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2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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4 PUBLIC MEETING

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6 VOLUME I

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9 City Hall Council Chamber
10 Dillingham, Alaska
11 October 24, 2012
12 8:30 a.m.

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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Molly Chythlook, Chairwoman
18 Peter Abraham
19 Alvin Boskofsky
20 Dan Dunaway
21 Daniel O'Hara
22 Thomas Hedlund
23 John Jones
24 Nanci Morris Lyon
25 Richard Wilson
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28 Regional Council Coordinator, Donald Mike

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Dillingham, Alaska - 10/24/2012)

(On record)

MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Good morning everybody that's here. It's 8:30, a little bit after 8:30. So I'm going to call the meeting to order. We have a couple of our Council members haven't arrived yet, but they should be here shortly. It looks like 8:32. I'll call the meeting to order.

And I've asked Pete Abraham to give an invocation, so let's all stand for that.

Thank you.

MR. ABRAHAM: (In Yup'ik)

MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Pete. Okay. We're at agenda item number 3.

I think before we do a roll call, I'm going to go ahead and go through the agenda items quickly. We have one change that I know of, Donald. So as I go through the agenda items, Donald, and, you know, if there's others, then you'll let me know. Okay.

Number 3 on the agenda item is roll call and establish quorum.

Number 4, welcome and introduction.

Number 5, review and adopt agenda.

Number 6, review and approve March 28, 2012 meeting minutes.

And then number 7 are the reports. A, Council member reports. Chair's report. C, Council coordinator, administrative items.

Number 8, I'm -- number 8, yes. Public and tribal comment on non-agenda items.

And then here's the change. Number 5 under agency reports, briefing on tribal consultation policy, has been moved under 8. So that's the change

1 on the agenda item.

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3 Number 9, regulatory proposals.
4 Chignik area. And there's two of them, A and B. FP13-
5 12, salmon, revise methods and means. B, FP13-13,
6 salmon, open closed areas in the Chignik River
7 drainage.

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9 Number 10 is the old business. A,
10 review the draft memorandum of understanding between
11 Federal Subsistence Board and State of Alaska and
12 develop comments and recommendations.

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14 Number 11, new business. A, discussion
15 of open Council application/nomination period and
16 outreach to increase the number of
17 applications/nominations for Regional Advisory Council
18 membership. B, review Federal Subsistence Board's
19 annual report reply. D, Fisheries Resource Monitoring
20 Program priority information needs. D, regulatory
21 cycle review, comments and recommendations. E,
22 identify FY 2012 annual report topics. F, Council
23 charter review.

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25 Number 12 on the agenda are the agenda
26 reports. A is the OSM, and number 1, staffing update.
27 2, budget update. 3, Council membership application
28 nomination update. 4, rural determination process and
29 method review.

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31 And then B is NPS. Number 1, the
32 Katmai environmental assessments; a, National Preserve
33 guide concessions.; b is Brooks Camp. Then, 2, SRC
34 membership.

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36 And then C, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
37 Service report. Togiak National Wildlife Refuge
38 bulletin.

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40 D, BLM. Hunting guide capacity study,
41 review and provide scoping comments.

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43 Then the E is ADF&G reports.

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45 Native organizations. And then the
46 Native organizations would BBNA and then under that,
47 a, is AVCP draft resolution 12-10.

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49 And then 13, future meetings. A,
50 confirm date and location of winter 2013 meeting B,

1 select date and location of fall 2013 meeting.
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3 14 is the closing comments.
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5 15, adjournment.
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7 So we're back on the agenda. The roll
8 call and establish quorum. Donald.
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10 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
11 Donald Mike, Regional Council Coordinator.
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13 Roll call for the Bristol Bay Regional
14 Advisory Council.
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16 Mr. Pete Abraham.
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18 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes.
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20 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan O'Hara.
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22 MR. WILSON: He's here, but he's not at
23 the table.
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25 MR. MIKE: Okay. I think Mr. O'Hara
26 will be here momentarily; is that correct? Okay.
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28 Ms. Nanci Morris.
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30 MS. MORRIS LYON: Here.
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32 MR. MIKE: Ms. Molly Chythlook.
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Here.
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36 MR. MIKE: Mr. Alvin Boskofsky.
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38 MR. BOSKOFSKY: Here.
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40 MR. MIKE: Mr. John Jones.
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42 MR. JONES: Here.
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44 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan Dunaway.
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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Here.
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48 MR. MIKE: Mr. Moses Toyukak. Madame
49 Chair. Mr. Toyukak, I contacted Mr. Toyukuk. He was
50 out of state and he's unable to attend the meeting.

1 Mr. Thomas Hedlund.
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3 MR. HEDLUND: Here.
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5 MR. MIKE: Mr. Richard Wilson.
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7 MR. WILSON: Here.
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9 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. You have a
10 quorum.
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
13 Donald.
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15 Okay. Number 4 is the welcome and
16 introductions. And again I'd like to invite out -- not
17 invite -- welcome everybody that came to this meeting.
18 The weather's been really nice. So after our harsh
19 summer and part of the fall when we were trying to
20 harvest our subsistence resources, the weather wasn't
21 quite agreeing with this. But now the weather's nice,
22 and so good weather to going to our winter season.
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24 And I guess we'll start from the back
25 row, and I'd like to have you start introducing. Well
26 start from I think where Joe is sitting in the back.
27 And could you please stand up and state your name and
28 where you're from and your agency, public.
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30 Thank you.
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32 MR. CHYTHLOOK: My name is Joe
33 Chythlook. I'm from Alaska.
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35 (Laughter)
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37 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Dillingham. I work for
38 Molly.
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40 (Laughter)
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42 MR. CHYTHLOOK: And I currently serve
43 on BBNC, Chairman of BBNC Board, and also just last
44 year I got appointed to Nushagak Advisory Committee
45 after retiring from State of Alaska as regional
46 coordinator for Fish and Game for years. So I'll be
47 here just to help her and learn something today.
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49 Thank you.
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1 MR. WOODS: Frank Woods, BBNA,
2 Subsistence Division. I'm in Dillingham currently.
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4 SAM: (In Yup'ik) Togiak.
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6 MR. LIEDBERG: Paul Liedberg, manager
7 with the Yukon -- or formerly with the Yukon, now with
8 the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.
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10 MS. ROY: Johnna Roy. I am working in
11 Anchorage for the Office of Subsistence Management.
12 I'm on a job swap with Chuck Ardizzone. My real job is
13 back in Washington, D.C., so I'm here for 30 days.
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15 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning. Carl
16 Johnson with the Office of Subsistence Management in
17 Anchorage. Thank you.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Let's go to
20 the back person there.
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22 MS. CLARK: Hi. I'm Karen Clark. I'm
23 with the Fish and Wildlife Service in the regional
24 office in Anchorage.
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26 MR. LORRIGAN: I'm Jack Lorrigan. I'm
27 the Native liaison with OSM and Fish and Wildlife
28 Service. Anchorage.
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30 MS. WOODS: Good morning. I'm Gayla
31 Woods, and I'm with BBNA in the Subsistence Department.
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33 MR. CAMPBELL: John Campbell with the
34 Park Service out of King Salmon.
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36 MR. HAMMOND: And Troy Hammond with the
37 Park Service in King Salmon.
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39 MR. TOWARAK: I'm Tim Towarak. I'm the
40 Chairman of the Federal Subsistence Board. I'm from
41 Unalakleet, and I'm glad to be here.
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. A
44 special welcome to Tim. He's the man that we report
45 to, so welcome to Dillingham, Tim.
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47 MR. TOWARAK: Thank you.
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49 MS. PETRIVELLI: I'm Pat Petrivelli,
50 and I'm the BIA subsistence anthropologist and I work

1 out of Anchorage.

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3 MS. HYER: Good morning. I'm Karen
4 Hyer, and I'm with the Office of Subsistence Management
5 also.

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7 MR. FORSLING: Good morning. Jonathan
8 Forsling, Tribal Administrator for the Traditional
9 Council of Togiak. I'm Chair of the Togiak Fish and
10 Game.

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12 MS. JENKINS BRITO: My name is Susie
13 Jenkins Brito. I'm the new Southwest Regional
14 Coordinator for Fish and Game. I took over from the
15 position that Joe Chythlook used to hold.

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17 MR. MASON: Mike Mason, KDLG public
18 radio here in Dillingham.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Well,
21 welcome, and I'm going to go through and have the Board
22 members introduce themselves, too, so starting from
23 Donald.

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25 MR. MIKE: Donald Mike. I'm the
26 Regional Council Coordinator for Bristol Bay.

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28 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Alvin Boskofsky from
29 Chignik Lake, Board member.

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31 MR. O'HARA: Dan O'Hara. Naknek.

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33 MR. WILSON: Richard Wilson, Naknek.

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35 MS. MORRIS LYON: Nanci Morris Lyon,
36 King Salmon.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Molly
39 Chythlook, Dillingham.

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41 MR. JONES: John Jones, Chignik Lagoon.

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43 MR. ABRAHAM: Pete Abraham, Togiak.

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan Dunaway, Dillingham.

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47 MR. HEDLUND: Tenny Hedlund, Iliamna.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
50 you. We'll I guess go on to number 5, and that's to

1 review and adopt agenda.

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3 Nanci.

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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Madame Chair.
6 I would go ahead and make a motion that we adopt the
7 agenda as changed, with the additional note to notify
8 you that I know a few of us are needing to leave
9 earlier on Thursday than what the original schedule was
10 for. And I would ask that you would keep that in
11 consideration as far as anything we need to make any
12 Board decisions on.

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14 And I'm not sure actually, I guess I
15 would ask for members, I know that we need to leave
16 around 4:00 o'clock, isn't it? 4:00 o'clock. But I
17 think that there's some others here that need to leave
18 earlier.

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20 MR. HEDLUND: I have to leave around 10
21 I think tomorrow.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. When
24 you look at the agenda items, there's asterisks that
25 identifies action items. So I guess we could keep in
26 mind tomorrow morning where we're at and deal with the
27 action items first. But we'll keep the agenda as we
28 reviewed it this morning.

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30 Dan.

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32 MR. O'HARA: I'll second the motion and
33 call for the question.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think Mike
36 Donald had a question.

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38 MR. MIKE: Yeah, I'm sorry, Madame
39 Chair. I wanted to inform the Council they have this
40 yellow packet on your table, but it is the Board of
41 Game proposals for wildlife, and I'll leave it up to
42 the Council. And if you want to review it tonight and
43 review the proposals and identify which particular
44 proposals you wish to address and comment on, but we
45 have Staff in Anchorage that review and comment to
46 these proposals. But if it's the wish of the Council,
47 we can identify which proposals you want to discuss and
48 make comments on those tomorrow if you wish to do so.

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50 So, Madame Chair, if it's the wish of

1 the Council, you can put it under new business under G,
2 but I'll leave it up to the Council.

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4 Madame Chair. Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
7 been a motion and seconded by Dan to adopt the agenda.
8 All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
13 opposition.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,
18 the agenda items has been adopted.

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20 Okay. I guess we're going to stand
21 down for about a minute or two.

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23 (Connecting to teleconference)

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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27 MR. MIKE: Sorry, Madame Chair. I just
28 forgot to dial in and sorry for the disruption.

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30 Thank you, Madame Chair. And we can
31 identify who all is on line this morning.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
34 there's a couple of people on line. Would you
35 introduce yourselves.

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37 MR. FOX: Yes. Trevor Fox with OSM.

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39 MR. CRAWFORD: Drew Crawford with Fish
40 and Game, Subsistence, liaison team, in Anchorage.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
43 you.

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45 The next item on our agenda is number
46 6, review and approve March 28, 2012 meeting minutes.

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48 Nanci.

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50 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes, Madame Chair.

1 I'll move that we approve the March 28th, 2012 meeting
2 minutes.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
5 been a motion by Nanci to approve the March 28, 2012
6 meeting minutes.

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8 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Second.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seconded by
11 Alvin. All in favor of the motion signify by saying
12 aye.

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14 IN UNISON: Aye.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
17 opposition.

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19 (No opposing votes)

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,
22 the March 28, 2012 minutes have been approved.

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24 And we're down to the reports. Council
25 member. Is there any Council member reports.

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27 (No comments)

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I don't see
30 anybody from the Council with any reports, so we'll
31 move down to.....

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33 MR. ABRAHAM: Madame Chair.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete.

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37 MR. ABRAHAM: Excuse me. Togiak. We
38 have now more hunters, moose hunters than usual the
39 past few years. We've got over 138 permits given,
40 because I think the people make a little bit more money
41 than usual for our fishing season. And I think they
42 only harvest 28 though. I guess it's got to do with
43 the river -- I mean rain and river flooding and stuff.

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45 So that's my report from west out of
46 here. Thank you.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
49 you, Pete.

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1 Any comments or questions for Pete.
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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Just to clarify, that's
4 moose this fall? You're speaking of moose hunting this
5 fall?
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You need to
8 turn on mic.
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10 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, okay. For the record
11 again, I was just asking Pete if he was speaking to the
12 moose hunting this fall in the Togiak area.
13
14 Thank you.
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16 MR. ABRAHAM: That's correct.
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
19 other comments, questions.
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21 (No comments)
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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Seeing
24 none, B, Chair's report. Donald, do you have anything.
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26 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I don't have
27 anything to report under the Chair's report, but if you
28 have any items you want to discuss with the Council,
29 this would be a good time. But other than that, we can
30 move on.
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
33 if any of us here have anything, any comments.
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35 (No comments)
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Seeing
38 none, we'll move on down to Number C, Council
39 coordinator.
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41 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. As
42 I discussed earlier today, I handed this yellow
43 pamphlet on the Board of Game proposals, and as I
44 stated earlier, we have Staff in Anchorage that would
45 be willing to go over the Board of Game proposals and
46 give you a summary and identify which proposals may
47 particularly affect subsistence users on Federal public
48 lands.
49
50 And that's all I have.

1 And the other item, too, is, you know,
2 if the agenda items before you, if you feel that you
3 won't be able to complete all of your business by
4 tomorrow, you know, there's always the option to having
5 an evening session for you to consider.

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7 And as far as other administrative
8 matters, you know, like I said, you know, I'm flexible
9 and I can change -- make some travel changes, so just
10 let me know and I'll work on it.

11
12 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
15 questions, comments for Donald. Nanci.

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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
18 Chair.

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20 I would like time to review what's in
21 this packet. I think it's important that we have an
22 opportunity to look at it so we can voice our opinion
23 on anything that's going to affect our subsistence
24 issues for our area as far as for the Board of Fish as
25 well. So I guess my thought would be that we would
26 have an opportunity to perhaps go through them tonight
27 and mark the ones that we feel should at least be
28 discussed amongst ourselves that we find are going to
29 affect our areas and bring them to the table at some
30 point tomorrow morning for discussion.

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32 I don't know, Donald, can we submit
33 comments without taking Board action or do we need --
34 how would you propose we address that?

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36 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. You can
37 submit comments as an individual, or if the Council
38 wishes to do so, the Council can submit comments as a
39 Council, you know, take action and either support or
40 oppose particular proposals and your justification.
41 And I can develop those correspondence and submit those
42 comments to the Board of Game.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
45 other. Dan.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madame
48 Chair.

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50 Yeah. Along the same lines, I was

1 wondering, just kind of throw this out to the Council
2 here, but given the genetic information that the
3 State's going to be bringing to the Board of Fisheries
4 this winter, I'm just curious to kind of look around
5 the Council, are there any fisheries proposals or maybe
6 general statements that we're inclined to provide to
7 the Board of Fish for the upcoming Board meetings. And
8 I have some kind of really unstructured thoughts about
9 it, but just I'm kind of hoping the other folks want to
10 speak up on what they want to do on that.

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12 Thank you.

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

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17 (No comments)

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So we
20 have, the Council members have kind of a work -- not
21 work, but would have a chance to review this packet in
22 the yellow folder this evening. And hopefully we can
23 come in with a little bit more information to develop,
24 if there should be anything that we need to do under
25 these proposals.

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27 Okay. Moving on to number 8. This is
28 a chance for the public to make non-agenda item
29 comments. Public and/or tribal. So we'll give the
30 floor to anybody that would like to make any comments
31 right now.

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33 Frank Woods.

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35 MR. WOODS: Madame Chair. Members of
36 the Board. Good morning. Is this the time I make
37 comments, or agency reports? I'm sorry.

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39 I've got one request I guess before you
40 adjourn today, is that we held a Togiak AC meeting.
41 This might be out of order, and maybe a clarification
42 from you or Donald. But we worked until 5:00 o'clock
43 yesterday. We got home about six and I didn't have a
44 chance to meet up with Donald or you.

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46 We have the moose management plan for
47 17A to review and sign. Maybe the elder members on the
48 Board remember that Togiak had a moose management plan
49 that was approved by the four entities: Togiak AC,
50 Nushagak AC, and the RAC, ADF&G, and Fish and Wildlife

1 Service, Togiak Refuge. Five I guess.

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3 The issue we have is that we haven't
4 been able to track down a signed document. The
5 original -- I think the original was passed in '04. I
6 mean, it started in '96, but the original draft was
7 passed in '04. And I guess we're asking the Board to
8 review that draft plan, and those that can remember,
9 the signatory on that needs to be kind of solidified.

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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: Actually Dan was our
12 Chair at that time.

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14 MR. WOODS: So if we could, I think I
15 gave the hard copies to Donald.

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17 And then what we'd like to do is have
18 the review of that document, since it's an annual
19 review, is the we made some language changes that
20 reflect today's numbers basically. Like in 17A there's
21 no longer 300 moose, there's 1100. So then it's just
22 technical changes within that document to review and
23 pass. And at the next meeting or later on when you
24 have a -- after all the signatories have signed on, is
25 that draft review will be presented to them later on in
26 January so that at that time we can have the actual
27 numbers and edit changes that need to happen in place.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
30 a hand raised. You need to come to the mic.

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32 MS. JENKINS BRITO: I just wanted to
33 run.....

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35 REPORTER: Identify yourself, please.

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37 MS. JENKINS BRITO: I'm sorry. My name
38 is Susie Jenkins Brito. I'm with the Alaska Department
39 of Fish and Game. I'm the Southwest Regional
40 Coordinator for Board Support.

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42 I just wanted to lend a little
43 clarification about this document. It's been a little
44 over 10 years in the making, and the last time the
45 document was updated was in 2004. Back in 2004 the
46 five entities that are listed on the last page of the
47 document had agreed to sign, but we did not have a
48 meeting where the signing took place.

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50 What we're hoping to accomplish before

1 the 2013 Board of Game meeting in February in Wasilla
2 for the Southcentral/ Southwest Region is to present
3 this moose management plan to the Board of Game. But
4 before we can do that, we need to do some modifications
5 to the plan. And there's a memorandum attached to the
6 front page of the plan that Donald has in front of him.
7 And it just lists the sort of housekeeping that we need
8 to do on the document.

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10 What we're hoping to see happen is that
11 -- yesterday the Togiak Advisory Committee signed off
12 on the 2004 plan. The Chairman, Hans Nicholson, for
13 the Nushagak Advisory Committee will sign off at the
14 November 1st and 2nd Nushagak AC meeting. And we're
15 hoping today that we could have Molly Chythlook sign
16 off for the Bristol Bay RAC on the moose management
17 plan as it was approved back in 2004. In January we
18 will recycle the document with the housekeeping
19 modifications to it, and then at the Board of Game
20 meeting in Wasilla in February the Chairs from the
21 Togiak Advisory Committee and the Nushagak Advisory
22 Committee will present this moose management plan to
23 the Board of Game.

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25 The entities that were involved in
26 writing the moose management plan were the Togiak
27 Traditional Council, the Twin Hills Tribal Council,
28 U.S. Fish and Wildlife, ADF&G, the Bristol Bay RAC, and
29 the two advisory committees for the western region of
30 Bristol Bay.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
33 you. Thanks for the clarification. That makes it a
34 little bit easier I think for us to -- it's just a
35 stage for us to -- you know, when we review this with
36 the background information. So thank you.

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38 Is there any questions for Susan from
39 any of the Board members. Or Frank.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. More
42 question for you or Donald. Can we insert this into
43 our agenda here or how do we go about doing that.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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47 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. You know, my
48 suggestion would be to, you know, add it under the
49 Board of Game proposals, but if action needs to be
50 taken today, you know, we can have copies made and have

1 the Council members review it during lunch time, and
2 then take action on it this afternoon.

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4 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Does the
7 action need to happen today or could we have some time
8 for us to review this document.

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10 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Madame Chair. Our
11 hope is that we can have the -- we could have the Chair
12 for the Bristol Bay RAC sign off on this moose
13 management plan before the close of your meeting. I
14 can submit copies of the moose management plan to all
15 the Board members for review this evening if they'd
16 like to go over it, and then hopefully if everybody is
17 in consensus, we can have you sign off on it before the
18 close of the meeting.

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20 Thank you.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
23 you. My understanding is that the reason for the
24 signature today is to sign the 2004 document, because
25 it was not signed back then, and then the rest of the
26 information for further comments would happen once we
27 get the 2004 document signed?

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29 MS. JENKINS BRITO: That's correct,
30 Madame Chair. When this plan was approved back in
31 2004, it just was never finalized and signed. And so
32 it's not a final document. It will always be a working
33 plan. And so if at ny time in the future the RAC or
34 any other entity wishes to make a change or a
35 modification, that can certainly happen.

