
5 a lot. In the end the Togiak Advisory Committee was in
6 full unanimous support of it as it was written and I
7 think that -- once they had enough time to take it back
8 to their, I think, traditional council members that sit
9 on the AC, and I forget what other Togiak groups but,
10 anyway, it was really heartening to me to see that the
11 communities most immediately affected and right in the
12 middle of it, seemed to be in wholehearted support of
13 it.

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15 And I guess at that point I'll quit
16 yakking and we can move on.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, any more
21 comments.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I want to also
26 make a comment about this is a good example of agencies
27 and local people working well together when both sides
28 meet and be able to converse and understand each
29 other's points of view. Because when I started working
30 for the State in the early '80s I hated to go to Togiak
31 for meetings because it was -- it just became a fight
32 between the local people and agencies and today, you
33 know, it's a welcoming village to go to and it's
34 because of agency understanding and the local
35 communities working well.

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37 I want to thank Andy, you know, for
38 working with Togiak because -- it's because of closely
39 understanding and compromising with the local people,
40 is what made this work well. So, thank you, Andy.

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42 And I guess if we don't have any more
43 comments, you want to get into the Board of Game
44 discussions, or what came out of the Board of Game.

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46 MR. ADERMAN: Yes, Madame Chair, thank
47 you. I'd like to think that we're all on the same
48 side, just kind of ironed out a few little differences
49 here and there.

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1 But getting on with what the Board of
2 Game did, and this was in response to a proposal that
3 was before them, Proposal No. 48, which would open non-
4 resident hunting on Togiak Refuge within 17A, for a
5 fall hunt. And working through this moose planning
6 process, the State submitted a -- I guess an amended
7 proposal with things that the working group wanted to
8 see as it pertains to 17 moose. So it kind of took a
9 little -- it took that proposal and kind of stretched
10 it out a little bit.

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12 And so what the Board did is they left
13 the resident fall hunt just as it is, and it's August
14 25 to September 20th, one antlered bull -- or one bull
15 by registration permit, that hasn't changed. What has
16 changed is, during the winter registration hunt, it
17 used to be an up to 14 day season, it is now up to a 31
18 day season, still within the window of December 1st to
19 January 31st. Also during that winter hunt, the
20 harvest limit has changed to up to two moose. So what
21 that means is somebody that got a moose in the fall
22 could potentially get another moose in the winter. Or
23 if they didn't get any moose in the fall they could
24 potentially get two moose.

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26 On the non-resident side, they did pass
27 a non-resident hunt. The proposal asked for a longer
28 season. What they did pass was a September 5th through
29 15th non-resident opportunity and this would be through
30 the drawing permit process, as opposed to the
31 registration. This is where people have to apply, I
32 think, by mid-December, in order to get -- if they were
33 successful they'd get a permit for the following
34 regulatory year. So in this case, this December 2013,
35 will be a deadline to apply for a non-resident moose
36 permit in 17A, and if you were successful then you
37 could hunt in the fall of 2014.

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39 The Board deviated a little bit from
40 what's written in the plan as far as number of
41 permits. They made it up to 50 permits that could be
42 offered and they suggested that the Department issue 20
43 the first year, which in the plan it says five the
44 first year. We had sort of a phase in. But as I
45 understand it, that is -- it's not regulatory language,
46 it's suggestive language. Even so, talking with people
47 that are much more knowledgeable than me about the
48 drawing permit process is a lot of people apply for
49 them and then they start doing their homework when they
50 get them and then they say, oh, geez, you know, it cost

1 this much to get out to Dillingham, it's going to cost
2 this much for a charter, and what actually shows up is
3 a lesser number of people that are drawn. But that
4 remains to be seen, just how it will all -- you know,
5 it's new for us and it's not an easy place to get to,
6 there's certainly easier places.

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8 But that's what the Board of Game did.
9 They didn't actually, you know, adopt the plan but
10 they're using it as a guideline. It's our plan. It's
11 not theirs, but they're looking at it and they were
12 very complimentary on working together and coming up
13 with this. So I think overall it's been a very
14 positive thing. A win/win, if you will.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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18 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.
19 Andy, all along this program, you guys have been
20 developing over there, all the biology, you know,
21 that's going into it, all your guys' surveys, all the
22 funding and stuff, is most of it coming from the
23 Federal side of things or have -- up to this point has
24 there been any State involvement with helping with
25 surveys and things.

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27 And then the second part of this is,
28 we're -- were you there at the meeting to help with
29 some of this information, I mean, I'm trying to, I
30 guess, gather how the State came up with so much
31 differences than your plan, and, you know, what kind of
32 -- did their biologists not see it your way or I'm just
33 kind of curious on how that unfolded.

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35 Thanks.

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37 MR. ADERMAN: Yeah, through the Chair.
38 Member Wilson.

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40 In answer to your first question, Fish
41 and Game and Fish and Wildlife has been together on
42 this right from the get-go. We do spend more money, I
43 believe, than they do, but it's worked. Fish and Game,
44 they're responsible for the moose capture, providing
45 personnel and the expertise, and the capture drugs and
46 stuff, which can be a fairly spendy thing, so they're
47 certainly contributing, you know, money and man power
48 and that and have been all along the way, including
49 going out and counting moose and have used -- they've
50 used some State-funded planes in that effort. But I

1 don't view that as anything that is contentious or --
2 we're working together in that.

3

4 In answer to your second question, I
5 was involved at the Board of Game meeting and a lot of
6 those things that I just talked about, what the Board
7 did, and what the State suggested, come out of the
8 moose planning group. This idea of a two moose harvest
9 limit, an extended winter hunt. Those were all things
10 -- they're not specifically in the moose management
11 plan but it's things that the group talked about and
12 agreed on. So, it -- yeah.

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14 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you, Madame
19 Chair.

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21 Yeah, I think, Richard, since I wasn't
22 at the Board of Game meeting I'm not too clear what all
23 happened there but originally I think there was
24 widespread agreement from that area, Dillingham and
25 Togiak and all, to try to keep everything in the
26 registration hunt realm as a means -- I think as they
27 implemented this plan, the hope was that the managers
28 could more easily adjust harvest levels based on, and
29 maybe methods and means a little bit, based on their
30 most recent knowledge. But I understand that the Board
31 of Game, you know, they have to answer to maybe a wider
32 public than just out there and I think there may have
33 been a pretty strong push for these drawing hunts,
34 which was something that with our working group was
35 discussed, and I think Joe Klutsh is here in the room,
36 he was part of that too, that there can be some
37 problems with those, once you get a drawing hunt
38 institutionalized. But I can also see why the wider
39 public might have wanted something a little more
40 certain than having to show up in Togiak or Dillingham
41 to register to get their moose because they need
42 advance planning opportunity to know whether they're
43 even going to be able to get a permit.

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45 So I'm just guessing on that.

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47 So that was one issue that changed from
48 what everybody out in that Dillingham/Togiak area
49 recommended.

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1 A couple of other points I wanted to
2 point out, you know, there's been a little hint that we
3 had some discussions and stuff; one concern for -- more
4 out of Togiak is that folks were saying, okay, they're
5 taking 50 moose but there's not enough moose locally,
6 and then finally -- and I wasn't part at all in this
7 discussion, but it turned out that a lot of the Togiak,
8 Twin Hills, Manokotak folks didn't understand the proxy
9 hunt opportunity. And once Andy and Jim Woolington
10 explained that whole thing, that removed one level of
11 concern. Because like I remember Jonathan Forsling
12 (ph), saying that I helped with six or seven moose and,
13 of course, we share them with the village and I don't
14 have enough meat. Well, with the proxy -- and we have
15 more hunters but they don't have the means of getting
16 out or they're not physically able. Well, my
17 understanding is once they learned about the proxy hunt
18 that's opening the door to some of the elders who can't
19 get out or don't have quite the equipment or whatever,
20 to designate somebody.

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22 Also, my understanding is this is --
23 since it's a joint Federal hunt, that for those folks
24 who qualify in the Federal areas, they can actually
25 have a designated hunter and Andy or any of the other
26 folks correct me if I'm wrong on this, so there's some
27 -- because you have to 65 or older to qualify for the
28 proxy hunt, but the designated hunter, to my
29 understanding is -- I keep qualifying this because I'm
30 not an expert on it, but that you don't necessarily
31 have to be disabled or over 65 to designate a hunter
32 under the Federal hunt rules.

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34 And those two things removed a huge
35 amount of concern that I was hearing from the Togiak
36 members. And it's too bad Pete Abraham isn't here
37 because I think he spoke to that. But those two things
38 have really kind of helped the plan get supported
39 really strongly.

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41 Another thing is we had talked about
42 the river corridor and non-aerial access and I think we
43 might want to broaden that a little bit. My
44 understanding -- the way I understand that to work is
45 that you're not supposed to have aerial access in that
46 two mile corridor, and even if you fly with a Supercub
47 and there's a lot of uplands where you can land on the
48 uplands with like tundra tires, but you're not supposed
49 to then be able to shoot a moose, haul it down to the
50 river and then have a float plane come pick you up.

1 And it partly helps reduce that local/non-local
2 conflict. But another point that the biologist made
3 earlier is the moose tend to be concentrated on the
4 rivers but there are moose in the uplands, and they
5 don't want to have all the harvest focused on that most
6 easy access place. So by asking the fly-in hunters to
7 -- there's lots of ponds and lakes that they can land
8 on or some of these uplands they could land on with
9 tundra tires, that disperses the harvest over a bigger
10 area so you don't deplete the most easily accessed
11 lands for the villagers.

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13 And that was a point that I thought was
14 pretty cool.

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16 Now, there's some possibility that, and
17 I forget how this -- I was discussing it with some of
18 the Refuge folks here, that if the person were to fly
19 in and get a moose and go all the way to like the
20 Togiak or Twin Hills airport -- so there's some little
21 enforcement details and legal fine points that I don't
22 think have all been sorted out. But I think overall
23 I'm real excited that this allows non-resident
24 opportunity, non-local opportunity but really should
25 help local folks benefit from their long efforts to
26 self restrained and I call it kind of self-management,
27 and so that's why -- between that and a lot of local
28 consultation that I've been pretty supportive of this
29 whole program.

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31 So I hope I didn't talk to long again.

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33 (Laughter)

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35 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you. I usually do.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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39 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Just a
40 short remark there. I guess why I brought my questions
41 to you, Andy, I'm just excited about the way you guys
42 are working together over there and you guys came up
43 with a plan. And I was hoping that in the, you know,
44 the Board of Game, you know, that that was also noticed
45 and that there was workings.....

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48 (Teleconference interruption)

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50 MR. WILSON:going on -- that

1 there were workings going on there, you know, because
2 as a model, I was thinking more of this as a model kind
3 of thing, you know, and that we all -- you know, these
4 are good things that happen when you got the right
5 model so that's kind of what I was referring to.

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7 Thanks.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, you want
10 to turn your -- any other comments.

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12 (No comments)

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: What was that?

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16 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I just want
17 to give the opportunity that if Council members on
18 line, if they have any questions in general or to the
19 Council.

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21 Thomas or Lary, do you have any
22 questions on the subject?

23

24 (No comments)

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26 MR. MIKE: No questions.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
29 while Dan was talking about proxy hunting and what not,
30 I don't know if that was a discussion outside of the
31 management plan because I don't -- unless I missed it,
32 I don't see it on the plan regarding that.

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34 And then I guess my question would be,
35 after listening to the comments, suggestions from Board
36 of Game, the goal three, section five, would that
37 change because it sounds like Board of Game is
38 suggesting 50 permits versus 20; would that section
39 change from -- if -- you know if there's going to be
40 any changes that would match the Board of Game's
41 suggestion.

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43 MR. ADERMAN: Madame Chair. What they
44 did is they made a suggestion. I think they may be
45 looking down the road or out into the future and if
46 this pop.....

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48 (Teleconference interruption)

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50 MR. ADERMAN:population were to

1 continue to increase and we weren't able to harvest as
2 many as we wanted, you know, that up to 50 would be in
3 place but, you know, that would right now be the
4 maximum, I guess, that could be, you know, given out.
5 But they suggested 20 the first year.

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7 So I don't view that as a change to
8 this plan. They didn't vote on this plan. I mean
9 they're using most of it, they just thought that the
10 numbers initially should be a little higher than what's
11 in the plan.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
14 other comments.

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16 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Well, for how many
17 years would this 50 be taken?

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19 MR. ADERMAN: Through the Chair. Member
20 Boskofsky. Again, 50, it's up to 50 that could be
21 issued. I think it will be up to the Department to
22 decide on an annual basis how many are actually
23 offered. And that would, I guess, remain in place
24 until the Board of Game met and took it up again and
25 decided to change it.

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27 Just because it says 50 doesn't mean 50
28 are going to get issued. It's up to 50. It may be
29 none. If we're below 1,000 moose, with that objective
30 five under goal three says, you know, there's not a
31 non-resident opportunity. It doesn't say that but
32 that's what it implies.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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36 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Since this
37 is an action item, you know, I guess we're going to be
38 approving or disapproving this plan here.

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40 So I guess my final question to Andy
41 would be, you know, is this, the end result, is it
42 workable?

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44 MR. ADERMAN: I think it is, Mr.
45 Wilson. And one thing to keep in mind is this is a
46 living document and if you read some of the language
47 under goal four, you know, we're going to keep talking
48 about 17A moose at the Advisory Committees, at this
49 Council meeting and when we need to take up issues
50 related to moose and involve the moose management plan,

1 it's fair, you know, and if changes need to be made
2 hopefully we can work together and effect those
3 changes. So I think, at least, it's a very good step
4 in the right direction, and, you know, so far everybody
5 seems to feel the same way.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
8 another, I guess, suggestion, that I would like to make
9 is, you know, when the airplane restriction was put in
10 place this fall, the agencies did work with Togiak
11 Council but I think majority of the harvesters, you
12 know, weren't informed, and so although they're used to
13 seeing aircraft over there, I guess my suggestion to
14 keep peace and quiet and continued good relationship
15 with the hunters and people over there, is that, if
16 there is going to be any changes that would affect the
17 harvesters is to, not only inform the participants, but
18 to, you know, make an effort to inform the local
19 hunters.

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21 You know we've gone to the council
22 meetings at Togiak and it's like this, majority of the
23 audience is agency, unless the Togiak people have a
24 concern on the agenda, but that's my suggestion is to
25 make sure that -- I, you know, within this plan, and I
26 hope it goes through is a plan to do education and
27 whatever else. And through that process maybe keep in
28 mind good informational outreach to the communities
29 over there that harvest.

30

31 Thank you.

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33 I guess if this is an action item,
34 Donald.

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36 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. I
37 just want to remind the Council and Madame Chair, if
38 there's any public that wish to testify on this subject
39 item or any items on the agenda, the Council can take a
40 public testimony.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, that's
43 one thing that I forgot to -- it's not in our agenda, I
44 guess maybe that was sidestepped, but I would like to
45 give an opportunity, I guess, right now for public
46 comments regarding this issue, if there's any out
47 there.

48

49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we're
2 all happy with this plan.
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4 (Laughter)
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, come to
7 the mic.
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9 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. As far as the
10 public comment, I forgot to mention to the Council and
11 to the public, if you want to testify we have a blue
12 card out there to fill out, and if you fill it out you
13 can hand it over to me and I'll notify the Chair that
14 you wish to testify so we'll keep things moving.
15
16 Thank you.
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, you have
19 the floor.
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21 MR. KLUTSH: Yes, Madame Chair, Joe
22 Klutsh. I live here in King Salmon. I just got back
23 from the Board of Game in Wasilla. I got back last
24 night at 7:00 so I'm -- please, nobody show me another
25 graph.
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27 (Laughter)
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29 MR. KLUTSH: I don't want any more
30 graphs.
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32 (Laughter)
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34 MR. KLUTSH: I know they make sense and
35 they're well intended but on 17, it's been the policy
36 of our AC here to not comment, not engage in other area
37 proposals. I watched that process. I worked with
38 Frank Wood and a number of the folks there.
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40 I think what we've got in place, what
41 the State Board approved can work. I was disappointed
42 about some of the dimensions of the river corridor
43 closure, what may work there certainly will not work
44 here in Unit 9.
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46 That's where all the moose are. You
47 got an expanding population. I want everybody in the
48 region for subsistence purposes to succeed, but we got
49 to be careful here, pretty much that whole -- yeah,
50 there's upland stuff there and I empathize, I don't

1 like the influx of transported or guided aircraft on
2 river corridors, it just really bothers me and how
3 intense that level of effort can get. However, I kept
4 my mouth shut and didn't say anything about the
5 allocation formula that came down at the Board. For
6 non-resident participation upland there are thresholds
7 and triggers there that are -- that'll really limit
8 that opportunity. And that's the way it came down and
9 I never testified to it.

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11 But I will testify here that we're
12 going to go along with it and let it go and I have no
13 alternative. The State Board did it. And I think
14 there's a way we can find to have compatible, and I'm
15 going to say this in future, in other testimony, you
16 get some people in these villages engaged in guiding
17 and you're going to hear a different story, and it's
18 going to happen in Unit 9. I work with people in
19 Kodiak. Unit 8. These are Natives and their daddies
20 and their grand-daddies were guides. Natives. They
21 understand the value, the heritage, the tradition, the
22 integrity of how to hunt fair chase. They're not
23 airplane hunters, they're the real deal. So don't let
24 this slip by us in this process.

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26 It's not just -- and believe me I know
27 about outside and the heat that comes from people.
28 I've got allocation battles going right now in Unit 9
29 with people who have no care whatsoever about how
30 locals live, traditional use patterns or whatever, it's
31 just part of the formula that we have to deal with.

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33 So that's what I want to say on Unit
34 17. I went with it and I trusted Frank and the guys up
35 there did a really good job at the Board. But that
36 river corridor thing's going to be different in Unit 9
37 if it comes around, and you'll hear maybe something
38 different from me.

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40 Jim Woolington was very powerful and
41 forceful, he's about to retire. He got his formula and
42 I'll hand him that.

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44 I guess that concludes it.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, thank
47 you. Any questions, comments for Joe.

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49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thanks.
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3 Okay. I guess our -- what action do we
4 need regarding this? I know that we're the only ones
5 that haven't signed off on the management plan.
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7 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. This was an
8 item that was presented last fall and the Council chose
9 to approve the old plan, and this is the new one that
10 just came out. The Council can adopt this management
11 plan, as presented, and then I'll just draft a letter
12 accompanying this document stating that the Council
13 supported this plan.
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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17 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'll move
18 to adopt Unit 17 moose management plan as presented,
19 with comments from Staff.
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21 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.
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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
24 been a motion by Richard to adopt moose management
25 plan, 17A, seconded by Dan.
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27 Question.
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29 Dan.
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31 MR. DUNAWAY: Just quick, and I don't
32 want to repeat myself too much but just speaking to the
33 motion now that it's on the floor.
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35 I think it's a good plan. Like Andy
36 said it's a living document, there's commitment to
37 local consultation and I think build on the close
38 cooperation we developed and close consultation we had
39 during the working group. I'm confident this could be
40 a good thing in the future and I'll be voting for it.
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42 Thank you.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, need a
45 question for this.
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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.
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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, there's
50 been a question called. If there's no more comments,

1 all in favor of the management plan, 17A, say aye.
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3 IN UNISON: Aye.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
6 oppositions.
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8 (No opposing votes)
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,
11 thank you.
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13 Okay, the next item I guess we could
14 look at is D, under old business, approve the annual
15 report for FY2012, and who is -- Mike -- or Donald, are
16 you going to address this?
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18 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. At the
19 fall meeting held in Dillingham the Council submitted
20 or brought forward their items for the 2012 annual
21 report to the Federal Subsistence Board, and three
22 items were identified at the fall meeting.
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24 The Chignik fishery information stocks
25 of concern.
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27 Area M fishery.
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29 The Bering Sea bycatch. And you can
30 find a draft of the annual report beginning on Page 24
31 and 25 of your meeting materials.
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33 If the Council wishes to clarify the
34 subject items or add to it, this is an opportunity to
35 present it and bring it forward.
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The
38 draft report, Page 24, any comments.
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40 Richard.
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42 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Would it
43 make sense to add what we've just discussed on the
44 management plan since it's been an ongoing thing.
45 Would this be a good time to add to that or are we to
46 wait until there's -- because I know it's just a draft.
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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50 MR. MIKE: This would be an

1 opportunity, Madame Chair, I believe it would fit under
2 2012 annual report items.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And that would
5 be the management plan, 17A, discussion.

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7 MR. WILSON: Yes.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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11 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. If I could
12 get clarification from Mr. Wilson as far as the content
13 of the Unit 17 management plan, what you wish to bring
14 forward to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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18 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. You know
19 it's such -- there's been a lot of effort put in on
20 this management plan and I think just as a general
21 update on how this came around and some of the final
22 thoughts here. I don't know if you need to get into
23 too deep of detail.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Carl,
26 did you -- yeah, I think it would be a good addition to
27 put this information in. I know that when this was
28 happening, I wasn't able to attend the Advisory Council
29 -- Nushagak Advisory, but Dan was present to that and
30 there was a lot of discussion regarding this. And as
31 far as our Board is concerned, you know, I think we are
32 fortunate that we're included and informed regarding
33 this so I think the Federal Subsistence Board would
34 probably appreciate this information under this report.

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36 Any other comments.

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38 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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42 MR. WILSON: Yes, just a final comment.
43 You know, I guess I wanted it to be known that, you
44 know, with all the agencies that were involved in this
45 that it was a working group, both on the State and the
46 Federal side, and the communities, that's what made
47 this thing go. So I think it might be a good thing to
48 pass on to our Board, you know, that we do work
49 together out here.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And
2 under this Chignik fishery information, you know, we
3 read this information -- I have, and what concerns me
4 is the lack of data on subsistence and sports harvest.
5 And, you know, we have subsistence survey that happens
6 with the salmon harvest -- subsistence salmon harvest
7 and I've wondered why -- and I think I kind of know why
8 because majority of the subsistence salmon harvested is
9 not within Federal waters, but why haven't we used the
10 data that Subsistence Division collects, you know, as
11 far as subsistence harvests, not only within the
12 Chigniks but elsewhere. And I know that the sports
13 information is -- seems like it always been two years
14 back but as far as I know subsistence information,
15 harvest information is normally current and I just want
16 to throw this out and ask if somebody has any
17 information or comment as to why we don't use State
18 subsistence information to possibly enhance the harvest
19 information for any -- like for instance this Chignik
20 fishery information.

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22 Does anybody, Carl, or anybody have a
23 comment on this?

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25 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair. I think
26 that would be a question better addressed by any
27 biologist who do our analysis so I'm wondering if maybe
28 Karen Hyer is on the line still, if she can address
29 that.

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31 MS. HYER: Yeah, hi, I'm here, could
32 you repeat the question?

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Karen, this is
35 Molly.

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37 My question was, you know, looking at
38 this Chignik fishery information there's -- well, a
39 comment that says lack of data on subsistence and
40 sports use harvest to develop sound recommendations on
41 Federal subsistence proposals. And knowing that State
42 subsistence does surveys of subsistence harvests, not
43 only Chigniks but in other areas, but I'm mainly
44 commenting on Chignik fisheries, and my question was,
45 why -- maybe we do, but why do we not use subsistence
46 harvest information that the Subsistence Division puts
47 out to possibly enhance this information?

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49 MS. HYER: Well, when I did that
50 analysis and I contacted the State, there are a couple

1 of things.

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3 The first is that they used to do the
4 harvest information to supplement and expand and in the
5 analysis, in the recent few years, that information
6 wasn't available because of budget cuts, they have
7 stopped doing some of those harvests.

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9 And then the other thing is they've
10 done a comprehensive survey now but the numbers have
11 not been published yet. So if you notice in the
12 analysis there were some empty cells (ph) actually in
13 the table, in the analysis when it went forward to the
14 Board, and I had contacted Lisa Scarborough about that
15 data and that data is in process now and it's not
16 public. So it's not that some of the surveys haven't
17 been completed, I think it's that they're having issues
18 with surveys haven't been done and then there have been
19 other years where surveys have been done but they have
20 draft numbers that they haven't published yet.

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22 And if you need more clarity, it would
23 probably be best if we let the Department of
24 Subsistence speak to specific years.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, Karen,
27 thank you. I just needed to know if we make an effort
28 to use other data, like the Subsistence Division's data
29 but it sounds like because of budget cuts recently and
30 the harvest data not published, that this comment was
31 put in place under Chignik fishery information.

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33 Thank you, Karen.

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35 MS. HYER: Thank you.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
38 comments regarding this.

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40 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. On this
41 issue, it's like they stated at the Fish Board that 300
42 is taken for usage, but out of that 300 there's nothing
43 for subsistence, it's all sport so we get left out on
44 trying to harvest what we'd like to take for our
45 subsistence use, and it falls back on, I guess you
46 could say consultation and issues working with agencies
47 because there's no record of showing anything so they
48 deny our subsistence take of our resource.

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50 A lot of people don't feel like filling

1 out paperwork, they're afraid that they'll get in
2 trouble. They don't let Fish and Game know that they
3 take them, so there's no record. And our subsistence
4 harvest for taking chinook is given to outsiders. So
5 we're not able to get what we want.

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7 300 take is all sport.

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9 Subsistence users do not fish with a
10 rod and reel, and that's what I stated in Anchorage at
11 the Fish Board. We use a net what only when chinook
12 don't even gill in, we just roundhaul, pull them in,
13 take what we need and let the rest go. We don't abuse
14 the system. But it all comes down to facts and figures
15 by the departments that stop us from getting what we
16 need.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, thanks,
19 Alvin.

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21 If there's no more comments we need to
22 have an action, a motion on this to accept the report.

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24 Dan.

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, move to adopt the
27 report with the addition of the moose management plan
28 discussion.

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30 Thank you.

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32 MR. WILSON: I'll second.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
35 been a motion by Dan Dunaway to accept the report,
36 seconded by Richard. Need a question.

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38 MR. WILSON: Call for question.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any -- if
41 there's no addition comments, all in favor of this
42 report say aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
47 opposition.