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37 What we want to see happen is to sign
38 the old plan so we can implement the changes that are
39 stated in the memorandum that Donald has, which I can
40 also submit copies of for everybody.

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42 And prior to the Nushagak and Togiak
43 Advisory Committee meetings that are tentatively
44 scheduled for January, we'll update the moose
45 management plan to reflect the new numbers and
46 information, and then recirculate the document between
47 all interested parties and re-sign off on it.

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49 The main goal of this plan, the Board
50 of Game had asked for a copy of the moose management

1 plan at the last Board of Game cycle. They knew that
2 one had been in the process of being created, and they
3 wanted to see a final draft of that. So this is what
4 that is. And our hope is that the Togiak and Nushagak
5 Advisory Committee can then present this to the Board
6 of Game so we can better manage the moose population in
7 Game Unit 17A.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci.

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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes. Thank you,
12 Madame Chair.

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14 Susie, for me, I remember the
15 management plan when we went over it. I liked it then,
16 and I had no idea that it hadn't been, you know, signed
17 or implemented, but I would be mostly interested just
18 to see the changes to approve, although I know some of
19 the Board members probably would prefer to see the
20 whole plan, but you might want to find out. You can
21 maybe save a tree or two by just finding out who might
22 just want to see the changes.

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24 Thank you.

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26 MS. JENKINS BRITO: So the main changes
27 we can -- I can speak to them right now. The main
28 changes would be in Page 1, it states that the last
29 survey was done in 2004. Obviously we've done many
30 Department surveys since then. So that would update
31 the last survey and the moose population numbers.

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33 And then under our goals for the moose
34 management plan, we want to remove the term carrying
35 capacity to the moose population, because the
36 population in 17A has already exceeded that number, and
37 so we know that the habitat there can support the
38 number of moose that we had termed as carrying capacity
39 before. So we want to take that term out.

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41 And then the last change would be -- I
42 don't have it in front of me, but if I can -- and the
43 last change would be under the first goal, would be
44 removing the specifications for the collaring of moose
45 within 17A. Right now U.S. Fish and Wildlife has 39
46 collars out. The goal in the moose management plan
47 states to have a minimum of 20. And under that 20 they
48 specify that 15 should be females and 5 should be
49 bulls. What we want to do is remove that sex
50 indicator, because U.S. Fish and Wildlife is currently

1 not really tagging, collaring bulls any longer, so we
2 want to take that specification out just to say that
3 we'd like to see a 20-collar minimum within 17A.

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5 And the -- I believe I missed one in
6 the memorandum that Gayla just called to my attention.
7 We want to take out the moose population monitoring
8 parameters of the sex/age composition numbers and
9 distribution, and just leave it as population
10 parameters.

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12 So what I can do is distribute a copy
13 of the memorandum. I can update it today during lunch
14 and bring it back this afternoon for the Board members
15 to review it. I can bring a couple copies of the
16 management plan just to circulate around.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
19 Richard, did you have a comment.

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21 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. No, that
22 was my hope was that we can get ahold of this
23 information later today and get a chance to look it
24 over so we could give it some clout here tomorrow.

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26 Thanks.

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28 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Thank you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That would be
31 helpful, because we have new Board members that were
32 not on board in 2004.

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34 And I just want to express my
35 appreciation for you, because for some time we haven't
36 had a stable person to help us with our Regional
37 Councils here in the Bay, so welcome, and I sure
38 appreciate your -- it looks like we're going to be
39 moving forward positively.

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41 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Thank you, Madame
42 Chair.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think Joe
45 Chythlook.

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47 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Madame Chair and Board.
48 RAC members. Not to belabor the discussion on this,
49 but I guess just a little history.

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1 This has been, this moose management
2 plan in Togiak has been in the works for quite a while,
3 and I know that one of the main reasons why it wasn't
4 signed off before now is there was some concerns, at
5 least on the Togiak end, of some of the triggers and
6 numbers that were kind of put into play when the
7 document was first discussed. And I'm hoping that, you
8 know, these have been addressed by Togiak Advisory
9 Committee and the Togiak Traditional Council, because,
10 you know, when moose management plan in 17A was first
11 thought of, there was no moose in Togiak. And then the
12 idea was to provide subsistence opportunity for folks
13 in Togiak first.

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15 And I guess I don't think anybody
16 envisioned that the population of moose would really
17 move that fast to build up. But the last few years it
18 has really come into the numbers that we have today.
19 And I think it's good.

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21 But I think the concern that the Togiak
22 folks had was that they didn't want influx of hunters
23 like we have in other parts of Unit 17 to where the
24 opportunity for subsistence would be diminished,
25 because of some of the opportunities, new opportunities
26 that's come in. So there's been some very careful I
27 think discussion of this in the past, and I hope that
28 that continues.

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30 But I think it's about time that maybe
31 to move on, and whatever the Council and Advisory
32 Committees decide. I know we have a meeting in
33 November. I'm on that Advisory Committee as well now.
34 It will be discussed. But I guess the Board of Game
35 meets when?

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37 MS. JENKINS BRITO: It meets in
38 February, the first week of February in Wasilla.

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40 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm just hoping
41 that, you know, nobody feels pressured to sign
42 something unless everybody's satisfied, because it's
43 been a long process, and if everybody's satisfied and
44 understands, I think it would be good. But we always
45 don't want to -- in my opinion, in the process we want
46 to make sure everybody understands, because if they
47 don't, it will come back and bite us again later.

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49 So that's just my suggestion. Madame
50 Chair.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
2 Joe. I guess my understanding is that the 2004
3 document -- sorry. The 2004 document has been
4 approved. It just needs a signature. Sorry. So it
5 just needs a signature for now, and then the other
6 information will be processed through comments and
7 other meetings.

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9 Any other comments and questions.
10 Jonathan.

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12 MR. FORSLING: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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15 The Togiak AC.....

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Could you
18 state your name.

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20 MR. FORSLING: Yeah. I'm Jonathan
21 Forsling. I'm the Chairman for the Togiak Advisory
22 Committee.

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24 And Togiak AC discussed this management
25 plan at length yesterday, and decided to sign the
26 document as it was written in 2004. And if nobody has
27 any problems with any of the changes on the memorandum,
28 we would like those changes to be looked at and
29 considered before this meeting concludes so our two
30 chairs can -- or Nushagak Advisory Committee and the
31 Togiak Advisory Committee can also make those changes
32 before the Board of Game meets.

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34 At the last Board of Game meeting there
35 was -- some of the words of -- we're looking at
36 changing some of those words were identified by the
37 Board and the Board voted four to three to open up 17A
38 to non-resident hunts, which is against what the plan
39 is -- the triggers that are in the plan.

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41 So if the changes in the memorandum are
42 okay with all the Board members, if you guys could
43 please take a look at those and adopt those changes as
44 well.

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46 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
49 you, Jonathan.

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1 Any questions. Any more comments.
2 Pete.
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4 MR. ABRAHAM: (In Yup'ik)
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That means we
7 need to move on.
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9 (Laughter)
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Moving
12 on to the next agenda item, and this next agenda item
13 was moved from item 12, briefing on tribal
14 consultation, to this period now. So come on up and
15 introduce yourself.
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17 Thank you.
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19 MR. LORRIGAN: Thank you, Madame Chair.
20 I guess I could introduce myself again and give you
21 guys an idea of who I am, where I'm from.
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23 My name is Jack Lorrigan. I'm the
24 Native liaison for the Office of Subsistence Management
25 in Anchorage. I've taken Carl Jack's old position.
26 And I'm from Southeast Alaska, Sitka to be exact. I
27 got my degree from Sheldon Jackson. I sat on the Sitka
28 Advisory Committee, the subsistence seat, for a number
29 of years. I was appointed to the RAC, the Southeast
30 RAC, briefly before I'd resigned and take a subsistence
31 related job. And I was a biologist for the Sitka
32 Ranger District and Hoonah District. I was their
33 biologist. My clan affiliation, I'm adopted Coho by
34 John Littlefield. My Coho name is Kaa Wootk', and my
35 grandmother gave me a Dog Salmon name from Kootznoowoo
36 is (In Native language).
37
38 I'd like to thank you for your
39 indulgence. We had a tribal consultation on the 18th
40 and 19th of September. We sent notice out to all the
41 tribes and the corporations to have a call-in
42 conference with us. And on the 18th we had nine tribes
43 call in. And then on the 19th we had three more call
44 in to listen in on the corporation side. And they were
45 to take -- the goal was to have them talk about the
46 proposals that you have before.
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48 Not so many people called in on the two
49 that you're going to be taking up today, but we had
50 people call in from the Kuskokwim and the Yukon

1 proposals. A lot of them felt that -- they had
2 different feelings about the proposals.

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4 One in particular was the Ninilchik
5 fishwheel. They have a temporary fishwheel in place,
6 and they want to make that permanent. Stuff like that.

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8 Sitka Tribe called in on the Makhnati
9 herring issue. They want to make the Federal waters
10 around Makhnati Causeway a Federally-protected waters
11 from commercial herring harvest.

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13 The corporations called in. There was
14 an individual from the Doyon Corporation. She stated
15 that she felt the traditional lifeways on the river are
16 going away, because it costs too much to put up a fish
17 camp for the return and the fish product that they were
18 getting, so people were not going to fish camps any
19 more.

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21 And that's just a brief overview of the
22 conference call. Not a lot of people called in on the
23 two issues you have before you today.

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25 Madame Chair.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
28 you, Jack.

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30 Any questions, comments for Jack.

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32 (No comments)

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I see none.

35 Thank you. Carl.

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37 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.

38 Carl Johnson, Office of Subsistence Management.

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40 I thought it would be appropriate given
41 this place on the agenda to note that while the Board
42 has approved and finalized the tribal consultation
43 policy, it is in the process of working on a draft
44 implementation guideline, which will basically guide
45 the mechanics of how we engage in tribal consultation.
46 And the Board will approve that draft at its winter
47 meeting in January. And then at your winter meeting
48 you will have the opportunity to review that draft
49 implementation guideline so you can provide comment and
50 feedback back to the Board as it finalizes that next

1 document for this process.

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3 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
6 comments, questions.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I've got a
11 question. I was reading through one of these areas on
12 consultation. Maybe it was a document from when it
13 started, but there was a comment about electing another
14 working group, or is that all completed?

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16 MR. JOHNSON: I believe that working
17 group is in reference to the consultation policy that
18 they are working on for the ANCSA corporation
19 consultation. They hadn't finalized that, because they
20 were waiting for the Department of Interior to finalize
21 its ANCSA consultation policy, and then, of course, we
22 have to wait until they're done before we can do our
23 own that's specialized specifically to the subsistence
24 part of it. And I believe that is the next -- that was
25 a working group. There was a call this summer that
26 came out for nominations to that working group that
27 went out to different organizations. And I believe
28 that's what you're referring to, and Jack can correct
29 me if I'm wrong.

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31 MS. PETRIVELLI: That was for the
32 implementation guidelines.

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34 MR. JOHNSON: Oh, that was for the
35 implementation guidelines? Okay. Well, Pat corrected
36 me. So that was actually a working group to form those
37 implementation guidelines that I was referring to just
38 a moment ago.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
41 Any other comments.

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43 (No comments)

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
46 Carl. Tim.

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48 MR. TOWARAK: Thank you, Madame Chair.
49 Again I'm Tim Towarak. I'm the Chairman of the Federal
50 Subsistence Board.

1 And I would like to mention a couple of
2 things before you get too far on your agenda. The
3 first thing I wanted to point out is that since I took
4 over the Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, and it
5 came down as a directive from the Secretary of the
6 Interior, is that before the Federal Subsistence Board
7 makes any decision, we have to hear from each Regional
8 Council Chairman or Chairperson if it affects that
9 area. And if there's an issue that comes up to the
10 Board that reflects management of subsistence in the
11 Bristol Bay region, I personally will ask Molly to give
12 us recommendations on how we should vote based on her
13 discussions with you and on any discussions that take
14 place here at the Advisory Council level.

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16 Personally, I think that's really
17 important for the process. If we don't get directions
18 from each local Advisory Council on how we vote, we've
19 got five people that are on that Board that probably
20 have never been out here. They don't know what life is
21 like out here, and they're making decisions for all of
22 us. And when the Secretary of the Interior came to AFN
23 and spoke to us, he said that subsistence from what
24 he's heard in Alaska is broken, the Federal subsistence
25 program is broken. And I'm going to try to make that a
26 real strong point in all the decisions that we make at
27 the Federal Subsistence Board level. And Molly is
28 going to be your mouthpiece to get to the full Board.

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30 The added two more subsistence users.
31 I was the lone ranger for a couple of years. I was the
32 only one that felt like I was a subsistence user. The
33 other five are directors of the Federal agencies that
34 manage Federal lands in Alaska. And they give it their
35 best effort in making a decision for subsistence on
36 Federal lands, but as you all know, you know, that's
37 like asking Washington, D.C. to make a decision for how
38 we live in rural Alaska. So adding those two
39 additional people, one from Barrow, Charlie Brower from
40 Barrow, and also Tony Christianson from -- he's
41 originally from Prince of Wales Island. I can't
42 remember exactly which community he's from, but he
43 gives it a good perspective of Southeast Alaska, and
44 Charlie gives us the northern perspective, and I feel
45 like I represent you folks along with the Yukon and
46 also the Bering Straits and the NANA region. And I
47 also feel like I represent some of the Interior people,
48 too, because we live very close to them, and I know a
49 lot of their issues.

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1 But I just wanted to make that point,
2 is that the decisions that you make here at this level
3 comes at least to me before I make a vote on any issues
4 that you have, you feel are important.

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6 With regard to tribal consultation,
7 it's been a somewhat controversial discussion right
8 from the beginning, and they asked me to be involved in
9 helping get it started. But it came from President
10 Obama. He wants to try to listen to American Indians
11 and Alaska Natives. So he's doing it through the
12 tribes.

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14 Senator Stevens as you know made the
15 corporations a tribal organization. They don't don't
16 have government-to-government capabilities like tribes
17 do, but he wanted them to be heard during the tribal
18 process. So there's some tribal organizations in the
19 whole State that don't like having the corporations
20 being part of the tribal consultation process, but it's
21 something that we can't do anything about. It's
22 something that Senator Stevens created a few years ago,
23 and it's part of the legislative process that we can't
24 change.

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26 Which brings me to my third and final
27 point. Ever since I took over, you know, I've learned
28 a lot about the Federal subsistence program, and
29 there's some issues that we, and including you folks as
30 Advisory Council, we as a Board, can do and there's a
31 lot of things we can't do because of how this structure
32 was set up originally.

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34 Just specifically in your case, I was
35 reading your letter to me on your annual report. You
36 folks had a situation on the Naknek River. It ways the
37 conditions along the harvest of redfish within the
38 Naknek River drainage of Katmai National Park are
39 determined by the National Park Service. That means we
40 as the Subsistence Board can't do anything about it.
41 IT's the Park Service that's going to have to make a
42 decision on an issue that you folks are interested in
43 doing thing about. I'd like to see some of that
44 change.

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46 On a statewide basis, another issue
47 that we can't deal with is predator control. We can't
48 do anything about wolf control. We can't do anything
49 about how bears eat young moose every spring, you know.
50 Those are all handled by the different agencies. And

1 some of those changes would require legislative action
2 at the Congressional level, and changes in regulations
3 in the various departments.

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5 But I have a sense, and I've just been
6 guessing but I have a sense those are some of the
7 decisions that we should be making as the people that
8 live with the decisions of subsistence regulations.
9 And I just wanted you to know that that's my position.
10 It might not be the position of some of the other Board
11 members, but personally I would like to see those kinds
12 of changes.

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14 I wanted to also point out real briefly
15 that the Federal Government is struggling financially.
16 I just attended -- about three weeks ago I attended a
17 Regional Council Board meeting in Bethel, and they
18 represent both the Yukon and the Kuskokwim. And we
19 had to meet in Bethel so everybody from the Yukon came
20 over to the Kuskokwim region for our regional meeting.
21 They used to try to have it in St. Mary's on the Yukon
22 to try to -- as an outreach to people, but because of
23 money, the Staff is regulated to do it wherever it's
24 cheapest, and you folks are having your meeting here in
25 Bethel -- I mean Dillingham, because it's cheaper to
26 bring everyone here. And I know that in our region we
27 would like to spread the meeting out, too, to get to
28 some of the bigger villages. We have our meetings in
29 Nome. I'd like to see them come to Unalakleet, or go
30 up to Shishmaref, or, you know, other places in the
31 region. But hopefully the national financial situation
32 will change and hopefully we'll -- I'm going to
33 advocate for having our meetings spread out in the
34 region. How far I can get with that, I'm not sure, but
35 I just wanted you to know that's my feeling, and
36 hopefully it's something that you agree with.

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38 I appreciate you folks coming. And I
39 know it's a volunteer position. That issue has come
40 up. I've attended different meetings and with the
41 amount of money that the Federal Government had, some
42 people wonder why they have to volunteer their time to
43 protect their way of life. And I really appreciate you
44 folks volunteering your time to go through this.

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46 I myself am just a part-time position.
47 I fill this position out of Unalakleet, and I just
48 travel wherever I'm asked to travel. And I want to go
49 to every single Regional Advisory Council meeting
50 throughout the State. I've already been to the

1 Fairbanks area. I've been to the Bethel meeting. I've
2 come here. I've attended some of the Southcentral
3 meetings. I need to go up to the -- and I've been to
4 Southeast. So I'm trying to fill in the gaps and get a
5 grasp of what's going on in the whole State.

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7 And I appreciate you taking the time.
8 I know you folks have a real tight schedule. so I just
9 want you to know some of the things that are on my mind
10 as I sit here and listen to you. And I'm here to
11 listen. I'm not here to help you make any decision. I
12 just want to listen.

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14 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
17 you. We appreciate your willingness to come and listen
18 to us and get a perspective, because each region is
19 different. Subsistence and culture. And I just want
20 to express my appreciation for taking the time to come
21 and meet with us and observe our meeting session here.

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23 I think Richard has a question.

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25 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair.

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27 Tim, thank you for coming here and also
28 thank you for our sensitivity to the issues like the
29 redfish issue that we have over there within our
30 national monument areas. It is quite a struggle trying
31 to dig up a piece of language that might change a
32 little something to help us there, because we've been
33 denied so much. So I know it's quite a struggle. And
34 so, yeah, I appreciate your input there, and if there's
35 anything ever that we can do with that language in
36 helping, we'd be more than welcome to.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Pete.

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40 MR. ABRAHAM: Quyana. (In Yup'ik)

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
43 comments. Dan.

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45 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Tim, we appreciate
46 you being here. This committee, I think we started in
47 1992 is when the Advisory Councils took their -- began
48 dealing with Title VIII. This Advisory Committee has
49 worked very well with the State of Alaska, and we --
50 actually there was some -- you know, it's difficult.

1 The fish and game don't have any boundaries, and it's
2 truly a rural preference, so that always sets people
3 against each other sometimes. And we have worked with
4 the State of Alaska, our committee has worked with the
5 State of Alaska very well. In fact, we just took off
6 and pretty much had a lot of things done within about a
7 five-year period of time, and were on our way.

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9 I think if we had a fly in the ointment
10 type of a thing, it's with the Federal Government, and
11 that is the fact that they will not deal with
12 predators. The Federal Government doesn't. The Park
13 Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and all of them, they
14 don't want to deal with predators, and we need to push
15 them to deal with the State of Alaska on the wolves in
16 our area, you know, to get a predator program. And so
17 that's something that we just need to deal with.

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19 We are given the responsibility of game
20 management, and we need to make sure that, you know, we
21 have recruitment stock to make sure that Togiak gets
22 their mama moose they need for subsistence. And that's
23 our job to do that.

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25 And the SRCs, which are the advisories
26 to the advisors, that works very well in our area. And
27 we heard from Lake Clark and Lake Iliamna, and down at
28 Chigniks. They meet with their advisors.

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30 And so it's one thing to have the
31 Federal Board and then this Subsistence Council, but
32 it's also important that you get right down to where
33 the villages are at and to see how they work, and
34 that's what makes the things work.

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36 In our area, and Pat Pourchot, we've
37 known him a long time, when he was in the legislature
38 down in Juneau, and he and I have had a lot of
39 discussions. And our system is not broken. and maybe
40 it needs to be broken if it's working too well. We
41 might be leaving something out. But I think it's been
42 a real opportunity for the people in small areas that
43 have the first right of refusal on subsistence.

44

45 And as Chair, we appreciate you coming.
46 We'd like to have some of those Federal guys go down to
47 Perryville and have a meeting and stay there for a
48 week, because you couldn't get out otherwise. But they
49 won't do it, so that's okay.

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1 MR. TOWARAK: Thank you, Dan.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
4 you.

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6 MR. TOWARAK: And I agree with you on
7 the station, I've been involved with our State advisory
8 process. We had -- Unalakleet is a little miniature
9 Bristol Bay.

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11 MR. O'HARA: It is.

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13 MR. TOWARAK: We have interest in
14 commercial fishing. It's small. It never as big as
15 Bristol Bay, but we have the same issues. And we had
16 been ignored for many years, even by the State. Norton
17 Sound was nothing to then. But we've worked with the
18 process and changed.