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49 (No opposing votes)
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Hearing
2 none, thank you.
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4 Okay, our next item, was it C, under
5 new business, review and comment on draft tribal
6 consultation, implementation guideline.
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8 MS. MORRIS LYON: No, B, call for
9 wildlife proposals.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It was B?
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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: Uh-huh. Call for
15 wildlife proposals.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Under new
18 business.
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20 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, new business,
21 B.
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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I
24 didn't have that marked. Okay, under new business, B,
25 call for wildlife regulatory proposals.
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27 Who's doing that?
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29 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. This is an
30 opportunity where the wildlife cycle is beginning and
31 our office is accepting wildlife proposals for our fall
32 meeting, and this is an opportunity for the public or
33 the Council to submit proposals for the next cycle.
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. My
36 understanding is that the wildlife proposals can be put
37 in until March, what was it March 29 or so, the
38 deadline.
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40 (No comments)
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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
43 this is mainly informational. So for those of you that
44 would like to put in a wildlife proposal before March
45 29, it's available.
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47 Andy, you got something.
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49 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you, Madame Chair.
50 This is Andy Aderman again, Togiak National Wildlife

1 Refuge.

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3 Yeah, just to point out what the Board
4 of Game did, I see some potential proposals to the
5 Federal Subsistence Board in relation to the 17A moose
6 with the winter hunt, extending that out to a 31 day
7 season and up to two moose harvest limit. We may want
8 to -- our you may want to consider also submitting this
9 as a special action because that regulation on the
10 State side will be in effect for the 2013 regulatory
11 year. What I understand, proposals that are going to
12 be submitted to the Federal Board by the end of March
13 won't take effect, if adopted, until 2014.

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15 So that's one potential proposal, along
16 with a special action for the current regulatory year.

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18 And they also made changes to
19 regulations for caribou hunting in Unit 17, I think 9B
20 and 9C. Effectively what they did is they changed the
21 Mulchatna Caribou, a general hunt to a registration
22 permit hunt. So I think that would be another one that
23 we should get before the Board, at least for
24 consideration, to keep the -- so people don't, you
25 know, try to get a general harvest ticket and it's a
26 registration permit, you know, so those are a couple
27 that I'm aware of right now.

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29 And whether you, as a Council, want to
30 submit those, I can write them up for you. If you
31 don't I will more than likely, with the blessing of my
32 folks.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Madame Chair. I
37 was going to suggest that we recommend proposals to
38 bring Federal hunt regulations for 17A moose consistent
39 with the management plan and the recent Board of Game
40 actions, and I'd forgotten about the caribou. I would
41 -- I guess I'd like to move to support proposals or
42 submit proposals for getting our Federal hunts
43 consistent with the Board of Game actions.

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45 And, especially, then request the
46 special action, because I know in the discussion, in
47 the Advisory Committees on the 17A moose there's been a
48 lot of discussion that hopefully as soon as next fall
49 some of these more generous moose regulations,
50 especially, could possibly in place. So it would help

1 Togiak folks get more meat.
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3 So I'd like to call that a motion.
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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: Do you want to do
6 them individually, the moose first and then the caribou
7 second?
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9 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm open to
10 recommendations on which would be the best process.
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12 MS. MORRIS LYON: What's easier Donald.
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14 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I think it
15 would be easier if I worked with Andy Aderman and
16 develop those proposals or if it's the wish of the
17 Council you can take the motion by Mr. Dunaway, so
18 either way will work with me.
19
20 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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24 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
25 Chair. I would just like to go ahead and entertain
26 Dan's motions so that we have on our record our
27 Council's support because I would like them to go in
28 with our name inclusive on them, because I know I'm
29 supporting both of those as well. So that would be my
30 reasoning.
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32 MR. WILSON: Is that your second?
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34 (Laughter)
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36 MS. MORRIS LYON: That's also my
37 second.
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39 (Laughter)
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl, did you
42 have a comment.
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44 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Madame Chair, thank
45 you. And to answer Nanci's question, it would be
46 better for the record to address each management
47 proposal in a separate motion.
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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, Dan, I
50 guess you need to restate your motion.

1 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you. Based on the
2 recommendation, I suggest we make separate moose and
3 caribou proposals.

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5 One quick thing, as far as that
6 registration hunt on caribou, what I heard at our
7 meeting was there's a real problem, especially up
8 towards the Kuskokwim, that there's very poor harvest
9 reporting with the standard orange harvest ticket, and
10 there's a lot of confusion, too, about what the
11 allowable bag limit is. Going to the registration hunt
12 will allow them to clarify what the bag limit is, and
13 the folks who aren't so good at just reporting general
14 hunt harvest tickets for caribou are doing an excellent
15 job with registration hunts. So the whole goal of this
16 is to just get better harvest data as we hope this
17 Mulchatna Caribou Herd is increasing. And it shouldn't
18 be an additional burden because the very same folks
19 that don't report so well on moose do excellent on -- I
20 mean so well on caribou, do an excellent job on
21 registration moose hunts in their area.

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23 So down here people do well.

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25 Thank you.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
28 to add to Dan's comment. Again, information is always
29 so important. We tend to blame people for not turning
30 in permits and not turning in this and that, and, you
31 know, this area, Togiak and Bristol Bay area has been a
32 good example because of good information, good agency
33 and people conversing. When there's no information
34 that goes both ways is when lack of returns happens.
35 So, yeah, we need to keep that in mind.

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37 So the motion that you did was for the
38 moose?

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, that's probably
41 more proper to do one at a time. I tried to shotgun
42 and do them both at once, but, yeah, move for moose.
43 Special action and as well proposals to get Federal
44 hunts consistent with Board of Game as far as we
45 adopted the moose management plan.

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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
50 been a motion regarding the moose proposal with special

1 action, our Board supporting this proposal, seconded by
2 Nanci.
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4 Need a question.
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6 (No comments)
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Call for
9 question. If not -- if we don't have any other
10 comments regarding this.
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12 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: All in favor
15 of this motion say aye.
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17 IN UNISON: Aye.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
20 opposition.
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22 (No opposing votes)
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.
25 Dan, are you going to do the caribou.
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27 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.
28 Yes, I move that we submit proposals to get the Federal
29 hunt caribou regulations consistent with the Board of
30 Game regarding registration hunts in 17 and those
31 portions of Unit 9.
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33 Thank you.
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35 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second.
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, motion
38 to support the caribou, was it 17A and 9.
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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. I'm not
41 positive if it's all of -- I think it's all of Unit 17,
42 but it may be Unit 18 as well, I think it goes for the
43 range of the caribou. So however it's consistent.
44
45 Thank you.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. With
48 Dan's motion, seconded by Nanci. All in favor say aye.
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50 IN UNISON: Aye.

1 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Before we
2 get.....
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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'm sorry.
5 I'm sorry. Discussions. Richard.
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7 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. You know, I
8 think Unit 9 has also been included in this proposal,
9 and just as a comment I wanted to reiterate that, you
10 know, the people are willing, again, to step up to the
11 plate and go to the next level which they're
12 uncomfortable with, a registration hunt, you know, it's
13 just another something else that they get -- if they
14 don't turn it in they get tagged for it and can't hunt
15 the next season, or whatever the penalties may be. So
16 there's more consequences for them.
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18 But they're willing to step up to the
19 plate and so in doing so, in the past, we've always
20 asked our entities to also step up and also to keep
21 bringing them the updates, you know, to be on top of it
22 so we can make good decisions at this point.
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24 Thank you.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
27 more discussions.
28
29 (No comments)
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess my
32 question would be, are we going to have Andy help us
33 with this proposals?
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35 MS. MORRIS LYON: He and Donald said
36 they'd work on it.
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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pardon.
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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: He and Donald said
41 they'd work on it.
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Are we
44 ready to vote.
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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Question.
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
49 question. All in favor of the caribou proposal.....
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1 REPORTER: Molly.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I'm sorry.
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5 All in favor of the caribou proposal
6 say aye.
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8 IN UNISON: Aye.
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
11 objections.
12
13 (No opposing votes)
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,
16 thank you.
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18 Okay, new business, Item C, review and
19 comment on draft tribal consultation implementation,
20 we're ready for you.
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22 Thank you.
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24 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
25 And I am actually not Jack Lorrigan. My name is Jean
26 Gamache. I'm the Alaska Native Affairs liaison for the
27 Park Service. I appreciate the opportunity to give you
28 an update on actions that have been taken on this
29 initiative.
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31 You should have some documents in your
32 packet that I'll be referring to. One of them was a
33 handout on tribal consultation. It looks like this.
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35 The second one actually has some blue
36 boxes on it, this is the guideline that we're going to
37 be asking for your feedback and comments on. It looks
38 like this.
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40 And then the third thing I'm going to
41 be referring to is, is a chronology of all of the steps
42 that have been taken by the Federal Subsistence Board
43 and the draft working group.
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45 So I'll wait just a minute until
46 everyone locates those documents.
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48 (Pause)
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50 MS. GAMACHE: So we're good on

1 documents, there's so many that we have.

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3 (Council nods affirmatively)

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5 MS. GAMACHE: So the chronology, it's
6 two pages, actually four pages long, but the chronology
7 goes into a lot of detail about all of the steps that
8 have been taken by the Federal Subsistence Board, at
9 the top it says development of Tribal Consultation
10 Policy for the Federal Subsistence Board. So I'm not
11 going to go through that in detail but I'll just hit a
12 couple of high points.

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14 If you recall in January of 2011 the
15 Secretary of Interior directed the Board to consult
16 with Federally-recognized tribes that are in Alaska on
17 its actions that have a significant direct impact on
18 tribal interests. So in meeting that requirement, the
19 Board directed a workgroup be formed and the workgroup
20 was to develop the policy. The workgroup members are
21 listed on this chronology.

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23 Della Trumble from King Cove was the
24 tribal co-Chair. Crystal Leonetti was the US Fish and
25 Wildlife Service co-Chair. And because of her busy
26 calendar, Della had to step down and so Rosemary
27 Ahtuanguaruak has taken over as the tribal co-Chair.

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29 I'm sorry, Madame Chair, does everyone
30 have the documents that we're looking at?

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32 (Pause)

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34 MS. GAMACHE: We're good.

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36 MR. WILSON: What are we looking at?

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38 MS. GAMACHE: This is the chronology.
39 It looks just like -- it says development of Tribal
40 Consultation Policy at the very top.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: Draft One.

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44 MS. GAMACHE: Mine isn't labeled, I'm
45 sorry.

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47 MR. WILSON: I got one now.

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49 MS. GAMACHE: Okay. We're good.

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1 (Pause)

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3 MS. GAMACHE: I apologize for the
4 confusion.

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6 So the workgroup over a period of about
7 a year met several times, drafted the policy, the
8 policy went out for review and comments to tribes. The
9 Board took action in May of 2012 and the policy was
10 actually adopted by the Federal Subsistence Board last
11 year. In the process of -- or to develop a process for
12 actually implementing the policy, the Board also
13 directed the workgroup to develop implementation
14 guidelines. So that's the next step that we're looking
15 at right now. And that's the draft document that you
16 have in front of you, with the blue box on the front
17 page.

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19 And this is the document that we'd ask
20 for your review and for any comments or feedback that
21 you might provide to us to make it a better process to
22 strengthen it, and make sure it works effectively as
23 we're implementing the policy for consulting with
24 tribes throughout the regulatory cycle.

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26 I just want to call one -- well, let me
27 back up here for a second.

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29 So on the back of one of your documents
30 is this regulatory cycle, okay, it's on the back of the
31 actual guideline. It looks like this. This is a chart
32 that was developed to outline the regulatory cycle
33 throughout the entire year. It should be attached just
34 right to the back of the.....

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36 MS. MORRIS LYON: Why don't you just
37 give us a moment.

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39 (Pause)

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41 MS. GAMACHE: So this just basically
42 outlines the regulatory cycle throughout the entire
43 calendar year that's followed for both the fisheries
44 regulatory cycle by the Federal Subsistence Board and
45 by the -- and for wildlife regulations. So it's just a
46 breakdown throughout the calendar year of what steps
47 are taking place throughout that year.

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49 What we tried to do when we developed
50 the implementation guidance was to follow that cycle so

1 that these steps correspond to the different points,
2 the different steps that are being taken throughout the
3 regulatory cycle. So this tries -- we've tried to
4 match this with the actual regulatory cycle.

5
6 One thing I did want to bring to your
7 attention, if you'd look at the guideline under Step
8 1A, which is where we are right now, the call for
9 proposals, immediately underneath that box it says
10 Federal agencies will contact representatives of
11 affected tribes when possible prior to submitting
12 regulatory proposals. And that's one point that I'd
13 just want to highlight and ask if you could maybe think
14 about it a little bit more in-depth, and just think
15 about whether or not that might be effective, how that
16 might work as the regulatory cycle moves forward.

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18 So basically just to go through this
19 really quickly, there's an introduction to the
20 guidance, and as I said we tried to correlate the steps
21 in the guidance to the steps in the regulatory cycle
22 that are taken by the Board. And if you look
23 underneath each of the blue boxes, on the left-hand
24 side, someone, an entity is identified and that's -- so
25 for the first one it would be Federal agencies, right
26 underneath that would be OSM, that's the responsible
27 entity for actually making that action occur.

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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: Can I ask a question?

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31 MS. GAMACHE: Sure.

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33 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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37 MS. MORRIS LYON: A quick question.
38 Jean, thank you.

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40 Just while you're talking about that,
41 my curiosity, I didn't notice it or pick up on it last
42 night but I guess my question for you is why would
43 Federal agencies be responsible for contacting
44 representatives if OSM is going to do it, OSM is a
45 Federal agency? Is that not redundant or am I missing
46 something?

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48 MS. GAMACHE: Through the Chair. We
49 were trying to reduce redundancies but we were also
50 trying to make sure that the action was going to be

1 covered. So if you have a land manager perhaps who
2 might be working closer to tribes in that particular
3 area, so it could be a Refuge or a Park Service, then
4 they could actually do greater outreach. Many times
5 those relationships have been built and they would be
6 doing the outreach perhaps more -- through a
7 relationship that's already been established.

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9 MS. MORRIS LYON: I have comment but
10 I'll save it for later.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I've
13 got a question.

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15 Could you give us an example of that
16 outreach process. I'm thinking, just when you made a
17 comment about land -- contacting the land manager to
18 have the land manager contact the tribes, was that what
19 you were meaning? The land manager being, I'm
20 thinking, like Federal land manager or a land manager
21 that works for Native Corporation or a non-profit, is
22 that what this would mean?

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24 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
25 That would -- the land managers that we're actually
26 referring to are the Federal agency land managers.

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28 And then in terms of the type of
29 outreach, we want to make sure that this is an
30 effective process and so we're trying to use multiple
31 means of outreach so it would be email, letters and
32 potentially follow up phone calls and that kind of
33 thing.

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35 So the actual implementation plan is
36 about three pages long and then it moves into in-season
37 management and special actions. And that starts on
38 Page 3 at the very bottom where you see the bold
39 lettering.

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41 So we were trying to make sure that we
42 had some implementation guidance in place for those
43 times when an in-season management action has to be
44 taken. And then there's also information on non-
45 regulatory issues, it could be policy, it could be
46 different actions that are being taken by the Federal
47 Subsistence Board and so we wanted to make sure that we
48 had guidance on those processes as well.

49

50 One of the recommendations that came

1 out during the discussion of the development of the
2 policy, the Tribal Consultation Policy, was actually
3 training for agency Staff and at the bottom of Page 4
4 you'll see that there was some topics that have been
5 recommended that we provide to agency Staff as this
6 process moves forward.

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8 And then the National DOI Policy,
9 National Department of Interior Tribal Consultation
10 Policy has several provisions in it that are basically
11 reflected in this, the last section here, on Page 5.
12 Accountability. Reporting. And information
13 management. So that's the origin of those sections.

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15 So Madame Chair if the Council has
16 comments or feedback that you'd like to provide to us
17 we would welcome that feedback, it helps us to
18 strengthen these processes, make them more effective,
19 make sure it works for everyone effectively. The
20 timeline that we're looking at is, I believe, by the
21 end of April, for any comments and feedback, and I'd
22 welcome any questions that you might have.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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26 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. I
27 apologize to our members in Iliamna. I'm sure you're
28 lost as far as the discussions go. The Council
29 received here in Naknek the implementation guidelines
30 that Ms. Jean Gamache was just presenting to the
31 Council. But the meeting packet you received in the
32 mail does not include these implementation guidelines,
33 these came to our office and then we had to make copies
34 in preparation for this meeting. So I will send copies
35 to Thomas and Lary Hill in Iliamna.

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37 If you have any particular questions
38 now is the time to ask.

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40 Thank you.

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42 (No comments)

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44 MR. MIKE: Thomas or Lary, you have any
45 questions.

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47 MR. HEDLUND: I don't.

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49 MR. HILL: No.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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3 MS. MORRIS LYONS: Thank you, Madame
4 Chair.
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6 Jean, my thoughts for your when
7 possible declaration on the Federal agencies on the
8 first page. I guess my initial thoughts are to either
9 let the tribes know that they will make themselves
10 available to them when they're needed and possibly
11 expand that by having when OSM contacts them, having
12 them give them a name and number of whom would be
13 there, best contact and is most up to date on the issue
14 through that land management agency so that it's not
15 just, oh, get a hold of BLM, it would be get a hold of
16 Larry at BLM his number is this and he'll be happy to,
17 you know, walk you through the rest of the story or
18 help you with your ideas, putting them together.
19
20 I guess that would be my initial
21 thoughts on not having the redundancy going on but yet
22 allowing that more personal ability for the tribes to
23 be able to -- does that make sense?
24
25 MS. GAMACHE: Through the Chair. Yes,
26 thank you, Nanci.
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28 And one of the things we're trying to
29 be very aware of, very cognizant of is that this is
30 another new piece of work and so we've been trying to
31 make sure that we don't burden one particular office or
32 one particular agency, that the work is diffused and I
33 think that that really helps to -- not only to make it
34 more effective just in terms of the actual work being
35 accomplished, but also it brings in participation from
36 various different agencies, from different Staff. So
37 that was one thing that we were trying to be very
38 careful of, that there's no redundancies but also
39 making sure that we get the work done effectively and
40 do the outreach effectively and make sure that we
41 create a good opportunity for consultation to occur
42 throughout the process.
43
44 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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48 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Is April,
49 is that enough time, you know, for comments to be -- I
50 mean here we are, we're coming out of -- getting into

1 spring here and stuff and I kind of read through a lot
2 of it and it's, oh, like who do I go with I mean
3 there's umpteen people there and, you know, their views
4 of things, and I could see where this could really
5 carry a lot of weight. I mean there's a lot of
6 different ways to go in here. So a pretty big deal.

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8 April, is that sufficient time for
9 people to gather comments and things?

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11 MS. GAMACHE: Through the Chair. This
12 is, just to clarify and make sure that I didn't pass
13 over this too quickly, this is internal guidance to
14 agencies, agency Staff, land managers and we've had
15 repre -- if you look at the list of people who have
16 been participating in the process we've had
17 representatives, not only from many tribes but also
18 from all of the various different land managers. So
19 throughout the entire process of developing these
20 guidance, these guidelines, each of the agency Staff
21 workgroup members have been having internal discussions
22 to make sure that this guidance will work effectively
23 for each of the agencies.

24

25 So I know there's a lot of details,
26 there's a lot of different moving parts to this, but
27 this was something that the Federal Subsistence Board
28 felt very strongly and needed to move forward pretty
29 quickly because we're moving into the regulatory cycle
30 and we want to make sure that we have some guidance for
31 people to -- so that they could do this more
32 effectively.

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34 And the other thing I should mention is
35 that the Board also made it clear that both the policy,
36 the Tribal Consultation Policy, and these guidelines
37 are living documents. This guidance was developed
38 after going through a consultation cycle, going through
39 one regulatory cycle and doing consultation through
40 that cycle and we're going to continue working on it,
41 fine tuning it, making sure it works effectively. So
42 in that sense there'll be opportunity to revisit it at
43 any point.

44

45 So I hope that gets to your point.

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47 MR. WILSON: Thanks.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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1 MR. DUNAWAY: I think I like seeing this
2 tracking process in there. I'm kind of -- I haven't
3 read this very thoroughly but I'm getting the idea that
4 this will also help bureaucracy folks kind of have a
5 check list of have we done this, have we done this,
6 have we done this, and so I want to commend you for the
7 work. Often in some of these meetings, it's like well
8 who told them, or nobody told them, and this sort of
9 thing, and I've heard that criticism so if this is to
10 resolve those problems, I'm glad to see it.

11

12 Thank you.

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14 MS. GAMACHE: Through the Chair, thank
15 you. We hope that it will get to some of those issues.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, any more
18 comments regarding this.

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20 (No comments)

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And this is
23 just informational for us?

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25 MS. GAMACHE: It's informational and if
26 you would like to provide any comments, written
27 comments back, this is the opportunity to make them.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Before the end
30 of April.

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32 MS. GAMACHE: Correct.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And is
35 this process also for the tribes and like the
36 corporations?

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38 MS. GAMACHE: Madame Chair. The Board
39 moved first to adopt the Tribal Consultation Policy,
40 the next step that's going to be taken will be the
41 piece for consulting with ANCSA Corporations. And so
42 we'll have a similar policy for consulting with
43 cooperations and then we'll do a similar process for
44 developing guidance on how that consultation needs to
45 occur.

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47 And just to refresh everyone's memory,
48 ANCSA Corporations are different, they're not a
49 government, they're regulated under State law, they were
50 created under the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement

1 Act. And the reason why all Federal agencies are
2 required to consult with ANCSA Corporations is because
3 we were directed by Congress to do so back in 2004,
4 2005. There was language included in the
5 appropriations bills that directed all Federal agencies
6 to consult with corporations on actions that may affect
7 them. And since they're not governing body, kind of
8 the list of actions that we might take that would
9 directly affect their interest would be a much shorter
10 list than what we would see for tribes.

11

12 So I hope that got to your question.

13

14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I guess
15 my question was, are they going to have the same
16 deadline as everybody else, end of April or are they
17 going to -- or do they have a separate deadline?

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19 MS. GAMACHE: It's a separate -- it's
20 kind of a parallel process but it's lagging behind so
21 we haven't -- the Board has not yet developed a policy
22 for consulting with ANCSA Corporations and so the
23 tribal consultation piece is moving forward earlier but
24 the Board will be taking action on the ANCSA piece
25 soon.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, well,
28 there's a fine line -- and I'm glad that the
29 corporations are involved because, you know, people,
30 like for instance, myself, I'm a tribal member and
31 involved in the corporation as well as tribal member,
32 so it's good that even though the corporation is
33 considered State, we all have that overall interest,
34 you know, for our tribes.

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36 Any more comments.

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38 MS. MORRIS LYONS: I have something.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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42 MS. MORRIS LYONS: Yeah, Jean, I just
43 would like to commend you and the entire group that has
44 worked so many years on this and bringing forward, what
45 appeared to me, when I went through it last night, a
46 very thorough document. And I just commend all of you
47 because I know it's time consuming.

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49 Thanks.

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1 MS. GAMACHE: Great. I'll pass along
2 your comments definitely to the group. I appreciate
3 your feedback.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess one
6 more question regarding the recommended training
7 topics. How is it going to, you know, how is this
8 going to be implemented, these different trainings?
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10 MS. GAMACHE: Madame Chair. That's a
11 really great question.
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13 We anticipate -- some of these things
14 we already do, we currently do. But for those that
15 we're going to be developing and taking on and making
16 happen, you know, with the budget in mind, I'm sure
17 that we're going to be doing a lot of training via
18 teleconference or videoconference. These are not going
19 to be all done at one time in one training, it's a wide
20 variety of topics and issues and so we want to make
21 sure that we do it effectively and get the information
22 to Staff so that they can be more effective as they're
23 doing their work as well.
24
25 So it's not one stop shopping, it's
26 still under development, but if you have any
27 suggestions on how we could do that we'd definitely
28 appreciate your feedback as well.
29
30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I just
31 wanted to make sure that not only the agencies but the
32 tribal citizens, as suggested here, are included.
33 The reason why I think our tribal people have gotten
34 along all these years, many years is because we do
35 consult with each others and so this is not something
36 new for us. But it's good, you know, it's highlighted
37 now for agencies to enhance a working relationship with
38 our tribes.
39
40 Okay, thank you.
41
42 Any other comments. Questions.
43
44 (No comments)
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, I
47 don't think this is an action item it's just
48 informational.
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50 MS. GAMACHE: Unless you have comments.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So thank you.
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3 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
4 Thank you, Council members.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Let's take a
7 10 minute break. It's starting to feel kind of stuffy
8 in here so we need some air in here so let's stand up
9 and stretch for a bit.
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11 (Off record)
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13 (On record)
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We're going to
16 be dealing with, under old business, 10, A and B, Unit
17 9C moose and then Unit 17A and C caribou. So let's
18 deal with the Unit 9C moose. Who's going to be doing
19 this section here.
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21 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Are you
22 talking about the wildlife closure review?
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24 MS. MORRIS LYONS: Yes.
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26 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. We had
27 identified Staff to present this wildlife closure
28 review but currently our Staff are out traveling and
29 others aren't able to do it so I will be presenting the
30 wildlife closure review 12-05, and I was provided some
31 talking points. As far as Wildlife Closure 12-05, that
32 deals with moose in Unit 9C. We have a biologist
33 available if you have any questions regarding the
34 population but I will be providing the talking points.
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36 Madame Chair. Introduction. Members
37 of the Council.
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39 The OSM will provide -- the analysis
40 for Wildlife Closure Review 12-05 can be found on Page
41 4 of your meeting book, and on Page 50 of the Federal
42 Subsistence regulations which I have provided for the
43 Council.
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45 The issue is hunting on Federal public
46 lands in Unit 9C on that portion draining into the
47 Naknek River from the south is closed to the taking of
48 moose except by rural Alaskan residents of Units 9A,
49 9B, 9C and 9E holding a Federal registration permit and
50 hunting under these regulations. Season date is August

1 20th to September 20th, and December 1 to December
2 31st.

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4 The last closure review was conducted
5 in 2008.