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20 And you'll notice on the agenda the
21 memorandum of agreement between the Federal Subsistence
22 Program and the State is part of your agenda. And at
23 our next meeting we expect to sign the document with
24 the State. We believe in a close working relationship
25 with the State also. The State is valuable in that it
26 has biologists out on the field. The Federal has some
27 biologists, but not as much as the State, so they've
28 got information that we need to make a decision in our
29 process. So we have to have a good working
30 relationship with the State. And I'm glad to see it's
31 working well. You know, just from the Togiak
32 discussion this morning I could see it is working well,
33 and we promote that. I promote it. It's whatever is
34 the best decision to make for the local level is
35 anything I support. And if it means working very
36 closely with the State, we should do that.

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38 Thank you for your time.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
41 Tim. I think Nanci has a question or a comment.

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43 MS. MORRIS LYON: I do, Tim, and I also
44 thank you very much for coming out. I've sat on this
45 Council for a long time and it's been a really long
46 time since we had the Chair come and attend one of our
47 meetings. So I truly appreciate your time here, and
48 acknowledge what you've given up to be here.

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50 I would also thank you for

1 acknowledging the need to have this memorandum of
2 understanding between the State and the Feds, because
3 as it was said earlier, the fish and the wildlife in
4 this State or any other state do not have any
5 boundaries. For that, I'm very grateful. But without
6 working together, they also do not have proper
7 protection. So I appreciate you seeing that as well.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Alvin.

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11 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah. Tim, I'd like to
12 thank you for coming, too, and your one new Board
13 member, I went through high school with him, Charlie
14 Brower. I saw him in Anchorage. It was good to see
15 him and get to talk with him.

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17 Thank you very much.

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19 MR. TOWARAK: Thank you, Alvin.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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23 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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25 Yes, thanks again, Mr. Towarak, for
26 coming. It's fun to see you in person. I hear your
27 name radio an in newspapers.

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29 I wanted to echo what Mr. O'Hara said,
30 that I hear talks of the Federal system being broken,
31 and from our perspective here, I don't see it broken.
32 You know, you can always improve it, you can always do
33 it better.

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35 But one of the things I think that's
36 helped out here is some of the very first members,
37 which I think Mr. O'Hara is, set a pretty darn high
38 standard for how we do business, and I want to give a
39 nod to all those early members. I feel rather humbled
40 to be sitting on it now. Yeah, Pete's probably been
41 there, too.

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43 And so I think there's been a real
44 determination to make it work out here, too.

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46 So, anyway, thanks for coming. And
47 thank you, Madame Chair.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
50 other comments.

1 (No comments)

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I just want to
4 -- I've made my career working for Subsistence
5 Division. And every time I hear a comment about
6 subsistence being broken, where I -- after working with
7 all the communities one-on-one, where I see -- it's not
8 broken as far as subsistence is concerned in the
9 communities that I visited. Where I've sensed it's
10 broken is understanding from Washington, D.C. and the
11 agencies.

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13 What I think made Bristol Bay one of
14 the I guess productive, as far working with the
15 agencies, is we've -- like Dan O'Hara said, we've
16 worked very well with State agencies, and we've
17 fortunately have had and still have good agency people
18 working for us within the State that understand you
19 know, where each community is coming from. Within the
20 region, even within the region here, the cultures are
21 different, but if we have agency people that are
22 trained, the cultural and traditional. I think that's
23 one of the areas that still needs to be fixed is when
24 an agency person comes in to work within a region,
25 there needs to be training to, you know, introduce them
26 to the perspectives of the region so that they can work
27 well with us.

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29 And so it's -- again I've never
30 believed the subsistence being broken, because I think
31 when we harvest and gather and do whatever under the
32 regulations, and there's a lot of the resources that
33 aren't under regulation, we have enough. Again, where
34 I think it's broken is the understanding from, you
35 know, D.C. and other agencies, like, for instance the
36 Federal Subsistence Board. I've attended those, and
37 there's some that are just green as far as
38 understanding.

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40 And again thank you for coming. We
41 really appreciate it.

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43 MR. TOWARAK: Thank you. Just in a
44 follow up as part of your discussion there's some
45 problems with some of the tribes about using
46 corporations and there's some issues on the statewide
47 level that I think are more political than affects
48 subsistence. I like what Albert Kookesh said. You
49 know, he was brought to court by the State here a
50 couple years ago, and he defended himself But he said,

1 you know, the Federal Government or the State
2 Government could try to regulate subsistence, but they
3 can't change our way of life. We'll live a subsistence
4 life no matter what. So I think I agree with you.

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6 And with that, I'll be here for the
7 rest of the next two days, and if you have any
8 questions, feel free to ask.

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10 Thank you for your time.

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12 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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16 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, we had a redfish
17 issue in Katmai National Park, and I see the biologist
18 here, Troy, here today. And it was just a
19 misunderstanding that took place. And we fixed it up.
20 Richard here was one of the guys who got together with
21 the village council, Naknek Village Council,
22 Traditional Council, and got the redfish thing taken
23 care of. And in fact it cleared it up to the place
24 where it had been sitting broken. There's a broken
25 situation where, you know, I sat on the BBNC board for
26 many, many years and we went to Congress and passed a
27 law that said we could put a net in the park, never
28 heard of before. And so we worked that out on the
29 local level, and then we had a gathering with the Staff
30 before they went out into the field, with Troy and his
31 people, and they came down and we had a potluck with
32 them and all the people in Naknek brought whitefish,
33 and they thought it was halibut, and so it worked out
34 perfectly fine, and they were happy.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MR. O'HARA: And we were happy. And so
39 every year now they come down. They will come down
40 every year, and I hope they got rid of some of that
41 whitefish, and that's okay, but, you know, we will have
42 a potluck with those people every year before they go
43 out in the field. So when they see us coming up to
44 Naknek Lake with what we do in the way of subsistence
45 -- those are the type of things that it doesn't have to
46 go to the Federal Board, but it worked itself out.

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48 And Ralph Moore, who was our
49 superintendent for six years, pretty rare to have a guy
50 there for six years. In fact, I went and met him and I

1 said, now, the first thing you need to do is sign a
2 contract to be here for five years. Well, he didn't
3 and he stayed for six years, and then he retired. He's
4 gone now. But he was a big proponent of getting
5 recreational vehicles into some Federal lands. I don't
6 know if he ever got it passed through or not. Very
7 touchy-feely issue. But he was very, very good in
8 working with us.

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10 And so this Council has worked well
11 with some of those issues that necessarily didn't have
12 to go to your level, be we appreciate it.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Tim.

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16 MR. TOWARAK: Yeah. As I leave you, I
17 might point out something very interesting that
18 probably a lot of you don't know, but Unalakleet
19 rebroadcasts KDLG 24 hours a day, but we take about
20 four hours of the daytime schedule to do local
21 Unalakleet issues and Unalakleet programming. But we
22 know more about Dillingham than you guys know about
23 Unalakleet from KDLG.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 MR. TOWARAK: So thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Pete,
30 did you have a comment.

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32 MR. ABRAHAM: (In Yup'ik)

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Our timekeeper
35 says time to move on. I think we're going to take a
36 10-minute break before we get into the regulatory
37 proposals. So let's take a 10-minute break, and then
38 back to deal with the regulatory proposals.

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40 (Off record)

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42 (On record)

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm
45 going to call the meeting back to order.

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47 Okay. We'll start with the first
48 proposal, FP13-12, salmon. And this is under revise
49 methods and means. And we have?

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1 MS. HYER: Good morning, Madame
2 Chairman and Council members. For the record, my name
3 is Karen Hyer, and I'm going to introduce to you the
4 fisheries proposals 13-12 and 13-13.

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6 So 13-12 starts on Page 13 actually,
7 and so if you turn there, we can get going here.

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9 Proposal FP13-12 was submitted by Bruce
10 Barrett on behalf of Chignik Regional Aquaculture
11 Association, to clarify the locations and methods of
12 traditional and historic subsistence salmon harvest in
13 the Chignik area and align State and Federal
14 regulations.

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16 In addition the proponent wishes to
17 exclude rod and reel as a gear type for Federal
18 subsistence harvest to prevent conflict with sportfish
19 users and resource management.

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21 The proponent requests an area upstream
22 of Mensis Point be closed to the talking of salmon with
23 purse seines. This area currently is under both State
24 and Federal jurisdiction. And as proposed, if the
25 restrictions on power seines were implemented, the
26 seine gear in the Chignik River from Mensis Point
27 upstream would be excluded only for Federally-qualified
28 subsistence users. Other users in the area could fish
29 under State regulations in the same area.

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31 And then the proponent also requests
32 that rod and reel, which has been used in that area by
33 Federal subsistence users, be excluded as a gear type.
34 And currently Federal subsistence users can use rod and
35 reel or they can -- and under our regulations it's
36 defined as handlines, handline or rod and reel. And
37 that's the way we word it in our regulations.

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39 So currently all five species are
40 harvested in the Chignik area for subsistence use, but
41 the most frequently harvested type, salmon type is
42 sockeye salmon, but Chinook salmon are also important
43 in that area, and are harvested. And currently the
44 sockeye salmon run is meeting all the escapement goals.
45 It's either meeting them or it's above average. But
46 Chinook salmon in this area have been less plentiful as
47 they have throughout the State. And this year, due to
48 low Chinook salmon counts at the Chignik River weir,
49 the Chinook salmon sportfishery was restricted on July
50 12th.

1 And currently there's no subsistence
2 fishery where the sportfishery occurs. And you'll see
3 that as we go into Proposal 13-13, it addresses that
4 area.

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6 But sportfishing for Chinook salmon 20
7 inches and greater was limited to catch and release
8 only, and then it was closed until August 9th when the
9 sportfishery was closed by regulation.

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11 The Chignik River weir saw a passage of
12 1,449 salmon for this season, which fell above the
13 lower ground of the escapement goal, but it didn't
14 surpass the escapement goal. Historically it's
15 actually surpassed the escapement goal.

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17 Now, if these proposals were
18 implemented -- or if these proposed regulations were
19 implemented, these restrictions we feel would
20 unnecessarily decrease harvest opportunities currently
21 available to the Federal subsistence user in the
22 Chignik area, and there are no conservation concerns
23 that can't be addressed through in-season management as
24 the Chignik River Chinook salmon escapement was
25 addressed this year.

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27 And so OSM's preliminary conclusion is
28 to oppose Proposal 13-12.

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30 And now I'd like your comments on it.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We're going to
33 be going down the list, and we need to have the agency
34 comments following your introduction to the proposal.
35 So the next -- or the agency we need comments from is
36 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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38 MR. CRAWFORD: Madame Chair. This is
39 Drew Crawford of the Alaska Department of Fish and
40 Game, Federal subsistence liaison team in Anchorage.

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42 You can find the State of Alaska's
43 comments on Fisheries Proposal 13-12 on Page 26 through
44 30 in your book.

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46 And on this proposal, FP13-12, the
47 State of Alaska agrees with the OSM on their
48 recommendation. We also oppose this proposal.

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STATE OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Comments to the Regional Advisory Council

Fisheries Proposal FP13-12: Revise
salmon methods & means for the lower 1 mile of the
Clark River and Home Creek and the Chignik River from
Mensis Point upstream to Chignik Lake.

Introduction:

The Chignik Regional Aquaculture
Association submitted this proposal seeking to
eliminate the use of the following gear types:

* rod and reel in the lower one mile of
Clark River and Home Creek; and eliminate the use of
rod and reel in Chignik Lake;

* rod and reel, purse seines, gillnets,
or seines in the Chignik River from Mensis Point
upstream to Chignik Lake;

* purse seines, and gillnet or seine
for salmon upstream of a point one mile from the stream
mouth in both Home Creek and Clark River;

* gillnet or seine for salmon in all
other Chignik Lake tributaries, and in Black River and
its tributaries, Black Lake, and Black Lake
tributaries; and

* take of salmon without a permit by
rod and reel within 300 feet of the Chignik River
weir, in the Chignik River upstream of the weir from
July 1 through August 31, and upstream of a point 1
mile from the stream mouths of both Clark River and
Home Creek.

The proposal states further that:

salmon may not be taken at any time
within 300 feet of the Chignik River weir or in the
Chignik River upstream of the Chignik River weir from
July 1 through August 31.

Impact on Subsistence Users:

1 If adopted as proposed,
2 federally-qualified subsistence users would be allowed
3 to subsistence fish in the Chignik River watershed,
4 with the exception of the abovementioned exclusions.

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6 Impact on Other Users:

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8 If this proposal is adopted it will
9 restrict or prohibit sport and recreational users from
10 using rod and reel in the abovementioned areas.
11 Adoption of this proposal (amended or otherwise) could
12 have significant impacts on other users, particularly
13 anglers but potentially the commercial fishery.
14 Additional inriver harvesting (either documented or
15 perceived) of king salmon by subsistence fishers is
16 likely to result in more conservative inseason
17 management of the sport fishery in order to ensure
18 escapement objectives are met, which at least
19 occasionally will result in decreased sport fishing
20 opportunity. Likewise, concern over achievement of the
21 king salmon escapement goal as a result of increased
22 inriver harvest may impact status quo management of
23 the commercial salmon fishery in Chignik Bay.

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25 Opportunity Provided by State:

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27 Gillnets and purse seines are allowable
28 gear under state subsistence regulations. The State of
29 Alaska provides a subsistence preference on all lands
30 and provides liberal salmon subsistence fisheries on
31 the Alaska Peninsula. Subsistence fisheries in the
32 Chignik area provide an annual household limit of 250
33 fish, and subsistence fishermen can be authorized to
34 take more, if needed. For the Chignik area subsistence
35 salmon fishery, gear types allowed include gillnets and
36 seines, except purse seines may not be used in Chignik
37 Lake. Gillnets may be used in Clark River and Home
38 Creek one linear mile upstream from their confluences
39 with Chignik Lake. Additional gear types can be added
40 to the state subsistence permit (5 AAC 01.470).

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42 State subsistence permits for each
43 management area carry stipulations specific to that
44 area, such as timing restrictions to separate
45 subsistence and commercial fishing, gillnet length
46 limits in areas open to commercial fishing, and waters
47 closed to subsistence fishing. Commercial salmon
48 license holders and Commercial Fisheries Entry
49 Commission (CFEC) salmon permit holders in this area
50 may subsistence fish for salmon during a commercial

1 salmon fishing period (5AAC01.485), but may not
2 subsistence fish 12 hours before or 12 hours after each
3 commercial fishing period. Commercial salmon license
4 holders and CFEC permit holders in the Chignik
5 Management Area that subsistence fish in Chignik
6 Lagoon, Chignik Lake, or Chignik River are required to
7 contact department staff at the Chignik weir in order
8 to separate the reporting of subsistence and commercial
9 harvests.

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11 The Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF)
12 established a combined amount reasonably necessary for
13 subsistence (ANS) for communities in the Alaska
14 Peninsula area as 34,000 56,000 salmon annually. The
15 combined ANS for the Chignik Area (Chignik Bay and the
16 Central and Eastern districts of the Chignik Management
17 Area) is 7,700 14,250 salmon annually. Liberal state
18 subsistence fisheries are allowed on all lands (state,
19 federal, and private), so adoption of this proposal is
20 not necessary to provide a meaningful subsistence
21 opportunity.

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23 Conservation Issues:

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25 No salmon stocks on the Alaska
26 Peninsula are currently listed as stock of concern by
27 the BOF. Recent late-run sockeye salmon returns, which
28 return primarily to Chignik Lake and its tributaries,
29 have decreased slightly recently. If the Federal
30 Subsistence Board approves this proposal, but does not
31 require a federal permit, increases in undocumented
32 in-tributary exploitation would not be detectable due
33 to the lack of a federal reporting requirement.
34 Significant increases of unreported harvest in Chignik
35 River watershed may lead to conservation issues that
36 would not be detected in a timely manner and may
37 require severe fishery restrictions when detected.

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39 The July 1 through August 31
40 subsistence fishery closure was established by the BOF
41 in Chignik River many years ago to prevent inadvertent
42 harvest and harassment of spawning Chinook salmon.
43 Reopening the Chignik River to subsistence fishing with
44 gillnets would have immediate impacts on the Chinook
45 salmon population that spawns in approximately 80% of
46 the 1.8 river miles that extends from the outlet of
47 Chignik Lake downstream to the department s Chignik
48 weir and near the outlet of Chignik Lake. Chinook
49 salmon have not been found to habitually transit beyond
50 Chignik Lake.

1 The Federal Subsistence Board recently
2 liberalized allowable methods and means for federal
3 subsistence fisheries and eliminated permitting and
4 reporting requirements for federally-qualified users
5 who utilize rod and reel, bow and arrow, spear,
6 bare-hand capture, and snagging. Elimination of
7 permitting and reporting requirements by
8 federally-qualified users causes the department serious
9 concern about localized depletion of sockeye salmon
10 stocks in Chignik River watershed tributaries,
11 especially if a significant increase of harvest
12 results. Since the Federal Subsistence Board does not
13 monitor the federal subsistence fishery in this area,
14 authorizing additional freshwater subsistence fisheries
15 that target unmonitored wild stocks is not consistent
16 with principles of sound management and conservation of
17 fish and wildlife resources.

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19 Three Federal Subsistence Board members
20 discussed their support of proposal FP08-11 at the
21 December 2007 meeting because the expected increase in
22 harvest was estimated to be reasonably small and the
23 proponent s intent was to harvest one or two fish at a
24 time (Federal Subsistence Board Transcripts, December
25 20, 2007, pages 228 and 229). Further discussion by
26 the Federal Subsistence Board and Regional Advisory
27 Council chairs also focused on liberalizing federal
28 subsistence users methods and means to allow for
29 harvests of individual salmon for immediate sustenance,
30 while traveling lightly in the course of camping, berry
31 picking, or hunting. Discussions did not consider
32 impacts that adoption of FP08-11 would have on sockeye
33 salmon stocks within Clark River and Home Creek,
34 because both were closed to federal subsistence fishing
35 at the time. The impacts of cumulative unreported
36 harvests from creeks that are near communities and
37 easily accessible were also not considered by the
38 Federal Subsistence Board.

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40 The Federal Subsistence Board approved
41 FP08-11, which liberalized methods and means to allow
42 snagging, bare-hand capture, and similar means for
43 light travelers on the Alaska Peninsula and eliminated
44 reporting requirements, based on information that
45 suggested the level of harvest would be a small number
46 of fish by subsistence users traveling lightly in the
47 field. During 2008, the department received reports of
48 federal subsistence users harvesting their winter
49 supply of salmon from these tributaries of concern by
50 federal methods and means and without the benefit of

1 permits and harvest reporting. As stated in objections
2 to FP08-11, the department has serious conservation
3 concerns with unreported harvests and the liberalized
4 methods and means. Those concerns increase with
5 consideration of FP09-11 and FP11-10, and the potential
6 of significant federal subsistence harvests in Home
7 Creek and Clark River.

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9 Enforcement Issues:

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11 None noted at this time.

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13 Jurisdiction Issues:

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15 While standing on state and private
16 lands (including state-owned submerged lands and shore
17 lands), persons must comply with state laws and
18 regulations. If this proposal is adopted, detailed
19 maps are needed that depict land ownership and specific
20 boundaries of areas where federal regulations are
21 claimed to apply in order to reduce risk of violation
22 for federal subsistence fishermen. During the December
23 2007 Federal Subsistence Board meeting, Alaska wildlife
24 trooper testimony (Federal Subsistence Board
25 Transcripts December 11, 2007, pages 89-91) explained
26 the importance of users understanding and knowing
27 jurisdiction and land status. When an enforcement
28 officer encounters an individual conducting an activity
29 that is prohibited by state regulations while standing
30 on state or private lands, including state-owned
31 submerged lands, the person may be cited.

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33 Other Issues:

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35 An identical proposal (#96) was
36 submitted to the BOF for consideration during the
37 January 16 18, 2011, meeting in Anchorage. Proposal 96
38 was supported unanimously by the Chignik Advisory
39 Committee, it was supported with modifications by the
40 USFWS/Federal Subsistence Management Program, and the
41 BOF voted to take no action on this proposal.

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43 A similar Fisheries Proposal (FP)11-10,
44 submitted by the Chignik Lake Traditional Council to
45 the Federal Subsistence Board, requested the same
46 changes to federal subsistence fishing regulations for
47 the Chignik Management Area as proposals 95 and 96
48 brought before the BOF in 2011. In addition, FP11-10
49 requests elimination of the July 1 through August 31
50 salmon fishing closure in the Chignik River from a

1 point 300 feet upstream from the Chignik weir to
2 Chignik Lake.

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4 The Federal Subsistence Management
5 Program has stated concern that opening the tributaries
6 of Black and Chignik lakes to subsistence salmon
7 fishing with nonselective fishing gear types, such as
8 gillnets, could potentially result in unsustainable
9 harvests of other, nontarget, species (for example,
10 Dolly Varden/char). These other species may be more
11 susceptible to overfishing than the more abundant
12 salmon species, but fishing effort is expected to be
13 low. If either of these proposals is adopted, harvest
14 of nontarget species would need to be monitored to
15 ensure they remain within sustainable limits.

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17 Alaska Statute 16.05.258. 'Subsistence
18 Use and Allocation of Fish and Game', defines a
19 subsistence priority for state-managed fisheries in the
20 context of resource abundance (and not the context of
21 parity based on geographic location of fishing effort)
22 and also directs the Board of fisheries when adopting
23 regulations to provide a "reasonable opportunity" for
24 subsistence use. There are numerous examples under both
25 state and federal regulations where 'reasonable
26 opportunity' is provided for subsistence use without
27 also matching the open waters boundaries of subsistence
28 fishing with those of angling (e.g., all freshwaters of
29 Afognak Island are closed to state/federal subsistence
30 but open to sport fishing). The Department cautions
31 the board to avoid confusing priority use with
32 reasonable opportunity as it considers this proposal.

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34 The Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence
35 Regional Advisory Council (Council) met September 23,
36 2010, and recommended to support FP11-10 with
37 modifications, including
38 retaining the July 1 through August 31 closure of the
39 Chignik River. The Council recommended opening these
40 areas to subsistence use, and pointed out that these
41 areas are already open to sport fishing. Finally, the
42 Council was concerned about the potential need of
43 multiple or dual federal/state permits and preferred
44 seeing the same changes in both federal and state
45 regulations, if possible, to avoid the need for
46 separate/dual permits.

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48 The Office of Subsistence Management
49 (OSM) staff recommendation to the Federal Subsistence
50 Board is to support FP11-10 with modifications

1 including but not limited to: 1) opening the areas of
2 Black Lake and its tributaries to subsistence fishing,
3 but excluding the use of gillnets and seine gear; 2)
4 removing the requested restriction for using "hook and
5 line" gear in the Chignik River; 3) retaining the
6 existing July 1 through August 31 fishing closure in
7 the Chignik River above the ADF&G weir; and 4)
8 retaining the prohibition of purse seine (both power
9 and hand) in Chignik Lake.

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11 The Federal Subsistence Board
12 considered FP11-10 during its January 19 21, 2011,
13 meeting in Anchorage and approved it as modified by the
14 Regional Advisory Council [
15 The 300-foot closure upstream of Chignik River weir was
16 established for safety reasons and to prevent
17 interference with weir operations; this closed area
18 should be retained. The July 1 through August 31
19 subsistence fishery closure in Chignik River was
20 established to protect spawning Chinook salmon and
21 these closure dates should be retained. The Department
22 recommends against adopting gillnets as a legal gear
23 type for federal subsistence fishing in Black Lake or
24 tributaries of Black and Chignik lakes, and Chignik
25 River because opening these tributaries to subsistence
26 salmon fishing with nonselective fishing gear types
27 such as gillnets could potentially result in
28 unsustainable harvests of other nontarget species (for
29 example, Dolly Varden/char).

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31 Recommendation: Oppose.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. That's
34 your conclusion of the comment for ADF&G?

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36 MR. CRAWFORD: Yes, Madame Chair.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
39 you. I guess right now I'd like to ask if the Council
40 members have a question for Karen.

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42 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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46 MR. O'HARA: Karen, what's your last
47 statement, the very last statement you made? Was it
48 you oppose this proposal?

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50 MS. HYER: Yes. Madame Council

1 members, Chair members [sic]. OSM opposes this
2 proposal.

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4 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
7 other Council questions, comments.

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9 (No comments)

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If not,
12 then the next one would be the Federal agencies. Is
13 there anybody from the Federal agencies that would like
14 to make a comment regarding this proposal.

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16 (No comments)

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess seeing
19 none, do we have anybody from the Native of tribal
20 village or others that would like to make a comment.
21 Nanci.

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23 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes, I'd asked John
24 if he has any words of wisdom he'd care to share with
25 us on this proposal.

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27 MR. JONES: Well, I was reading this
28 part, and then I was reading the comments over here.
29 But I'd have to reject this proposal, too. I have
30 never seen a purse seine up above the weir, but --
31 yeah. I think the way things are in Chignik for
32 subsistence part of it is perfectly fine. I don't
33 know. There's a lot of comments that Fish and Game
34 have.

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36 The thing that I would like to see is
37 -- the Fish and Game guy's still on the phone, right?
38 Okay.

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40 I would like to see more fish go
41 through the weir to add for the subsistence taken out
42 of the lake. Every year the redbfish and whatever you
43 get out of there, you know, a lot of times you have bad
44 weather during it, so you have multiple times of
45 getting redbfish. And every time you take fish out of
46 the lake for subsistence, you lose that amount of fish
47 for the return. so that would -- that's my comments on
48 this thing. I don't really -- I'd like to read all the
49 rest of the Fish and Game comments back here to.....

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
2 you. Anybody.
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4 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Alvin.
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8 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I would oppose this,
9 too. I mean, it puts a restriction on the subsistence
10 user, If he did want t use a rod or reel, then
11 according this proposal if it went through, it would
12 restrict us.
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci.
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16 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
17 Chair.
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19 Yeah, that was I guess the only
20 question I have left in my mind is, you know, have you
21 guys seen or hard of this conflict that he's alluding
22 to, and that supposedly prompted him to write this
23 proposal? And is that anything that we need to address
24 or have any concerns with?
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26 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah. I think this
27 might have came about from when they had their meeting
28 at Chignik Lake last spring. And when I put that other
29 proposal in for trying to get subsistence use from 300
30 feet above the weir up, which is that proposal that's I
31 think after this one. Yeah. I don't know where -- you
32 know, it was brought up that subsistence users don't
33 really use pole unless needed, you know, and that was
34 where I guess Bruce was trying to put the restriction
35 there. And it's just going to restrict subsistence
36 that much more.
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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci.
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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Thank you,
41 Alvin. I was curious, because a lot of times that's --
42 pole's my preferred method and a lot of times I can,
43 you know, be more specific about the amount I take, and
44 I certainly would not appreciate somebody taking it
45 away from me, so I wasn't sure how things went down
46 there, because I know you do things a bit differently
47 sometimes.
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49 MR. JONES: I've got one more.
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.
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3 MR. JONES: You know, when you're
4 subsistence fishing and you don't want to take like 2,
5 300 fish, a fishing pole is nice to use. Or say you
6 want only 10 fish. It would be easier to go get them
7 with a fishing pole than putting a gillnet out there
8 and disturbing the rest of the fish.
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10 But I'd like to only see that in the
11 lake system, not in the river system, because when
12 you're out there in the river system and you're trying
13 to subsistence fish with a pole, you're also disturbing
14 like king salmon that are going up there, and they're
15 in the shallowest part of that river for spawning. And
16 I notice that every year when people are taking the
17 redbfish that are early redbfish that are in the river
18 system are disturbing spawning grounds for those king
19 salmon.
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21 So that's just what I had to say about
22 that.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
25 other. Pete.
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27 MR. ABRAHAM: John, how many users do
28 you have in the area there for your redbfish.
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30 MR. JONES: How many users?
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32 MR. ABRAHAM: How many people harvest
33 like redbfish and whatever, you know, with the seine or
34 whatever system you use?
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36 MR. JONES: Well, out of the lagoon
37 you've got about 10, 15 people that get the redbfish.
38 And as far as the lake would go, Alvin would have a
39 little more how many people at a lake go and get them.
40 But mainly we target the fish that are up into the lake
41 already, you know. Like I won't get my redbfish until
42 when I go home, you know. So the later it is the
43 better. So right now you go up there and you make a
44 haul up there, or put a gillnet in there, you're going
45 to get 85, 90 percent bright fish.
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47 MR. ABRAHAM: So the fish on the lake
48 area is abundant. Will this subsistence we heard
49 operation down there?
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1 MR. JONES: Well, yeah, the lake has a
2 lot of fish in it. You know, it's not as many as
3 you've seen in the past, but there's a lot of fish in
4 there, but it also has it in the river system, too.
5 And the river system fish seem like they turn red
6 before the lake ones, you know, because they're in the
7 -- whatever occurs to a fish. I'm not a biologist, but
8 you can go in there in the middle of the summer and get
9 redfish out of the river system above the weir. You
10 know, they're turning faster in the river. The ones
11 that stay in the river. Whether they go up into a
12 different creek that's off to the side, I don't know,
13 you know, exactly where they go, but you can actually
14 start getting redfish in the middle of the summer, but
15 you can get your bulk of them now out of the lake.

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17 MR. ABRAHAM: So your escapement up
18 there in that area is safe escapement? What is the --
19 I mean, what is the count, approximate count on the
20 escapement?

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22 MR. JONES: Let's see, what do they
23 get. They're micromanaging it now, so I think the
24 first run was 350,000 for Black Lake. And I think they
25 -- I'm not too sure if they hit the Chignik Lake
26 escapement, but that's 300 and some thousand, too. I
27 think they hit 250, something like that.

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29 MR. BOSKOFISKY: 250,

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31 MR. ABRAHAM: So with the 15 people
32 harvesting down there, and with this restriction over
33 here, to me is some kind of ridiculous for 15 users, 15
34 people harvesting reds down there. Well, 15 times, you
35 know, 100, that's not going to even, I mean, effect
36 them at all.

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38 MR. JONES: Well, here's the other
39 thing is you've got, what, 30, 40 people out of Chignik
40 Lake that get redfish?

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42 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah, probably, yeah,
43 30 households get redfish.

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45 MR. JONES: You've got about 35 people
46 out of Perryville that get them, and you've got Port
47 Heiden comes over and gets redfish out of there, so
48 you're actually getting a lot of people getting redfish
49 out of the system, you know, if you add them all up.
50 Every year the number changes.

1 I did a survey on my own one year of
2 everybody that went up and did redbfish. And they
3 started early in the year. They went up and they got
4 200 redbfish. And then it rained. So the automatic
5 thing was let's replace these redbfish. So they
6 replaced them, and then it still -- the weather changed
7 and you spoil your fish. Well, there was over 2,000
8 fish for subsistence that year, and it was not an
9 official deal, you know, I, oh, what happened to your
10 fish? It spoiled, you know. How many you had in
11 there? 200. You know.

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13 And if you take those numbers every
14 time you spoil fish, and you do that, then you add the
15 predator on top of that, that's a lot of fish. And the
16 predators are getting to be more and more in that lake
17 system. You've got the bears in there that are
18 fishing. And now you've got wolves that are fishing,
19 and they're better fishermen than the bear.

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21 So numberwise, I think they ought to
22 raise the number going up into that lake system,
23 because right now you fly over those deltas in those
24 rivers -- I flew up here yesterday, and there's bears
25 eating like it's a buffet.

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27 MR. ABRAHAM: Well, I didn't realize
28 there was so many subsistence users down there, but you
29 take Togiak over there, and we have 1,000 people over
30 there, and, of course, you know, when they subsist
31 redbfish up there, when it rains, like you say, they're
32 spoiled. They have to replace them. But out of 1,000
33 people, there were -- I think about 25 percent of them
34 are going after fish over there.

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36 But in your case over there, 350,000
37 escapement over there, with 80 people to 100 people, I
38 don't think it's going to hurt anything down there.
39 While Togiak escapement is about 150, 170,000
40 escapement over there, and 25 percent of 1,000 people
41 over there are harvesting, so looking at something like
42 about maybe 500 red fish being harvested over there.
43 So in your case, you know, your estimate is what? With
44 these restrictions over here, I don't know. There's
45 always escapement and you're not going to hurt it over
46 there.

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48 Thank you.

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50 MR. BOSKOFKY: August is when they

1 take 50,000 for that late run fishery escapement.

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3 MR. JONES: But in they past they've
4 got the August escapement and now they don't get it. I
5 mean, right now there are still reds and silvers
6 tricking in up through that river system, and there's
7 more bears in that system than there was 20 years ago.
8 And there's more wolves in that system than there was
9 20 years ago. Plus you've got the people. I hate to
10 deprive people of fish, so let them take the fish, but
11 the animals, they're going to get them, too. And the
12 more populated you get with the animals, you know --
13 the bear count is going way out of control there. It's
14 -- right now, when I left there, there was four bears
15 running around town.

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17 So, I don't know. When you come to
18 subsistence, and you come to Fish and Game where you're
19 doing a commercial fishery, every time that a few fish
20 are taken out of a system, it hurts the system a little
21 bit, because you know how many the people take, but you
22 don't know how many the predator takes.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
25 you, John.

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27 Well, my understanding regarding this
28 proposal is to restrict rod and reel. And it sounds
29 like it's because supposedly it's kind of conflicting
30 with the sports rod and reel users. But with no
31 conservation concern, and OSM opposing this, hopefully
32 it will sustain itself here.

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34 If there's no more comments and
35 questions, we'll move on to -- is there any more from
36 tribal or InterAgency comments regarding this proposal.

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38 (No comments)

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If not,
41 let's see, the advisory group comments. We'll move on
42 to advisory group comments. Is there anybody from any
43 advisory groups.

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45 (No comments)

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Or neighboring
48 Regional Council.

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50 (No comments)

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Or local Fish
2 and Game Advisory Councils regarding this.

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4 (No comments)

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: How about the
7 National Park Subsistence Resource Commission.

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9 (No comments)

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No comments
12 from you guys. Okay . We're down to the summary of
13 written comments. Donald.

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15 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. We
16 did not receive any written public comments on this
17 proposal.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The
22 public testimony regarding this proposal.

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24 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I did not
25 receive any requests for public comments.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
28 it's the Regional Council recommendation. Motion
29 regarding this proposal.

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31 Dan, did you have a.....

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33 MR. O'HARA: Well, I guess, you know,
34 that this is something that Alvin and John has to deal
35 with basically is what I understand, and so, you know,
36 I've spent a lot of time in the Chigniks, all down
37 through there. What they're talking about I
38 understand. So I think whatever they would prefer,
39 that they would have for their community is probably
40 the way this Council should help them out on that.

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42 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. I would
43 like to make a motion to oppose this FP13-12 proposal.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, did
46 you have a.....

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48 MR. MIKE: Yeah. Madame Chair. Thank
49 you. Just to keep things moving slowly, I'd rather see
50 a motion made in the affirmative and then a second and

1 then discuss it, and then you can either vote up or
2 down on a particular proposal.

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4 Thank you. Madame Chair.

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6 MR. O'HARA: As a point of order, we
7 had a motion, and we're not to discuss anything until
8 there was a second, and then if you wanted to address
9 that I think is important.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
12 Dan.

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14 There's a motion. Alvin, do you want
15 to turn your mic off. There was a motion.

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17 MR. WILSON: I'll second that motion.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And Richard
20 seconded the motion. Discussion.

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22 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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26 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Should we withdraw
27 this motion and go in the affirmative? Would it be
28 better for what you do, Donald, if we withdrew the
29 motion and then go with your orders, or how do you want
30 to handle it?

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32 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. As far as
33 procedures, I think it would be more clear if the
34 Council adopt this motion in the affirmative. And that
35 would reduce any confusion. The way it was stated, to
36 move to oppose the proposal -- I mean, it would be more
37 clear if the Council members moved to adopt a proposal
38 and have a second. So I think that would be more
39 parliamentary, clearer.

40

41 Thank you.

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43 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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47 MR. O'HARA: I think that it's a
48 procedural thing that he wants to deal with. So if
49 Alvin doesn't mind, if he can withdraw his motion and
50 the second and then make it in the positive, we don't

1 have to support it, and I don't think we are going to
2 support it is the feeling I get. It's just a matter
3 of, you know, protocol.

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5 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. I'll
6 withdraw my motion.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And Richard.

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10 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Yes, I'll
11 withdraw my second.

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13 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I'll move to adopt the
14 Proposal FP13-12.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
17 been a motion to adopt the proposal.

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19 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'll second
20 that.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And Richard
23 has seconded the motion. All in favor.

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25 MS. MORRIS LYON: We have to have
26 discussion of the motion.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I'm sorry.
29 We need to do the discussion part.

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31 Alvin, you want to turn your mic off,
32 please.

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36 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
37 Chair. And after reviewing this proposal, and speaking
38 with the other members of this Council, and myself
39 being a subsistence user who oftentimes prefers to use
40 rod and reel, I just do not see this as anything but a
41 hardship for anybody who wishes to use subsistence in
42 the area, and I will not be voting to approve this
43 proposal.

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45 Thank you.

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

49
50 (No comments)

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, did
2 you.....
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4 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
7 been a question called. All in favor -- let's see.
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9 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, that's right.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. All in
12 favor of this motion signify by saying aye.
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14 (No affirmative votes)
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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: All opposing.
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18 IN UNISON: Aye.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Aye has
21 it. Thank you. The motion.
22
23 Okay. the next -- I guess we have Joe.
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25 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Madame Chair. Maybe
26 you can help me out. I think it would be good.....
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28 REPORTER: Your microphone, sir.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You need to
31 come up to the microphone.
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33 MR. CHYTHLOOK: I'm not your regional
34 coordinator or anything, but I think what John was
35 trying to get at.....
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You need to
38 sit down and turn the mic on.
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40 MR. CHYTHLOOK: My name is Joe
41 Chythlook. I'm trying to help you out, Madame Chair.
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43 I think the procedure that would be
44 clear on record would be when you come to a proposal,
45 have somebody make a motion right up front before you
46 even ask the Department or Federal boys or girls say
47 what they have to say and have them discuss it and then
48 just go down that procedure. That way it's already on
49 the table. And then when it comes to your final
50 action, it just comes right down to the question. I

1 think that's the parliamentary procedure that would
2 help your process, make it more clearer on the record.
3 I just wanted to -- because you're my wife, I wanted to
4 explain that to you.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
11 Joe. I was just trying to follow the procedures for
12 proposals. And if Carl could help us out here.

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14 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. Carl Johnson for
15 the record again.

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17 Madame Chair. You were following the
18 procedure correctly. And the reason why it's set up
19 this way is it provides the Council an opportunity to
20 hear from different agencies, different organizations
21 and from the public before it begins its own
22 deliberations and discussions based on a motion. So
23 the way it is set up, the Council is informed. It has
24 an opportunity to listen before there's even a motion
25 and then a discussion. And it gives you an opportunity
26 to be informed and be educated and to contemplate and
27 listen, and then you as a Council take action.

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29 And I'll just affirm your Council
30 coordinator's approach, and that is, you know, stating
31 motions in a positive. And since your recommendations
32 are either to support or oppose based on your action,
33 then, you know, a motion to support, and then voting it
34 down as the way the Council just did is the correct way
35 to go.

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37 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
40 Carl.

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42 I just need to make each step a little
43 bit more aggressive and understandable. So we'll try
44 it again.

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46 We're moving on to the next proposal.

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48 MS. HYER: Okay. Madame Chair.
49 Council members Proposal FP13-13 begins on Page 31.
50 Okay. Proposal FP13-13 was submitted by Alvin

1 Boskofsky on behalf of the Traditional Tribal Council.
2 And it requests the taking of salmon be permitted above
3 the weir. Hang on a second here. It requests that
4 taking salmon be permitted above the weir in the
5 Chignik River with no restrictions on gear type.
6 Currently this area upstream of the weir is closed to
7 the harvest from July 1 through August 31st under
8 Federal Subsistence regulations.

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10 The proponent also requests that the
11 taking of salmon by gillnets be permitted in Black Lake
12 and any tributary to Black Lake and Chignik Lake.

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14 The proponent requests the regulations
15 for harvest of salmon be liberalized in the Chignik
16 area to provide additional harvest opportunity for
17 Federally-qualified subsistence users.

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19 Currently Chinook salmon spawn in the
20 1.8 river miles that extend from the outlet of Chignik
21 Lake to upstream of the weir. And this area is closed
22 to subsistence harvest to prevent harassment of these
23 salmon and also to prevent over-harvest of salmon in
24 this area. But right now under State regulation it's
25 open to sportfish harvest. And currently in the area
26 users harvest under these regulations, but they
27 consider themselves subsistence harvesters, not
28 sportfish harvester, in addition to people that harvest
29 and consider themselves sportfish harvesters.

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31 And currently gillnets are not allowed
32 in Black Lake and its tributaries, because of a
33 potential conservation concern with resident species.
34 Users may harvest salmon with seines, rod and reel,
35 snagging, a spear, bow and arrow, and hand-capture in
36 Black Lake and its tributaries, because these methods
37 allow the user to target salmon while conserving the
38 resident species.

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40 If this proposal was adopted as
41 written, it would allow Federally-qualified subsistence
42 users to use any gear type to harvest salmon in an area
43 of Chignik River that is currently closed because of
44 conservation concerns. During the spawning, as I
45 stated earlier, a large number of salmon are present
46 on the spawning grounds above the weir, and allowing a
47 harvest could result in over-harvest of Chinook salmon
48 in this area. It also, as written, would allow Black
49 Lake and its tributaries to be opened to gear type that
50 would not allow for selective harvest of salmon in the

1 area.

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3 So currently OSM's draft recommendation
4 is to supply this proposal with modification. And the
5 modification would be to open the Chignik River to
6 harvest of salmon with rod and reel between January 1st
7 and August 9th. The harvest limit would match the
8 States sportfish bag limit for the daily harvest limit
9 and the daily possession limit; however, no annual
10 harvest limit would be imposed on the Federally-
11 qualified subsistence users.

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13 If adopted, this modified proposal
14 would deviate from the State subsistence regulations to
15 the point that it may require a Federal subsistence
16 permit.