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7 For biological status you can find it
8 on Page 67 of your meeting material book. The season
9 was originally closed in 1992 due to conservation
10 concerns for the moose population in Unit 9. In
11 particular there was concern as to whether this
12 population could withstand a cow harvest. Thus, the
13 Federal public lands in the Naknek drainage from the
14 south were opened only to Federally-qualified users and
15 restricted to bulls only.

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17 Moose management objectives for Unit 9
18 are maintain areas with moderate or high densities.
19 Increase low density moose populations in areas that
20 are not habitat limited to .0 -- 0.5 per moose per
21 square mile. Maintain a sex ratio of at least 25 bulls
22 per 100 cows in medium to high density populations, and
23 at least 40 bulls per 100 cows in low density areas.

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25 In 2010 the moose population in Unit 9C
26 outside Katmai National Park was 800, which is
27 considered stable but at low density. In 2011, 232
28 moose were counted in Unit 9C. Bull harvest does not
29 appear limiting the population at this time, although
30 the bull/cow ratio in 2011 was 27, which is lower than
31 the 25 year trend survey average of 40 bulls per 100
32 cows. Calf ratios was lower than the ratios in the
33 previous five years. The mean 25 year trend is 19
34 calves per 100 cows.

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36 Going into the harvest history.
37 Between 200 and 2010 67 moose were harvested under a
38 Federal permit in Unit 9C. Total harvest since 005 has
39 not exceeded four animals since 1005 and no moose were
40 taken under the Federal permit since 1007. In 2011
41 hunters were unable to access areas with good moose
42 numbers during the fall.

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44 The OSM preliminary conclusion.
45 Maintain status quo for Wildlife Closure Review 12-05.
46 And the justification is low bull and calf ratios in
47 Unit 9C in 2011 are of potential concern and should be
48 closely monitored. Calf/cow ratios in Unit 9C from two
49 of the trend areas would not sustain the population
50 with they persist.

1 The recommendation is to maintain
2 status quo to the low moose density moose -- concern
3 over the low bull and calf ratios in 2011. And the
4 lack of a harvestable surplus for non-Federally
5 qualified hunters. The status quo is necessary to
6 continue the subsistence opportunity to harvest moose
7 during the fall and winter hunts by Federally-qualified
8 subsistence users in the portion of Unit 9C that drains
9 in to the Naknek River from the south.

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11 That concludes this presentation,
12 Madame Chair.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
15 comments.

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17 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Where was
18 this proposal originally -- where did this originally
19 come from.

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21 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. If you look
22 on Page 6, the Council recommendation for the original
23 closure, you'll find that paragraph on Page 6. And, I
24 guess there's the closure -- for an emergency order
25 during the 1990 and 1991 antlerless moose season.

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27 So maybe Andy do you have any
28 information on that. That's all I can provide, Madame
29 Chair.

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31 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. I'd like
32 to ask Troy if he has the report that we were shown
33 yesterday from ADF&G.

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35 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. Members of
36 the Council. My name is Troy Hamon. I'm the natural
37 resource manager for Katmai National Park and Aniakchak
38 National Monument.

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40 The Aniakchak SRC met yesterday and we
41 had a report from Chris Peterson with the local
42 Department of Fish and Game on a bunch of Fish and Game
43 management and recent data, but they were primarily
44 targeted at the large scale Unit 9, or specifically at
45 Unit 9E. I don't have it with me today, Mr. Boskofsky.
46 I can bring it back tomorrow or possibly later this
47 afternoon if I make it up to King Salmon. It is a
48 summary report that we found fairly informative but
49 it's -- depending on specifically what you're
50 interested in it may not be quite at the level of

1 detail you were looking for.

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3 MR. BOSKOFISKY: The report that we were
4 talking about was on the moose. I think the numbers
5 are different than what it says here. I think this
6 here it says 25 bulls to 100 cows, but I think on that
7 report it was less, it was more like 22, I think.

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9 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. Mr.
10 Boskofsky. One of our Staff members is more on top of
11 it than I am and has the report here.

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13 The report is a little different than
14 what you're looking at. What you're looking at is an
15 analysis of the Federal closure, and so Donald's
16 probably in a better situation to tell us what the
17 basis of all the numbers in the report are, but that
18 report is on the basis of a Federal closure and it's a
19 very specific area in local Unit 9C. What the report
20 that we had showed that over the past four years,
21 there's been a harvest in Unit 9 from 87 to 117 moose,
22 depending on the year, and that the local resident
23 proportion of that ranged from six percent to 15
24 percent of the total harvest.

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26 We do not have a report from Fish and
27 Game about the bull/cow ratios in moose, that -- you
28 might be thinking of the numbers from caribou.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard, did
31 you have a question, or Nanci.

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33 MS. MORRIS LYONS: I do, yeah, but not
34 for Troy. But I would request Fish and Wildlife
35 Service, and do any of you guys have any information,
36 or were any count estimates done this year on those
37 moose? Do we have any fresh information at all? I
38 know you've been working with ADF&G on those
39 populations in the past.

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41 Can anybody enlighten us.

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43 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair, members of
44 the Council. Again, in partial response one of the --
45 and this is specifically dealing with the Federal
46 closure in 9C, south of Naknek River, which has
47 primarily been the Big Creek drainage. We have --
48 there are two moose trend areas that are partially or
49 completely within that drainage and the two trend areas
50 overlap. Fish and Wildlife Service traditionally flies

1 the Big Creek drainage and I don't know if that was
2 accomplished.

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4 The Fish and Wildlife and the State and
5 the Park Service all at times have flown the Park
6 border area, which overlaps. We flew that this year.
7 We did not accomplish a full count in good conditions
8 during the prime fall period where we prefer because
9 that gives us good composition numbers. We did
10 successfully fly it in January and I have not gone
11 through and proofed the data, but it was on the order
12 of 170 moose and that's in an area where we usually get
13 in the 80 to 140 range.

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15 So at least that was a fairly good
16 count for that area, but we are trying to do some of
17 these counts in the winter because it provides us the
18 opportunity to take the conditions when they're here
19 since our snow is not reliable. We do not yet know how
20 well a January count corresponds to the normal fall
21 count as far as whether it's just animal movement or
22 not, but it was a good count.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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26 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'm just
27 trying to remember how we got this far along here in
28 the past. Some of the past recommendations that this
29 Council has made came before us here not long ago about
30 possibly doing an antlered moose hunt in December,
31 trying to stay away from the incidental shooting of
32 antlerless moose even though they were bulls. So it
33 was our way of accommodating, trying to help out. Once
34 again we, as community members, we stepped up to the
35 plate, I believe, and this Council did in trying to
36 help the situation out.

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38 It's hard to believe still that I don't
39 have or we don't have current information. Whoever
40 wrote this -- I mean, you know, to support this
41 proposal numbers are very vital, I think. This
42 drainage that's being considered here, Big Creek
43 drainage, is one of the few left that actually have
44 moose for our subsistence users that is accessible.
45 Yeah, we believe the numbers are going down, but until
46 we actually get some real numbers I have a hard time
47 even believing that we can close this river, this creek
48 system in December.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

1 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
2 Chair. Yeah, I'm with Richard on this. I mean we have
3 suffered greatly here from a declining caribou
4 population down to nothing on our Northern Peninsula
5 Herd to a declining Mulchatna Herd that hasn't shown up
6 this year yet and our moose have also done the same.
7 What we have available to us for subsistence hunting is
8 sad. It's very sad around here. I'm also very
9 reluctant to take any action at all without knowing
10 numbers.

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12 We certainly don't want to jeopardize
13 what we have left, but yet we would like to take
14 maximum advantage of it because we need to. That's our
15 only available ungulates that are consistent around
16 here right now. With that thought in mind, I don't
17 know that we -- that I feel comfortable making any
18 moves whatsoever on this proposal or anything else
19 until I could at least have a report from somebody on
20 what our populations are doing.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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24 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, maybe a point of
25 clarification for me. I'm really looking to the local
26 residents here for what they know and all, but when I
27 read over this the other day I understand that this
28 would be just to continue an existing closure. This
29 wouldn't really be making anything new, is that
30 correct?

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32 MR. HAMON: That is correct.

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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38 MS. MORRIS LYON: I understand, Madame
39 Chair, that this kind of puts you in a limbo situation,
40 but I guess I would turn to Donald and ask him if we
41 could possibly try and get some biological information
42 available to us and do a phone call meeting once again
43 on whether we could support or not support this. I'm
44 not comfortable making a decision on this at all
45 without some biological information because it's so
46 crucial to us.

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48 I mean it's one thing when you've got
49 choices and options, but we don't have those choices
50 and options to us right now. We have what we have and

1 we've got to protect it as well as take maximum
2 advantage of it, so I'm wondering if we could defer and
3 see if we can get some numbers and more information so
4 that we can feel more informed about what we're
5 deciding.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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9 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. If it is the
10 wish of the Council to defer action on this closure
11 review, that's up to the Council. As far as biological
12 data, it's up to the agencies. Federal agencies and
13 State agencies are responsible for those data for this
14 Council to have and base their decisions on. Our
15 program, we administer Regional Advisory Councils, but
16 I would look to the agencies out in the field offices
17 to prepare for the Council the biological data for them
18 to make an educated decision on closure review or any
19 other proposals that's before the Council.

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21 Madame Chair.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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25 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you. Just trying
26 to think through that from what I know of what's going
27 on with Fish and Game, is that the biologist that was
28 here in King Salmon has left or is -- and then I
29 realize -- I think the Board of Game meeting is still
30 going on. I'm wondering if -- what I think -- I don't
31 recall exactly who the next up in hierarchy is, but if
32 there's a way to get a hold of Lem Butler, he's
33 somewhere in that group that might know what at least
34 the State knows and that was one comment.

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36 The other thing I kind of have a
37 question of the local residents is, from what I'm
38 getting so far, are you reluctant to continue this
39 closure or would you want it to open? I'm trying to
40 find out where you guys are headed.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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46 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Donald, just to
47 answer his question, I know where I'm headed with it.
48 I want to make sure that it does not need to become
49 more restrictive as much as anything else. I'm not at
50 all reluctant to continue it. I know we need increased

1 populations, but I want to make sure we're not
2 overdoing it either and until I see some numbers and
3 know that that's so, I'm not willing to support what's
4 in front of me either.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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8 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. In
9 the talking points I presented to the Council, one of
10 the issues, hunting on Federal public lands in Unit 9C,
11 that portion draining into the Naknek River from the
12 south is closed to taking of moose except by rural
13 Alaskan residents. So it's closed to everybody else.
14 It's open 9A, 9B, 9C and 9E for those holding a Federal
15 registration permit and hunting on the regulations.
16 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to maintain status
17 quo. It's necessary to continue the subsistence
18 opportunity to harvest moose during the fall and winter
19 hunts by Federally qualified subsistence users in the
20 portion of Unit 9C that drains into Naknek River so
21 that local rural residents have an opportunity to
22 continue to harvest moose except the general hunts are
23 closed for everybody else. Mr. Johnson will have more
24 information.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl.

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28 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.
29 I just wanted to bring to Council's attention at the
30 bottom of Page 6 in your meeting book it does reference
31 2010 and 2011 biological data for the moose population
32 in 9C. I do know these wildlife closure reviews were
33 updated fairly recently, but I can see if there's an
34 opportunity to confirm with our wildlife biologists
35 while we're still here in Naknek to see if there is any
36 other information, but I would suspect that given how
37 recently this was updated that it may very be that 2010
38 and 2011 data might be the most recent available.

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40 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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44 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'm
45 wondering if this maybe couldn't get tabled until like
46 later today or possibly tomorrow if we're still meeting
47 tomorrow because this is an important issue and not to
48 have the information to help us make a good decision
49 here I don't know where to go with it.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Troy, did you
2 have a comment.

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4 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. Troy with
5 the National Park Service again. The biological data
6 that is represented -- that was just pointed out on
7 Page 6 is probably fairly -- that's probably a fairly
8 good summary of the broader scale situation. We are
9 usually hesitant to bring in a lot of detailed, very
10 small-scale surveys. These trend area surveys are
11 usually looked at in the aggregate over a large area
12 because they tell you more about the population when
13 you do that. When you get down to small scale, if the
14 moose are moving seasonally, they're in and out of an
15 area and you can just have a count that's not
16 reflective of a change in the population at the local
17 level.

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19 The data that is not here is probably
20 those kind of trend area counts. We can bring those,
21 but there are -- that always gives the possibility of
22 painting a picture that's local and inaccurate even
23 within the area that you're talking depending on the
24 time scale. These are not generally conducted during
25 the hunting seasons although occasionally in the
26 December one.

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28 We do have the Park border. We
29 compiled those for our purposes because it's part of
30 our monitoring plan for the Park. We could retrieve
31 those and bring those down if it's of assistance. For
32 the most part though, these trend area counts are
33 centrally compiled through the Department of Fish and
34 Game. We share these efforts with Fish and Wildlife
35 Service and with Fish and Game. We all report them to
36 Fish and Game and the person that would have the most
37 trend area counts as you go out from the area of
38 interest would be the Department of Fish and Game local
39 staff.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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43 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
44 Chair. Troy, I guess that's exactly what I'm looking
45 for though. I'm looking for a biologist to say to me
46 -- you know, seeing that two of these ratios are lower,
47 I'm looking for a biologist to say to me, well, I don't
48 see that as a trend that is really affecting our
49 population or I want him to say to me it's bothersome
50 and I'm worried about where I might be headed from

1 here.

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3 That's what I'm looking for.

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5 MR. HAMON: As a biologist, I will tell
6 you that we've had a number of counts over the last few
7 years that have been very low. Not necessarily
8 specifically here. We have had an occasional count, I
9 think last year on the Alagnak, where we were
10 unsuccessful in documenting a calf. That's not normal,
11 however, and so I'm real hesitant to take a statement
12 like that and say that there should be no hunting on
13 the Alagnak because later in the year last year after
14 the counts were over we saw in an area outside of our
15 trend area a couple hundred moose within a few miles on
16 the Alagnak.

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18 At the larger scale that this is at, I
19 don't think we want to liberalize hunting opportunity.
20 I think that would be unwise. I don't see any evidence
21 that the current Federal harvest is a problem. It
22 gives people an opportunity if there's a chance for
23 them to make it out there when they wouldn't otherwise.
24 It's not, especially in that early August or the pre-
25 September time period, it's not a very advantageous
26 time for moose hunting. Even if people -- even if
27 qualified residents were making an effort to go, it
28 would be unlikely that there would be a lot of success
29 in that time period.

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31 The December harvest opportunity I
32 think is similarly self-limiting because of just the
33 challenges of wanting to get out there. I don't see
34 the December harvest since it's no longer antlerless.
35 It requires that you harvest an antlered moose and I
36 don't see that as a conservation concern and I don't
37 see the August harvest as a conservation concern
38 because of the limited number of people that can
39 participate and the limited likely success of those
40 that tried.

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42 So my sense as a biologist is that the
43 status quo is probably adequate, but it is very true
44 that we would be wise to be paying attention over the
45 next couple years and seeing how it changes.

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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Troy.
48 That was exactly what I was looking for. I would
49 suggest that maybe, as Richard said, we could get a
50 confirmation from Fish and Game at some point and

1 revisit it later in this meeting. I would like not to
2 see the closure lifted. That's for certain. I would
3 actually maybe even ask if Richard had anything to add.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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7 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Yeah,
8 that's kind of where I'm going with it. You know,
9 these trend areas that they're looking at and depending
10 on for the ratios, I know for a fact this year and
11 possibly last year too that the fall seasons have been
12 very high water. These feeding areas along these river
13 beds and creek beds have been flooded out, so the moose
14 have been out of those areas or people haven't been
15 getting moose because of that, so this all plays into
16 it. So when you don't get a count because you're
17 looking in that same area, but the moose ain't there
18 because it's all flooded and all glaciated over.

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20 You know, it just feels like we just
21 don't have enough info here to make a good decision on
22 what we're to do here. This is, sadly enough, a trend
23 that seems to be happening here.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Go
26 ahead.

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28 MR. CRAWFORD: Madame Chair. My name
29 is Drew Crawford. I'm with the Department of Fish and
30 Game Federal Subsistence Liaison Team. Although I'm a
31 fishery biologist, I do have an email that I can share
32 with you. It's from Lem Butler. He's a wildlife
33 biologist in our Palmer office and he did comment on
34 this wildlife closure review 12-05. With your
35 permission, I'll just read that to you.

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37 First of all he says we don't have any
38 objection to this closure at this time although we
39 should review more information as it becomes available,
40 but specifically his comments relating to this closure
41 is ADF&G has not surveyed moose on Federal lands south
42 of Naknek River since 2009. Survey data at that time
43 indicated that the population was stable at low
44 densities. He gives a number here of 0.8 moose per
45 square mile with a bull ratio that was near management
46 objectives, which would be 35 bulls per 100 cows.

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48 As the Federal analysis shows, a
49 composition survey of Sub-Unit 9C was flown in 2010.
50 He quotes a report by Riley 2011. But the estimate

1 includes a much larger area, part of which are known to
2 have lower bull/cow ratios than the closure area. As a
3 result, the 2009 and 2010 estimates are not comparable
4 and the 2009 estimate is more representative of the
5 bull/cow ratio we expect to find in the closure area.
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7 The primary concern for moose in this
8 area is the continued low recruitment of cows with an
9 average of 13 calves per 100 cows since the year 2000.
10 The closure area offers very limited access and little
11 hunting occurs in the area except along Big Creek,
12 which is primarily accessible by boat from King Salmon.
13 Concerns for the moose population that lead to the
14 establishment of the closure were primarily associated
15 with current concerns associated with cow harvests, not
16 the harvest of bulls.
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18 With the closure of the King Salmon Air
19 Force Base in the 1980s and decline of the Northern
20 Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd, hunting by non-locals
21 has decreased significantly. The closure was removed.
22 The Department anticip -- if the closure were removed,
23 the Department anticipates very little moose hunting
24 will be conducted by non-Federally qualified hunters
25 because of the limited access, with the anticipated
26 harvest of 1 to 5 bull moose annually, and believes
27 that the need for this closure is questionable. Again,
28 that was by Lem Butler, who is the wildlife supervisor
29 in our Palmer office that works with this area.
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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33 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you. Yeah,
34 we're very familiar with Lem and that was extremely
35 helpful. Thank you for bringing that forward. I
36 think, you know, in light of that I would be able to
37 support this closure. Especially having him confirm
38 that the bulls aren't the problem, the cows are and
39 that was what I was concerned, is that there might be a
40 bull problem as well and that we should maybe possibly
41 reduce even the numbers that were available for
42 harvest, but I think with that information I can make a
43 decision.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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47 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I don't --
48 I mean it might help me just a pinch. It's still old
49 news. Looking at some of the fresh information that
50 we're getting from west side Togiak, you know how the

1 moose population in a couple years can just go whoosh,
2 you know. It's not really knowing what's happening. I
3 see the numbers and I don't agree with Lem's numbers on
4 the moose population in 9C in the areas. There's too
5 many of us that are out there and see what's there.
6 For this kind of numbers to show up, I'm going, okay,
7 take me out there. I'd like to see them. Where are
8 they, you know. I mean he's making this look real, but
9 I don't believe it is. I'm not -- it's frustrating to
10 see this type of thing. Sorry, I'm done.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Richard. So, do
15 you think there's more or less moose than he's saying
16 and do you think it would be better to eliminate the
17 closure? The way I understand is that that would allow
18 more hunters in the field on whatever numbers of moose
19 are out there, whereas keeping the closure would
20 protect it for Federally qualified hunters only. Can
21 you help me understand?

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23 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Dan, yes.
24 I think I would support the status quo that OSM has
25 brought before us for that reason. I stated earlier
26 that, you know, we as community people and subsistence
27 users, you know, have taken the next step and we have
28 gone with this here and put it on the books and say,
29 okay, no more antlerless moose, all right, and we're
30 going to help you out here. In doing that, there was
31 supposed to be also some help coming from the other
32 side to help us to make better decisions and that ain't
33 happening. I don't see it. If it is, somebody hold up
34 your hand and show me, please.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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38 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I totally agree
39 with what Richard is saying. We've had very, very poor
40 reporting of any of our populations of moose here
41 lately and we've been requested from down south many,
42 many times as well for updates or better science
43 basically. I totally agree with you, Richard. I was
44 -- I can totally make a decision on the closure, but it
45 doesn't mean that I approve of the science that I was
46 offered to make that decision with.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other.....

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50 MR. BOSKOFKY: Madame Chair.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Alvin.
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3 MR. BOSKOFISKY: We talked about numbers
4 in the Aniakchak SRC yesterday with Troy of different
5 areas like Cinder River, Black Lake, Aniakchak. There's
6 no numbers showing actual amount that's taken from the
7 areas. Everything is just a big combined number. We
8 need to get more figures of what is being caught in the
9 areas because we're not seeing them where we can get at
10 them. That's numbers that need to be addressed even up
11 here. What area of Naknek River, you know, they're
12 taking more out of. Where are they less, you know.
13 Those are figures that need to be addressed. I support
14 the closure. I wouldn't want to see it opened back up.
15 The moose population, it was stated that it is
16 declining. How far it's going to go we don't know. If
17 we don't support this closure then we would be hurting
18 our own self.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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22 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'm
23 curious, is there anybody here from Naknek/Kvichak
24 Advisory that could -- I was there and we had a meeting
25 last month and some of this issue came up about where's
26 our counts, where's our numbers and a little bit of
27 finger pointing was going on. Getting down to the
28 basic of it, we're looking for answers and how do you
29 better get counts. I mean where are we falling. Some
30 of it is the State is kind of semi dependent on the
31 troopers and they have different budgets, you know, so
32 they use their airplanes sometimes. Sometimes they
33 can't.
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35 When the conditions are right, you
36 know, you need to get out there and make these counts.
37 Sometimes the people they're depending on can't be
38 there for them, so there's a lot of this going on. So
39 we had discussed, well, how about contracting out, you
40 know, being -- there's qualified people here in these
41 communities that can do aerial surveys and if they're
42 not qualified, they can certainly be recertified.
43
44 Trying to give ideas -- put ideas out
45 there that would alleviate this problem because it's
46 just a numbers problem. It's like we're -- you know,
47 if we just had the information and we don't because
48 they haven't been able to get out there or haven't --
49 just haven't done it for whatever reason. Some of it I
50 understand is budgeting. You know, both entities

1 working together or all three of us, you know, with the
2 communities. So we put that out there last month about
3 possibly working together and trying to figure
4 something out so we can get better numbers. I just
5 wanted to throw that out there.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Public
8 comment. Do you want to come to the -- Joe.

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10 MR. KLUTSCH: Yes, Madame Chairman, I
11 will respond to Richard's question. I've been a member
12 of the Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee for 34
13 consecutive years and I'm starting to feel like it.
14 He's raised a great point. Survey conditions are very
15 difficult here and finding people that are dependable
16 to do the survey flying is difficult. Winter flying,
17 if you're talking into October, November, December,
18 it's a tough job. You've got to get a plane lined out,
19 you've got to get it warmed up, you've got to have good
20 survey staff. It's not easy to do. But if we can
21 incorporate, and this is where it gets a little
22 difficult, you've got to get people that are qualified
23 to do this survey flying that are dependable and able
24 to do it. You've got to pre-heat these aircraft.
25 You've got to be ready to go early in the morning.
26 Preferably you've got skis in case you have a
27 mechanical or something.

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29 I think Richard is right on it. If we
30 can get some locals involved in this and get them
31 qualified and get the Department to help coordinate
32 this, easier said than done, we can go a long way to
33 get better survey data. To me it's not all that
34 confusing in terms of what's out there. We need better
35 survey data and anything we can do to get locals
36 involved in that, where they've got the aircraft, where
37 they've got the expertise, they know the zones, they
38 know where to look. I think it would be very
39 beneficial to us all to be able to do that.

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41 At the same time, I don't think we need
42 to get too mired in -- you can't count every moose
43 that's out there. Depends on the survey conditions.
44 We have to be more consistent and more thorough than
45 we've been in the last couple regulatory cycles. I'll
46 defer to Richard's comments on this. I'm pretty
47 sensitive to where these moose are in 9C and 9E, but I
48 think he's on the right track.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,

1 Joe. Any questions for Joe. Nanci.
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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay, I'll take a
4 stab at putting Proposal -- let me get the proper here
5 on the table. The Wildlife WCR12-05, I move that we
6 accept this proposal to remain status quo as written.
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8 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
11 motion by Nanci to keep this WCR12-05 as status quo,
12 seconded by Dan. Any more additional comments.
13 Richard.
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15 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. If we just
16 could tag along with it, you know, the necessity for
17 better data.
18
19 Thank you.
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21 MS. MORRIS LYON: That's fine with me.
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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. In
24 making a motion to this proposal add a recommendation
25 to include better data for moose population for all of
26 the Unit 9. Any other comments. If not, are we ready
27 for.....
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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: Point of order. Dan,
30 is that acceptable to you too to add that to the
31 motion?
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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, certainly. This has
34 been a tough spot over here for a long time. I think
35 even parts around Dillingham we have the exact same
36 concerns. One thing popped into my mind here. I don't
37 know if there has been or if there could be some of
38 that browse quality analysis over here that's been done
39 in 17A. It seems like we've been stable at extremely
40 low levels and everybody is frustrated with it for a
41 long time, but I'm wondering if we actually are seeing
42 that plant range response over here. I read about it
43 happening up around Glennallen where the harder moose
44 browse the willows the less nutritious they become to
45 the moose. That's the real bonehead version. So
46 that's just one possibility of a thing to look at.
47
48 Another thing, and I hope this doesn't
49 seem inappropriate, but I always get sad when we talk
50 about this because I think of Tom O'Hara and I think

1 partly he crashed and passed away because he knew how
2 bad we wanted to know the data out here. I really
3 liked him and I think of that every time. Excuse me.
4 I second that.
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6 MR. WILSON: I'll third it.
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8 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question
11 has been called. All in favor of the motion say aye.
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13 IN UNISON: Aye.
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
16 opposition.
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18 (No opposing votes)
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none.
21 Thank you. I guess there's a jury duty going on
22 downstairs. They just broke for lunch, so the close by
23 restaurants are probably busy right now. If you don't
24 mind, we can go until after the next proposal. Let's
25 work on that one and then maybe by then the restaurants
26 will be available to us. So lets go to the next
27 proposal. WCR12-07, Unit 17A and C Caribou.
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29 Donald.
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31 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
32 I'll be presenting the talking points to the Council.
33 The analysis of closure WCR12-05 can be found on Page 4
34 in your meeting materials. I'm sorry. My mistake,
35 Madame Chair. I referred to the wrong talking points.
36 Talking points Wildlife Closure Review 12-07.
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38 The analysis of Closure Review WCR12-07
39 can be found on Page 9 of your meeting materials.
40 Hunting on Federal public lands -- the issue is hunting
41 on Federal public lands in Unit 17A and 17C consisting
42 of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River,
43 Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay
44 is closed to the taking of caribou except by residents
45 of Togiak, Twin Hills, Manokotak, Aleknagik,
46 Dillingham, Clark s Point, and Ekuk hunting under these
47 regulations. The dates are August 1 to September 30th
48 and December 1 to March 31.
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50 The last closure review was completed

1 in 2008. The biological status can be found on Page 11
2 of your reading materials. Originally closed in 1994
3 to allow for the -- introduce caribou population to
4 grow until the population would be large enough to
5 sustain a harvest. From the pre-calving surveys, the
6 number of caribou reached a high of approximately 1,400
7 in 1999, declined to 500 from 2006 to 2009, and
8 increased to 800 in 2011 and 2012. The 2012 population
9 estimate for the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd was
10 902, which is at the upper end of the Nushagak
11 Peninsula Caribou Management Plan's population
12 objective of 400 to 900 caribou.