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18 And that ends my presentation.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
21 we need -- any comments from, or questions from the
22 Board. Richard.

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24 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, I believe at
25 this time we need to make a motion to adopt Proposal
26 13-13?

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I thought we
29 go through the comment period first before we do any --
30 Dan.

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32 MR. DUNAWAY: No, I don't have any.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we're
35 -- if you have any questions regarding this proposal.

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37 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madame
38 Chair. Yes.

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40 Maybe we could ask Ms. Hyer?

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42 MS. HYER: It's Hyer, yes.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: I got to thinking about a
45 couple other things when you were going through some of
46 the parts of the modification. Would you be able to
47 kind of show us briefly the differences between the
48 Federal, your proposed modification and why it would
49 require a different permit than the State permit.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MS. HYER: Madame Chairman. Council
4 members. I don't know specifically that it would
5 require a different permit, but it is possible.
6 Currently to harvest subsistence fish in the area under
7 both State and Federal subsistence fishing, we require
8 a State permit. Now, in areas where we deviate
9 significantly from that to the point that the State
10 permit cannot handle or cannot be modified to have
11 proper reporting on our fishery, we then have had to
12 institute a Federal permit. And so it could be a
13 possibility, because this could deviate significantly
14 enough that the State permit couldn't accommodate it,
15 if the proposal was passed.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
18 other comments or questions.

19

20 MR. JONES: I question for Alvin.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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24 MR. JONES: I've got a question for
25 you, Alvin. Is this proposal made so you could gillnet
26 up at the mouth of the Lake? Is this what I -- I'm
27 trying to.....

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29 MR. BOSKOFISKY: This was put in so that
30 subsistence users could have right to fish that river
31 for kings with any method and means, because a lot of
32 the users smoke kings, too. And we're being held from
33 this by having to only take under State regulations.
34 And we don't always use rod and reel, and we'd like to
35 see it opened for us where -- it's just like
36 discrimination, because we can't get our subsistence
37 fish from the river. And that's where the kings are.
38 When we want to harvest kings, we can't get them.

39

40 MR. JONES: Under the State you can put
41 a gillnet at the mouth of the river, right, up across
42 from the village?

43

44 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah, in the lake you
45 can.

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47 MR. JONES: So on the same.....

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49 MR. BOSKOFISKY: But you don't always
50 get kinds there.

1 MR. JONES: On the same means that when
2 you're fishing so you don't have to go all the way down
3 past the weir to subsistence fish, you would be able to
4 catch kings in a gillnet. Of course, you'd require a
5 bigger gillnet size to catch kings as they entered the
6 lake, and they do that by the FRI place there, because
7 I run a sportsfishing and we catch them there. But I
8 don't know how many kings under subsistence that you're
9 allowed.

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11 I mean, you've got sportsfishing that
12 has regulations on kings, and you have a very small run
13 of kings that go up that Chignik River. If you started
14 subsistence fishing them, you'd wipe them out. What,
15 there are only 1,000 fish went up there this year.

16
17 MR. BOSKOFKY: Well, I don't think
18 you're asking for to take 200 kings, you know. This is
19 maybe 5, 10 kings with a net that, you know, you can
20 harvest. You're not looking to take a great big
21 amount.

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23 MR. JONES: Well, I understand the
24 problem with the lake of a lot of the elder people
25 don't like to go down through the weir and go down
26 below the weir and subsistence fish, and I could see
27 that reason, because it's kind of a pain to go through
28 the weir. And especially to go down and be down there
29 all day where you could fish right across from the
30 deal. But if you want it under subsistence for trying
31 to harvest your kings, I think it should be regulated
32 pretty -- I mean, you could end up wiping out the king
33 run in Chignik.

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35 MR. BOSKOFKY: I don't think so.

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37 MR. JONES: Because, you know, there's
38 an over-abundance of kinds taken out of Chignik every
39 year. People don't realize that. For that small of a
40 run of kings, if you go to AFN, those people that are
41 selling those king strips on that, I don't know what
42 they classify that under, if that's under subsistence
43 or how they do that, but all those kings come out of --
44 that are sold up there, and I know there's quite a few
45 of them that are sold outside that AFN. And those, is
46 that considered your subsistence fish being sold, which
47 is against the law? You know, I mean, a lot of people,
48 that's all they do with those kings, and there's quite
49 a few of them. And I don't quite understand that.
50 You're to supposed to sell your subsistence, but yet

1 you're selling it \$5 or \$10 a bag at AFN. that's
2 selling your subsistence, because those things aren't
3 harvested through commercial and put on the ticket
4 saying they're going to be sold at AFN.

5
6 So I don't quite understand why people
7 would want to harvest a whole bunch of them, you know.
8 I take kings, I take about five or six kings, and I
9 smoke them, but they don't leave my freezer.

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11 So, I don't know. I don't know what
12 the thoughts of this proposal would be to, what the
13 benefit of it would be under subsistence, you know.
14 Unless it just makes it easier for an elder to go
15 fishing without a sportsfishing license. And that's
16 depriving the State of money again. I don't know.
17 After a certain age you don't have to buy a
18 sportsfishing license.

19
20 Okay. I dwelled enough on it.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
23 comments.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: My question is
28 the reason why the net is prohibited is because of
29 potential conservation concerns of resident fish. So
30 it the resident fish a fresh water fish or is it all
31 salmon. And does anybody know the amount of whatever
32 resident fish are in that lake to determine that there
33 is going to be a conservation concern regarding these
34 resident fish.

35
36 MS. HYER: Madame Chairman. Council
37 members. There are two issues going on in this
38 proposal. One is the nets, the gillnets on the
39 spawning grounds above the weir. And there's the
40 potential conservation concern there for over-harvest
41 of Chinook salmon.

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43 There is the gillnets in Black Lake.
44 And the concern there is the potential for overharvest
45 of resident species. And to date I think that there
46 haven't been studies done to estimate the abundance of
47 those resident species, so that's why we're calling it
48 a potential conservation concern. We don't have that
49 information.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess my
2 question is what are the resident fish? Are they
3 freshwater fish, salmon or all?

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5 MS. HYER: It's the freshwater fish
6 that they're concerned about.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do you know
9 the species of the freshwater fish?

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11 MS. HYER: They are listed in the
12 proposal, and let me look and see here.

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14 MR. O'HARA: Page 32.

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16 MS. HYER: Yeah, Dollies and rainbows.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I know
19 that -- I don't know if it's true in that area, but
20 rainbows have always been considered non-subsistence
21 species, so maybe that's like this is happening here.

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23 Is there any more comments or
24 questions.

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26 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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30 MR. O'HARA: Subsistence is -- I mean,
31 rainbow is a subsistence fish. And we had a big knock-
32 down, drag-out fight with the Federal Board and we won
33 that fight by one vote. And that was rainbow is a
34 subsistence fish. They wanted to make it a sportfish,
35 and we've lived on rainbows all of our life, I mean,
36 you know, and subsistence is not going to hurt the
37 rainbow catch. Maybe other gear types might.

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39 Thank you.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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43 MR. JONES: So if you support a deal
44 like this, is there a way you put limits of what you
45 catch in that system? I don't know. Is there somebody
46 who can answer that question that's a biologist or
47 whatever? Because I'd really like to know, because,
48 you know, I'd love to see people get what they want to
49 get under subsistence, but there's a fine line between
50 subsistence and fishing. I mean, you know, some people

1 call it subsistence, some people call it sport, some
2 call it I'm just surviving, you know. But there's a
3 fine line in there of what you decide to do, you know.
4 At a peak year, if you go out there and you target king
5 salmon, and I think the biggest run of king salmon
6 that's been up through the Chignik system, and I've
7 been there for 40 years, and I think 12,000 something
8 went up there one year, and that was it, you know. And
9 on the average year you're getting, you know, 3, 4,000
10 fish up there. And if you talk -- you know, we've had
11 this discussion at our AC meeting, and let's make it
12 legal to go up there and sports -- or subsistence fish
13 with a pole in the river for kings. But every time I
14 ask the question, how many kings are you going to take
15 out of that system, you know, it's a dying system of
16 not only Chignik, it's throughout the whole State of
17 Alaska. King salmon are dwindling. I heard on KDLG
18 one time that there was only like in Mohler or one of
19 those places down there, it was only 58 kings went up
20 through that system. Or 58 kings caught, one of the
21 two, they had on their Fish and Game report one time.
22 And that was the season was over for that. So it's not
23 only Chignik that you're going to -- you know, when you
24 put a proposal in for king salmon that is going bad
25 around the whole State of Alaska, you've got to
26 regulate it. You can't just say, well, we're going to
27 go get these under subsistence, to heck with the
28 sportsfishermen, heck with whatever else is going on
29 here. You can't; you'll wipe it out by putting
30 something under subsistence. You've got to learn to
31 protect these things by putting a number on them, you
32 know. You just can't go wild on them, you know. Some
33 guy might want to put 200 kings in his freezer.
34 That's a big chunk out of 1,000.

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36 So that would be my concerns with any
37 proposals that you put under subsistence catching in
38 the river, that these things spawn in the river in two
39 places. One is above the weir, one is below the weir.
40 And they do go up into wherever they go up into that
41 lake around the corner, I don't know. But you can wipe
42 them out under subsistence just as bad as you can under
43 sportsfishing and commercial fishing.

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45 So I'd like answers to some of those.

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47 MR. BOSKOFKY: I don't think any
48 subsistence user is going to go out and take 200 kings.
49 Right now it's sportsfishing. And you can imagine how
50 many they take out. But I say subsistence users, we

1 can't go in the river and get our kings. It's not
2 fair. We're not looking to take 50 kings. We're not
3 looking to take that much. We're trying to get enough
4 just to smoke. And I shouldn't have to use a rod and
5 reel to do it as a subsistence user. And that's the
6 whole point is right now it's the sportsfishery is the
7 one that's got it controlled. So it's legal for them
8 to come and take three to five kings, whatever their
9 bag limit is going to be, and we don't get to. It's
10 not right.

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12 MR. JONES: Well, when you have a
13 fishery that the State closes down because of lack of
14 fish, shouldn't that be for everybody, even though it's
15 for sportsfishing? I mean, sportsfishermen -- you're
16 acing out the sportsfisherman. Okay. But under
17 subsistence you're still going to take those. That
18 still hurts the run. You know what I'm saying, Alvin
19 is a lot of people catch -- commercial fisheries, you
20 know, I caught quite a few kings down below there, and
21 I'm actually as a commercial fisherman hurting the
22 return of those things by taking five, six of them
23 home, you know. But there's also other people that
24 catch them down below there that take more than five or
25 six home, and they're non-reported fish, and it's still
26 killing off a king run, you know. I put mine on the
27 ticket, okay, I took my kings home, you know.

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29 I don't know. It's a decision that has
30 to be made. I'd love to see everybody get kings. But
31 you've got to have a rule in there that stops them from
32 eliminating the whole thing.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Is that
35 done?

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37 MR. JONES: Yeah. I don't know what
38 else to say on it.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think Tim
41 Towarak has a comment.

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43 MR. TOWARAK: This might help explain
44 to Mr. Jones. The same issue is a big issue on the
45 Yukon River, and they've got multiple users, you know,
46 all the way through Canada. So it is a statewide
47 problem.

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49 And your mention of AFN, that's exactly
50 why it came up as an issue on the Yukon River. And

1 what the Board is doing now is reviewing our definition
2 of customary and traditional use of subsistence salmon.
3 And a big part of that is because of that Yukon River
4 use of king salmon and the sale of smoked salmon during
5 AFN.

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7 I don't know if you remember right,
8 about three or four years ago when we had the
9 convention in Fairbanks, during the fall the Federal
10 agents went into villages and arrested people and got
11 orders to look into their freezers. They took out
12 food. You know, it was done very poorly by the Federal
13 Government. And so there were proposals brought up to
14 the full Board about customary and traditional use of
15 especially Chinook salmon on the Yukon.

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17 But what we're trying to draft, and I
18 think it's a discussion later on with this Advisory
19 Council on the definition of customary and traditional
20 use for subsistence-caught salmon. There's proposals,
21 and I don't know what your position was, I think it's
22 something like 250 or \$750 limit on sale of salmon
23 strips. That's a discussion that we're having at the
24 Board level.

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26 So it is a statewide problem, and it is
27 a statewide challenge to the Federal subsistence
28 process to come up with a solution that everyone can
29 live with. I just wanted to explain that.

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31 MR. JONES: I have a question.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. John.

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35 MR. JONES: So on this river you have
36 sportsfishermen and you have subsistence users on the
37 same river. And what happens if the sportsfishing is
38 closed down? Does the subsistence person still go out
39 and get his fish?

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41 MR. TOWARAK: I should get someone from
42 Federal regulations to explain that.

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44 MR. JONES: That's what I'm getting to
45 is if it's closed to sportsfishermen, is it closed to
46 subsistence fishermen? You know, it's not the idea of
47 I'd like to throw a single eye in. I'd like to clarify
48 it before I vote on it, you know. If I'm voting on
49 something, I'd like to know if it's closed to one
50 person, is it closed to everybody. You know, fairness.

1 MS. KENNER: Madame Chair.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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5 MS. KENNER: Madame Chair. This is
6 Pippa Kenner with OSM in Anchorage, and I'd like to
7 respond to the Council member through the Chair.
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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You've got the
10 floor.
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12 MS. KENNER: And the answer to his
13 question is that the closure to, excuse me, to the
14 sportfishery occurs separately than the closure to the
15 subsistence fishery. And generally the sport closure
16 occurs before the subsistence closure, but subsistence
17 closures are common.
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19 MR. JONES: So the subsistence
20 fisherman still goes if it's closed to sportsfishing;
21 that's what you're telling me?
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23 MS. KENNER: Council member through the
24 Chair. Yes, unless the sportfishery is closed, it is
25 open -- excuse me, unless the subsistence fishery is
26 closed, it's open. They don't close together
27 automatically.
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29 MR. JONES: But at any given time are
30 they both closed due to the lack of them?
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32 MS. KENNER: Through the Chair. Yes.
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34 MR. JONES: That sounds like a solution
35 then.
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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39 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
40 Chair.
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42 John, just for clarification, I'm not
43 as familiar with your systems and the regulations down
44 there as I am with those right around my village, but,
45 you know, usually we've got trigger points in place
46 that create different things. In some cases like over
47 here on the Nushagak, you've got multiple, multiple
48 trigger points for many different things. And I know
49 on the less regulated streams then you've got base
50 trigger points that allow the Departments to close

1 those to sport and subsistence fish if they see they're
2 not coming in in good enough numbers.

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4 MR. JONES: Yeah. Well, this year I
5 had a total of 10 sportsfishermen and I canceled them
6 during the king season actually, because I have strong
7 feelings about catch and release, so I told them, well,
8 we ain't going to go up there and sportsfish for kings
9 and do catch and release, because catch and release
10 kills them just as bad as anything else. So as a
11 sportsfisherman, I'm still trying to get the Chignik
12 king run up, you know. I wouldn't allow it. And there
13 is three or four other sportsfishermen there, you know,
14 run the system, and they allowed catch and release.
15 And I don't see that, you know. All that is is another
16 problem. It's creating another problem with catch and
17 release, because they're laying up dead against the
18 weir. You can't catch a king salmon after that fight
19 and release it without harming it in one way or
20 another.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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24 MR. O'HARA: Richard and Nanci, we had
25 our permit to do subsistence from the Alaska Department
26 of Fish and Game. And we put down, you know, like I'll
27 put down, we'll get 100 reds, which we only get about
28 60. And then they'll say, well -- they'll say, I
29 think and I need to ask you guys about this, because I
30 don't know if they recommend we get 10 kings or not.
31 Is there a limit that they put on us for kings? And
32 then we bring that back and give it -- at the end of
33 the season we give it back to the Alaska Department of
34 Fish and Game with the number of fish that we've taken
35 so they can keep track of these.

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37 But I don't know if they put a
38 restriction on the number of kings we have in the
39 Naknek River or they just maybe suggest that we have
40 it. Madame Chair.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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44 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Those are
45 suggestions, Dan.

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47 MR. O'HARA: A suggestion only. Okay.

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49 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah.

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1 MR. O'HARA: We only caught one. But I
2 wanted to ask you guys, if I could, Madame Chair. You
3 use seven-inch mesh gear for our kings down at Chigniks
4 in your lakes and rivers?

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6 MR. BOSKOFISKY: No, we don't have king
7 gear.

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9 MR. JONES: Yeah, but I catch mine when
10 I'm commercial fishing. And I put them on my fish
11 ticket. I'm a sportfisherman guide, but I hate
12 sportsfishing. So can that answer your question?

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14 (Laughter)

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16 MR. JONES: I mean, I'd rather catch it
17 with a net than throw that hook out there. So it's
18 just a business, you know. That's all it is to me.
19 It's just another business, you know. You've got to
20 have multiple businesses in the village to survive.

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22 Back to this proposal, I'd like to see
23 people get their subsistence kings, but I'd like to
24 have it regulated some way that isn't going to wipe
25 them out on the first on the first year of subsistence
26 kings on that river system. And that would be the only
27 qualm I have with this proposal.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think
30 we'll move on to the agency comments. Does ADF&G
31 subsistence or ADF&G have any comments.

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33 MR. CRAWFORD: Yes, Madame Chair. This
34 Drew Crawford with the Alaska Department of Fish and
35 Game in Anchorage.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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39 MR. CRAWFORD: Your can find the State
40 comments on Page 40 to 43 in your book for this
41 Proposal FP13-13.

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43 And Fish and Game's recommendation on
44 this proposal is that we oppose it. And the
45 justification is the 300-foot closure upstream of the
46 Chignik River weir was established for safety reasons
47 to prevent interference with weir operations. We
48 believe that this closed area should be retained. The
49 July 1st through August 31st subsistence closure in
50 Chignik River was established to protect spawning

1 Chinook salmon and these closure dates should also be
2 maintained.

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4 The Department recommends against
5 adopting gillnets as a legal gear type for Federal
6 subsistence fishing Black Lake or tributaries or Black
7 and Chignik Lake and Chignik River, because opening
8 these tributaries to subsistence fishing with non-
9 selective fishing gear could potentially result in
10 unsustainable harvest of non-targeted species such as
11 Dolly Varden and char.

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13 Over.

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16 STATE OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

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19 Alaska Department of Fish and Game
20 Comments to the Regional Advisory Council

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22 Fisheries Proposal FP13-13: Open
23 closed areas in the Chignik River drainage for the
24 taking of spawned out sockeye salmon by gillnet.

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26 Introduction:

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28 The Chignik Traditional Council submitted this
29 proposal in order to obtain additional opportunities to
30 harvest spawned-out sockeye salmon for subsistence and
31 stipulates the following:

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33 1. Eliminate the 300-foot closure
34 upstream of Chignik River weir.

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36 2. Eliminate the July 1 through August
37 31 subsistence fishery closure in Chignik River.

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39 3. Expand legal gear types for federal
40 subsistence fishing in Black Lake or tributaries of
41 Black and Chignik lakes and Chignik River to include
42 gillnets.

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44 Impact on Subsistence Users:

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46 If adopted as proposed,
47 federally-qualified subsistence users would be allowed
48 to subsistence fish in the Chignik River watershed with
49 a gillnet under the authority of a federal subsistence
50 fishing permit. If adopted, federal subsistence users

1 who choose to use a gillnet would be restricted to
2 Chignik River, Chignik Lake, the lower one mile of
3 Clark River and Home Creek, and Black Lake or
4 tributaries of Black and Chignik lakes. The Federal
5 Subsistence Board authorized expanded methods and
6 means, and eliminated some permit and reporting
7 requirements in the Chignik River watershed. If this
8 proposal is adopted, federal regulations would allow
9 federally-qualified subsistence users to utilize
10 methods and means significantly different from those
11 allowed under state regulations in the tributaries of
12 Chignik and Black lakes (with the exception of Clark
13 River and Home Creek, neither of which require a
14 federal subsistence permit or other reporting method).
15 Though this proposal does not request that all gear
16 types be allowed for federal subsistence fishing in the
17 tributaries of Chignik and Black lakes, as allowed in
18 the Clark River and Home Creek, state regulations
19 prohibit using spears and hook and line for subsistence
20 fishing. Adoption of this proposal would expose
21 federally-qualified users to state citation because
22 there are no federal public lands in the Chignik River
23 watershed. Fishermen using methods and means not
24 authorized under state law or who fish in areas closed
25 to subsistence fishing in state regulations would risk
26 being cited while standing on state and private land,
27 including state-owned submerged lands and shore lands.

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Impact on Other Users:

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None noted at this time.

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Opportunity Provided by State:

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State subsistence permits for each

1 management area carry stipulations specific to that
2 area, such as timing restrictions to separate
3 subsistence and commercial fishing, gillnet length
4 limits in areas open to commercial fishing, and waters
5 closed to subsistence fishing. Commercial salmon
6 license holders and Commercial Fisheries Entry
7 Commission (CFEC) salmon permit holders in this area
8 may subsistence fish for salmon during a commercial
9 salmon fishing period (5AAC01.485), but may not
10 subsistence fish 12 hours before or 12 hours after each
11 commercial fishing period. Commercial salmon license
12 holders and CFEC permit holders in the Chignik
13 Management Area that subsistence fish in Chignik
14 Lagoon, Chignik Lake, or Chignik River are required to
15 contact department staff at the Chignik weir in order
16 to separate the reporting of subsistence and commercial
17 harvests.

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19 The Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF)
20 established a combined amount reasonably necessary for
21 subsistence (ANS) for communities in the Alaska
22 Peninsula area as 34,000 56,000 salmon annually. The
23 combined ANS for the Chignik Area (Chignik Bay and the
24 Central and Eastern districts of the Chignik Management
25 Area) is 7,700 14,250 salmon annually. Liberal state
26 subsistence fisheries are allowed on all lands (state,
27 federal, and private), so adoption of this proposal is
28 not necessary to provide a meaningful subsistence
29 opportunity.

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31 Conservation Issues:

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33 No salmon stocks on the Alaska
34 Peninsula are currently listed as stock of concern by
35 the BOF. Recent late-run sockeye salmon returns, which
36 return primarily to Chignik Lake and its tributaries,
37 have decreased slightly recently. If the Federal
38 Subsistence Board approves this proposal, but does not
39 require a federal permit, increases in undocumented
40 in-tributary exploitation would not be detectable due
41 to the lack of a federal reporting requirement.
42 Significant increases of unreported harvest in Chignik
43 River watershed may lead to conservation issues that
44 would not be detected in a timely manner and may
45 require severe fishery restrictions when detected.

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47 The July 1 through August 31
48 subsistence fishery closure was established by the BOF
49 in Chignik River many years ago to prevent inadvertent
50 harvest and harassment of spawning Chinook salmon.

1 Reopening the Chignik River to subsistence fishing with
2 gillnets would have immediate impacts on the Chinook
3 salmon population that spawns in approximately 80% of
4 the 1.8 river miles that extends from the outlet of
5 Chignik Lake downstream to the department s Chignik
6 weir and near the outlet of Chignik Lake. Chinook
7 salmon have not been found to habitually transit beyond
8 Chignik Lake.

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10 The Federal Subsistence Board recently
11 liberalized allowable methods and means for federal
12 subsistence fisheries, and eliminated permitting and
13 reporting requirements for federally-qualified users
14 who utilize rod and reel, bow and arrow, spear,
15 bare-hand capture, and snagging. Elimination of
16 permitting and reporting requirements by
17 federally-qualified users causes the department serious
18 concern about localized depletion of sockeye salmon
19 stocks in Chignik River watershed tributaries,
20 especially if a significant increase of harvest
21 results. Since the Federal Subsistence Board does not
22 monitor the federal subsistence fishery in this area,
23 authorizing additional freshwater subsistence fisheries
24 that target unmonitored wild stocks is not consistent
25 with principles of sound management and conservation of
26 fish and wildlife resources.

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28 Three Federal Subsistence Board members
29 discussed their support of proposal FP08-11 at the
30 December 2007 meeting because the expected increase in
31 harvest was estimated to be reasonably small and the
32 proponent s intent was to harvest one or two fish at a
33 time (Federal Subsistence Board Transcripts, December
34 20, 2007, pages 228 and 229). Further discussion by
35 the Federal Subsistence Board and Regional Advisory
36 Council chairs also focused on liberalizing federal
37 subsistence users methods and means to allow for
38 harvests of individual salmon for immediate sustenance
39 while traveling lightly in the course of camping, berry
40 picking, or hunting. Discussions did not consider
41 impacts that adoption of FP08-11 would have on sockeye
42 salmon stocks within Clark River and Home Creek,
43 because both were closed to federal subsistence fishing
44 at the time. The impacts of cumulative unreported
45 harvests from creeks that are near communities and
46 easily accessible were also not considered by the
47 Federal Subsistence Board.

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49 The Federal Subsistence Board approved
50 FP08-11, which liberalized methods and means to allow

1 snagging, bare-hand capture, and similar means for
2 light travelers on the Alaska Peninsula and eliminated
3 reporting requirements, based on information that
4 suggested the level of harvest would be a small number
5 of fish by subsistence users traveling lightly in the
6 field. During 2008, the department received reports of
7 federal subsistence users harvesting their winter
8 supply of salmon from these tributaries of concern by
9 federal methods and means and without the benefit of
10 permits and harvest reporting. As stated in objections
11 to FP08-11, the department has serious conservation
12 concerns with unreported harvests and the liberalized
13 methods and means. Those concerns increase with
14 consideration of FP09-11 and FP11-10 and the potential
15 of significant federal subsistence harvests in Home
16 Creek and Clark River.

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18 Enforcement Issues:

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20 None noted at this time.

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22 Jurisdiction Issues:

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24 While standing on state and private
25 lands (including state-owned submerged lands and shore
26 lands), persons must comply with state laws and
27 regulations. If this proposal is adopted, detailed
28 maps are needed that depict land ownership and specific
29 boundaries of areas where federal regulations are
30 claimed to apply in order to reduce risk of violation
31 for federal subsistence fishermen. During the December
32 2007 Federal Subsistence Board meeting, Alaska wildlife
33 trooper testimony (Federal Subsistence Board
34 Transcripts December 11, 2007, pages 89-91) explained
35 the importance of users understanding and knowing
36 jurisdiction and land status. When an enforcement
37 officer encounters an individual conducting an activity
38 that is prohibited by state regulations while standing
39 on state or private lands, including state-owned
40 submerged lands, the person may be cited.

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42 Other Issues:

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44 An identical proposal (#96) was
45 submitted to the BOF for consideration during the
46 January 16 18, 2011, meeting in Anchorage. Proposal 96
47 was supported unanimously by the Chignik Advisory
48 Committee, it was supported with modifications by the
49 USFWS/Federal Subsistence Management Program, and the
50 BOF voted to take no action on this proposal.

1 A similar Fisheries Proposal (FP)
2 11-10, submitted by the Chignik Lake Traditional
3 Council to the Federal Subsistence Board, requested the
4 same changes to Federal subsistence fishing regulations
5 for the Chignik Management Area as State Proposals 95
6 and 96. In addition, FP 11-10 requests elimination of
7 the July 1 through August 31 salmon fishing closure in
8 the Chignik River from a point 300 feet upstream from
9 the Chignik weir to Chignik Lake.

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11 The Federal Subsistence Management
12 Program is concerned that opening the tributaries of
13 Black and Chignik lakes to subsistence salmon fishing
14 with nonselective fishing gear types, such as gillnets,
15 could potentially result in unsustainable harvests of
16 other nontarget species (for example, Dolly
17 Varden/char). These other species may be more
18 susceptible to overfishing than the more abundant
19 salmon species, but fishing effort is expected to be
20 low. If either of these proposals is adopted, harvest
21 of nontarget species would need to be monitored to
22 ensure they remain within sustainable limits.

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24 The Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence
25 Regional Advisory Council (Council) met September 23,
26 2010, and recommended to support FP11-10 with
27 modifications including retaining the July 1 through
28 August 31 closure of the Chignik River. During that
29 meeting, the Council did not express any concerns about
30 overharvest of nonsalmon species if the area is open to
31 subsistence salmon fishing because effort is expected
32 to be low. The Council recommended opening these areas
33 to subsistence use, and pointed out that these areas
34 are already open to sport fishing. Finally, the
35 Council was concerned about the potential need of
36 multiple or dual federal/state permits and preferred
37 seeing the same changes in both federal and state
38 regulations, if possible, to avoid the need for
39 separate/dual permits.

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41 The Office of Subsistence Management
42 (OSM) staff recommendation to the Federal Subsistence
43 Board is to support FP11-10 with modifications
44 including but not limited to: 1) opening the areas of
45 Black Lake and its tributaries to subsistence fishing,
46 but excluding the use of gillnets and seine gear; 2)
47 removing the requested restriction for using "hook and
48 line" gear in the Chignik River; 3) retaining the
49 existing July 1 through August 31 fishing closure in
50 the Chignik River above the ADF&G weir; and 4)

1 retaining the prohibition of purse seine (both power
2 and hand) in Chignik Lake.

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4 The Federal Subsistence Board
5 considered FP11-10 during its January 19-21, 2011,
6 meeting in Anchorage and approved it as modified by the
7 Regional Advisory Council.

8 The 300-foot closure upstream of Chignik River weir was
9 established for safety reasons and to prevent
10 interference with weir operations; this closed area
11 should be retained. The July 1 through August 31
12 subsistence fishery closure in Chignik River was
13 established to protect spawning Chinook salmon and
14 these closure dates should be retained. The Department
15 recommends against adopting gillnets as a legal gear
16 type for federal subsistence fishing in Black Lake or
17 tributaries of Black and Chignik lakes, and Chignik
18 River because opening these tributaries to subsistence
19 salmon fishing with nonselective fishing gear types
20 such as gillnets could potentially result in
21 unsustainable harvests of other nontarget species (for
22 example, Dolly Varden/char).

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24 Recommendation: Oppose.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci.

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28 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes. Thank you,
29 Madame Chair.

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31 Drew, my question is, is the
32 sportfishing also closed from July 1st through August
33 31st to protect those spawning fish.

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35 MR. CRAWFORD: I'll have to -- I don't
36 have that information right in front of me, but I can
37 find it and get back to you.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. John.

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41 MR. JONES: Yeah, it's open for
42 sportsfishing during those period. The king fishing
43 closes August 9th, 10th, whatever it is. And as far as
44 Dollies and whatever else you're fishing in that
45 system, it's open.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 One thing maybe for Drew to hear and
2 pass on to the State, we're bumping up against a bunch
3 of questions here that could probably be fairly easily
4 answered if we had a few more of the State fish and
5 game biologists attending. And I'm noticing a
6 decreasing level of participation by the State in this.
7 When I was working for the State, I was mandated to be
8 at these, and I jumped through some pretty tight hoops
9 to do that. It makes it difficult here to help get
10 things coordinated and it makes it difficult to
11 sometimes have a fully informed decision. So I'm
12 really disappointed that a few more State biologists
13 aren't available for this information.

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15 I've read through some of the comments
16 that are published -- or the whole comment that was
17 published in the book here. One thing I want to bring
18 to the Council's attention here is I'm a little
19 concerned if we go with this, we're going to be
20 appearing pretty inconsistent when it was only in 2010
21 that we recommended and I believe eventually the
22 Subsistence Board adopted a proposal that kind of
23 pretty much established the regulations that we
24 currently have down there.

25
26 It's been really helpful to hear Alvin
27 and John talk, because I'm not very familiar with that
28 area, but I am a little concerned that, you know, two
29 years later or three years later we're kind of redoing
30 something that we just pushed for relatively recently.

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32 And with that I'll kind of defer to
33 other folks until we hear from more folks.

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35 Thank you.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
38 other comments.

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40 (No comments)

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll
43 move to the Federal agencies. Anybody from the Federal
44 agencies have any comments regarding this proposal.

45
46 (No comments)

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: How about the
49 Native, tribal, village or other.

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1 And, Frank, are you going to be
2 addressing?

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4 And by the way, we have these blue
5 cards in the back for the public, if you want to make
6 any comments, fill out these forms., and we'll deal
7 with them

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9 Frank.

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11 MR. WOODS: Yeah, Frank Woods, Bristol
12 Bay Native Association, subsistence.

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14 I think there's like three issues here.
15 Number 1, I think that John Jones has some legitimate
16 concerns that, number 1, the issue of conservation is
17 huge. I think that not only this Board, but the State
18 boards look at that.

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20 Under the justification for this is
21 that Federally-qualified subsistence users can harvest
22 salmon within the tributaries. I think that's the
23 biggest issue before the Board.

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25 The second one is how do you co-manage
26 or dually manage a fishery in the light of subsistence.
27 And you've got to coexist with the commercial
28 fishermen, the sports industry, the recreational user,
29 the different entities that control this, is I think I
30 think out of the ballpark as far as the RAC is
31 concerned. In my opinion, the RAC is to help the
32 subsistence user coexist with the existing dual
33 management regulations.

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35 In the spirit of Dan's comments earlier
36 that Bristol Bay RAC has worked diligently at
37 cooperating with the State and the Feds and all
38 agencies to help people meet their needs, and I think
39 that's the spirit of this whole proposal.

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41 In light of that, BBNA would fully
42 support something to help the people of Chignik Lake
43 and the Chignik region. Being that they're qualified
44 subsistence users, it puts them in a different
45 category. You know, they have rural preference of
46 subsistence priority. And that goes down to zip code.
47 99576 does not qualify me to go down there and harvest
48 kings to sell at AFN, does not qualify me to go down
49 and harvest in that area with that methods and means of
50 where they're going to be fishing, to take them kings

1 out of that region and for me to subsist off of.

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3 Does that make sense, John? Does that
4 help answer your question?

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6 MR. JONES: Well, there is people out
7 at Chignik that I know for a fact that sell kings and
8 reds and all that at AFN. That was the part I was
9 getting to. Now, is that filed under subsistence, you
10 know?

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12 MR. WOODS: And I think maybe Mr.
13 Towarak answered that question. It's a big issue
14 for.....

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16 MR. JONES: Yeah, I know it is a big
17 issue, but, you know, that was the only concern I had,
18 is if you're going to -- you know, king strips are nice
19 to eat. I love them, you know. But when you've got a
20 run that's depleting, why keep adding more to what
21 you're doing with it, you know. And that's the part
22 that really concerns me. And a lot of times it
23 concerns me with different species of fish, too, it's
24 just not the kings, you know. Chignik, if you go up
25 certain rivers in there, there's steelhead in there,
26 but there's not very many of them, you know. It's
27 really a low count on them.

28

29 You know, I lived in Kodiak Island for
30 quite a few years down in Karluk, and they have a nice
31 steelhead run there. It's really good, but Chignik you
32 know, you get a few sportfishermen in there and you're
33 killing that off quicker than it's growing.

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35 So, you know, that was my concerns with
36 a lot of this stuff, you know, is why do something to
37 something that isn't really abundance of it, you know.
38 There's got to be a limit on everything you do, or you
39 won't have any more. And, you know, I'll have it, but
40 my kids won't have it, and my grandkids won't have it,
41 because we wiped it out. And that's the part that
42 always scares me when you go into subsistence and you
43 go into the other parts of it, is once you wipe it out
44 -- a salmon run, if you deplete it, it takes 25 years
45 to build it back up. And 25 years is a long time, and
46 that's only a maybe if it comes back.

47

48 So that's what I was getting at.

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50 MR. WOODS: And this will be a Federal

1 regulation to help subsistence users, Federally-
2 qualified subsistence users in Chignik area fill their
3 smoke houses.

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5 The other issue for the State is do
6 they have a Chinook management plan that they operate
7 off of that triggers to close, trigger to open? And I
8 know that there's seasons, both subsistence, sports,
9 and commercial, but do they have an amount necessary
10 for subsistence use for the Chignik, my question for
11 the State would be.

12

13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do we have
14 somebody on line to answer Frank's question? Somebody
15 from the State?

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17 MS. JENKINS BRITO: I can maybe help
18 shed a little bit of light.

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20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Your name.

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22 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Oh, I'm sorry. My
23 name is Susie Jenkins Brito with the Alaska Department
24 of Fish and Game.

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26 In the Chignik area, as far as I know
27 from reviewing recently the regulations that are in
28 place over there for the sport, commercial and
29 subsistence fisheries, from what I can gather, there's
30 not a Chinook management plan. And I think what --- in
31 place that's comparable to like the Nushagak Chinook
32 Management Plan, which here is triggered off of the
33 Portage Creek sonar. And that's how we determine in
34 like the Nushagak District when sport, commercial and
35 subsistence fishermen can fish. And we don't have
36 closures here for subsistence fishermen that are
37 regulated by the sonar; they're done by like a weekly
38 schedule.

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40 But in the Chigniks, it's set up --
41 from what I understand, the subsistence is set up over
42 there not based on a Chinook management plan like
43 Woodsy's referring to, but it is based more off of.....

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45 MR. JONES: Escapement.

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47 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Escapement, yeah.
48 Thanks, John. That's all I was referring to, that
49 helps.

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1 But I also wanted to say that if the
2 Council would like the regulations that are in
3 conjunction for the Chinook managing over there for
4 sport and subsistence, I can bring those back with me
5 this afternoon.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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9 MR. JONES: Yeah. Sportsfishing over
10 there for kings is regulated through Kodiak. And
11 whatever Kodiak goes from, the escapement at a certain
12 date, that's when they determine if it's one fish or
13 two fish instead of five. And it goes down from that.
14 And then it goes to catch and release. And then they
15 also move it so you can't catch it unless you're out
16 into Federal waters. And that's the way it goes. It's
17 not managed any other way.

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19 MS. JENKINS BRITO: In response to
20 earlier when you were talking about asking how closures
21 were set up for sport, subsistence and commercial, they
22 all are independent entities. So if the sport fishing
23 is automatically closed in State waters, it does not
24 mean that subsistence is automatically closed, or
25 commercial fishing, as you probably well know. But
26 those entities within the Department do communicate
27 with each other and rely on each other to provide
28 information from each fishery resource user group to
29 make decisions on closures. So if sportsfishing is
30 automatically shut down and restricted, it doesn't
31 necessarily mean that subsistence fishing would
32 automatically shut down or be restricted. They would
33 do that within each user group independently, but they
34 would communicate inter-departmentally to decide
35 closures within different user groups.

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37 If that helps shed a little bit of
38 light. Maybe Dan has any more to add, I don't know.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Frank,
41 do you have any more comments.

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43 MR. WOODS: No, just that, you know,
44 the subsistence user's always asked to coexist with all
45 the other user groups, and I think this is just a
46 proposal to help the Chignik Federally-qualified users
47 to -- and I think it would be in the best interest that
48 this Board look really hard at passing it.

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50 Thanks.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.
2 Or John.
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4 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. John and Alvin, I
5 go to Chigniks there all the time and I see nets in the
6 water all the time. They're catching kings and
7 everything. I mean, they're catching probably rainbows
8 and char and reds, silvers.....
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10 MR. JONES: Mesh size.
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12 MR. O'HARA:king salmon. So
13 what's different than what we're dealing with on this
14 proposal.
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16 MR. JONES: I've never caught a king in
17 my gillnet. I never have. The mesh size is too small,
18 and, you know, it's.....
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20 MR. BOSKOFISKY: The difference is that
21 most of your kings spawn right in the river and below
22 the weir.
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24 MR. O'HARA: Below the weir?
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26 MR. JONES: Below it.
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28 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah, below it, on the
29 shallow waters there below the weir.
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31 MR. JONES: And at 300 from above the
32 weir is because at Devil's Nose there's a shallow spot
33 in there where the kings -- and that's the other reason
34 there, they have this in there.
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36 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Most of them spawn
37 between the mouth of the lake and the weir. But they
38 probably don't even have a record of the ones that are
39 caught below the weir to shallows.
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41 MR. O'HARA: By who?
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43 MR. BOSKOFISKY: The guys that are up
44 above report at the weir of what they get. The guys
45 below, they just go wherever they want.
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47 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. Who are
48 those guys below the weir?
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50 MR. BOSKOFISKY: It's sportsfishermen,

1 come up with skiffs. Guys from the Bay, and probably
2 even some from the Lagoon. They bring clients up there
3 and fish and I don't know how their reporting is being
4 done.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. John,
7 did you have any more comment.

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9 MR. JONES: The other thing that really
10 concerns me on a proposal of a gillnet in the
11 navigational waters, that would be a really big concern
12 of mine. And that river isn't really that wide.

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14 MR. O'HARA: They do it all the time.

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16 MR. JONES: I know. But I mean, you're
17 running navigational waters for -- you know, there's a
18 lot of lunds that go up and down that thing, and if you
19 put a 25 fathom gillnet across some of those spots,
20 they actually hit. So, I don't know.

21
22 MR. BOSKOFISKY: According to the
23 proposal, it was supposed to be stipulated in there
24 that the net can't go more than halfway across the
25 stream.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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29 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thanks, Alvin. I
30 think you probably covered it, because I think the
31 basic -- at least the State says, yeah, you can't
32 obstruct more than half the stream. So if you got too
33 much net, you've got to pile some of it on the beach.

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35 Thank you.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
38 other comments.

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40 (No comments)

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we're
43 now to the InterAgency Staff comment.

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45 (No comments)

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: None. How
48 about the advisory groups. Different advisory groups
49 comments regarding this proposal.

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1 (No comments)

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,
4 now about the National Park Service Subsistence
5 Committee. National Park Subsistence Resource
6 Commission.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,
11 how about the summary of written comments. Was there
12 any written comments.

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14 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. There were no
15 written comments received on this proposal.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Public
18 testimony. Any public testimony regarding this.

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20 (No comments)

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. It's
23 the Regional Council recommendation. Now for a motion.

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25 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. Before we
26 do that, could I ask our director here a question.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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30 MR. O'HARA: The SRC, have they met and
31 weighed in on this proposal, Donald.

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33 MR. MIKE: The Aniakchak SRC did not
34 meet, is that correct, Alvin?

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36 MR. BOSKOFKY: (Nods affirmative)

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38 MR. MIKE: Due to a lack of quorum.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
41 other Council recommendations. And I guess this is the
42 time when we have a motion regarding this proposal.

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44 MR. BOSKOFKY: Madame Chair. I move
45 to adopt the proposal.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
48 been a motion to adopt this FP13-13 I think is the
49 proposal.