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14 The harvest history. In 2012, 86
15 caribou were harvested by Federally qualified
16 subsistence users under a Federal registration permit,
17 84 were harvested during the winter hunt and two during
18 the fall hunt.

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20 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to
21 maintain the status quo for WCR12-07. The
22 justification. The 2011/2012 harvest was 10 percent of
23 the July 2011 minimum population count, which is the
24 maximum harvest level identified in the Management
25 Plan. Therefore, it is unlikely that a harvestable
26 surplus is available beyond the Federal subsistence
27 hunt. Maintaining the status quo is necessary to
28 conserve the caribou population and allow for continued
29 subsistence uses.

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31 That concludes the presentation, Madame
32 Chair. We have a staff member from the Refuge if you
33 have any technical questions on the proposal.

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35 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Go ahead and
38 come up to the mic and answer our questions. We're
39 looking to you, Dan.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes,
42 Madame Chair. Maybe Andy could just brief us on the
43 most recent status. One thing I'd like to say, I've
44 participated a little bit in some of the caribou
45 working group, I guess we call it, and it's been pretty
46 neat how when we have enough animals the villages get
47 together and share them around. I think in one case
48 there seemed like Aleknagik needed a few more and
49 Dillingham, I think, gave them a couple or something.
50 It works pretty good over there.

1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Andy, do you
4 want to -- yeah, since I've been off I haven't been
5 attending the Peninsula Caribou meeting. I kind of
6 lost touch except reading your report. So if you can
7 give us an update.

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9 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you, Madame Chair.
10 Council members. My name is Andy Aderman. Yeah, I
11 guess to back up to the last Nushagak Peninsula Caribou
12 Planning Committee meeting we took a look at the
13 management plan and we revised it a little bit as far
14 as the overall population objective and we'd like to
15 see that ideally at around 750 caribou with a range
16 from 400 to 900. As Donald mentioned in his report,
17 this past summer, early July, we counted 902 caribou on
18 the peninsula. That's a minimum count. So we went
19 into the hunting season with the idea of trying to
20 harvest 150 or 152 caribou to get back down to that 750
21 level or somewhere near it. We issued 30 permits for
22 the fall hunt, which is the months of August and
23 September; 10 permits to Manokotak, 10 to Dillingham
24 and 10 to Aleknagik. About half the people that got
25 permits went hunting and nine caribou were harvested,
26 eight bulls and one female.

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28 We subsequently made available another
29 160 permits for the winter hunt with the understanding
30 that the permits that were not used in the fall are
31 still good during the winter hunt, which this year ran
32 from December 1st and will go until the end of March.
33 So that's 190 caribou permits that have been made
34 available. Most of those have been issued. Where
35 we're at as far as harvest right now I'm aware of, I
36 think, six or seven that were taken in January.
37 Nothing in December, but that's pretty typical because
38 of short days and rivers not being froze up or
39 whatever. The bulk of the harvest occurs in March.
40 Seventy-five percent of the harvest in past hunts
41 happens in March and probably about 20 percent occurs
42 in February. That's where we're at right now.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: I was really pleased to
47 see that that herd seems to come up. I'm not sure if
48 it will stay up there that long. Right now there's
49 increasing frustration in the Dillingham area that
50 folks are still having or having a harder time finding

1 moose, so the opportunities presented by this closure
2 are kind of an important help to folks who haven't got
3 moose or didn't have quite enough meat. We still don't
4 have much of a Mulchatna Herd. It sometimes shows up
5 farther up river. So I'm inclined to support this
6 closure even with the somewhat increased herd because I
7 think it's still providing a really important resource
8 to the local subsistence users.

9

10 Thank you.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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14 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Andy, a
15 quick question. The range of these caribou, how far
16 are there going north and east? Do they seem to be
17 pretty well contained in an area and happy?

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19 MS. MORRIS LYON: Smiling?

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21 (Laughter)

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23 MR. ADERMAN: Yes, through the Chair,
24 Council Member Wilson. They pretty much stay on the
25 Nushagak Peninsula in the area that this closure review
26 is. We do get a few that get between the Lower Igushik
27 and Lower Snake Rivers, which is just outside of that
28 area. In the past, we've had a few go over towards
29 Kulukak Bay, which is to the northwest. Sometimes
30 they'll go north and be just -- I mean just west of the
31 village of Manokotak, which is outside the closure
32 area.

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34 Really, in regulation of both State and
35 Federal, there's that area that's just north of the
36 peninsula is in a may be announced or to be announced
37 status in regards for caribou hunting and that's in the
38 event that a large number of Mulchatna Caribou would
39 come in there and we could open it up and people could
40 harvest those caribou, but it's been kept closed just
41 because we know some of the Nushagak animals
42 occasionally stray off the peninsula, but for the most
43 part they stick right there in the closure area.

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45 MR. WILSON: I'd like to know what kind
46 of rope he's using to hold them.

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48 (Laughter)

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And the wolves

1 eat fish over there.

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3 MR. ADERMAN: And caribou.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think this
6 program, just from my observation, it hasn't been
7 perfect, you know. We've had people poaching here and
8 there. I think it's because, again, the information
9 not getting around to the hunters. Although the
10 caribou has been low in the Dillingham area, the
11 communities, like Dan mentioned earlier, like people
12 from Aleknagik and Clarks Point, have been giving their
13 permits to mainly Manokotak and even Togiak in the past
14 have given their permits to Manokotak to try to get
15 Manokotak -- Manokotak is kind of stuck in one or in
16 the middle.

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18 If it wasn't for that herd or even
19 before that herd was established I remember my husband,
20 a pilot, would fly people from Manokotak all the way
21 down the peninsula or towards Nushagak communities to
22 harvest caribou. I think when people, like for
23 instance with Manokotak, are given the opportunity to
24 have an ownership to a herd like that and given respect
25 and information, they'll take pride in those herds, so
26 I've really appreciated the agency for giving that area
27 an opportunity.

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29 I remember also when the caribou were
30 transported because they were stolen from this area and
31 prior to that in the early '80s there were people from
32 Togiak had problems with reindeer -- not problems, but
33 I guess an agency had taken the reindeer down to
34 Hagemeister and they started overpopulating, so they
35 went on a hunt to get rid of those and the community
36 wasn't really -- Togiak wasn't really appreciative of
37 that, but it happened. But now I think it's good.
38 People are happy. So I'll probably support the
39 proposal for the purpose of giving the people in this
40 area an opportunity to harvest.

41

42 Dan.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm trying to remember.
45 I'm getting a little foggy pre-lunch here. Did I make
46 a motion or do we need to make a motion to put this on
47 the floor? I don't recall if I did.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No, there was
50 no motion yet.

1 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, I'm going to make a
2 motion to adopt to continue this closure as recommended
3 in the manual here. Thank you.

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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
8 motion to adopt this proposal, I guess, a continuation
9 of the closure, seconded by Nanci. Further questions.
10 Call for the questions. Any other questions regarding
11 this proposal for Andy. Maybe at this -- Richard.

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13 MR. WILSON: Just a thought. Levelock,
14 Naknek, this is all the Nushagak Peninsula people. Is
15 there ever any language that could -- not tear this
16 proposal apart, but to include like Levelock. I know a
17 lot of times Levelock people and that are also, you
18 know, out back doing the same country, Portage area and
19 stuff. Just a thought.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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23 MR. DUNAWAY: I kind of looked at some
24 folks in the audience, but I kind of think there was
25 some sort of a system to decide who was eligible for
26 this and it might have -- I don't know that there's
27 been any traditional hunting for Levelock or any of
28 those folks to go all the way past Dillingham and down
29 into the Nushagak Peninsula. I don't quite know how
30 that's all established. I do know like Goodnews folks
31 used to go all the way up to New Stu and come through
32 Dillingham to hunt.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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38 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
39 You probably can submit a wildlife proposal to request
40 C&T is determined for those communities. I can work
41 with Richard.

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43 Thanks.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Just a quick
46 question for Andy. How -- I've forgotten. How were
47 these communities selected? Was it C&T use of that
48 area?

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50 MR. ADERMAN: Madame Chair. From my

1 understanding, I was arriving in Dillingham in 1994 and
2 that's right when the first hunt was set up and I
3 believe the Federal Subsistence Board made an interim
4 C&T decision and granted those communities, Aleknagik,
5 Dillingham, Manokotak, Clarks Point, Ekuk, Togiak and
6 Twin Hills as having C&T for caribou. I'm not sure
7 what the analysis if there was one done at that time,
8 but that's my knowledge of it.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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12 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, that could get kind
13 of delicate because oftentimes there's not a lot of
14 surplus. It's shared among the existing communities.
15 If we proceed with exploring other communities for C&T,
16 we might -- I'm kind of looking at a couple BBNA folks
17 who might be ones to facilitate or discuss this. I do
18 want to look out for the communities who enjoy that
19 now. I don't want to exclude others if they're
20 qualified, but, like I say, there's years where there
21 weren't a lot of permits and even the more local
22 communities did not get as many caribou as they'd like,
23 so the most proximal folks did get some. I just want
24 to caution you on that. Some serious tribal
25 consultation would be needed there.

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27 Thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, we're
30 stingy with the caribou that were stolen.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 MR. WILSON: I was going to say, where
35 did they come from.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And C&T, I've
38 gotten -- I have kind of an issue on that process with
39 C&T. Anyway, are we.....

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41 MR. WILSON: Call for question.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question
44 has been called. All in favor of supporting this
45 proposal say aye.

46

47 IN UNISON: Aye.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any

1 opposition.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: None. So
6 let's -- I guess we can break for lunch and see if the
7 restaurant is still available. So let's break until --
8 what time? 12:30, 1:00.

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10 MR. WILSON: 1:30.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: 1:30? Is that
13 going to give us enough time? An hour.

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15 (Off record)

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17 (On record)

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, I'm
20 going to call the meeting to order and we can work on
21 the meeting dates for the fall meeting, which is future
22 meetings confirmation date and location of fall 2013
23 meeting. Board discussion last fall was to have our
24 fall meeting October 22 and 23. Looking at the
25 calendar here on Page 88 -- no, 87, BB Dillingham is
26 29-30 and Donald thought that maybe that was a mistake.
27 If the board still wants the October 22-23 meeting,
28 which was discussed pretty thoroughly at our last
29 meeting and was confirmed by Thomas and the others that
30 have a harder time getting to the meeting, so maybe we
31 should stick to the 22-23 if there's no conflict by
32 Staff.

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34 Donald.

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36 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. My
37 notes in the transcripts I had and the meeting minutes
38 reflect that it was for October 22 and 23. Thomas
39 Hedlund and Lary Hill, are you hearing the discussion
40 about the fall meeting dates, October 22 and 23?

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42 MR. HEDLUND: That's what it seems
43 like.

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45 MR. BOSKOFISKY: When's AFN?

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47 MR. MIKE: The week prior to 22 and 23.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So week of the
50 13th?

1 MR. MIKE: Correct.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And AFN this
4 year is going to be at Fairbanks. Dan.
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6 MR. DUNAWAY: The other thing, I'm most
7 interested in if Mr. Hedlund, would 22-23 conflict
8 with any of his bear hunting activities. Would that
9 give him time to be out of the field. Thanks.
10
11 MR. MIKE: Did you hear that, Thomas?
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13 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah. 22-23 I should be
14 done. That's too cold to be out there hunting.
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16 MR. MIKE: Lary Hill, do you agree with
17 the fall meeting date?
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19 MR. HILL: Yeah.
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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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23 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Madame Chair, I
24 propose that we establish our fall meeting dates in
25 Dillingham for October 22nd and 23rd for 2013.
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27 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.
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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Motion by
30 Nanci and second by Dan to have our fall meeting
31 October 22-23, 2013 in Dillingham. Any further
32 discussion.
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34 (No comments)
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, all in
37 favor of Nanci's motion say aye.
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39 IN UNISON: Aye.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
42 objections.
43
44 (No opposing votes)
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.
47 Our fall meeting will be October 22-23 in Dillingham.
48 Okay. B, location of winter 2014 meeting. That's a
49 distance. Nanci.
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1 MS. MORRIS LYON: I guess I would first
2 ask Donald if he's already got dates taken that we
3 should know about.
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5 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Bristol Bay
6 is the first Regional Advisory Council meeting among
7 all the 10 regions, so you have the first dibs.
8
9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I would just
12 offer a couple of weeks that I know I won't be
13 available. The regional tournament will be March 2nd
14 through the 8th. That will be a bad week for me and
15 spring break will be March 16th through the 22nd, so
16 that will be another bad week for me, but other than
17 that I should be available.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: How about 12
20 and 13 again? Alvin, did you have any conflict?
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22 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Not that I know of.
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24 MS. MORRIS LYON: Let's do 11 and 12
25 because I like the Tuesday, Wednesday better.
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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: What was that?
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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: 11 and 12. I like
30 Tuesday, Wednesday better.
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, 11 and 12?
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34 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah.
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Motion.
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39 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair. I move
40 that we would choose February 11th and 12th for meeting
41 dates next spring here in Naknek 2014.
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43 MR. WILSON: Second.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Motion to have
46 our BBRAC here in Naknek February 11-12, 2014 and
47 seconded by Richard. If no further discussions.....
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49 (No comments)
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: All in favor
2 of the two dates say aye.
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4 IN UNISON: Aye.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
7 opposition.
8
9 (No opposing votes)
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none.
12 Hearing none. Thank you. Moving on to -- now that
13 Nanci has no fear of having to leave we can just -- we
14 can just maybe go back up to -- oh, except for Alvin.
15 I think that's all the action items.
16
17 MR. MIKE: Yes.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So we're good.
20 So let's go back up to I think reports. Dan.
21
22 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Maybe we could
23 figure this in too. I was talking to Joe Klutsch
24 earlier and kind of leave it up to him, but he was -- I
25 think he'd really offer some kind of knowledge and the
26 public testimony. I don't know if you want to try to
27 do it now before we get wrapped up in other things.
28 That's kind of up to you and him, but I just wanted to
29 -- but anyway I just wanted to make you aware he's
30 interested.
31
32 Thank you.
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It's the next
35 agenda, number 9, public and tribal comment on non-
36 agenda items.
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38 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay.
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Let's take
41 care of this, reports, number 8(A) Council member
42 reports. Any reports from the Council? Dan.
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44 MR. DUNAWAY: Just a quick -- I did,
45 partly at your request, attend a lot of those moose
46 management planning meetings and I'm also participating
47 in some of that -- I think they call it the WASSIP
48 working group from a bunch of Bristol Bay area ACs and
49 other concerned individuals on looking at the genetic
50 study that's examining interception of salmon in Area M

1 and so on. At least the folks in the Dillingham area
2 were all busy trying to understand the WASSIP work. We
3 haven't really done anything conclusive yet. We have a
4 number of more meetings. I think that's about it for
5 my activities.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Alvin.

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13 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I attended the Chignik
14 advisory meeting in Anchorage and we dealt with a lot
15 of the proposals that Area M had in. I think we
16 opposed everything except for one proposal. There was
17 no increase in the hours being fished. The increase
18 was the days being fished and then the closure would be
19 longer. So the hour -- time hours of being fished in
20 that area were still the same. That was the only
21 proposal we let go through.

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23 Then we finally had quorum on our
24 Aniakchak SRC meeting yesterday, teleconference. It's
25 our first good meeting since like three years ago, I
26 think, so that was a plus. I was elected the chair.
27 Harry is vice chair. Colleen is secretary. Other than
28 that I dealt with that proposal in Anchorage and I
29 didn't really care the outcome, but it's just one of
30 those things that we're going to have to come up with
31 something else and try to redo it. We got parts of
32 what we asked for, but the main part we didn't get.
33 The agencies modified the proposal and they took the
34 catch limit off, but it's still rod and reel.
35 Subsistence users don't fish rod and reel, so that was
36 the part I didn't like.

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38 So basically we didn't get our
39 subsistence usage of the river and that's where our
40 kings come in at. We said we're asking for five to ten
41 to smoke, but we didn't get it. So we got -- well, we
42 could get fish from tributaries in Blake Lake with net,
43 gillnet or seine. We got subsistence in those areas,
44 but that was basically it.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you. I
47 didn't bring my notes. I also attended that Federal
48 Subsistence Board. Carl, do you have a little bit more
49 information? I thought the Federal Subsistence Board
50 voted to adopt the proposal with changes. I know the

1 rod and reel was implements and I can't remember what
2 else. Remember anything? I forgot my notes on that
3 proposal.

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5 Donald, do you have anything to add.

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7 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. Thank
8 you. This would fall under the .805 report from the
9 Federal Subsistence Board. The Board met January 22-
10 24, 2013 in Anchorage and what Mr. Boskofsky was
11 talking about is the Proposal FP13-13 to allow rod and
12 reel for subsistence fishing in the fishery where they
13 allowed modification, but the original proposal was to
14 fish with a gillnet to harvest kings in the Chignik
15 River for subsistence purposes, but the Federal
16 Subsistence Board modified the proposal, so this is
17 what they did.

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19 The Board adopted FP13-13 with
20 modification to allow rod and reel for subsistence
21 fishing above the fishwheel in the Chignik River with
22 no daily harvest or possession limit with a Federal
23 registration permit. Gillnets will be allowed in Black
24 Lake or tributaries of Black or Chignik Lakes.

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26 The Board stated there's no
27 conservation concern associated with the fishery and
28 will provide subsistence opportunity for rural
29 residents. No gillnets will be allowed in the Chignik
30 River. The chinook will be susceptible to overharvest
31 with the use of gillnets since the salmon tend to
32 school when holding in a narrow river system.
33 Testimony heard stated a very small harvest of chinook
34 occurs for subsistence purposes. That was their
35 justification for adopting FP13-13.

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37 This .805 letter is still in draft
38 form, so I didn't have a copy. Once it's finalized the
39 Council will have an official signed letter from the
40 Federal Subsistence Board. Madame Chair.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci.

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44 MS. MORRIS LYON: Can I make a
45 suggestion that possibly you and Alvin work together to
46 formulate a new proposal to submit that we can review
47 at the fall meeting before the deadline so that we can
48 review it then and it will be available and ready to go
49 for the next cycle. Alvin, is that okay with you? I
50 mean I guess, to me, that's our next pathway if we

1 still don't have what we need is to put in another
2 proposal and get it in in as timely a manner as
3 possible.

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5 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah, that would be
6 good because, like I said, we got -- we got a lot of
7 what we worked on. There were some elders in the
8 village that, you know, travel Black Lake and we got
9 that fishery where we could use nets to get some
10 subsistence fish up there in tributaries, but it's the
11 river that we want to get kings, chinooks for smoking.
12 We're denied and it's basically limited just to sport.
13 We don't -- I don't -- I've never fished a king with
14 rod and reel in my life. So, you know, we smoke them.
15 We're not asking to deplete no resource or anything.
16 There's something got to be done to let us be able to
17 get some subsistence fish out of that river.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You'll
20 be working with Donald to develop another proposal
21 regarding this. Donald.

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23 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Just to keep
24 in mind we're currently on a two-year cycle, so it will
25 be another two years before we can bring that proposal
26 forward again unless the Federal Subsistence Board
27 changes their regulatory cycle.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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31 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Donald, I
32 certainly understand that, but I just don't want it
33 slipping through the cracks and while it's fresh in our
34 minds it's probably better written so that we don't
35 forget something.

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37 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
38 I'll make a note.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
41 other council member reports.

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43 (No comments)

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. (B)
46 .805 report. Is that Donald?

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48 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. I
49 already presented or I gave a description of it for Mr.
50 Boskofsky's concern about the Chignik fishery. It was

1 a statement I read into the record for the Council's
2 benefit on the upcoming .805 letter that's still in
3 draft and will be sent out to the Council.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Sitting here
8 -- I'm hard of hearing. Sitting here I'm even -- oh,
9 I'm sorry. Sitting here close to Donald I have a hard
10 time following you. So could you speak a little bit
11 more louder and clearer.

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13 MR. MIKE: Okay, Madame Chair. Thank
14 you. The .805 letter I briefly read it into the
15 record for the Council's benefit. This was regarding
16 Alvin Boskofsky's question about the recent Federal
17 Subsistence Board action on the Chignik fishery. So I
18 read into the record the Federal Subsistence Board
19 justification on how they adopted FP13-13 with
20 modification. The .805 letter is still in draft and
21 once that is finalized and signed by the Federal
22 Subsistence Board chair the letter will be issued to
23 all the Councils.

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25 Thank you.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
28 questions.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Moving on to
33 Council coordinator administrative items.

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35 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Just briefly.
36 As far as travel, there's a lot of changes been going
37 on and anticipating for travel. If you planned on
38 traveling back home early, let me know and that way I
39 can call our travel agent and she can make those
40 changes. Otherwise, if you make the changes yourself,
41 you'll be responsible for paying the ticket yourself.

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43 For the benefit of our new Council
44 member, Lary Hill from Iliamna, we were talking about
45 having a Regional Advisory Council training at our
46 meeting here in Naknek, but since Lary is not here
47 maybe we can reschedule that for our Dillingham meeting
48 and then set up a time either the day before the
49 meeting or after the meeting for like a two-hour RAC
50 session orientation if that's the wish of the Council.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: I might even suggest,
4 Donald, taking a look and see what our agenda looks
5 like and just starting it early and starting the
6 meeting later like we've done over here in the past.
7 That would save you a day's worth of travel and being
8 away from home, but maybe not make that decision until
9 the agenda evolves.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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13 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I'll keep
14 that in consideration. I will follow the agenda and
15 see how our agenda looks for this upcoming fall and
16 I'll keep in contact with the Council Chairs or
17 officers and see what you guys all want to do as far as
18 the orientation for the new Council members.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
21 suggestions regarding our travels and training.
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23 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. Getting
24 into travel, we don't know what Grant is going to be
25 doing. So, like I said, Donald will just have to try
26 to work it where we either get there a day ahead or two
27 days ahead. Come fall time we won't know what Grant is
28 going to do. If they change their dates around again,
29 then we'll be all messed up again.
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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33 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
34 Mr. Boskofsky just reminded me of traveling with Grant
35 Aviation. Grant normally doesn't issue electronic
36 tickets, so that makes traveling for Council members
37 especially challenging. So what I do in my office, I
38 make sure I have a copy of the paid invoice and if
39 Grant Aviation has any questions, that they did not
40 receive any payments, I'll fax them the invoice. That
41 way our Council members will be able to travel.
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43 Thank you.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So, Alvin, is
46 Grant traveling on a daily basis or every other day?
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48 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Right now they changed
49 their schedule. They figure it's going to run through
50 maybe middle of April or towards the end of April.

1 They're not flying down Chignik, Perryville Tuesday,
2 Thursday and Saturday. So they'll only be flying
3 Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. That was just
4 the word I got yesterday.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So, in order
7 for you to get home you need to leave when they're
8 flying. Okay. Moving on. Number 9, public and tribal
9 comment on non-agenda item. Joe, I guess you were
10 wanting to make comments. I haven't received any blue
11 cards, but any of you that are trying to make any
12 comments you're welcome after Joe.

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14 MR. KLUTSCH: Yes, Madame Chairman.
15 Thank you. I did submit a blue card, but I don't know
16 where the hell it's at and I had to pick these notes
17 up. I'm just going to wing this and I'll keep it as
18 short as I possibly can. I'm about meeting'd out. I
19 went through Board of Game for the last week and then
20 I've been Big Game Commercial Service Board. What do
21 they say in Alaska, it's three months of summer and
22 nine months of meetings.

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24 I'm going to condense this as best I
25 can. These don't necessarily -- what I'm going to say
26 don't go to the agenda items, which I did not receive
27 in the mail. When I finally showed up here there
28 weren't any copies except somebody shared one with me.

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31 Let's go to the -- first off, the issue
32 of predator management and park compendium. This has
33 been -- was quite controversial at our AC meeting and
34 it wasn't even -- we had a separate meeting. Richard
35 can, I guess, help me out on this. We had a short
36 notice meeting. Notices in the post office and then
37 there were 12 of us that showed up, including Sonny
38 Regan, our AC chairman. Richard was there. A bunch of
39 us was there. Twelve people in the room. The gist of
40 the whole thing was that the wolf control, wolf program
41 was going to be excluded from National Preserves and
42 the National Park Service position was -- and they can
43 speak to this. I'm going to have some written comment
44 on this as well that this was not consistent with the
45 purposes for which the unit was established, that it
46 was not consistent with their management objectives.