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1 MS. MORRIS LYON: Correct.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'm waiting
4 for -- we need a second. Nanci.
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6 MS. MORRIS LYON: I'll second it.
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seconded by
9 Nanci.
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11 Any comments. Dan.
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13 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madame
14 Chair.
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16 It's been really interesting to listen
17 to the discussion here, and then looking at some of the
18 other materials.
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20 I'm inclined to just oppose this at
21 this point. It appears to me that probably the folks
22 down in that area need to get together and kind of work
23 out a few more details. I'd like to address parts of
24 it, but it seems like it's not fully formed at this
25 point, and I'm even hesitant to go with the
26 recommendation of OSM for a modified proposal.
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28 And I'll repeat my concerns for the
29 consistency of our Board that if we were to push this
30 much, it's pretty inconsistent with what we did just a
31 really short time ago.
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33 So, you know, it's a shame that the SRC
34 couldn't meet. It would have been interesting to hear
35 what the Fish and Game Advisory Committee down there
36 might feel like, but it looks like to me like it needs
37 a lot more work before we address it.
38
39 Thank you.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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43 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
44 Chair.
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46 I hear what your concerns are, Dan, but
47 I also -- my biggest concern with this that makes me
48 want to vote in favor of it is the issue I have a real
49 problem with sportfishing being opened until August 9th
50 when subsistence fishing isn't allowed from July 1st

1 on. I feel like, you know, it is a priority fishery,
2 much more so than sportfishery. And if for no other
3 reason, I feel like I need to support this so that we
4 have a fishery to deal with so we can address the
5 sportfishing issue having priority over the subsistence
6 fishing.

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8 So I don't know that I'm necessarily
9 convinced in either direction at this point
10 unfortunately. I would like, I guess, to hear from
11 both Alvin and John how they feel about the
12 sportfishing having priority over the subsistence
13 fishery over there.

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15 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Well, really that's one
16 of the bigger issues. You know, we've been subsistence
17 in that area for years before Fish and Game ever came
18 around. And to be restricted, I don't think it's fair
19 that from July 1st until August 31st sportsfishermen
20 could go into the river and fish, and we can't get our
21 kings.

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23 We're not looking at taking -- you
24 know, wiping out king fishery. Myself, I'd probably
25 use five kings to smoke. And that's usually about what
26 we put. We don't sell them. It goes into our freezer
27 and it's kept there. But it's the idea of not being
28 able to get our subsistence food when the sportsfisher
29 can fish. And if they are getting good escapement
30 goals, well, they're hauling fish out of there steady,
31 and we're not able to get them, which I don't think is
32 fair.

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34 Now, we're not -- we're subsistence
35 users. We don't go in to look to deplete any kind of
36 run. If it gets bad enough, we won't even touch them.
37 So we've got more common sense than that.

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39 So that's what I had.

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41 MR. JONES: I've got one.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. John.

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45 MR. JONES: Well, it says here, you
46 know, from July 1st to August, subsistence fishery will
47 be closed in the Chignik River. Well, kings come into
48 Chignik at the end of June and towards the end of
49 August they're done. Actually after the 10th there are
50 very few. I think if you look at the weir numbers,

1 you've only got one, two a week coming through there.

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3 So if you had a subsistence fishery in
4 that river system through that period of time, and you
5 were mainly targeting kings, you wouldn't catch them
6 anyhow if it was closed after those periods. They're
7 spawned. They're spawning in August, so why would you
8 want to go get a red, ugly looking king. Of course,
9 those are good eating, too.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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15 MS. MORRIS LYON: So, John, would you
16 feel more comfortable with this proposal if it had date
17 restrictions to it?

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19 MR. JONES: I would feel really
20 comfortable if it had date restrictions to it and it
21 had amounts.

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23 You know, you could take a proposal and
24 put it on the table, and you could vote it and you can
25 vote against it. But later down the road you could
26 always change it, too, you know, if you vote for it.
27 And if you start it out small with something like this,
28 I'd be in favor of it. You know, if you start it out,
29 say that you're -- if you go up there and you want to
30 get five kings out of there, and the system is
31 supporting it, then give it to them. But just to go up
32 there and, you know, have no limit on something, I
33 wouldn't be in support of it.

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35 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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39 MR. O'HARA: We can amend the motion.
40 So if we want, you know, dates that need to be charged
41 or put a limit on the number of fish because of
42 conservation, then that's something that these guys,
43 this is their fishery, this is their fish, and I kind
44 of feel like I'm -- you know, we need to be sensitive
45 to what their needs are, so I think we.....

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47 I really support the motion, but I
48 think that -- I guess really we, this Council has got
49 to encourage our director and that SRC to meet. If
50 not, we need to make some new appointments of people

1 get on board and get this work down. We come here two
2 times a year for two or three days, and they need to
3 take a day. And they can come up with an airplane and
4 get those guys and meet in Chignik Lake or Port Heiden
5 and get the work done and be back the same day. I've
6 flown them before. They can get their work done. We
7 just need to get an SRC that is going to do their job,
8 because this is really too valuable for us not to do
9 this, you know. We count and name every fish in
10 Bristol Bay, and there's about 40 million of them.

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12 MR. BOSKOFISKY: See, this is one of the
13 problems we're having down there is the SRC hasn't --
14 we haven't been able to get quorum. And I'm kind of in
15 the process of trying to get another person. One guy
16 taken off, and another guy to replace him, because
17 we've been trying to have a meeting now for almost
18 three years that we haven't been able to get the SRC
19 together. There's no quorum.

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21 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. A Park
22 Service lady, she was enforcement, she wanted to --
23 they were going to go down there. We were going to
24 have a meeting in Port Heiden. And I was flying for
25 Pen Air. And she went with me, and she was sorry she
26 went with me. She didn't come back, because it was
27 really blowing hard. At 10:00 o'clock these guys were
28 still in bed down there. I buzzed the town, nobody
29 showed up. Went to Alvin's house I guess and made some
30 phone calls, got them out of bed, took them up there
31 and brought them back. So maybe I need to go back to
32 work for Grant or something.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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38 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
39 Chair.

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41 John, I feel like not -- well, to
42 address what Dan said first. I would totally entertain
43 as second to the motion the consideration of an
44 amendment, including some dates. However, with the
45 limitation restriction, I think without having our
46 numbers person here from Fish and Game, we have to
47 trust them to in their management methods to be able to
48 close it down when the take gets too large or too
49 great, or the pressure involved there is such, because
50 we don't have.....

1 And the other problem I would have with
2 numbers, quite frankly, is unless the sportfishermen
3 are regulated by numbers first, I would have a real
4 problem putting a number on subsistence fishermen
5 first. And we're doing the same thing to ourselves,
6 basically shooting ourselves in the foot by doing it
7 here and now rather than, you know, later when numbers
8 are established or a Chinook management plan or
9 something like that is in place.

10

11 MR. JONES: Well, sportfishermen are
12 regulated by numbers of catch. And if the run isn't
13 big enough, their numbers go down. If the run is over-
14 abundant, their numbers go up. So you can do the same
15 thing.....

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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: No, typically they
18 still have an annual bag limit down there, don't they?

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20 MR. JONES: Well, I'll tell you. Last
21 summer we had catch and release for kings. The summer
22 before we had five and don't tag any of them. Five a
23 day. So take a look at that. What do you get out of
24 that?

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26 MS. MORRIS LYON: Well, what I -- yes,
27 I agree with that. However, your sportfishermen are
28 limited personally in their numbers; however, the
29 number of sportfishermen arriving there to take the
30 fish is not limited. And that's where I'm saying
31 management can come in to say, halt, stop, slow down,
32 whatever is needed. And at some point we have to trust
33 them to do that.

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35 MR. JONES: I think there's a number of
36 how many sportfishermen, and it's somewhere -- if you
37 go back a couple years on it, I think the amount of
38 kings taken out of there by sportfishermen is only in
39 the 50s per season. I think there was maybe one season
40 that went up into 60s or the 70s, but as a total,
41 there's only about 58 I think the year before.

42

43 MS. MORRIS LYON: Right, John. But I
44 guess my point is, is without a defined number being
45 given to sportfishermen as a sport take, as a seasonal
46 limit, I hate to limit subsistence users first. That's
47 my point.

48

49 MR. JONES: yeah. Well, I would see it
50 as regulating both with a high number of, you know,

1 saying, well, you guys only get -- I'd cut the numbers
2 down for the sportsfishermen and keep it low for the
3 subsistence user, too. I mean, one king is better than
4 no king.

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6 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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10 MR. O'HARA: You know, we had a pretty
11 good run of kings in the Naknek this year I think,
12 yeah, which we're really thankful for. And we work
13 very carefully with the recreational people and
14 subsistence people. And I think -- I've heard a lot of
15 -- I'm on a lot of boats in my business, and guys have
16 -- if they got a king that was alive, they threw it
17 overboard again. They just didn't keep it. You guys
18 that seine, you guys are swimming around in the seine,
19 you should throw them all back, except five.

20

21 But it might be good if we table this
22 until after lunch, and maybe -- it's hard to try to
23 come to a number sitting, you know, with the recording
24 going on and the pressure's on. And I don't mind
25 pressure, but it might be good to try to talk with each
26 a little bit at lunch time on if there's something that
27 we can come to that would help the subsistence user
28 along with the recreational guys. I mean, they're an
29 industry, too. I mean, you know, we're obligated to
30 take care of those people.

31

32 But that's up to you, Madame Chair.

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34 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Probably off the top of
35 my head, I would guess there's probably about maybe
36 three people that smoke kings at the lake. We're not
37 asking for, like I said, you know, to deplete the run.
38 We'll use about five kings to smoke, and that's it.
39 And the other families are probably three to five at
40 the most. It's not a big number, so that's all we're
41 trying to -- we're just trying to get equal rights of
42 being able to fish in that river.

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44 MR. JONES: Well, Alvin has low numbers
45 at the lake, but, you know, at the lagoon you see a
46 smokehouse full of fish. My fish that I can hang in
47 mine, I can put 250 reds in my smoke house. And I
48 could put even more kings in there if I wanted to in
49 strips. And there is quite a few smokehouses that are
50 full of kings. As a matter of fact most people smoke

1 their kings this time of the year. So when you bring
2 out totes of kings to smoke this time of the year, and
3 Alvin probably knows who I'm talking about, but it's a
4 lot of kings, and if they can get that many kings
5 without being under subsistence, why would they need
6 subsistence?

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
9 we need to maybe -- there was a suggestion to table
10 this until after lunch. If that's your wish, I guess
11 we can do that to maybe possibly develop numbers or bag
12 limits and whatever else.

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14 I'm inclined to support this proposal,
15 but like both the Dans said, there's some informational
16 gaps here that I'm reluctant to make a firm decision
17 on. And the reason why I'm inclined to support this is
18 that it's not only this area that the subsistence users
19 are limited. Not only limited, but aren't given the
20 opportunity to harvest. We have some areas even in the
21 park and preserve areas that the subsistence users
22 can't even harvest food, resources that they've been
23 using before ANILCA came into place. And it's just
24 unfairness of the subsistence harvesters that I think
25 makes the person -- the users finally come to a
26 conclusion that if one user group is going to be given
27 priority for the resources, no matter where these
28 resources are, subsistence users that have been using
29 these resources forever need this priority also for
30 use.

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32 And I know that we're going to be
33 dealing with a couple of other uses that are in this
34 agenda that is regarding restricting subsistence users
35 on some resources and inclining to develop commercial
36 use for sports people that the subsistence users aren't
37 able to make use of the resource.

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39 So I guess I need direction from the
40 Board now as to how we're going to be dealing with
41 this. do we want to table this proposal and discuss it
42 over lunch or what's your wishes. It's almost noon
43 now.

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45 Whenever we're dealing with subsistence
46 versus sports use, it's always kind of contentious, but
47 this Board's recommendation, and that's why we have a
48 diverse group, so discussions regarding such as this is
49 crucial and important.

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1 Richard.
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3 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'd be in
4 favor of, if so choose, to table this until after
5 lunch. We can get together and get some real language
6 behind this proposal that we can --just for time's
7 sake.
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9 MR. O'HARA: I'd second the motion
10 also.
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
13 been a motion and seconded to table this proposal until
14 after lunch. And do we want to pick it up right after,
15 as soon as we get back from lunch.
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17 MR. O'HARA: Yes, ma'am. And we can do
18 other work between now and lunch, too, you know.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
21 been a motion and seconded to table this proposal. All
22 in favor of tabling this proposal say aye.
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24 IN UNISON: Aye.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
27 opposition.
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29 (No opposing votes)
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. This
32 proposal's been tabled, and we can probably pick up
33 another agenda item.
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35 What time is it now? Is it 20?
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37 The next one is going to be the review
38 and draft memorandum of understanding between the
39 Federal Subsistence Board, and this is an action item.
40 And I guess we could probably start on it, or break for
41 lunch until -- because this probably going to be a
42 longer discussion. So my recommendation is to go ahead
43 and break for lunch and back -- what time is it now?
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45 MS. MORRIS LYON: 20 till.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: 20 till.
48 What's your wishes. I guess we can start on this. I
49 need a recommendation from.....
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1 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair. I
2 guess I would be interested in at least having the
3 basics put in front of us so that we could perhaps
4 think about it over lunch, to get it started, and to
5 possibly, you know, deliberate on it a little bit.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The
8 MOU. Who is going to be dealing with this. Susan, are
9 you going to be dealing with this.

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11 MS. JENKINS BRITO: My name is Susie
12 Jenkins Brito with Fish and Game.

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14 What I wanted to let the RAC know is
15 that Jennifer Yuhas, who's a working group member from
16 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, has made
17 herself available to call in to the RAC meetings and
18 the regional Fish and Game Advisory Committee meetings
19 when discussing the memorandum of understanding. And I
20 was wondering if the RAC would like her to try to call
21 in this afternoon when you are going to be going over
22 this document.

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24 MR. DUNAWAY: Is she on line now?

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: She's not on
27 line now?

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29 MS. JENKINS BRITO: No. No, Ms. Chair.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So I
32 guess we can't deal with this one right now anyway.

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34 MS. JENKINS BRITO: You could. I
35 believe that there's all the information here. I was
36 just wondering if you would like me to try to get ahold
37 of Ms. Yuhas to call in this afternoon.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pat, you have
40 a comment.

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42 MS. PETRIVELLI: Well, if you want, I
43 could just introduce the information and then you could
44 just deal with it if you want, and have Jennifer Yuhas
45 -- and then other members of the working group, we
46 could make sure they're on line also, with the Federal
47 part. But I could just go over and walk you through
48 what's in the book.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. That

1 will work.

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3 MS. PETRIVELLI: Okay. Hello. My name
4 is Pat Petrivelli, and I'm with the Bureau of Indian
5 Affairs. And sometimes I stand in for Glenn Chen who's
6 the InterAgency Staff Committee member for BIA. And so
7 I ended up attending this meeting instead of him.

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9 But the members of the working group
10 that dealt with this issue were Steve Kessler, Jerry
11 Berg, Sandy Rabinowitch on the Federal side, and then
12 Jennifer Yuhas was on the State side, and she
13 represented not only the Department, but the Board of
14 Fish and Board of Game.

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16 And when you last looked at this issue
17 was last January I think, and you made your
18 recommendations. And they're on Page 48, the specific
19 recommendations that you made.

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21 And so the working group through
22 negotiated -- they just sat and they talked about how
23 to make those changes. So they took all the specific
24 comments from the Councils and went through the
25 document.

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27 One thing that they wanted to -- or
28 there were some universal things, and those start on
29 Page 44, the general changes. And that's at the bottom
30 of 44. And one that several councils made was to use
31 plain language. And so they went through the whole
32 document, and where they could agree between the
33 different agencies and the State, they tried to make
34 the language plain. And, of course, they had to
35 involve lawyers, but they did their best.

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37 The second thing was reordering some of
38 the topics in the MOU. In that MOU, because this MOU
39 is a memorandum of understanding between the Federal
40 program and the State program to deal with -- well,
41 with our Federal Board, but just to deal with just
42 subsistence matters, but they reformatted consistently
43 to put the Federal language first, because it's
44 focusing on the Federal Subsistence Program. And I
45 think that would address some of the concerns about the
46 tone. But when you read through it, I guess you'll
47 see.

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49 And then some Councils -- or there was
50 just a general concern about glossary and definitions.

1 And what we did was just actually spell -- get rid of
2 all the acronyms and spell out the words and tried to
3 use plain language.

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5 And then the specific changes that were
6 mae, and this one, traditional ecological knowledge,
7 many Councils besides your own wanted TEK added
8 whenever scientific knowledge was used. And because --
9 and I'm an anthropologist, and I understand how TEK can
10 become local traditional knowledge. TEK, traditional
11 knowledge, but just a whole bunch of different terms,
12 and it's hard to know what people are talking about.
13 Since this is implementing the subsistence priority, in
14 ANILCA it has the words customary and traditional uses.
15 What they decided to do was knowledge of customary and
16 traditional uses will be used rather than go into a
17 scientific term.

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19 The next topic, number 5, about
20 predator management, because many Councils brought that
21 up, it was decided that since the Federal Subsistence
22 Board does not implement Federal subsistence management
23 activities, they have no authority to do so, they just
24 make regulations for hunting and fishing uses, and it's
25 up to, because of the different missions of the
26 agencies, it's up to the individual management agencies
27 to make their decisions about whether they'll carry out
28 those management activities. And that's in the
29 predator management policy that the Board has adopted.
30 So we decided to make it clear to the State and to the
31 Councils that the Board will follow the predator
32 management policy. So that's in the management
33 agreement now. And that it is up to the individual
34 agencies to deal with those issues on the case-by-case
35 basis.

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37 Then number 6 was State management
38 plan. The current MOU states that State fish and
39 wildlife management plans will be used as the initial
40 basis. And we changed that to show that we -- in the
41 agreement we'll use Federal, State, and cooperative
42 plans, so that it's not just -- that our hands are not
43 tied to only follow State management plans.

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45 And then number 7, with evaluating the
46 MOU, the Southeast Regional Advisory Council wanted a
47 way to evaluate the MOU to see whether it is
48 accomplishing the goal of implementing the priorities.
49 And there was specific language inserted that will say
50 that the Councils will review the MOU every year. So

1 you'll have a chance to -- so this will be an agenda
2 topic every year to look at the MOU agreement and just
3 get your input and feedback.

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5 And then the last item was the existing
6 protocols. And here it says the intent to follow up a
7 review of these protocols after adoption of this
8 updated MOU. Some protocols were already adopted and
9 put into place for like information sharing, and then
10 on the cooperative fisheries management for sure on the
11 Yukon fisheries are, there was the agreement
12 specifically how to put in place where the Federal and
13 State managers will work together. Particularly with
14 fisheries management, those in-season actions, it's
15 good to have it concerted, and like the concern that
16 John Jones was affected, you know, just the
17 recognitions that Federal in-season managers have that
18 same authority to close fishing seasons when necessary.
19 But those protocols, some have been worked on and some
20 haven't, and, of course, with the budget climate about
21 how many more of those will be developed is still up in
22 the air, but the goal is that a lot will be developed,
23 will be worked on as budget permits.

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25 But as you go through, besides the
26 specific comments on Page 47 and 48, on Page 50 there's
27 the actual memorandum of understanding and in the gray-
28 shaded area, there's a comment wherever changes were
29 made. And we apologize for the small print, but it
30 will say why the change was made, and which Council
31 made the recommendation.

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33 And I think with your Council's
34 comments, starting on Page 52, comments 11 and 12, I
35 think -- well, that predator management activity was in
36 response to your Council. And then the traditional
37 ecological knowledge is number 12. And then I think
38 there were two other specific comments. And I meant
39 to try to find them, but I only realized I was going to
40 have to do this a few minutes ago. But I've heard it
41 done by.....

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43 MR. BOSKOFISKY: What about 14.

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45 MS. PETRIVELLI: 14 was yours, too?
46 Oh, okay. Another TEK one.

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48 And I think there's one more that you
49 said. Let's see, let's find it. Oh, the designate
50 tribal or local, so section number 9. Let's see. With

1 -- designate liaison's for -- instead of -- I think
2 they just put -- they just reworded that, because there
3 was a confusion, and it's comment 17, about designating
4 the tribal, local, but they just made it clear what
5 that liaison was supposed to do. So I think it wasn't
6 quite sure what they meant by it, but I think they
7 reworded it so that it's more clear. And then they did
8 put in tribal things in other places also. And I don't
9 think they -- but I forget which Council mentioned
10 that, but they do say local or tribal input, and that's
11 in different places throughout the MOU, in light of the
12 new tribal consultation policy that the Board's
13 following.

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15 So if you have time to look through it
16 or for sure we'll make sure Jerry Berg or one of the
17 people that were on the actual working group, and then
18 Jennifer Yuhas has comments, and then we'll make sure
19 they're all on the teleconference this afternoon to
20 answer specific questions about why certain changes
21 were made or not made.

22

23 And then the next step is once we get
24 input back from the Councils, then I think the State
25 was going to run this by the Fish and Game Advisory
26 Committees also, and then hopefully as this reviews and
27 revisions again will be completed and it could be
28 signed by the Boards in January. With the hope. And,
29 of course, even if it's signed in January you'd be
30 reviewing it again next year.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
33 questions for Pat, Board members.