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48 Let me put it this simple. You can't
49 -- for the people in the Federal agencies we've got to
50 look at this in a wider perspective. There's a legal

1 dimension to this and there's a biological dimension to
2 this. National Preserves and National Parks and
3 National Monuments are not biogeographic enclaves. I
4 learned that term. You can't micromanage them.

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6 The biggest thing that I think is going
7 to affect National Preserves and National Monuments is
8 fisheries management right now. We've got an Area M,
9 Area T issue that's coming up and I urged Federal
10 agencies to show up and pay attention to this stuff.
11 These fish, the plankton, the silver salmon, that's
12 where they go. They go in there. Everybody -- the
13 bears, everybody depends on that in that ecosystem.
14 But I have urged and I have never seen the National
15 Park Service participate in Board of Fisheries process.
16 Evidently they think that's out of their jurisdiction
17 except when they want to control maybe silver salmon
18 take inside Katmai.

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20 If you can't deal with Area M, Area T,
21 you're going to affect everything that exists in
22 Aniakchak. You can't deny this. It's not a microcosm.
23 It's not a little enclave that you can manage that way.
24 I want to see Federal participation in that level and I
25 have a great degree of respect for the Federal agencies
26 and their commitment to this process, but this is --
27 and this goes to the wolf deal too and that's a big
28 one.

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30 There's no doubt in my mind -- it's
31 just a personal opinion. You can take it or leave it.
32 If you include wolves, if you allow -- don't hide
33 behind the Organic Act of 1916, there's other legal
34 dimensions to this which you will be receiving, a
35 measured, responsible wolf control program pays
36 dividends for subsistence users. I don't give a damn
37 whether I'm ever able to hunt there or not and I mean
38 that. You can't exclude that from this bigger picture
39 and that's what's happening right now. I think it can
40 be done in a measured way and I think that the Federal
41 agencies need to come into line with this.

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43 I'm probably putting myself in a lot of
44 jeopardy now saying this as a -- I have a concession
45 contract with the National Park Service. Complied with
46 every -- everything. But I know the results of this.
47 I know what it means to the people that live in the
48 region. I know the allocation. I'm probably going to
49 lose this. We're going to lose this. This would be a
50 political decision, an administrative decision.

1 If you can weigh in -- I've talked to
2 Frank Woods, I've talked to Mark Kosbruk, I've talked
3 to Sonny Regan. I know the people in this food chain.
4 If you can weigh in and request -- respectfully request
5 that you allow some form of wolf control. I'm not a
6 bear baiter. I don't like that. But if you can do
7 that, it's going to make a hell of a difference. I
8 mean I know it will. And there will still be wolves
9 there. You'll have biodiversity, but you'll have food
10 for people that live in the region.

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12 Whether I'm able to guide or not
13 remains to be seen, but I want this clean and clear on
14 the record. It's just -- it's something that you folks
15 can put your force and your word in and we'll see where
16 it goes, but I had to get that -- I had to get that
17 out. Watch this process and I'm about worn out on it.
18 Don't show me any graphs.

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20 What else was I going to say. I guess
21 that about concludes it. I would like to see -- I
22 would have liked to have seen the agenda mailed out,
23 which I didn't get. When I got here, there weren't
24 enough copies of the agenda available. I just got off
25 the Board of Game stuff, as I said.

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27 I really urge the Federal agencies to
28 attend the Board of Fish meeting and pay attention to
29 this Area M, Area T. You cannot imagine how important
30 that is to the people of the region. This is a
31 fisheries deal. I'm not a commercial fisherman. I
32 know what this means. I've watched -- I watched the
33 escapements. You've got to pay attention to it. I'd
34 like to see this board assert itself in that process
35 and the Federal agencies as well. I guess that
36 concludes my remarks.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thanks, Joe.
39 Any questions or comments for Joe.

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41 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Thanks, Joe.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: I just have a quick
46 comment. I think in the past this board has been
47 pretty encouraging of predator control. I think when
48 Dan O'Hara is here he's really outspoken. Some places
49 it hasn't seemed to have been quite appropriate, but I
50 know I was real disappointed that it was stymied down

1 there on Unimak Island if there was ever a place that
2 was appropriate. It could have been done. I've since
3 learned that maybe it would have if things had been
4 done a little different, but too late now. I've
5 certainly heard your comments and I'm pretty sure the
6 rest of the Council is attuned to this. It is a lot
7 harder on Federal situation.

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9 It seemed like it worked pretty darn
10 well in Cold Bay. It seemed to work in Unit 17 in a
11 real surgical manner. They have two study areas. In
12 one they're trying it and another is not. You zap a
13 few wolf packs close to the calving area just before
14 calving and you get a lot better survival. If it seems
15 appropriate, I'm going to be keeping my eyes out. I
16 don't like to do it just willy-nilly, but if it seems
17 necessary, I'll be supporting it.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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23 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
24 Chair. Yeah, Joe, I have definitely been a supporter
25 of predator control in pretty much all of our Southwest
26 area when it is deemed necessary and have definitely
27 signed my name on a number of letters for the Federal
28 government to take it into consideration and I will be
29 continuing to do so as well when I feel the measures
30 are warranted.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And with my
33 knowledge of people, I know that they've always looked
34 upon Federal agencies to help them with whatever, so
35 when the State of Alaska came out with that predator
36 control and the Federal agencies were willy-nilly about
37 it and still I think it was kind of disappointing. So
38 I am in support of hopefully having the agencies
39 somehow come around and develop a predator control. I
40 know with our caribou -- Peninsula caribou, that's how
41 I learned that wolves eat salmon as well as caribou.
42 But, yes, I'm in support and I hope that we can move
43 forward with something eventually.

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45 Any other comments.

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47 (No comments)

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,

50 Joe.

1 MR. KLUTSCH: May I make one more
2 comment?
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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Sure.
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6 MR. KLUTSCH: I guess I'm talking to
7 the people behind me more than I am talking to the
8 people in front of me. You guys get this. It's going
9 to be a tough road here, but I think we can get there.
10 We need balanced management, honest, respectful
11 management and we can get there. This can come
12 together, but there's a divide right now that's going
13 to take not my guiding future, your subsistence future
14 away.
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16 If we can't bring predators into the
17 management formula on Federal lands, I mean
18 specifically wolves, high reproductive species, we're
19 going to have -- it's going to be a tough road to hoe,
20 you know.
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22 That's it.
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24 That's what I'm going to say.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
27 Joe. Anybody from the public with comments.
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29 (No comments)
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none, I
32 guess we can move forward with our agenda. What I've
33 got is under 11, new business is (D) letter on
34 customary and traditional use determination. Page 31
35 in your.....
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37 MS. MORRIS LYON: Wait, wait, wait.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, yeah.
40 Okay. We had two -- we had added two agenda items.
41 (E) was local hire, Richard, and then (F) is red fish
42 at Naknek Lake. Richard, are you going to be
43 addressing this or is there somebody that's going to?
44 Okay, Julie. Who? Jean, I'm sorry. Now I'll remember
45 your name.
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47 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
48 Thank you, Council members. I'm just going to do a
49 real quick update. When Pat Pourchot was here last
50 year I think he gave you a brief overview of the status

1 of the local hire authority that Department of Interior
2 agencies had the authority to do and then it was
3 eliminated by Congress and then Congress took another
4 action to reinstate that authority. So thanks to some
5 of the very hard work of our Congressional delegation
6 and especially Senator Murkowski. Once again --
7 Department of Interior once again has the authority to
8 do local hire.

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10 Let me just read the language in terms
11 of eligibility. To be eligible applicants must have
12 lived or worked in or near the Park that advertises the
13 position for a long enough period of time to acquire
14 specialist knowledge or expertise of the natural or
15 cultural resources of the area. So there's a unique
16 set of circumstances basically that allows us, Federal
17 agencies, to kind of take a different path in hiring
18 locally.

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20 So the good news is we have that
21 authority, but there is a bad news piece to this at
22 least for the short term. I'm sure everybody has heard
23 about the sequestration that may be happening soon. As
24 a result of that, the National Park Service -- and I
25 don't think this is true of other Interior agencies,
26 but National Park Service has a hiring freeze
27 temporarily in place. So while we do have this
28 authority and we will continue advertising positions,
29 we may not -- we lack the ability to do hiring at this
30 point. So it's a good news/bad news kind of situation.
31 We anticipate that that hiring freeze will be in place
32 for an indefinite period until we hear from Congress
33 whether or not we have -- what our budget is going to
34 look like, then we'll just move forward once we have
35 that budget information in place.

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37 So that was really all that I had. Oh,
38 one thing I did want to mention and if there's
39 information or feedback that you'd like to provide to
40 us that would be really helpful. This is a process
41 where we want to make sure that we do the outreach
42 really effectively, so we have -- although we do have
43 the positions typically online at USA Jobs, that's not
44 kind of the normal place where people would be going,
45 so we try to also advertise locally in the post -- we
46 post in the post office, we post in the borough
47 buildings, tribal offices, city offices. We try to
48 make sure that we hit those venues where people are
49 most typically going to be looking especially for this
50 kind of -- you know, trying to pull in local people,

1 make sure that they get the word that we have these
2 openings, make sure that we do the outreach
3 effectively.

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5 So if you have any suggestions on how
6 we might do that here, then we'd definitely be
7 interested in hearing your feedback on that. That was
8 all I had planned to share on this unless somebody has
9 questions.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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13 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Thanks,
14 Jean. It's pretty exciting actually to know that we
15 can -- you know, a little bit of in-house stuff here.
16 So local hire, like the rangers and things, you said
17 there was a freeze, but that's just -- that's just
18 until this next season comes up and then they're going
19 to be opening up those positions like the 30, 40, 50
20 positions that come open here in the Park? Is that the
21 way I'm reading that?

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23 MS. GAMACHE: Through the Chair. The
24 hiring freeze is in effect for all positions unless
25 it's an emergency backfill that we need to -- we
26 actually have to get a waiver to try to backfill a
27 position right now. But more generally this is for any
28 position that the Park Service has available and this
29 is true of all the Interior agencies. This is for all
30 positions that come open within Interior agencies.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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34 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. So that
35 leaves management positions. That means our local can
36 apply for the position as manager. Is that what you're
37 saying?

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39 MS. GAMACHE: Well, in addition to
40 meeting the criteria that I read about local knowledge
41 and expertise.....

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43 MR. WILSON: Qualifies.

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45 MS. GAMACHE:there are other
46 criteria that have to be met as well. This doesn't
47 eliminate the job criteria that we would normally
48 require.

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50 MR. WILSON: You had me going.

1 MS. GAMACHE: Sorry.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Jean. Just
6 because I was just asked the same question last week,
7 other than the ways that you mentioned to get the word
8 out here once you do have the job available for hire
9 and the freeze is off, I would recommend you use the
10 local radio station and we have a reader board on TV in
11 addition to those other items that you already
12 mentioned and that seems to be the best way to get the
13 word out here.
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15 MS. GAMACHE: Through the Chair. Thank
16 you very much.
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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20 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.
21 I was going to mention the local radio and cable TV.
22 Sometimes you might want to call a community and ask
23 them what's the best grapevine in your town. More and
24 more around Dillingham there's a Facebook page or two
25 that are popular as well.
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27 I have a question for you. In the
28 past, I've been aware of some folks that got hired into
29 local hire situations, I think in the Togiak Refuge.
30 My impression is -- and I might be wrong on this, but
31 my impression was that they were kind of dead-ended and
32 it couldn't move. In some ways I can kind of see like
33 you wouldn't necessarily want some, say, whiz kid from
34 the Lower 48 come out to one of these places, dabble
35 around for a year or two just as a way to get in the
36 back door when you're truly trying to convince our kids
37 to go to college and come back here and work. But, at
38 the same time, I would hate to see, say, my kid get
39 hired but then be dead-ended even if they had the
40 degree and all.
41
42 So I'm curious if this new local hire
43 -- is there some way they are eventually cycled in so
44 that they're eligible anywhere in the nation? Because,
45 to me, that's a pretty darn important opportunity. So
46 if you could help me with that.
47
48 Thank you.
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50 MS. GAMACHE: Through the Chair.

1 That's a great question and, yes, that opportunity
2 would be available for those positions that are
3 permanent positions and if someone is selected to fill
4 that position, then they would -- after a two-year
5 period of continuous service and they meet all the
6 other requirements, they potentially could be part of
7 the normal process of taking other positions in other
8 locations. So that would be -- that is something that
9 was different in this language, in this authority, from
10 the previous language. So that would be a good
11 improvement. That is a good improvement that's occurred
12 with this new congressional authorization.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you. I'm really
15 glad to hear that.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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19 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'd like to
20 ask the Park Service possibly or the Refuge, is there
21 anything in their booklet that would allow them to --
22 or is there any training of locals since this has come
23 up? Is there any programs out there that you can get
24 involved with our kids here in the schools or in our
25 local U of A or Vo-Tech? Is there any programs yet
26 developed since local hire has come back to us that we
27 can start implementing this? Mary kind of held her
28 hand up there.

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30 MS. GAMACHE: Madame Chair. I would
31 invite others to join me here at the table, but I did
32 want to mention a couple of things and it's not
33 necessarily strictly tied to local hire, but we have
34 recently begun participating in the ANSEP program. I
35 don't know if you're familiar with the Alaska Native
36 Science and Engineering Program that the University of
37 Alaska runs. So we have actually two interns through
38 that program.

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40 We also just recently -- and this is
41 the National Park Service itself here at the regional
42 level. We've been partnering -- we're partnering with
43 the Student Conservation Association and the National
44 Park Service is going to be funding student -- NPS
45 Student Conservation Association Academy and this
46 academy will draw 24 students from throughout the
47 state. Twelve of them will be high school, 12 of them
48 will be college and it's a summer-long program so
49 they'll be going through a one-week academy to orient
50 them to the Park Service and the positions that we have

1 available and then there will be -- once that's
2 completed then they'll be assigned out for the summer,
3 for the season, out to various different parks
4 throughout the state. So there will be travel, there
5 will be training, there will be stipends when they
6 actually fill these positions in the different Parks.

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8 So that's in addition to the local hire
9 process. I just wanted to mention that. So that's,
10 again, 24 students, 12 high school, 12 college. The
11 deadline was just -- what's today, the 12th. The
12 deadline was yesterday, but it will be happening
13 hopefully again in the future, so I just wanted to
14 mention the recruiting that we're doing is within
15 Alaska because Student Conservation Association
16 typically draws students from all over the country,
17 including Alaska. One of the things that we've
18 recognized as a great value to the Parks is bringing
19 people in locally, so that's part of the intent behind
20 the way that we've structured this program.

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22 So unless there's questions, I'll turn
23 it over to Mary.

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25 MS. MCBURNEY: Well, actually, you
26 pretty much covered it. I was going to talk a little
27 bit about the new -- what they're calling the NPS
28 Academy. As Jean said, they'll be targeting students
29 in high school and college students to introduce them
30 to the range of careers within the National Park
31 Service. So everything from natural resource
32 management to facilities maintenance to administrative
33 careers, everything.

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35 I also wanted to add that we will be
36 hosting a high school/college-aged crew out at Lake
37 Clark. They'll be assisting us with building trail
38 this summer. So some of those 24 students we're hoping
39 to grab about six of them, take them out to Lake Clark
40 for three weeks and have them assist us with some trail
41 restoration work.

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43 In addition, we will also have a
44 position for a seventh intern that will be a visitor
45 services intern working with our lead interpreter at
46 the Port Alsworth visitor's center and they'll be
47 spending 12 weeks learning the basic skills involved
48 with doing interpretation.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard,

1 you're all excited now.

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3 MR. WILSON: I am. It just brings a
4 thought. The program does work because we have a
5 nephew up there in Lake Clark, okay, so he's one of the
6 Hill clan there and he started off as a temporary for
7 summer, you know, through that system and now he's full
8 time. So it does work. It's exciting.

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10 Thank you.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: Well, I'll even
15 support that further. As a businesswoman myself, I had
16 begun a fly fishing school here several years ago and
17 it's grown in popularity with the younger generation
18 and I've hired some of the graduates from that school
19 to work as guides for me. The biggest compliments I
20 get are on those kids who know more about this region
21 than I can ever train a guide that I bring from the
22 Lower 48 and they are very well received and people
23 definitely return because of them. I even have one of
24 them sitting in the audience as a matter of fact.

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26 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you for your
27 feedback, Madame Chair and Council members.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, in a
30 perfect world, not in my time, but if all of that works
31 out we'll have knowledgeable managers, you know, people
32 that know the region. In fact, they'll sit there and
33 understand what we're trying to -- what we're trying to
34 express because they would have the knowledge of the
35 region and the resources without having to take a
36 training to learn it. So thank you. That's
37 encouraging. Any more -- Dan.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Is there a website or a
40 mailing list we can get on because I work part time
41 with the university in Dillingham and these kinds of
42 training opportunities will be wonderful to know about
43 and encouraged. Thanks.

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45 MS. GAMACHE: For the SCA or the NPS
46 Academy it's the Student Conservation Association
47 website. For the ANSEP they have their own internal
48 process. For the local hire, I described some of the
49 outreach that we do when we're able to actually move
50 forward with those positions. So there's typically not

1 one-stop shopping for these unfortunately. Another
2 location that you might check out and it should be on
3 that page that I handed out on local hire, it's
4 usajobs.gov.

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6 MR. DUNAWAY: Is SCA part of -- is that
7 just a standalone thing? I'm not at all familiar with
8 it. Is it a part of the Parks or a part of some
9 organization?

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11 MS. GAMACHE: Madame Chair. It's my
12 understanding the SCA is a national program, so they
13 get Federal funding from the national level and then
14 they partner -- I don't know if very many of you are
15 familiar with the AmeriCorps Program, but it's very
16 similar to the AmeriCorps Program.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Well,
19 that's encouraging. I've heard statements when we try
20 to encourage young people to seek out agency jobs and I
21 heard it from Dan. They go so far and then there's
22 nothing for them. So it's discouraging for the local
23 people to seek out something like this because they
24 feel inadequate because they feel like they're used to
25 a point and then you're not useful anymore, go
26 elsewhere.

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28 So if your program works the way you've
29 described it, I'm really excited and encouraged and I
30 think it should be informational or somehow sent out to
31 schools or wherever this information could be
32 accessible to students. Some like you're reaching out
33 to college students and that. I will do my best to
34 tell them that, you know, if you do get interested in
35 the Federal agency position, you won't have a wall to
36 bump into and not be able to go through again.

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38 So thank you.

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40 Any other suggestions.

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42 Nanci.

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44 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, there's a job
45 fair over at the school right now too.

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47 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
48 Thank you Council members.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Our

1 next one is (F) red fish at Naknek Lake. I guess
2 Richard.

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4 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, I put it on
5 the agenda because a couple years ago, you know, we
6 were pretty deep in discussion with this red fish issue
7 up here at Katmai and we had gotten to a point where we
8 needed some language and somehow it seemed like it fell
9 through the crack and it never made it to the Fish
10 Board or, you know, we didn't -- I'm not sure where it
11 fell, so I'd just open it up for dialogue here for
12 something for the future so we can get it back on track
13 again. I was reminded here a few days ago somebody was
14 asking about this, so here it is.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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18 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. To
19 help the dialogue moving, I was working with Richard on
20 this issue and we tried getting a proposal to the Board
21 of Fish and it fell through the cracks and we tried
22 through those State Board for reconsideration, taking a
23 proposal out of season, and that fell through also.
24 The Park Service was responsible for maintaining the
25 current list for who's eligible to harvest red fish and
26 I don't know if they've got an update on that, but I'll
27 be working with Richard. We have a permanent fisheries
28 liaison to the Board of Fish in our office and I also
29 work with him on this issue and we'll see if we can get
30 the issue moving forward again.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Are you
35 folks going to be dealing with this? Richard.

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37 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'd ask
38 Park Service here to kind of give us an update of where
39 we are on the books because I felt like as the spring
40 progresses and as summer comes along we're going to be
41 asked these questions again. What can we do inside of
42 the Monument here, which is always being asked and
43 we've got -- you know, the season is coming, so I
44 thought it would be -- I'm hoping I'm not out of line,
45 but I thought it would be appropriate to have these
46 fellows give us a little update on what we have
47 currently so we know where we're starting from.
48 Thanks.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, you have

1 the floor.

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3 MR. VEACH: Madame Chairwoman, Council
4 members. Again, for the record, my name is Eric Veach.
5 I'm the acting superintendent for Katmai National Park.
6 I'm going to actually turn the microphone over to Neil
7 Labrie, our chief ranger, to give you an update on
8 where we're at with the topics you just mentioned.

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10 MR. LABRIE: Good afternoon, Madame
11 Chair, Council. My name is Neil Labrie. I'm the chief
12 ranger for Katmai National Park based here in King
13 Salmon. The packet I just had handed out is a quick
14 synopsis of everything from kind of where it started
15 before my time in '96 to where we are at currently. It
16 should be in order. So the first thing you should have
17 in your stack there is basically this list of names.
18 So this goes back to the very original conversations
19 that came out of the legislation in 1996. This is the
20 only list of names, the only guideline that has ever
21 been produced to guide both the local populations and
22 the Park Service regarding who are the authorized
23 persons under the legislation passed by Congress.

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25 With that said, we'll go to the next
26 page. This is the only information on names that has
27 ever been produced. This was produced by -- you can
28 see down at the bottom Mr. Ralph Angasan and John
29 Knutsen. I'm sure other people were included. Donald
30 Nielsen I think put together the list for South Naknek
31 Village. It became very apparent to me as the issue
32 came up on my agenda that this list is just not valid
33 anymore. There's family members that have grown and
34 been born and moved and moved back, so this just isn't
35 a good list to work from. Also I don't think it was
36 very inclusive at the time. I think whoever was
37 involved in the conversation was able to say, okay,
38 well I think these people are and I think these people
39 are. That was the starting point, which didn't give us
40 a very good foundation.

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42 The second thing is referencing the
43 seasons when it goes to the Board of Fisheries
44 submission. It's just a copy of the initial letter to
45 the Park Service and the Bristol Bay Native Corporation
46 and that spells out the seasons, the methods and means,
47 et cetera, that were originally proposed through BBNA
48 to the National Park Service and the State of Alaska
49 and these seasons that you see in this letter do
50 represent the current seasons and methods and means as

1 are written and kept in the finfish and subsistery
2 State booklet. That's where those are listed because
3 they're not listed in the sportfish regulations. So
4 those do represent the current methods and means and
5 season dates.

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7 The third letter, Madame Chair, this is
8 actually, I believe, submitted by yourself through the
9 BB Regional Advisory Council for the season date change
10 and that was back in 2010. That was following a
11 village meeting that we had here in Naknek and I
12 believe as of a follow-up meeting that spring in 2011
13 we were made aware -- Mr. Wilson had mentioned that he
14 wanted to modify that submission to include seine nets
15 and that was the last we had heard of the Board of
16 Fisheries submissions and we haven't seen anything
17 change on that.

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19 As far as the current red fish protocol
20 goes, I included the latest or the last communication
21 we had with the village councils. We had agreed that
22 we would come up with language for our Park compendium
23 regarding protocol for the take of red fish. We did so
24 and that came out in 2012 as part of our compendium.
25 It remains in the compendium unchanged.

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27 Part of that protocol, in agreement
28 with the councils -- and, for the record, the Naknek
29 Native Village Council was the only council that we
30 were ever able to have direct communication with as far
31 as participation in the process, but we felt it was a
32 good enough recommendation to go forward. We completed
33 the protocol and a key piece of that protocol is that
34 we believed and I think still believe that the National
35 Park Service is not in a position to say who's
36 qualified and who's not. We're here to help manage it
37 and ensure that the people that have the right and
38 authority to partake in that activity continue to have
39 the right to so so and we believe that's the proper
40 role for us to take.

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42 We requested as part of that protocol,
43 which was agreed upon by the village council that the
44 village council would kind of take that lead role in
45 helping us determine who those eligible persons were.
46 So this is a copy of the letter that went out in the
47 summer of 2012. I believe it was July this actually
48 got issued because we had not heard anything yet. So
49 we sent it out in July reminding folks at the village
50 council that that would be of great assistance if they

1 could help us identify who these persons are.

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3 The protocol that we wrote specifically
4 did not specify a method either because we didn't
5 necessarily want to have a list of names. There's
6 connotations to that that we don't like and I think
7 others may not like, that they're on some list of
8 names. What we would like to pursue is that joint work
9 with the councils on that, that they can help us
10 determine who those people are and that we simply have
11 a method by which that if we contact people with a net
12 out in the lake, which for all other purposes is
13 illegal, we have a way to verify that those persons
14 using the net in the lake are there for a valid red
15 fish take process pursuant to this legislation and we
16 can ensure that that activity occurs.

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18 So that's where we're at now, is trying
19 to get some information back from the councils on who
20 those persons are and how they would like us to
21 correlate those names with contacts in the field.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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25 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Thanks,
26 Neil. That's where I wanted to go with it at this
27 point. I know from this point on we're probably going
28 to work on something to try to get it to the next fish
29 cycle. Like Donald said, I guess we're going to get
30 together to start getting this back on track again
31 because there were some other -- you know, some dates
32 and methods and means and stuff that we need to work on
33 and try to get -- try to get put in with this. So I
34 appreciate it.

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36 Thank you.

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38 MR. LABRIE: You're welcome.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. I got a little
43 confused. You don't want to list the names, but you
44 want to know who is qualified, so I'm a little
45 confused. What do you want, somebody just be able to
46 present a tribal ID? If you don't -- you want to know
47 who, so that to me says names, then you say you don't
48 want a list of names. Can you explain yourself
49 further? Thanks.

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1 MR. LABRIE: Yes. What we did, Dan,
2 was basically left that open to the village councils.
3 If a list of names is what is easiest for them to do,
4 that will work for us just fine. What we also
5 discussed was the village -- the council members we
6 spoke to just prior to the compendium protocol being
7 completed they were actually talking about just having
8 some type of internal permit or card that the village
9 members could carry with them so that we just had a way
10 to say, okay, you're good to go.

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12 The other end of the spectrum just
13 being that we had a point to call. So that if we
14 contacted them in the field and we just found out who
15 they were, I could make a call back to the office and
16 they could call the village council and say is this
17 person available to partake in this activity as we've
18 determined and if they said yes, we were good to go.
19 So we really left the options open as to how we made
20 the verification. Just that we had some ability to do
21 that.

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23 MR. DUNAWAY: Follow up. Because I
24 know it seems like we keep getting stuck on this name
25 thing. It's like, well, a lot of folks here kind of
26 know who should be there, so I'd kind of like to see
27 the door opened for -- and then maybe some system to
28 add people or maybe they need help with figuring out
29 this tribal permit or something because I hate to see
30 it just stuck for years, so thank you.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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34 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I guess my
35 question too would be more for Richard. Do you have
36 any ideas, Richard, on what else the Park Service might
37 be able to do to get the tribes to basically come to
38 the table on it to come up with a better system for
39 names or whatnot because they really have no pressure
40 to apply it to the powers that be that need to provide
41 these names is what I'm hearing. I mean they've got no
42 incentive to give them other than they'll be able to
43 take red fish and if the tribes just leave it the way
44 it is, then -- you know what I'm saying. So I think
45 that -- do you have any ideas that you could share
46 there?

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48 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I think
49 we've thrown ideas out several times to the community
50 and we've come back to this point several times. It's

1 in -- you know, I like the idea of a permit perhaps, a
2 permit card, just like anywhere else, you know, you
3 need to carry some sort of ID or proof that you can be
4 involved in this. To me that seems like it might be a
5 direction that we'd want to pursue, so they wouldn't
6 have to worry about eligibility. If the card was up to
7 date, fine, good to go. Simply as that. I think
8 there's just a little homework probably on my part and
9 others interested in maybe pursuing this because I
10 believe that Neil and them are probably at -- you know,
11 I think he's probably said very well they've gotten as
12 far as they can go with it and now the ball is kind of
13 in our court. They're just the enforcement end. We're
14 the user end.

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16 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Because, I
17 mean, just sitting here thinking about it as you were
18 saying that, I mean to me, short of them going back to
19 court records to find out who the offspring were of
20 each one of these people, that's about the only way
21 it's going to get done, whereas it seems to me like it
22 would be so much simpler if we could do it the other
23 way.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It seems like,
26 you know, we've used C&T processes. What's wrong with
27 a C&T process over trying to develop all these names?
28 It seems like that would be the simplest way. You
29 know, we've used C&T for harvesting everything now, so
30 why not with red fish?

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32 MR. LABRIE: It basically comes down to
33 the legislation and the wording in the legislation.
34 This is the -- has been the challenge from day one, is
35 the phrasing that is in the legislation and was
36 basically made verbatim in the regulation, is that it's
37 -- first they have to be a local resident and then they
38 have to be a descendant of residents who lived in the
39 Naknek Lake and river drainage. So we could determine
40 the local resident part probably pretty easy, but
41 what's going to be harder is for us in a position to go
42 to the Wilson family and say, okay, we know your family
43 lives here, we know you're a local resident, you know,
44 okay, let's go through one by one all of your family
45 members who meet the local resident and are here.

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47 That's really all we can do at this
48 point because it really is -- as Dan said, it really
49 does come down to kind of a list because the components
50 that are in the regulation really require the input

1 from the opposite side to make that determination.
2 It's very difficult for us to do it. I would argue
3 it's really not our position to say who is valid and
4 who is not other than to just recognize that this
5 person, you know, lives in Washington state and is only
6 up here for a couple months a year, so they don't meet
7 the local resident requirement, but the rest of the
8 lineage side is really something that we feel should be
9 determined by the villages and the councils.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Is there a
12 sports harvest in that region and are they required to
13 go through all this process?

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15 MR. LABRIE: There is the general sport
16 harvest for Department of Fish and Game throughout
17 Katmai National Park. This is one of the early
18 conversations we had with this Council was that it's a
19 topic of conversation and it's great that -- to have
20 the input, but it's not a -- because of the way the
21 regulations read and it's not a subsistence activity,
22 it is an activity that was legalized that resembles
23 subsistence and basically is a subsistence activity,
24 but Katmai National Park is closed to subsistence per
25 ANILCA.

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27 So the legislative personnel and BBNA
28 and all the other local folks who were involved in
29 pushing the legislation forward were able to basically
30 modify the Federal practice of taking fish by other
31 than hook and line and that's basically what this comes
32 down to. So they've legalized a take, a method and
33 means, other than by hook and line. It just so happens
34 to be recognized as a subsistence activity, but for the
35 purposes of Title VIII subsistence it is not
36 subsistence. Clear as mud?

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Legal gymnastics.

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42 MS. MORRIS LYON: Let me offer a
43 layman's stand of my understanding. They could go up
44 there with rod and reel and keep five sockeye salmon
45 legally, but that's not how they prefer to fish.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The red fish.

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49 MS. MORRIS LYON: That is correct.
50 They prefer to fish them with a net and that is not

1 legal. That's where they have to have the card to
2 participate.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I totally
5 sympathize and understand why they don't want to catch
6 five fish, red fish, with rod and reel, especially if
7 they're harvesting these spawned-out reds for drying.
8 When my husband and I go to harvest red fish, we use a
9 net so that we can get what we need all at once, bring
10 them home, process them all together and then be done
11 with it instead of five fish at a time, so I understand
12 that.

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14 Yeah, this is complicated and hopefully
15 we could do something to -- because I've been on this
16 board since 2006 and I think one of the first agenda
17 items was this. It's been, you know, this far, so I
18 don't think -- listing of all these names isn't going
19 to work because being involved with corporations and
20 dealing with the shareholders and their descendants it
21 gets complicated as years go by because people -- you
22 know, people are being born and people are dying and
23 they just -- we need something else besides names.

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25 Thank you.

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27 Any other comments.

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29 MR. BOSKOFKY: Thank you, Madame
30 Chair. The issue of C&T, there's letters out there
31 even stating that they want to get rid of that. So if
32 that happens, what's going to -- you know, it's going
33 to throw another dagger into this issue. That was
34 brought up at the Fish Board for one of the
35 consultation processes. They're trying to get rid of
36 C&T findings to try to make it easier for the
37 subsistence users.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
40 the complications are still complicated.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Let's stand up
45 for a little bit for about five minutes.

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47 (Off record)

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49 (On record)

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Let's get
2 started. Before we move to item -- I guess I skipped
3 over under new business (A). I was just told by Carl
4 that he needs to deal with that. We'll deal with this
5 and then we have an open agenda. After this I'd like
6 to call up Andy Aderman to give us a synopsis of the
7 Togiak -- your report since you might be leaving here
8 at 5:00.

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10 Okay, Carl.

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12 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.
13 Members of the Council. For the record, my name is
14 Carl Johnson with the Office of Subsistence Management.
15 I'll give you a little background here to tell us why
16 we're bringing up the issue of rural determination
17 process.

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19 As you know, Title VIII of ANILCA
20 provides for a subsistence priority to rural Alaskans
21 for take of fish and wildlife on public lands. How we
22 determine what is rural is why we're here today. The
23 Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture have asked the
24 Federal Subsistence Board to take another look at how
25 we determine what communities are rural and to see if
26 there are any recommended changes to the process.

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28 The Board decided to start this process
29 with a review of public input. Rather than putting out
30 a proposed rule to start with they wanted to have the
31 completely open process to allow the public and the
32 Councils to provide input as to what they think is the
33 important criteria that should be considered. So this
34 is right now just informational because the public
35 comment period is open until November 1st of this year.
36 So, at the fall Council meeting this year it will
37 actually be an action item for there to be more of a
38 concrete discussion and specific recommendations from
39 this Council.

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41 We anticipate that the Council can
42 provide guidance to the Board and that there should be
43 significant public input during your fall meeting.
44 Already you're on notice of what your homework is going
45 to be, is go back to your communities between now and
46 the fall meeting cycle to work on engaging people in
47 your communities about this issue and encourage them to
48 participate at the fall meeting.

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50 At this point we wanted to alert you to

1 this process and ask you to carefully consider the
2 issue how we define rural and nonrural communities.
3 Alaska does continue to change over the years and rural
4 subsistence priority will continue to be an issue as a
5 result of that.

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7 The Board has asked that the public
8 provide information on how to specifically define rural
9 areas in order to provide for this subsistence
10 priority. In particular, the Board has asked the
11 public and the Councils for input on what we consider
12 to be our population thresholds, what are rural
13 characteristics, the process of aggregating
14 communities, timelines and the information sources that
15 the Federal Subsistence Board relies on in determining
16 the information it's going to consider in these
17 factors.

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19 Any comments submitted by the Council
20 or by the public will be used by the Board to make
21 decisions about the scope and the nature of any changes
22 the Board may make to the rural determination process.

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24 I want to bring to your attention an
25 item that starts on Page 26 of your meeting materials
26 and that is a news release that was issued by the
27 Federal Subsistence Board about this process. The
28 reason I want to bring that to your attention is that
29 there are nine specific questions that the Board is
30 asking members of the public and Council members to
31 consider. These deal with these different categories I
32 just mentioned.

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34 The first category that involves two
35 questions is the issue of population threshold. The
36 way this system is set up there is no absolute. Just
37 because a community is of a certain size doesn't mean
38 automatically that it's going to be. There's what are
39 called presumptions built in. So, for example, any
40 communities that are 2,500 in population or smaller
41 there is a presumption that they're rural. Between
42 2,500 and 7,000 there's no presumption. You have to
43 look at the different factors to determine whether or
44 not it's rural. Then above 7,000 there's a presumption
45 that it's nonrural, but, again, consideration of these
46 different factors could convince the board that even if
47 it's in excess of 7,000 people a population area could
48 still be rural.

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50 So the questions the Board is asking

1 about the population threshold are: Are these
2 population threshold guidelines useful for determining
3 whether a specific area of Alaska is rural? That's
4 question number one. I'm going to refer to these
5 questions because these nine questions are the same
6 nine questions that appear in the Federal Register
7 Notice that is inviting public input on these specific
8 questions. So we're hoping to make sure that in the
9 messaging people understand that if they want to
10 provide input, they should provide input in a response
11 to these specific questions.

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13 The second question is if these
14 population thresholds are not useful, please provide
15 population sizes to distinguish between rural and
16 nonrural areas and the reasons for the population size
17 you believe more accurately reflects rural and nonrural
18 areas in Alaska.

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20 So I think these two questions kind of
21 very well address the whole spirit of how the Board is
22 approaching this. One, are the current criteria that
23 we use useful. Two, if not useful, what would you
24 suggest as an alternative and these two questions
25 really reflect that.

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27 The second category and information
28 that these questions deal with are rural
29 characteristics. The Board recognizes that population
30 alone is not an indicator of rural or nonrural status.
31 Other characteristics the Board considers include but
32 are not limited to the following: Use of fish and
33 wildlife; development and diversity of the economy;
34 community infrastructure; transportation; and
35 educational institutions.

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37 Question 3 asks are these
38 characteristics useful for determining whether a
39 specific area of Alaska is rural. Question number 4
40 consistently says if these characteristics are not
41 useful, please provide a list of characteristics that
42 better define or enhance rural and nonrural status.
43 From your perspectives and from the perspectives of
44 people in your community what really defines rural as
45 we use and understand that term in Alaska.

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47 Next, aggregation of communities. The
48 Board recognizes that communities and areas of Alaska
49 are connected in diverse ways. Communities that are
50 economically, socially, and communally

1 integrated are considered in the aggregate in
2 determining rural and nonrural status.

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4 The aggregation criteria are: 1) Do 30
5 percent or more of the working people commute from one
6 community to another? 2) Do they share a common high
7 school attendance area? and 3) Are the
8 communities in proximity and road-accessible to one
9 another?

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11 Again, question number 5 now asks: Are
12 these aggregation criteria useful in determining rural
13 and nonrural status? And, number 6, if they are not,
14 please provide a list of criteria that better specify
15 how communities may be integrated economically,
16 socially, and communally for the purposes of
17 determining rural and nonrural status.

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19 Next, timelines. Currently the Board
20 reviews rural status on a 10-year cycle based on the
21 issuance of the new census every 10 years. Then
22 question number 7 then asks should the Board continue
23 to review rural determinations on a 10-year cycle? If
24 so, why? If not, why not? Is there another review
25 process that they should be using.

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27 The last one is information sources.
28 Current regulations state that population data from the
29 most recent census conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau,
30 as updated by the Alaska Department of Labor, shall be
31 utilized in the rural determination process. The
32 information collected and the reports generated during
33 the decennial census vary between each census; as such,
34 data used during the Board's rural determination may
35 vary. Really, a census is as successful as its
36 responses are to people who we're trying to get a
37 census with. These information sources as stated in
38 regulations will continue to be the foundation of data
39 used for rural determinations.

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41 Number 8 then, do you have any
42 additional sources you think would be beneficial to
43 use? Then question number 9, in addition to the
44 preceding questions, do you have any additional
45 comments on how to make the rural determination process
46 more effective?

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48 So, again, really for each of these
49 different criteria the Board relies on for a rural
50 determination process are they working and, if not, is

1 there a suggested alternative. That's really the
2 overarching theme, but, again, in order to help have a
3 meaningful recording of the input from the public on
4 this issue we hope that everybody will provide their
5 input based on these nine questions and to those nine
6 questions.

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8 Again, Madame Chair and members of the
9 Council, this is informational at this point, but
10 you'll find links -- the news release refers to links
11 that have the Federal Register notice. We have that on
12 our website under the rural determination, rural
13 process link. What we're really encouraging you to do
14 is to actively engage people in your communities so
15 that at the fall meeting we can have a really
16 meaningful discussion on this and get some input from
17 you and also anybody in the communities, whether they
18 can participate telephonically or perhaps they could
19 provide written statements to you that you could bring
20 to the Council meeting that could then be part of the
21 record and part of the Board's consideration. Really,
22 this is just to start getting the word out using the
23 Regional Advisory Councils and hopefully have some
24 meaningful input from the public on this this year.

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26 That's my presentation, Madame Chair,
27 and I'm open to questions.

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29 Thank you.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I know how to
32 make this simple. Just develop little boxes, yes/no,
33 but you want more than that for each of the questions.
34 Dan.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: The website information,
37 Carl, does it have a list of the communities in Alaska
38 and their status at this point?

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40 MR. JOHNSON: I know that is listed in
41 the regulations, but whether or not that is on the
42 rural process link on the OSM website I do not know for
43 sure, but I think that's sensible to have that
44 information there, so I'll make sure to make a
45 recommendation that we do include that so that people
46 are on notice as to what communities -- this obviously
47 affects essentially all communities in Alaska except
48 for the four that were specifically identified as
49 nonrural in statute, but it does affect all of them, so
50 I think that's a valid point.

1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So it appears
4 like -- it seemed like before when this rural/nonrural
5 came about it was mainly focusing on numbers, but with
6 this vast differences between 2,500 and 7,000 it looks
7 like these questions need to be, I guess, answered.
8 I've always thought that unless -- I live in a regional
9 community. I guess the four that are not considered
10 rural that are more developing regions.

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12 I've always thought that once rural
13 always rural because living in areas that -- I'm
14 thinking like more rural communities, Nushagak villages
15 in my area, Goodnews, Platinum. Unless a cannery comes
16 in or some operation comes in I don't see, you know,
17 how they're going to increase in size. I could see
18 Iliamna region possibly increasing with the Pebble
19 prospect, but we don't know how long that would last
20 too. I guess we'll need to do some explaining to our
21 rural communities if they're going to make any comments
22 to this.

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24 Any more comments to this. Richard.

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26 MR. WILSON: I believe this type of
27 information gets mailed out to our local corporations
28 and village councils. It seems like I've seen
29 something similar to this in some of our meetings. So,
30 thanks. We'll make sure they get wind of it again so
31 we can get the ball rolling. Fall is not that far
32 away.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think we can
35 encourage our Council members even the corporations to
36 put this on their agenda for discussion so at least we
37 can get an idea of where we need to disperse more
38 information. If they have more questions that we can't
39 answer, then we'll have somebody come over and help us.
40 Would that be possible? Even teleconferencing
41 information to us if we get this information on our
42 corporation and tribal agendas for discussion.

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44 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Madame Chair, I
45 think that would be very helpful. There's a lot of
46 valuable resources between the regional and local
47 Native associations, the corporations, that can bring a
48 lot of people together at once and it can be a great
49 resource for gathering public input. Just coordinate
50 with the Council coordinator for the region and we'll

1 make sure to see if we can get at least some telephonic
2 participation by somebody from OSM to help guide that
3 discussion.

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5 What I could see would be really
6 helpful then would be to have whatever organization
7 that's conducting the meeting, then collect public
8 input, whether written or otherwise, and then just
9 transmit that either directly to OSM or it can be
10 brought to your full Council meeting and that would be
11 very helpful.

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13 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
16 comments.

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18 (No comments)

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
21 Carl. Andy, do you want to come up and give us your
22 report.

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24 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you, Madame Chair.
25 Andy Aderman again, Togiak Refuge. I believe you have
26 a written copy of the report in your meeting materials.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Page 81?

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30 MR. ADERMAN: Page 18, I guess.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It's 81.

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34 MR. ADERMAN: 81 then. I'm going to be
35 real brief here and I appreciate you allowing us to
36 kind of step up in front of other folks on the agenda.
37 I've covered most of the stuff I wanted to with moose
38 other than to say that we're hopeful to get out and
39 count in 17A and other parts of the Refuge yet this
40 winter. Typically February and March is when it
41 happens, when we have complete snow cover and hopefully
42 three or more days of decent flying weather back to
43 back.

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45 The same thing with Nushagak Peninsula
46 Caribou. That herd is healthy. The only thing I
47 didn't mention earlier is we did a composition survey
48 back in October and I'll probably get these backwards,
49 but I think it was 50 calves per 100 cows and 52 bulls
50 per 100 cows is what we observed. Both are very high

1 ratios.

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3 We also do a winter transect count if
4 we have conditions. It's another measure of the
5 population at a different time of the year just to see
6 where it is. If we did happen to count additional
7 caribou, we'd consider putting out additional permits.
8 By the same token, if we account for all our radio
9 collars and we count 700 caribou and we thought we had
10 closer to nine, we may have to scale back the harvest.

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12 The last thing I would just say on
13 Mulchatna Caribou -- in all three of these projects,
14 moose, Nushagak Caribou and Mulchatna Caribou, are
15 cooperative with the State. The State has the lead on
16 Mulchatna Caribou. We assist them throughout the year
17 with telemetry. I maintain a satellite collar program
18 that helps us at various times of year, like calving,
19 post calving and during composition in October to focus
20 in on where those collars are because we think they're
21 representative of the herd in general rather than
22 trying to search that great big area out there where we
23 think they might be.

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25 I really think the Mulchatna Herd has
26 hit the bottom and is coming around. We don't have the
27 population numbers yet. Haven't been able to get them
28 for the last four years in the summer, but calf weights
29 are up. Composition, the calves per 100 cows are up.
30 The bull to cow ratio is improving. It's not right
31 where we'd hope it would be, but it's improving. The
32 trends are positive.

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34 There's still kind of a split in the
35 herd where there's some in the east. These are the
36 ones that calve up by Lime Village, Tundra Lake and
37 they went around the east side, usually east of the
38 Nushagak River and down into this area somewhere. The
39 other segment, calves around Dillingham or northeast of
40 Dillingham, around Nushagak, Koliganek area, they seem
41 to spend their winters in the Lower Kuskokwim.

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43 That's all I have for you. I'll try to
44 answer questions if you have any.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: On thing that
47 I noticed too, looking through your report, is you have
48 about three outreach programs, which is nice. Your
49 education and outreach and your Southwest Alaska
50 Science Academy and your Cape Peirce Marine Science and

1 Yup'ik Culture Camp.

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3 MR. ADERMAN: Terry Fuller does I think
4 a wonderful job. He's our person in charge of that.
5 He's done a really good job and I foresee those
6 programs and maybe others being added in and continuing
7 indefinitely.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I support this
10 because it's the kids that are good outreach because
11 they're the ones that come home and encourage their
12 stubborn parents to take heart to agencies, so I really
13 support this concept.

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15 Did you have a comment.

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17 MR. ADERMAN: I was just going to say I
18 bet everybody in this room has somebody somewhere in
19 their past that has done something that has shaped
20 their lives and, you know, if we can get kids, you
21 know, just -- maybe they don't have the opportunity
22 elsewhere or something like that and it can be a really
23 strong motivating force in their life.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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27 MR. DUNAWAY: It just occurred to me --
28 yeah, my son has taken -- my oldest one has taken
29 advantage of a couple of these and my younger one hopes
30 to soon. It just occurred to me that some of the
31 agencies here on the east side might want to consider
32 something similar. I mean the Alagnak River is a
33 pretty nice little float. It might be a great way to
34 encourage folks on this side. I think Lake Clark has
35 similar opportunities and maybe even Becharof, but I
36 know that there's a lot of kids that really look
37 forward to trying to do some of those things that the
38 Togiak Refuge offers up.

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40 Thank you.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, it is a
43 good program to engage kids because, like I said,
44 they're the ones that come home and encourage their
45 parents and their parents are the decision-makers in
46 the community, so if you touch the kids within that
47 community and you go in there and mention a name or an
48 agency, the parents eyes lit up and you know that
49 they're in the right room.

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1 So I thank you for this project.
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3 Any other comments.
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5 (No comments)
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
8 Andy.
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10 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you.
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're
13 at 11(D), letter on customary and traditional use
14 determination. Is that you, Carl?
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16 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Madame Chair, that
17 would be me again. So what we're talking about here is
18 a letter that the Southeastern Alaska Subsistence
19 Regional Advisory Council has sent to all of the
20 Council Chairs. You can find that beginning on Page 31
21 of your materials.
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23 Now where this comes from, starting
24 back in 2009 the Secretary of the Interior as part of
25 the Secretarial Review directed the Federal Subsistence
26 Board to look at two crucial things regarding customary
27 and traditional use determinations. The first was to
28 review with Regional Advisory Council input Federal
29 subsistence procedural and structural regulations
30 adopted from the State in order to ensure Federal
31 authorities are fully reflected and comply with Title
32 VIII of ANILCA.
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34 The second task was to review customary
35 and traditional determination process to provide clear,
36 fair and effective determinations in accord with Title
37 VIII goals and provisions.
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39 How that first point is relevant is
40 that when the Federal Subsistence Board originally
41 adopted it's current customary and traditional use
42 determination process it adopted a framework that was
43 already in place that the State had created and part of
44 that rationale was at the time it was believed that the
45 Federal program would be temporary and the State
46 program would take over. We all know that did not turn
47 out to be the case.
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49 The Southeast Council does not believe
50 that this directive has been met, the Secretarial

1 directive to review these two issues, and believes that
2 the current customary and traditional use determination
3 process does not fulfill the goals and directives of
4 ANILCA. That this State-adopted program is
5 inconsistent with ANILCA.

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7 So the Southeast Council formed a
8 working group that did a bit of research and went back
9 and reviewed a bunch of meeting transcripts from the
10 last time there was a thorough -- there was a customary
11 and traditional use process review with the Councils.
12 It looked at how the information was briefed to the
13 Councils and it determined that really how the issue
14 was presented to the Councils the last time, I believe
15 this was in 2007-2008, the Councils were really not
16 briefed consistently. They found that the information
17 presented to the Councils was inconsistent and that
18 there wasn't really a meaningful opportunity for the
19 Councils to conduct a review of this process.

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21 In January of this year, the Council
22 sent this letter and the letter summarizes the history
23 and it is inviting all the other Councils to review at
24 their fall meeting whether the current customary and
25 traditional determination process is serving the needs
26 of residents in their regions. The Southeast Council
27 urges all of the Councils to engage in a thorough
28 review of the C&T process at their fall 2013 meetings
29 and has also asked that OSM be prepared to provide a
30 thorough briefing at the Council's meetings in the
31 fall.

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33 So essentially this is purely
34 informational. It's an invitation at this point and
35 the Southeast Council would like to know at this
36 meeting from the Councils whether or not you want to
37 address this at your fall meeting so that OSM can
38 provide a thorough briefing and there can be an
39 opportunity to have a meaningful review of this.

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41 The long and short of the Southeast
42 Council's position is that really the customary and
43 traditional use determination process -- their opinion
44 is that it should be done away with and instead the
45 guiding principal should be the three factors set in
46 Section .804 of ANILCA. Again, they're really inviting
47 the Councils to engage them on this issue.

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49 They felt the last time essentially the
50 Councils didn't have a really meaningful opportunity to

1 provide input, they didn't get consistent briefings, so
2 they want to make sure that everybody has a really
3 meaningful opportunity this time, this fall, to have a
4 discussion on this and see what they think of the
5 Southeast Council's thoughts and position on this
6 issue.

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8 That's the gist of my presentation,
9 Madame Chair.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
12 suggestions, questions. Do we want to deal with this
13 at our fall 2013 meeting, I guess is what Carl is
14 looking for, so that OSM can be prepared to deal with
15 this with us the fall 2013 meeting. So what's
16 your.....

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18 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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22 MR. WILSON: I believe at some point,
23 you know, we're probably called to make comments here
24 if we have any, so at some point we're probably going
25 to have to deal with some of this. Is there funding
26 available for such a thing, getting out a little
27 earlier in the fall with a working group or how is this
28 going to come together? Anybody know?

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl.

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32 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair and through
33 the Chair. Richard, I think what the likely outcome
34 would be, first this Council decides whether or not it
35 wants to have an engaged discussion at its fall
36 meeting. Then, at the fall meeting, you get a thorough
37 briefing on it. You have a lively discussion on the
38 issues, a lot of points are raised and a lot of issues
39 are brought up.

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41 I think after that point then input
42 from all the Councils would then come together and
43 probably after that create some other process for
44 coming up with any recommendations that may come from
45 that that could be in the form of a formal proposal on
46 changing the C&T process. I think the next step is
47 just to have that discussion and then from there we can
48 decide based on the input we get from the Councils what
49 the next step would be to address the issue.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: From the
2 Southeast perspective, it sounded like, according to
3 ANILCA, that C&T is not necessary under the Federal
4 process. They did do a really good research and wrote
5 it up in a short form here. I wouldn't mind just to
6 say that our RAC dealt with this, just put it on the
7 fall 2013 meeting and have OSM develop your -- whatever
8 you need to get ready to deal with this. What
9 Southeast did looks okay. When is Southeast meeting?
10 It's in our calendar.

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12 MR. JOHNSON: Currently they're
13 scheduled for late September in the fall, so a couple
14 weeks before your meeting, Madame Chair.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
17 Whatever you guys -- Dan.

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19 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm still trying to
20 digest it, but I would hate for us to -- we need to
21 stay abreast of what's going on with everybody else I
22 think is pretty important. So, from that standpoint
23 and trying to understand it will be really important.
24 I have a sense that there are some folks around this
25 area that aren't completely satisfied with the system
26 as it exists. I sure wouldn't want us to be sitting on
27 our hands while everybody else is moving along and
28 certainly want our folks to have an opportunity to
29 participate too. So, from that standpoint alone I
30 guess, yeah, we should stay abreast of it.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl.

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36 MR. JOHNSON: And as just sort of
37 background information on this story the issue of the
38 C&T process was part of the Southeastern RAC's annual
39 report last year. In its response, the Board in the
40 annual report reply stated that bringing up the issue
41 in the annual report was not the appropriate way to
42 suggest changes to the C&T process. Really what they
43 needed to do was to develop a formal regulatory
44 proposal that would go through the cycle.

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46 So what I would imagine would happen
47 out of this process, if all of the Councils were to
48 agree to engage in this issue at the fall and there
49 seemed to be a significant agreement to come up with a
50 different process, a formal proposal would be developed

1 and then that proposal would still go through a public
2 process here at the Council meeting, so there will be a
3 lot of opportunity to, in addition to the Council
4 input, to have community input on whatever that
5 proposal might be down the road.

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7 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess one
10 question I would have is this is the C&T that is in
11 place is like a mirror to the State C&T and it would be
12 interesting to get that perspective from Federal side
13 of their C&T if Federal has a C&T process. Get those
14 two -- for me, for my information, I'd like to get this
15 in perspective as to where we stand.

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17 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair. That would
18 be part of a briefing that would be provided to you in
19 the fall because there is quite a bit of history as to
20 how this Federal C&T process was adopted from the State
21 process and the changes that were made and some of the
22 history and how it's been applied. So part of the
23 briefing is an understanding of where it came from and
24 how it works and then to have a discussion as to
25 whether or not there was anything that Council would
26 suggest about changing it.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. My
29 suggestion, if the Council doesn't oppose me, is to go
30 ahead and put this on our fall agenda. I think it's a
31 good information that we need to get updated on and
32 learn the history so that we'll be able to pass it on
33 to our people.

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35 Thanks.

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37 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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40 MR. BOSKOFKY: Madame Chair, I'll make
41 a proposal to put this on the fall meeting.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're
44 to the agency reports. It's 4:00 o'clock. OSM section
45 here, number 12. Carl, you might as well just sit
46 there. MOU with the State of Alaska.

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48 MR. JOHNSON: Well, we have a few
49 topics here, Madame Chair, for the OSM briefing. If
50 you recall, in your fall meeting cycle provided input

1 on the latest revisions to the draft MOU with the State
2 of Alaska. The Board has heard that feedback from all
3 the Councils, but has not yet granted final approval to
4 that revised MOU. It was waiting to get some feedback
5 back from the State Advisory Committees. Once that
6 input is received, the Board is going to be having a
7 working session in April, then a public meeting in May
8 and through that process it will finalize the MOU --
9 it's expected to finalize the MOU at that point.

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11 Budget update. It's essentially kind
12 of up in the air at this point because we're operating
13 under this extended budget of the sequestration
14 process, which will expire in March and there are a lot
15 of contingency plans in effect, but we don't know
16 exactly which ones are going to a place until we know
17 what the budget is going to be. Essentially we're
18 making every effort to support this process. It is --
19 our top priority is the mission for this office. That
20 includes providing travel to meetings, may in some
21 cases require more teleconference participation from
22 the Staff, but we're working on continuing to support
23 this process and we'll just keep the Councils updated
24 whenever we have any certain information about the
25 budget.

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27 Staffing update. Pete Probasco is no
28 longer the assistant regional director for subsistence.
29 He has moved over to migratory birds. So Kathy
30 O'Reilly-Doyle is currently acting as the assistant
31 regional director for subsistence. We do have a
32 recruitment process that's underway right now. The
33 applications have closed, so they'll be interviewing
34 soon as to who that new ARD will be.

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36 As a result, David Jenkins, who is the
37 policy coordinator, is now the acting deputy ARD for
38 subsistence and Tom Kron will be the acting policy
39 coordinator while David is the acting deputy. This is
40 getting a little complicated, I know.

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42 Helen Armstrong, who has been with this
43 program from its inception, is retiring and, therefore,
44 stepping down as the division chief for anthropology.
45 They are starting a recruitment process to fill that
46 position. Another person -- we're losing a lot of our
47 institutional knowledge here.

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49 Another person who is retiring is
50 Michelle Chivers, who is currently our permitting

1 specialist. She's the one that makes sure everybody
2 gets all their Federal permits. She is also retiring
3 at the end of February. Again, there's a process
4 underway to find her replacement. I think it's fair to
5 say that it will be difficult to replace any of those
6 shoes because that's a lot of institutional knowledge
7 about the Federal subsistence program going out the
8 door.

9

10 Council appointments and nominations.
11 The big update there is that we still have not -- there
12 are still several Councils who have not received final
13 word on their appointments for this year. D.C. has
14 been extremely delayed in getting those appointments to
15 us because of their vetting process. As a result,
16 we're going to be looking at how we can improve the
17 nominations process to make sure that things go more
18 efficiently in the future.

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20 We are now underway with a new
21 nominations recruitment. We're seeking people to apply
22 for the Councils. Originally that deadline was going
23 to be February 18th, but considering we've had a very
24 low number of applicants this year, at last check only
25 34 applications for 45 empty seats, we've extended the
26 application period to March 29th. So if you know
27 people in your communities who you think would be good
28 candidates for this Council, please encourage them to
29 apply or perhaps even nominate them for a position on
30 the Council.

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32 The regulatory cycle. If you recall
33 from the fall meeting you provided input on changes you
34 think should be made when we conduct the Board
35 meetings, when the regulatory cycles should be. The
36 Board has received all that input from the Councils,
37 but consistent with the issue with the revised MOU is
38 working on looking at the issue and addressing it at
39 their future working group session, working meeting
40 session in April and a public meeting in May. That's
41 when they would expect to make a final decision on what
42 they're doing there.

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44 Just to give you a little bit of
45 feedback on how the other Councils responded, it was
46 pretty much a universal agreement to extend the fall
47 meeting cycle into mid November. There was
48 disagreement as to whether or not the fisheries cycle
49 should be moved from April 1st to later in the year,
50 but those that did suggest a change suggested May 1st

1 as an alternate starting date for the fisheries cycle.
2 There was also pretty much universal agreement for
3 having the winter Board meeting when the Board makes
4 its decisions on regulatory proposals that that meeting
5 should be later in the winter perhaps, early February
6 instead of mid January. Just a couple weeks, but you
7 know. So that was the general summary of the feedback
8 from the other Councils.

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10 The last issue I have to address is the
11 RFP for fisheries monitoring plan proposals. Currently
12 the funding opportunity details for these proposals are
13 on our website under the Fisheries Resource Monitoring
14 Program. The deadline for submissions for proposals is
15 April 4th at 5:00 p.m. Currently there is going to be
16 \$3.7 million available to fund new research and
17 monitoring projects for that program. All
18 investigation plans that address Federal subsistence
19 fisheries will be considered.

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21 Past awards have ranged -- just to give
22 you an idea of what could be available per project,
23 past awards have ranged anywhere from \$3,000 to
24 \$375,000 per year. Finally, the award period for how
25 long the award is issued has ranged anywhere from one
26 to four years. So that's kind of a wide availability
27 of different types of awards that could be given to
28 different research projects.

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30 That is what I have primarily for OSM
31 issues. If the Council has any questions or anything
32 they would like me to take back to OSM I'd be happy to
33 hear those.

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35 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any questions,
38 comments.

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40 (No comments)

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We're happy.

43 Thank you.

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45 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Under B,
48 National Park Service, Katmai, Aniakchak and Lake
49 Clark. Okay, you have the floor.

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1 MR. VEACH: All right. Madame
2 Chairwoman, Council members. Again, for the record, my
3 name is Eric Veach. I'm the acting superintendent of
4 Katmai National Park.

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6 There's a couple things we'd like to
7 talk to you about today. One is the proposed
8 compendium entries that are out for public comment
9 right now, which was very eloquently introduced a
10 little earlier by Joe Klutsch. I wanted to follow up
11 on that a little bit.

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13 First, let me give you a little
14 background on a Park compendium for those of you who
15 aren't familiar with our compendium process. The
16 purpose of a Park compendium is to provide a written
17 document for both the public and Park employees that
18 list the special designations, closures, public use
19 limits, permit requirements and other National Park
20 Service restrictions. The superintendent's authority to
21 implement these provisions is found in Title 36 Code of
22 Federal Regulations 1.5(a).

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24 In Alaska, we update and review our
25 compendiums on an annual basis, so this is a process
26 that we go through every year. Sometimes the entries
27 in a compendium are pretty basic and straightforward.
28 They may designate areas for campfires or they may open
29 the park to something like campfires. At times they're
30 a little more controversial.

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32 This year we have some entries in the
33 compendiums that essentially limit the take of
34 wildlife. I'm going to go into that a little more
35 here. So National Park areas are places where natural
36 processes are preserved. Even has human use such as
37 fishing and subsistence or sport hunting occur.

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39 The fundamental goals of wildlife
40 stewardship on National Park lands are to maintain
41 natural processes, provide for subsistence opportunity
42 and allow sport hunting. We're authorized in this case
43 under ANILCA. Generally natural processes and natural
44 and healthy populations take precedence over
45 subsistence, which takes precedence over sport hunting.

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47 How does this affect Katmai National
48 Preserve or the Aniakchak National Monument or the
49 Alagnak Wild River? Currently under State regulations
50 in -- let's see, in 2012 -- okay, the regulations

1 became effective July 1st, 2012 that essentially
2 liberalized the take of both wolves and coyotes. So it
3 opened the season up for a period during May. The
4 National Park Service has concerns with those season
5 liberalizations.

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7 Basically the rationale for
8 liberalizing those seasons was to increase the take of
9 predators to enhance ungulate populations and
10 harvesting predators with the expressed intent of
11 increasing ungulate populations to benefit hunter
12 conflicts with National Park Service policy. Again,
13 the season expansion is intended to increase prey
14 populations, a practice that is not allowed in National
15 Park areas.

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17 Also, we're concerned that -- well,
18 essentially what's going to be proposed in the
19 compendium is that hunters will be precluded from
20 taking denning wolves and/or nursing pups and also --
21 and the same will apply for coyotes from May 1st
22 through August 9th. In addition to the wildlife
23 management concerns that I mentioned, these dates will
24 also preserve economic opportunity when pelts are of
25 the greatest value. We're concerned that killing
26 wolves and pups when their pelts have little, if any,
27 economic value reduces opportunity for subsistence and
28 sport hunters who traditionally sell pelts for cash.
29 These dates will also avoid harvest of denning wolves
30 and/or nursing pups. The season extension by the State
31 into the summer allows killing newborn nursing pups and
32 their mothers in the den, a practice which has been
33 long avoided by wildlife managers.

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35 So the compendium is open for public
36 comment through February 15th. I realize that date is
37 coming up pretty quick. You can actually have access
38 on our Park website and comment online if you'd like
39 to. To date, my understanding is we've received over
40 20,000 comments on these compendium entries.

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42 So, with that I'll stop and I'm happy
43 to answer any questions.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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47 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. This has
48 been out for a while and we've actually discussed it at
49 our village corporation level and I think we've
50 actually discussed this at an AC level. It's probably

1 opposite of what they're trying to do. A lot of the
2 comments and things that have come out in the AC part
3 of it is that the bear -- you know, people that
4 traditionally -- not traditionally, but the sport bear
5 hunters, you know, while they're out there, incidental
6 wolves and incidental coyotes they also acquire and it
7 was just another -- to them, it was another means of
8 just getting -- you know, for satisfying that part of
9 it. There was definitely a diverse amount of opinions,
10 some pro and some con. That's all I've heard so far on
11 it. Thanks.

12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
13 comments.

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15 (No comments)

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I live near a
18 Refuge, but not Park and Preserve, so I'm kind of out
19 of what happens. In one of your statements there I
20 caught where you read where subsistence would be a
21 priority in one of your statements, which is
22 encouraging. Any other comments.

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24 (No comments)

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Have you
27 covered both the Katmai, Aniakchak and Lake Clark?

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29 MR. VEACH: Actually I had a few more
30 things I'd like to mention. I just wanted to discuss
31 the compendium first and stop and see if there were any
32 questions specifically on that. A couple other things
33 I'd just like to mention. You know, when I introduced
34 myself this morning I mentioned I'll be here until
35 about the middle of March. A permanent replacement for
36 Ralph Moore, the Park Superintendent, has been
37 selected. Her name is Diane Chung. She'll be arriving
38 here on about March 14th. She's very excited and very
39 interested in working with subsistence and subsistence
40 users. Diane will be coming most recently from the --
41 she's currently the superintendent of the Flagstaff
42 Area Monument, so she'll be coming from Arizona, but
43 prior to that she was the deputy superintendent in
44 Denali. So she'll be bringing a fair amount of Alaska
45 experience with her to this position. She's really
46 looking forward to getting on board.

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48 A couple other things I wanted to
49 mention. Jean discussed local hire earlier and Katmai
50 specifically will have three or four permanent

1 positions that will be advertised under the local hire
2 authority here soon, so that's something to keep your
3 eyes out for. Then, of course, there will be
4 potentially seasonal positions later in the season.

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6 With that, I'd like to turn it over to
7 Troy, our resource manager.

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9 MR. HAMON: Madame Chairman and members
10 of the Council. For the record, my name is Troy Hamon,
11 the natural resource manager for Katmai National Park
12 and Preserve, the Alagnak Wild River and Aniakchak
13 National Monument and Preserve.

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15 I was just going to remember to update
16 the Council on a couple of things that have been fairly
17 significant events for the Park that may not
18 necessarily always have a direct tie into subsistence,
19 but these are things that we have had interest from the
20 Council before. The Katmai Preserve hunt concession we
21 evaluated through an environmental assessment process,
22 which ended last fall. The outcome of that
23 environmental assessment was to go ahead and proceed
24 with a request for proposals for two hunt areas. The
25 guide areas boundaries were changed, but the overall
26 number of clients remained the same. That request for
27 proposals followed very shortly I think in early
28 November and the applications are in and those
29 applications are actually being evaluated this week or
30 next week.

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32 MR. VEACH: I think this week.

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34 MR. HAMON: Anyway, it's in process.
35 The expectation is that there will be businesses
36 authorized to operate by this next fall. That's the
37 update on that. Those concession evaluation panels are
38 conducted through our central staff at the regional
39 office. They tried to involve some people who are real
40 familiar with the kind of resources and the kind of
41 businesses, but they don't involve people from the
42 Park. It's actually specifically required that way in
43 concessions regulation. So I don't have any knowledge
44 of the process, but we do know that it's going on and
45 they should have a result for us sometime in the next
46 while.

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48 Because of some of the specific
49 regulations there can be a few weeks where they're
50 sorting out -- it depends on who's selected and whether

1 there's a pre-existing business interest that has
2 precedence and, if so, then there's some back and forth
3 where people get to match offers and such. I don't
4 know if that applied to this.

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6 MR. VEACH: In this case there's no
7 pre-existing interest.

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9 MR. HAMON: No pre-existing. So it may
10 be fairly quick in this case. The other thing I wanted
11 to mention with regard to Brooks Camp, the National
12 Park Service has been evaluating a visitor access plan
13 for Brooks Camp. Many years ago in 1996 we signed a
14 development concept plan which said that we were going
15 to move the camp. There was no plan for how we were
16 going to do that and still be functional in the
17 meantime because it's a large process.

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19 Quite some years ago now one of the
20 superintendents realized that there had to be a plan
21 for how to get from A to B or we were never going to
22 get to B. The current visitor access environmental
23 impact statement was an attempt to make a plan that
24 works the whole time while you're going from A to B
25 even if you're in both places and even if you're only
26 partly there.

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28 The environmental impact statement was
29 released in draft last summer. Comments were received.
30 We evaluated those and made responses to the comments.
31 We briefed the regional director and her staff.
32 They've prepared a final EIS. There's still finalizing
33 the decision document however, so even though the EIS
34 is final the decision is not final until that's signed
35 and it is possible that the actual preferred
36 alternative will be changed in that decision document.
37 I think they're expecting a March time frame for that
38 to be signed.

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40 The two main elements of that are an
41 elevated walkway so that we're not driving track
42 vehicles in the river every year and so that we're not
43 hauling sewage across the river with vehicles and so
44 that people can cross the river without having to
45 approach it at ground level on both sides. That's one
46 of the elements.

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48 The other element is the barge access.
49 Currently most of our freight, fuel, vehicles that goes
50 to and from Brooks Camp is delivered right into the

1 mouth of the river. That's never great for the
2 visitors. It's also somewhat problematic, especially
3 in the fall, which is when we do a lot of this work.
4 It's when the bears are mostly concentrated in the
5 river mouth, so while the elevated walkway, if that's
6 approved as part of the final alternative, is likely to
7 be a project that would happen over sometime in the
8 next eight years, maybe three years away, maybe four or
9 five. But the barge access is moving down the beach
10 and that, if it's approved, is actually slated to start
11 this summer. There was not a single comment in
12 opposition to the barge access moving, so at this point
13 we don't foresee a problem with that, but there's
14 always the question of funding.

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16 That's Brooks. I have a couple more
17 items. Were there any questions on the.....

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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21 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, thanks.
22 Troy, thanks for bringing up that Brooks bridge issue.
23 How many comments on that so far, do you know?

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25 MR. HAMON: There were 23 letters
26 submitted. A lot of the issues that we deal with
27 either we get a very -- almost nobody that responds or
28 we get 10,000 from somebody. We got 23 letters. What
29 was very different about these is these were obviously
30 all written by individuals who read it and considered
31 it carefully. A lot of times you get -- somebody will
32 prepare a form letter and then all of the people that
33 send it in it's just the same thing. These were all
34 very different and from a wide cross-section, so it was
35 probably one of the more interesting assignments that
36 I've seen in terms of addressing comments because they
37 were so broad comments, probably more than -- you know,
38 we get the 10,000 comment letters. It's almost easier
39 to respond to those because they're all the same. You
40 really are only writing one response.

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42 MR. WILSON: So these comments are they
43 local comments most of them or are you talking just
44 national wide? I'm kind of interested in that.

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46 MR. HAMON: I don't know if -- some
47 comments people identify themselves. I don't recall
48 any local people here that identified themselves. Some
49 comments are anonymous. I would say my impression is
50 most of the comments come from people who live in

1 Alaska, but I don't recall any truly local comments.

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3 MR. WILSON: I'd like to make a
4 comment. We've had this discussion here locally and
5 all the local people here that I've discussed this with
6 and at meetings felt that that bridge was just another
7 step that the Park Service has taken without the
8 blessing of the community. I mean they've -- you've
9 heard this before. They've taken one chunk, two
10 chunks, now they've taken three chunks of our life
11 away. They moved in, they created a viewing stand for
12 bears and actually a walkway, a quarter mile walkway
13 now for bears just for viewing. At first it was a
14 Valley of 10,000 Smokes, you know, when it first -- the
15 monument was first created. People are pretty
16 frustrated and a lot of them don't comment because they
17 feel like it goes nowhere.

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19 We discussed this at our village
20 council -- I mean not village council, corporation
21 meeting with our people and it's just another -- the
22 comments they were saying was, you know, interrupting
23 the natural flow of scenery and things the way it is.
24 You know, you talk about leaving things natural. Well,
25 that's not natural. You're building something for
26 humans to access. So it was just kind of an infringe
27 on their livelihood and their way of living. There was
28 a bunch of different comments there.

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30 I just had to put that out there
31 because there was a lot of -- people thought that was
32 kind of unruly to even think about putting a permanent
33 structure in a place that we're not allowed as far as
34 doing our traditional, you know, take. That was some
35 of the comments I've heard and part of my own by the
36 way.

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38 MR. HAMON: I would have a couple of
39 things just to mention in response. One of those is
40 that there were a lot of discussions about whether it
41 was the best course for a lot of reasons. It's taken
42 us 20 years to even decide to have this conversation
43 and try to do it because we are somewhat -- we are
44 somewhat logistically stuck in the current arrangement,
45 so I can appreciate some of what you're saying.

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47 One of the functional problems we have
48 right now is that the floating bridge requires us to
49 manage and constrain a living waterway in a fashion
50 that we're always losing and we're always fighting it.

1 We're always adding material and it's always eating it
2 away. An elevated walkway actually allows the river to
3 be a living natural river. So, as a water and fish
4 guy, I'm excited about that.

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6 The other thing about the visual
7 impact, we've had a lot of discussions and it is very
8 -- we get very different responses from people who have
9 never been there than we do from people who are used to
10 what's there. People who are used to what's there
11 think that the new thing is impressive and not in a
12 good way necessarily. People who have never been there
13 think that the existing situation is the ugliest thing
14 they've ever seen. The next time you see the floating
15 bridge try to look at it from different eyes. I
16 understand what you're saying.

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18 Were there any other questions about
19 Brooks?

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard has an
22 additional question or comment.

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24 MR. HAMON: Go for it.

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26 MR. WILSON: Just an additional
27 comment. So instead of expanding Brooks have you ever
28 considered like bringing the whole facility down to the
29 mouth of Naknek River and then just using that up there
30 as a campsite instead of permanent structures? Moving
31 -- like a lot of Parks, move down to the edge of, you
32 know, a road system or something and then from there
33 they connect into -- take themselves into the Park or
34 tours or whatever. Has the Park ever considered
35 backing off of that instead of building it up? Getting
36 back to the boundary line where the road is and then
37 accessing the Park from there.

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39 MR. HAMON: That was an alternative
40 that was considered in the 1996 plan. I used to have
41 it memorized better. I don't remember any more. It
42 wasn't the selected alternative. There were certainly
43 some groups, including the Wilderness Society and the
44 Sierra Club that were very in favor of pulling
45 everything out of there. It did not prevail as a
46 selected alternative. We have never revisited the DCP.
47 The current work is really only a revision of the
48 selected alternative, but we didn't look at trying to
49 recast the whole framework. When we looked at it, we
50 couldn't see that the questions they were addressing

1 then are any different than what we'd be doing now.
2 We're just trying to get from A to B.

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4 So, in answer, yes, it was considered.
5 That was basically in the 1992 to 1996 time frame,
6 which predates me, so I don't have a lot of -- other
7 than what's written in the document I don't have a lot
8 of insight.

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10 MR. WILSON: I hate to be the only one
11 here, but -- so, can it be revisited? I mean you're
12 looking to move the facility across the river or to
13 expand. So before that expansion or before that move
14 has it been -- is there any way to reconsider this as
15 part of the move instead of being there, move yourself
16 back out?

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18 MR. HAMON: It's always possible, but
19 it would -- I don't know that it's necessarily likely
20 because we have gone through public planning process
21 and we're arriving at the end of a second one. It's
22 always possible, but it would require a regional
23 director to feel that the current analysis that was
24 done wasn't sufficient and there hasn't been any that
25 felt that way. There's a lot of different interests,
26 obviously, in a place like Brooks Camp, so I can
27 understand where you're coming from, but there's a lot
28 of other interests that have a lot of say as well.

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30 Just one point of clarification. The
31 development concept plan authorizes the move. It
32 doesn't authorize an expansion. In fact, one of our
33 biggest problems at Brooks for our staff is that we
34 have more work than we have beds and we're not allowed
35 to have more beds because it's part of the DCP and that
36 doesn't change. The location of where people are will
37 change, but the number of people is pretty much set in
38 that 1996 document.

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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: Just a point of
41 clarification too. As I recall from that document
42 because I was very involved in that, as I recall it
43 also limits the number of visitors that are supposedly
44 able to participate on a daily basis and you have yet
45 to figure out a way to get that under control as well.
46 Am I not correct?

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48 MR. HAMON: That's true. That's an
49 interesting problem and that's one that if anybody has
50 an idea of how we would do that it would be worth

1 raising it. It isn't decided at our level. That's
2 also a regional director level. One of the biggest
3 problems with that is that there's no mechanism. If
4 the document tells us that you are only to have 60
5 guests staying in the lodge per night, then you can
6 make the lodge have only 60 beds. That's works. But
7 when you say you can only have 100 people arrive for
8 day visits per day, then we have to figure out how to
9 apportion those out.

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11 In the current framework, we don't know
12 how to go from where we are to there. It's an A to B
13 problem in a lot of ways because we have visitors that
14 come from air taxis that are just specifically bringing
15 them for a day at Brooks. We have people that are
16 coming from lodges who are spending a fishing day and
17 they get weathered in or they get weathered out and
18 Brooks is a place they can get when they're weathered
19 out. One of the things that happens is on a really
20 nice day in the summer we get not as many people as we
21 do on a medium day where not everybody can get
22 everywhere else. I mean it just really depends.

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24 We haven't figured out how to make that
25 work and that is something that's in that '96 document
26 we have not crossed go on. So, if you have a great
27 idea, we'd be interested in hearing it.

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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: I haven't come up
30 with anything.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
33 Continue.

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35 MR. HAMON: The last thing I was going
36 to say is that we have been working on moose surveys.
37 You are faster in your meeting than I am in my
38 preparation, so I was going to have a summary of that
39 for you tomorrow. I may have to send it to you if
40 you're not meeting tomorrow or we'll see. The moose
41 surveys that we conduct are fairly limited, but we've
42 been working on them.

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44 One thing that we've been expanding
45 this year is trying to get down to Aniakchak
46 specifically. In the fall, between the short window of
47 time we had with pilot availability and weather we did
48 get a survey in the Cinder River zone, but it was not
49 sufficient snow cover to feel good about the survey,
50 but at least it's composition information and we'll be

1 back there in the next six weeks hopefully a few times.

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3 One of the things that we have
4 consistently heard here is that we don't collect enough
5 data and that's pretty much true. We've run into a lot
6 of challenges. One of them is with pilot availability
7 and weather. Everybody deals with that. Some of these
8 things are things we can do something about, so there's
9 -- one of our law enforcement rangers actually got Park
10 Service funding to assist with flight school and we'll
11 have him coming back on board in a couple months. We
12 should at least get to the point where we have another
13 pilot available to us. That will make a big difference
14 for our ability to get some of these done.

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16 In terms of bears, we flew preserve
17 survey. We do this in August during the time when the
18 bears are aggregated on the spawning streams and the
19 numbers have been very high, in the 2000's and now in
20 the 2012 cycle it was slightly lower than the year
21 before. I think there was 170 bears we were getting,
22 200-ish, 250. We had 170 bears.

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24 One thing that's very different is that
25 they were 70 percent single bears whereas we were
26 seeing 50, 60 percent family groups, which is a sign of
27 either high harvest or expanding population. Any way
28 you look at it, 70 percent non-family groups is either
29 a sign of not expanding population or low harvest. So
30 those are both possibilities. But 170 historically is
31 a very high number. It's slightly down. That makes
32 sense because the salmon run down there -- up there is
33 slightly down, but it's still high compared to
34 historical levels.

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36 I discussed this a little bit at our
37 fall meeting. We're still arguing with statisticians
38 about exactly how we're going to do it, but we have
39 decided to make this our main bear survey instead of
40 the line transect that we were trying before, which is
41 very inefficient in flight hours. It makes
42 statisticians happier, but we can't afford it. You
43 can't afford it. We're going to expand those meadow
44 surveys -- or, sorry, those stream surveys into a
45 couple of drainages that are in the Park, so we're not
46 just doing the preserve. We're also going to be flying
47 our meadows on the coast so that we get a more holistic
48 picture of the Park that way, but it should save us a
49 lot in flight time and the animals can group themselves
50 where we can see them and that will be great.

1 I think that's probably it. I'm happy
2 to answer questions.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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6 MR. WILSON: I'd just like you folks to
7 consider like we mentioned earlier about possibly
8 contracting out to local pilots that might be certified
9 to do such a thing. I know in the past we've had at
10 least two here and I don't know if they've done them
11 lately, but they've been at it for a while. To use
12 local hire whenever possible would be our theme, of
13 course.

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15 MR. HAMON: So there's two things.
16 Local hire would be for us to pick someone up and put
17 them into a Federal job as a pilot and that's one
18 thing. As far as contracting out a survey effort to
19 another -- to a private entity who is flying, the State
20 of Alaska has done a lot of that here in this region.
21 They're sort of administrative ability to do that is a
22 little freer than ours. I can tell you that we right
23 now in King Salmon and Naknek have only a single
24 operator that's even available to us, that's Sam Egli's
25 shop and that's the only OAS authorized shop out here.
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27 In the summer, we have one more and that's Katmai Air
28 and that's it.

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30 We used to have more. With changes in
31 the administrative burden on those folks, there's fewer
32 and fewer people that are willing to deal with us as a
33 person who's hiring them and that's not something we're
34 driving at the local level or happy about particularly,
35 but it is getting harder and harder for us instead of
36 easier to make access of businesses on a flight
37 contract basis.

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39 So that's part of our challenge.

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41 MR. WILSON: Understandable. Thank
42 you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you. A couple
47 things. We're hearing the same thing over in
48 Dillingham with the State folks as far as -- I guess
49 insurance is part of it and fuel costs. It's just so
50 much harder. There's just not pilots. When there are

1 good days, the few that are there are getting fought
2 over by everybody. I wish there was a -- you know,
3 maybe some of these guys coming back from Afghanistan
4 and Iraq, but I think there's still a lot of
5 institutional roadblocks that make it tough.

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7 That's a side note.

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9 The other thing and I kind of lost
10 track, but could you remind me Pike Ridge boundary used
11 to be a hot issue. Where are we on that?

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13 Thank you.

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15 MR. HAMON: I'll tell you the same
16 thing I told Eric when he came and I gave him a
17 briefing on Pike Ridge a couple months back. That is
18 that the Pike Ridge boundary is something where -- I
19 think most of the Council members are familiar with
20 this, but perhaps for the gentleman on the phone I'll
21 give the brief history.

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23 The brief history is that the Pike
24 Ridge boundary was sort of swallowed by the ANILCA
25 expansion of the park boundary and there's a trail on
26 Pike Ridge that was used and continues to be used by
27 ATVs for primarily, my understanding is for moose
28 access and moose hunting up in the upper end of King
29 Salmon Creek and along Pike Ridge itself. When that
30 was put into the National Park boundary, it because
31 complicated because ATVs are not authorized in National
32 Parks in general. There are exceptions. Eric knows a
33 lot about those because he works over where there are
34 the most exceptions in probably the whole Park system
35 in Wrangell.

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37 ANILCA gave the National Park Service
38 the ability to do boundary adjustments and we have been
39 trying to work toward that at different times because
40 that seemed like the most reasonable adjustment to move
41 the boundary so that the trail wasn't in the boundary.
42 There are some problems with that because trails move
43 and whatnot, but it seems like it would make sense. We
44 have been mostly stymied by a lack of understanding of
45 how we would even approach that process because
46 although ANILCA gave us that authority it has never
47 been employed anywhere in the National Park Service in
48 Alaska, which is the only place it could be done.

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50 Ralph, before he left, reached the

1 point where he -- with the -- we've had a number of
2 budget recisions over the last few years and he just
3 didn't have enough staff to dedicate to try to sort it
4 out, but I think that will be one of the early things
5 that we talk to the incoming superintendent about to
6 see if it's something she can make a priority or not.
7 So no progress is really our current situation.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
10 more questions. Richard, you're done?

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12 MS. MORRIS LYON: Well, I guess what I
13 would go on record saying is that if you could just let
14 her know that we would appreciate it being a priority
15 as a RAC board because we are people that live out here
16 that use that trail would find definite comfort knowing
17 they're not breaking the law inadvertently.

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19 MR. HAMON: Right. I appreciate that
20 and I will share that with her. It does create a
21 complicated situation where, you know, many years ago
22 people were assured that they could go up the trail and
23 stay to the west and it was all good. We can tell you
24 that, but there's no legal basis for us to tell you
25 that, so it would be nice if things were actually done
26 right. So we understand that.

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28 MR. VEACH: If I could just follow up a
29 little bit to what Troy is saying too. You know, as he
30 mentioned, normally I work at Wrangell-St. Elias. I've
31 been there for about 13 years at least and certainly
32 one of the challenges that I think we've finally
33 recently resolved there was for a long time we had
34 individuals operating ATVs pretty much -- I mean it was
35 not a real concern to Park management and finally the
36 Park was ultimately sued by -- well, it was the
37 National Parks Conservation Association threatened to
38 take us to court. Essentially our solicitor advised us
39 we would probably lose if we went to court, at which
40 point we had to stop ATV use until we published an EIS
41 and resolved that.

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43 We'd like to avoid seeing that happen
44 here at Katmai, so I too will communicate to Diane that
45 there's a real advantage to being proactive with this
46 issue sooner than later.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think
49 we don't have anymore questions it looks like. Thank
50 you. Thank you for the information. Good luck. BBNA,

1 do you want to approach. This is an open agenda, so
2 I'm just skipping.

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4 MS. STICKMAN: I forgot to step in when
5 you guys were doing OSM because -- I'm Danielle
6 Stickman. I work for BBNA. Courtenay Gomez had my
7 position previously. I'm the subsistence fisheries
8 scientist and my job is funded by the Fisheries
9 Monitoring Program, the Partners for Fisheries
10 Monitoring Program, which is funded by OSM. There are
11 seven partners working with four or five Native
12 organizations, BBNA being one and four other ones in
13 the Interior of Alaska. Some of our main goals are for
14 capacity building and education and outreach.

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16 For capacity building we're providing
17 learning opportunities for youth from local
18 communities. I participated in it when I was in high
19 school and in college. It also builds trust in
20 communities where fisheries research is taking place.
21 So we're encouraging people to get more involved with
22 the fisheries resource monitoring programs. Right now
23 we have two internships that we're providing. We're
24 hoping to get three to four more.

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26 One is on the whitefish project, which
27 is partnered with Lake Clark National Park and ADF&G.
28 Those we're mainly going to be looking at two
29 communities, Port Alsworth and Nondalton. We'll be
30 tracking the whitefish, measuring their size, age and
31 doing interviews with local -- the local community to
32 see how much the communities depend on whitefish during
33 the winters and just doing a record of that.

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35 Also we have another internship
36 program, which is on the Newhalen River. It's a
37 Newhalen River counting tower. That's one of the ones
38 I participated in and it's to keep track of the sockeye
39 salmon populations that are coming up through the
40 Newhalen River.

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42 Also I was just put on another project
43 called the Western Alaska Salmon Coalition. I'm new to
44 this project. I'll be in charge of setting up meetings
45 and going to those meetings and it's on genetics of
46 salmon.

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48 So far I haven't done any outreach.
49 Courtenay Gomez is doing the career fair in Dillingham
50 today and tomorrow and I'll be going to the UAA and UAF

1 trying to recruit interns, but primarily we're trying
2 to get interns from this region to do it. I'm from
3 Nondalton. I didn't mention that.

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5 That's pretty much it for now.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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9 MS. MORRIS LYON: Welcome on board,
10 Danielle. Danielle was also the student I spoke about
11 earlier and it's really nice to have you back out in
12 the community. I'll be anxious to hear any updates you
13 can give us on the genetics program as it goes along,
14 especially perhaps next fall at that meeting if you
15 could make a note because I think that's the direction
16 that a lot of our fisheries are headed as far as when
17 it comes to resource management.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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21 MR. DUNAWAY: You mentioned whitefish.
22 Are you communicating with Annie Fritze there at the
23 Bristol Bay campus in Dillingham? Because I think
24 she's trying to do something with whitefish and I've
25 been talking to her a little bit about it. I don't
26 know what she's up to right now.

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28 MS. STICKMAN: I haven't talked to her
29 yet. There's another whitefish project that's funded
30 through NPS and ADF&G and those are with Lime Village
31 and Nikolai and they're not in our region. So I'm just
32 going to be helping out with that as a side project,
33 but it's not being funded by the Partners Program.
34 That project is brand new and I should get a hold of
35 Annie Fritze. I'll try getting a hold of her.

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37 MR. DUNAWAY: She may be more
38 interested in like Upper Nushagak, Stuyahok, New Stu
39 and Koliganek and stuff. She told me
40 something about it recently and I didn't get it all. I
41 was kind of busy and I wasn't quite following what she
42 was up to, but she's pretty excited. If there was some
43 opportunity to coordinate, it would be pretty cool I
44 think.

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46 Thank you.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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50 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Why the

1 Newhalen and Lake Clark drainages? I mean is that just
2 the first step of many or where are they putting you
3 guys after this project, do you know?

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5 MS. STICKMAN: That's where we're
6 trying to figure out where to put our other interns.
7 The Newhalen River has been monitored for -- I think
8 since -- I'm not really sure. I've done it since 2006
9 and it started a few years before that. We used to
10 have a Togiak one too, but funding availability has
11 been part of the reason why we haven't spread out as
12 much as we'd like to.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl just
15 mentioned -- I heard 3.7 million. Would that funding
16 -- would you be able to work with that or write a
17 proposal to fund not only that but other projects that
18 you guys might be interested in?

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20 MS. STICKMAN: Yeah. That's what I'm
21 going to be working on before April 4th is writing FRMP
22 proposals for new projects. I'm also working for a
23 mid-year report for the Partners Program. I'm hearing
24 what they're doing in their regions too. I just had a
25 teleconference with them today, so I'm going to pick up
26 some new ideas and try to do more.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I'd make
29 use of that 3.7 million. It's out there. I know that
30 -- I was in Courtenay's position and there is a need
31 for surveys to collect more information. I'm glad that
32 whitefish project is going. That's been tried before
33 and it just never panned out before, but it sounds like
34 it's going to happen. Knowing the survey areas,
35 whitefish information has always been not as high as
36 far as data is concerned with salmon because the State
37 does salmon surveys through a permit process. Yes, I'd
38 encourage you to see if you can dig into some of that
39 3.7 million to enhance projects through that.

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41 So good luck.

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43 MS. STICKMAN: I definitely will.
44 Thank you.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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48 MR. DUNAWAY: Thanks for bringing that
49 up, Molly. Makes me wonder. This might be a question
50 for Carl as well as you. When some of this fisheries

1 subsistence first kicked in there was kind of a
2 mandatory joint thing, Fish and Game and local
3 corporations or some government agency. Are you
4 coordinating with like Fish and Game at all or talking
5 to them at all or are they -- is it still where there's
6 a strong encouragement to have kind of this joint
7 capacity building and so on situation?

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9 MS. STICKMAN: Yeah, most of the
10 project -- all of our projects are partnered with
11 either both NPS and ADF&G or one of the other. ADF&G
12 are currently under a bigger survey. Fisheries that
13 are up in -- I forget where they're at right now, but
14 they're doing whitefish projects above Wasilla and
15 communities up there. They're branching out to
16 different projects as well. They're encouraging me to
17 do some more proposals for other projects.

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19 I forgot to mention I just started this
20 job last month, January 7th, so it's been a big
21 learning curve and trying to get as much funding and
22 more internships as I can.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you -- I
25 almost called you Karen. Good luck.

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27 MS. STICKMAN: Thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We have
30 -- according to this we have two more agenda items. We
31 just might be done. I guess we're at D, BLM.

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33 MR. SHARP: Madame Chair. This is Dan
34 Sharp in Anchorage.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You've
37 got the floor.

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39 MR. SHARP: I'll be very brief. I
40 don't have much. I appreciate the opportunity to
41 participate. I believe teleconferences will probably
42 be how you'll interact with myself at least for a
43 while. I've been told because of current budget stuff
44 I'll likely not be traveling to RAC meetings at least
45 for the coming year.

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47 In any event, the one bit of BLM news I
48 did want to share is the Anchorage field office has
49 found a replacement for Geoff Beyersdorf. Some of you
50 may know Merben Cebrian. He's been with BLM for a few

1 years now. He worked in the Glennallen field office
2 doing Nelchina Caribou subsistence hunt work. He was
3 most recently to Central Yukon field office I believe
4 doing Dalton Highway sheep stuff and he's currently
5 pursuing a Ph.D at UAF. He's coming on, I believe,
6 this coming month here backfilling Geoff Beyersdorf's
7 position. So I would anticipate you'll probably see
8 and here from him at your fall meeting.

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10 That's about all I have with respect to
11 updates from BLM if there are any questions.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any questions.

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15 (No comments)

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, with all
18 these new people leaving and coming in, we're kind of
19 getting bombarded. Hopefully we'll be able to meet
20 these new people face to face so that we could know who
21 we're dealing with.

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23 Thank you.

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25 MR. SHARP: You bet, Molly. I'm sure
26 Merben will be a memorable individual there. You'll
27 find a good way to pick him out in a crowd there. I'm
28 sure he's looking forward to working with the RAC in
29 the near future.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. ADF&G.

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33 MR. CRAWFORD: Drew Crawford,
34 Department of Fish and Game, Federal Subsistence
35 Liaison Team. I don't have a formal report for you,
36 but what I'd just like to say is that in the future if
37 you have any data requests for the Department, you want
38 to know what they have for subsistence data collection
39 for the Chignik or one of the other folks have been to
40 another AC meeting, whatever, and you heard somebody
41 speak and you'd like to have that person come and talk
42 to the RAC, if you submit your request to Donald, he'll
43 get that to our office and we'll try to set that up for
44 you and try to make that information or those
45 presentations available for you.

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47 That's all I have at this time. Right
48 now with the current funding situation I'm funded
49 through the end of March.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Drew, thanks for coming
4 and participating. It's nice to see State and Federal
5 try and coordinate. Do you know -- like when I was
6 still working for the Department there was a real push
7 for Fish and Game to be involved and help coordinate
8 some of these studies and all. It seems like the State
9 has kind of backed off. Maybe not so much after
10 talking to Danielle, but I'm hoping you can encourage
11 Fish and Game folks to be available and work. I don't
12 know where there's any really pressing needs. I know I
13 have some ideas I wish you could study, but I don't
14 know if they fall under subsistence.
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16 MR. CRAWFORD: Right now it's not on
17 our formal agenda unless it's requested is my
18 understanding. When I did come here and I was coming
19 here I did extend an invitation to all the local area
20 people that made them aware that there was a meeting
21 and they were very welcome to attend, but I didn't get
22 any takers.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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26 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, thanks.
27 Drew, yeah, you know, we just had an AC meeting here
28 just last month and it seems like even at that level
29 the participation has been -- I know the departments --
30 you've got people scattered throughout the state doing
31 different meetings, but we've kind of missed you here
32 in the last few. The biologists and that have been
33 pretty busy. We've been trying to coordinate so that
34 everybody gets a chance to share the resource, you
35 know, the people in there and it hasn't been coming
36 together. I'm looking forward to working with them
37 more closely.
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39 Thanks.
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41 MR. CRAWFORD: Okay. Thank you.
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
44 you. We're down to -- oh, I'm sorry. How did we miss
45 you? I guess we skipped over another BBNA person. I
46 guess we jumped the gun on having Drew come up.
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48 MS. WOODS: Good afternoon, Madame
49 Chair and members of the Board. I'm with Bristol Bay
50 Native Association, natural resources subsistence

1 department. My name is Gayla Woods. I'm the
2 subsistence research specialist. I started out there
3 this summer. Our team that we work with in our
4 department is Frank Woods and Danielle Stickman, who
5 recently joined us.

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7 We're actively involved in providing
8 subsistence support to Bristol Bay residents and we
9 have been quite busy. I just came back from the Board
10 of Game, so we're involved with the Board of Game
11 helping people with proposals and recorded comments
12 both at the Board of Game and Board of Fish as well as
13 with the Federal Subsistence Board if anybody wants any
14 help with any proposals.

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16 BBNA was actively involved with being a
17 part of the team for the Moose Management Plan, which
18 was quite interesting. Through that process, through
19 the research of that Frank was able to contact the
20 supervisory wildlife biologist at OSM. He was asking
21 about customary and traditional use determinations for
22 moose in Unit 17. That's when it was discovered that
23 we were able to use the Federal designated hunting
24 permits on Federal lands for Unit 17A and that was
25 really a big eye opener for us and everybody involved
26 and that's really exciting that more people are going
27 to have the opportunity to use those designated hunting
28 permits to hunt.

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30 We're also involved with the Alaska
31 Migratory Bird Co-management Council. Frank Woods also
32 serves on the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
33 or Service. I can't remember what the acronym was for
34 the S. Also we're looking at ways to get more
35 residents, more people actively involved in all these
36 processes and have more public attend meetings like
37 this and also with Board of Fish and Board of Game.
38 There just isn't enough public that attend these
39 meetings. Part of my job is going to be to do
40 outreach. If you guys have any ideas or any
41 suggestions that you could give me, I'm happy to look
42 at new ways to get more people involved.

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45 MS. MORRIS LYON: Doughnuts.

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47 MS. WOODS: Doughnuts? Homemade?
48 Homemade fried bread. And then also after -- there's
49 just so many things that are happening. I'm also to
50 help people to understand the proxy system and also the

1 Federal designated hunting permit system. We are
2 really busy and I'm excited to be here and a part of
3 this process. If you guys need any help with anything.
4 We're also going to be at the Board of Fish, the
5 Peninsula and Aleutian Island finfish meeting in
6 Anchorage at the end of the month. If you guys want
7 help with any proposals, if you have any subsistence
8 issues and if we don't have the answers, we could
9 definitely help find the answers.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any comments,
12 questions. Nanci.

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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I'll just say,
15 you know, that I really appreciated you guys being over
16 here for Board of Fish. You did an outstanding job.
17 You weren't a part of it though last cycle, but you
18 were also then and I just think that's a great thing
19 that's come along and it's made lives a whole lot
20 easier for those of us that kind of come in cold turkey
21 and don't do proposals every day of our lives.

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23 So thank you.

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25 MS. WOODS: Thank you.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You know, the
28 Regional Advisory Council process is important, but our
29 communities don't seem to realize how important that
30 process is because that's the process where they can
31 come in and discuss changing regulations. I'd
32 encourage you to continue to I guess educate the public
33 to the importance of attending advisory council
34 meetings. I think -- just from my experiences with
35 that process I think they just feel like agencies are
36 there to give a report and nothing is going to happen,
37 but I think if the information is given to the
38 residents like in Dillingham and Togiak and let them
39 understand that their comments will make a difference.

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42 From dealing with and visiting with the
43 northern advisory councils, they've realized that
44 Bristol Bay is pretty far ahead with the information
45 and the processes of ACs because we've worked to try to
46 involve the public. So that's encouraging, but there
47 still needs to be a lot of information. Encouraging
48 people as to the reasons why for the importance of
49 attending the advisory councils. I know it's tough,
50 I've tried it, but it can work I think. The problem is

1 cost. You know, people can't travel on their own to
2 attend these meetings. When there's a meeting at
3 Togiak, people in that community need to be visited and
4 told how important it is to have them attend a meeting
5 like that.

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7 I appreciate your work and you're going
8 to -- I know you can do it.

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10 MS. WOODS: Thank you. I'm excited.
11 I'm really excited to get involved and get people
12 involved.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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16 MR. DUNAWAY: I got to thinking about
17 this funding for studies out there and if other people
18 aren't applying for it, we should for a bunch of
19 reasons. We certainly have all kinds of data needs.
20 That might be a way of bringing funds and career
21 opportunities. BBNA I think -- I give Ralph a lot of
22 credit for the inspiration early on in this process.
23 We had that big meeting on sorting out our needs.

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25 I'm wondering, has there been any
26 discussion at BBNA -- we checked off a lot of the
27 boxes, but at this point I wonder if there's ever been
28 kind of -- dig that stuff back up and look at it again
29 and kind of solicit some new ideas on where to go
30 because I think that allowed us to be incredibly
31 effective out here. We really thought about it and we
32 looked at some of the Chignik issues and I think
33 whitefish in Lake Clark was one of the last ones. I'm
34 drawing a little blank myself honestly. I can't -- we
35 never have enough data. So if there's a way to look at
36 that again in your spare time.

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38 MS. WOODS: Are you talking about the
39 studies that they did when they went to each -- because
40 I know that each village was visited and what are the
41 needs for each community that we still have that
42 document and it is on -- we do want to revisit that and
43 update those documents and figure out what are the
44 needs for each individual community today.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah.

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48 MS. WOODS: And what needs were met and
49 what hasn't been met and what are the new needs.

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1 MR. DUNAWAY: And how could we propose
2 studies that are -- you know, the TEK part and the
3 other parts and coordinate these and keep data rolling
4 in. I'm trying to spur some of the Fish and Game guys,
5 but it seems like they're kind of stuck or demoralized
6 or whatever. I'd think they'd all love more data.
7 Anyway, I'm encouraging everywhere I can. Might as
8 well get those funds out here and learn as much as we
9 can.

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11 Thanks.

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13 MS. WOODS: Thank you.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
16 comments.

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18 (No comments)

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
21 Our last agenda item before we adjourn is closing
22 comments. After the board has their closing comments
23 session, I'd encourage the public to come up to the mic
24 and say something.

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26 Board, do any of you have any closing
27 comments.

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29 Nanci.

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31 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair.
32 Donald, I just would like to ask for perhaps updates on
33 the Park Services's plan of action at Brooks Camp for
34 our next agenda item. I think I had one other one, but
35 I don't remember it. If I think of it, I'll let you
36 know.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Are we tired?

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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: Oh, I know. No, we
41 already got that one on the red fish. Pike Ridge, that
42 would be the other one.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And an update
45 on the 3.7 million if it's been used.

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47 (No comments)

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, I think
50 we're done. Is there anybody from the public that

1 would like to make any comments. Are we all tired too?
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3 (Council nods affirmatively)
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Lary and
6 Thomas, do you have any comments?
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8 (No comments)
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You've been
11 very, very quiet. Are you still with us?
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13 (No response)_
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15 Okay, we have a brave soul.
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17 MS. MCBURNEY: Thank you, Madame Chair.
18 For the record, Mary McBurney, National Park Service.
19 I just wanted to bring it to your attention that for
20 the first time in five years we had a quorum at the
21 Aniakchak SRC meeting yesterday.
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23 (Applause)
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25 MS. MCBURNEY: I would like to
26 introduce you to a couple of the SRC members who have
27 attended the meeting today, Ron Lind and Nefuti Orloff.
28 Ron is from Chignik Lake and Nefuti, as you may know,
29 is from Port Heiden. Our new chair for the SRC is
30 Alvin Boskofsky. I wanted to thank you very much for
31 taking the action that you did back in December and
32 having the special meeting to seat our additional and
33 newest member Ron Lind and thanks to that additional
34 member we did have a quorum yesterday and I think we're
35 well on our way to revitalizing this SRC.
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37 Thank you very much.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
40 Anybody else. The gentleman way, way in the back.
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42 Glenn, we haven't heard from you.
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44 DR. CHEN: Aloha. I'm Glenn Chen with
45 the Borough of Indian Affairs. I don't have any
46 prepared comments for you. Maybe a few updates from
47 the Bureau to pass on to the Council here. Our
48 regional director Gene Virden retired last October.
49 We're in the process of filling his position. Right
50 now we have a lady by the name of Eufrona O'Neill as

1 our acting regional director. She's from our central
2 office. We're hoping to have that position filled
3 sometime later this spring. I don't have any other
4 prepared comments.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We've heard
9 more retirements and replacements. With all these
10 people retiring and re-educating once they're in place,
11 I'm hoping that it's not going to set us back, you
12 know, once all these people are in place. I guess we
13 can call for adjournment if there's no more comments.

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15 MR. WILSON: New blood is good. New
16 blood brings new things. I'm encouraged.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess nobody
19 wants to quit. We'll adjourn at 5:17. Record time
20 we've completed our agenda.

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22 (Off record)

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24 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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