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35 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, I have one.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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39 MR. O'HARA: I think in the changes,
40 the numbers that we went through, is the MOU actually
41 going to deal with predator control on the Federal
42 side.

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44 MS. PETRIVELLI: Well, in this MOU it
45 will just say that the Board will follow its own
46 predator management policy, and that the Federal Board
47 will not deal with predator management, that that's up
48 to the individual agencies to follow their own, because
49 they all have different policies that are in
50 legislation.

1 Oh, and I forgot to mention that when
2 those other people are here also, and then if there are
3 people in the public, that this is the time for public
4 review of this MOU also for tribes and public. So I
5 apologize about that.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
8 questions or comments.

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10 (No comments)

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess if
13 not, we -- what is that?

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15 MS. MORRIS LYON: Frank Woods has a
16 comment I think.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh. I didn't
19 see you. Frank, did you have a comment.

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21 MR. WOODS: Is this public?

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, it's --
24 well, it sounds like according to Pat that once we deal
25 with this this afternoon, that the Board and also the
26 pubic could make recommended comments, but if you have
27 -- do you have a question.

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29 That was your question.

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31 MR. WOODS: Thank you.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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35 MS. PETRIVELLI: It might be better
36 have the members of the actual working group, if there
37 are comments, and then if they have -- the public has
38 questions of those people, then they could answer --
39 ask them also.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
42 additional. Susan.

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44 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Just in
45 response.....

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do you want to
48 come up and state your name.

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50 MS. JENKINS BRITO: This is Susie with

1 Fish and Game.

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3 Just in response to Frank Woods'
4 question. This memorandum of understanding is
5 available for public review and comment. I do have an
6 electronic document of it that I can forward to anybody
7 who would like it electronically.

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9 And as stated previously by Pat and
10 myself, it will go before the State's Advisory
11 committees, the Fish and Game Advisory Committees, and
12 they will have the option to comment on this MOU as
13 well. So it is a public document, and it's out there.

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15 And if anybody does want an electronic
16 version or a paper copy that's not already in the book,
17 I would be happy to send it their way.

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19 That was all.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan,
22 did you have a -- yeah. I know that the Advisory
23 Councils here in our regions have started, and this is
24 going to be signed in January 2013, is it. And have
25 you -- has this been on the agenda of the other
26 advisory? Okay. So they have an understanding that
27 they can make comments regarding this. Pardon?

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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: An understanding of
30 the understanding.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If
37 there's no more comments, questions, let's break for
38 lunch, and when do we want to get back. 1:00 o'clock,
39 1:30.

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41 MR. ABRAHAM: 1:30.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: 1:30. Is that
44 too long.

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46 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Way too long.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So 1:00
49 o'clock. 1:00 o'clock. Okay. Recess until 1:00
50 o'clock.

1 (Off record)
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3 (On record)
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm
6 going to call to order the meeting to order at 1:00 --
7 I can't see the clock.
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9 MS. MORRIS LYON: 1:10.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: 1:10. I guess
12 now we'll pick up the proposal that we tabled during --
13 when we recessed for lunch. And that will be the
14 agenda item for now. And at this point -- well, I
15 guess we'd still be on the Regional Council
16 recommendation, discussion.
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18 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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22 MR. O'HARA: The maker of the motion
23 needs to make a motion to take it off the table. Who
24 made the motion, was that you, Richard?
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The main -- I
27 think Alvin -- wasn't Alvin the one that made the
28 motion?
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30 MR. O'HARA: No. Well, when you table
31 a motion, whoever tabled the motion needs to make a
32 motion to bring it back on the floor, because it was
33 tabled.
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think
36 it was.....
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38 MR. O'HARA: Richard.
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Was it
41 Richard.
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43 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. So you've got to
44 make a motion to bring it back on the table.
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46 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. At this
47 time then I'll make a motion to bring Proposal 13-13
48 back on the table.
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50 MR. O'HARA: I'll second that motion.

1 I second the motion.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
4 been a motion to bring the FP13-13 proposal back on the
5 table.

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7 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question's
10 been called. All in favor say aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
15 opposition.

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17 (No opposing votes)

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,
20 we have this proposal back on the table for discussion,
21 recommendation.

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23 Donald.

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25 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. At
26 lunch break Mr. Dan Dunaway brought some information
27 for the Council to review. Maybe I'll have Dan
28 summarize what he found for the Council.

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30 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. Thanks.

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36 Well, I'm sorry to say that this might
37 not be all that helpful. It was what I could grab
38 really fast going to the Fish and Game office. And
39 I've got a couple of tables that show the annual area,
40 Chignik management area Chinook salmon harvest up
41 through 2011. And then also another one, estimated
42 Chignik River Chinook, coho, pink and chum salmon daily
43 Dolly Varden escapement through 2011. Just so I was
44 thinking maybe that would give us some sense of the
45 quantities of fish we're talking about.

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47 Table 13 has a thing called home pack
48 on it, which is a term I'm -- I know what it means to
49 me, but I never saw it in a Fish and Game report
50 before.

1 I was not able to locate sport harvest
2 effort or catch for the Chignik area, or any sportfish
3 management report about how the king fishery's managed,
4 or like I did -- also I got a sportfish regulation
5 book, and it shows in fact that the Chignik king salmon
6 sportfishing season stays open until August 9, while
7 the entire rest of the Kodiak/Alaska Peninsula area --
8 or, no, Alaska Peninsula/Aleutians area closes to a
9 spawning ground closure on July 25th.

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11 So not being from that area, and it was
12 lunchtime and all the Fish and Game guys are out to
13 lunch, or there's a great big fisheries conference for
14 a fisheries society in Kodiak right now, trying to find
15 biologists to get some insight on how sport and
16 commercial are managed is pretty much impossible. I
17 was really hoping to find something that shed a little
18 more light on what's going on. Hopefully I just didn't
19 add more confusion. But it's what I could find.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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23 MR. JONES: The home pack deal is what
24 you see on a fish ticket, you know, when you record
25 fish that aren't being sold, but yet they're documented
26 on how many pounds you're taking home, and that's where
27 you get that number from.

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29 MR. DUNAWAY: Like the king.

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31 MR. JONES: Yeah.

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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. Like the
34 kings that you've reported.

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36 MR. JONES: Yeah.

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah.

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40 MR. JONES: And even if you take reds
41 home during that period, you do the same thing.

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43 And the answer to your other question
44 is the people in Kodiak, they come out with the report
45 on how many fish, kings, sportsfishing in January, or
46 after January.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
49 other discussions.

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1 MR. JONES: I have one more thing to
2 say. I was talking with Dan down here. You know,
3 there is no support for this here to find any of the
4 history and all this stuff on this to tell you exactly
5 what's happening in there. And I think what this
6 should be done is it should be put away and then have
7 local advisory committees go over it and then have it
8 come back with a better -- instead of what I know, what
9 Alvin knows, what everybody knows, I think that maybe
10 it should go to everybody that wants to put their input
11 on it and make it a topic wherever you have your
12 meeting at. You have that in Port Heiden this year or
13 where, Dan?

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15 MR. O'HARA: I don't know whether --
16 they didn't have one.

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18 MR. JONES: They didn't have one?

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20 MR. O'HARA: (Indiscernible - mic not
21 on) keep talking about it though.

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23 MR. JONES: So AC or whatever?

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25 MR. O'HARA: SRC.

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27 MR. JONES: Yeah.

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29 MR. O'HARA: They didn't have one,
30 because they didn't have a quorum.

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32 MR. JONES: They didn't have a quorum?
33 Well, you know, I think that the input on it should
34 have been -- Fish and Game should have been up to bat
35 and say, well, this is not a problem or is. You know,
36 I've attended a lot of Board of Fish meetings and Fish
37 and Game usually is neutral on most of our discussions,
38 so, I don't know.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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42 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
43 Chair.

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45 I have the gold mine sitting in front
46 of me thanks to one of our audience members, and I have
47 got a whole entire book giving us data from about '77
48 through 2008 on how many fish, what type, and here I
49 just found another one where it's even got it broken
50 down to gear type per area and fish, including which

1 village used what. So this information is available.
2 I don't know though what the wishes of the Board would
3 be as far as making a quick analysis or making multiple
4 copies of this to analyze if we wanted to come up with
5 numbers, or if we wanted to broaden the proposal with
6 an amendment, or if we wanted to table it for
7 consideration by the SRCs, or whatever, but the
8 information is right here, which is kind of cool.

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10 I'll share it. I've been hogging it.

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12 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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16 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, I think I would like
17 to have this go back to the State advisory board which
18 you have in Chigniks. I think you have a State -- I'm
19 sure they must have it, yeah. And then an SRC really
20 needs to look at this and give us their recommendation.
21 So I will not be supporting the proposal, because I
22 think it needs to go back and be revisited, but I'd
23 sure like to see it come back again in -- is it
24 February or March that we meet?

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26 MR. MIKE: March.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So, Dan, are
29 you inclined to make a motion to table this until
30 March?

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32 MR. O'HARA: Are you putting words in
33 my mouth?

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MR. O'HARA: We have a motion on the
40 floor (indiscernible - mic not on).

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42 REPORTER: Your microphone.

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44 MR. O'HARA: We have a motion on the
45 floor. We should probably vote on the motion and make
46 another motion. I don't think we can ignore the motion
47 on the floor unless they want to withdraw it, so.....

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49 MR. BOSKOFKY: You know, it would be
50 all right to take to SRC if we could have a meeting.

1 We haven't been able to get quorum for the past I think
2 it's going on four years now. It would be hard to take
3 it to SRC if you can't meet. The theory is, you know,
4 we're supposedly supposed to deal with subsistence
5 issues, and this is a subsistence issue. And, you
6 know, I'd like to see it dealt with.

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8 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
11 been a question. I guess would it be all in favor of
12 Dan O'Hara's motion to table this resolution? No, no,
13 no, it's not.

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15 MR. JONES: You can't bring that up.

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17 MR. O'HARA: We have a motion on the
18 floor on the proposal that we need to deal with. Then
19 we can make another motion after that.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So that
22 first motion was from Alvin.

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24 Carl, did you have a comment.

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Just a procedural note
27 for the Council, Madame Chair.

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29 So your pending motion is to support
30 this proposal. If the Council chooses to vote down
31 that motion, the next step from what I'm hearing, the
32 Council wants to hear from some other bodies first;
33 however, the Board will be wanting to hear a
34 recommendation for its January meeting. So most likely
35 the appropriate motion would be to defer action on the
36 proposal, at which time then the Board, the Federal
37 Subsistence Board would not hear again on this proposal
38 until its winter 2015 meeting, which will be the next
39 time the Federal Subsistence Board acts on fisheries
40 proposals. They do sometimes take things out of cycle
41 depending on the history, the procedural history of the
42 issue, but you're next motion then most appropriately
43 would be a motion to defer action until such time, if
44 you want to hear from other advisory bodies.

45

46 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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50 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. So the Federal

1 Board is on a three-year cycle on fin fish?

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3 MR. JOHNSON: It's every two years for
4 fisheries, shell fish. Every two years.

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6 MR. O'HARA: Oh, every two years.

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8 MR. JOHNSON: For fisheries and every
9 two years for wildlife. So on even years it takes
10 fisheries proposals, acts on them on odd years, so 2012
11 it's taking fisheries proposals, and then it will act
12 on them at its winter 2013 meeting. And then, you
13 know, likewise next year it takes wildlife proposals
14 and acts on them at its 2014 meeting. So it's every
15 two years for fisheries/shellfish.

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17 MR. O'HARA: Oh, I'm sorry. That's a
18 long time to wait on subsistence issues.

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20 MS. MORRIS LYON: Alvin, would you be
21 interested in creating any sort of an amendment that
22 would include any kind of dates or limitations that we
23 might consider along with this motion that might
24 provide some confidence so that we didn't have to wait
25 another two years before it was listened to, and we in
26 the meantime could still approach the SRCs and ACs in
27 the area in the areas and see over the next two years
28 if there was better solutions or better opportunities
29 that came out of the proposal to perhaps mold it or
30 shape it in a fashion that could e perfected.

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32 MR. BOSKOFKY: Yeah, I don't see where
33 there would be anything wrong with putting dates in
34 there, just as long as we're able to get rights to
35 fish.

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37 MR. JONES: And would it be possible to
38 put gear types in there, too.

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40 MR. BOSKOFKY: I don't think so. I
41 think we should stick with what our gear types call for
42 now for subsistence.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So, Alvin, do
45 you have ideas of -- do you want to match the dates for
46 what are sportfish dates that they have down, or are
47 there seasons for Chinooks that would be more
48 appropriate to harvest.

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50 MR. BOSKOFKY: I guess John is the one

1 that's talking about dates, so he'd have to come up
2 with something.

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4 MR. JONES: Well, to answer that, I was
5 commenting on when they had it closed is not a very
6 appropriate time to be fishing them. So I wouldn't see
7 no big deal of opening it up when sportsfish opening,
8 and close it down when sportsfishing's closed for
9 kings. And that would still allow you to subsistence
10 fish in that river for reds and Dollies or whatever you
11 wanted to do. But you'd have to have a time limit or a
12 window of some type for the kings, because if you're
13 harvesting those past into their spawning time, it's
14 going to wipe them out and then nobody will have to
15 worry about it.

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17 So that's one of my concerns is wiping
18 it out. It wouldn't bother me one bit if it was --
19 that's why I was asking about gear type, you know. You
20 want to gillnet for them in there and, you know, you're
21 going to have a lot of conflict in between the -- not
22 the sportsfishermen themselves; you're going to have a
23 conflict with the guy that's running up and down that
24 river during that sportsfishing fishing trying to give
25 you a ticket for what are you doing, sportsfishing or
26 are you subsistence fishing. And that turns into a big
27 issue as I see it, but maybe I'm wrong.

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29 MR. BOSKOFISKY: We don't only get
30 kings; we get reds, we'll get pinks, dogs that come in,
31 we'll get them, too, so, you know, it's all the
32 different fish that come in, we harvest.

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34 MR. JONES: That's why I'm saying
35 during the king part of it, Alvin, is when the kings
36 for August 9th or 10th, whatever it is in the book,
37 closes, then that part of the king fishery is closed,
38 but yet you can still subsistence fish for your reds
39 and whatever else you're doing in that river system.

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41 MR. BOSKOFISKY: And I don't see nothing
42 wrong with it closing on August 9th, you know, but
43 we've never harvested red kings. We always harvest
44 bright kings for smoking.

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46 MR. JONES: But still, you know, what
47 you're doing is the guy that goes, well, I didn't get
48 my kings early enough, you know, and here's August and
49 the season's closed, but the kings are still in the
50 river. You know they're in there and I know they're in

1 there. That means that that guy can go out there and
2 get those -- there's nothing wrong with them, they're
3 just not bright silver, you know. They're still a good
4 king.

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6 But once you start taking them when the
7 season is done for sportsfishing, that's their spawning
8 time is what I'm worried about is, you know, if you get
9 into harvesting kings for subsistence when it's closed,
10 you're cutting down on that, so say in five years, I
11 don't know what a cycle is for a king to come back into
12 the river systems, but whenever they return, they're
13 going to be less because we're fishing them subsistence
14 when they spawning, you know.

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16 I'll tell you for a fact you can go up
17 there -- I was up there flyfishing, which I'm not a
18 very good flyfisherman, and I caught a king not too
19 long ago here and it wasn't really too bad. I could
20 have took that one home and cooked him up under
21 subsistence.

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23 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Like I just said we
24 don't take the red kings. We don't touch them when
25 they're spawning. We take the bright kings for
26 smoking.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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30 MS. MORRIS LYON: So it sounds like if
31 we implemented the date restrictions, that the same
32 restrictions sportsfishery has, it would serve your
33 purpose, correct, as well as fulfilling your concern?

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35 MR. JONES: For the kings.

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37 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah, that's right. I
38 mean, I could live with that.

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40 MR. JONES: I guess I'd have to agree
41 with him just as long as we weren't fishing them until
42 they're gone.

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44 MR. BOSKOFISKY: So what do we do.

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46 MS. MORRIS LYON: Make a formal
47 amendment. Well, I was looking for these guys, I don't
48 know what the dates are.

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50 MR. O'HARA: Give us a date, guys.

1 MR. JONES: Well, I would suggest from
2 the end of June to it closes on August 9th for your
3 kinds alone and subsistence. And then after August 9th
4 you would be done taking kings, but you could still
5 take your other red salmon and Dollies or whatever you
6 want to do.

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8 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. Is that a
9 motion? Is that an amendment?

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11 MR. JONES: I guess so. I'll make it
12 an amendment of those dates.

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14 MR. O'HARA: And I'll second that. And
15 we'll act on the amendment first and then on the main
16 motion.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. John
19 made an amendment with dates coinciding with the sports
20 dates. And Dan O'Hara seconded that amendment.

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22 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And the
25 question has been called. All in favor say aye.

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27 IN UNISON: Aye.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
30 opposition.

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32 (No opposing votes)

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Hearing
35 none, the ayes have it. Thank you.

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37 Now need a main motion -- or make a
38 motion.

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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: No, it's on the
41 table.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Sorry. Okay.
44 There's a motion to -- what was that?

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46 MS. MORRIS LYON: Support 13-13.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Support 13-13
49 with the amendments that were -- amended dates that we
50 just passed.

1 Dan.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
6 question called. Okay. There's been a question.
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8 And, Donald, we'll do a roll call on
9 this.
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11 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
12 Motion to adopt FP13-13 as amended by Mr. John Jones
13 with a starting date June 30th through August 9th, and
14 after August 9th, no harvest of Chinook. And this will
15 be a main motion vote for FP13-13 as amended.
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17 Mr. Pete Abraham.
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19 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes.
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21 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan O'Hara.
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23 MR. O'HARA: Aye.
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25 MR. MIKE: Ms. Nanci Morris Lyon.
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27 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes.
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29 MR. MIKE: Ms. Molly Chythlook.
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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33 MR. MIKE: Mr. Alvin Boskofsky.
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35 MR. BOSKOFSKY: Yes.
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37 MR. MIKE: Mr. John Jones.
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39 MR. JONES: Yes.
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41 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan Dunaway.
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43 MR. DUNAWAY: I abstain.
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45 MR. MIKE: Mr. Moses Toyukak's absent.
46 Mr. Thomas Hedlund.
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48 MR. HEDLUND: I abstain, too.
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50 MR. MIKE: Mr. Richard Wilson.

1 MR. WILSON: Yes.
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3 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, a vote of
4 seven yeses and two abstaining and one absent.
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6 MR. O'HARA: One what?
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8 MR. MIKE: Absent.
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10 MR. O'HARA: One absent. Madame Chair.
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12 Just so that the abstainers know, your
13 vote goes with whichever the vote goes, that's the way
14 you guys, too.
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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
17 we can move on. Okay. Then the next -- I guess we can
18 continue. We need to -- we'll get back to the MOU.
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20 Do we have some -- it looks like Susan
21 isn't here. Oh, she's -- so are these people that are
22 supposed to be calling, are they on board. I forgot to
23 check to see if they were on line.
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25 MS. JENKINS BRITO: I believe that Drew
26 should be on the phone from ADF&G, as well as Jennifer
27 Yuhas.
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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Drew.
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31 MS. YUHAS: Madame Chair. This is
32 Jennifer.
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Drew
35 and Jennifer are on line.
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37 MS. YUHAS: I am, Madame Chair. This
38 is Jennifer.
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll
41 continue with the MOU discussion.
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43 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Madame Chair.
44 Thank you for the ability to teleconference in. I wish
45 I was able to make another trip back out to the Bay.
46 It was so pretty when I was there last summer, but as
47 many of you know, when you're wearing multiple hats,
48 not all the meetings are in the same part of the state
49 at the same time.
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1 So I appreciate the opportunity to give
2 you the report from the State's half of the working
3 group. Pat Petrivelli let you know what the process
4 was like.

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6 One thing that has been different for
7 this working group has been the previous years we've
8 opened the MOA or MOU, have had a representative of the
9 Board of Fish and a representative of the Board of Game
10 and someone representing the Department. This year the
11 Board of Fish and the Board of Game both designated me
12 to be their representative, so at each of these
13 meetings I've been wearing three hats and representing
14 all three of the State's signatories. And there has
15 been a few people who have asked about that. I wanted
16 to make that clear before we got started.

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18 Pat did a good job of explaining the
19 language. The MOU working group, all of us agreed to
20 put this language in front of you for circulation.

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22 I have been letting the RACs know that
23 on the briefing paper that shows some specific changes,
24 on item number 7 where we've incorporated the idea to
25 evaluate the MOU on a yearly basis, we have a little
26 bit of concern on the State side that people might
27 think that means there's going to be an open period and
28 a closed period for comments and that we're studying
29 something new that would be more bureaucratic. We've
30 always had the MOA and the MOU open at any time so any
31 member of the public, any RAC could pose a change to
32 the MOU, and that would need to be considered for the
33 Board to be rejected or incorporated into the document.
34 So we do want to make that clear in the amended
35 language so that we aren't starting a precedent of
36 having an open and a closed period for comments.

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38 The language that you have in front of
39 you is what we have agreed to. The State also needs to
40 be clear that we are evaluating whether or not we will
41 sign the MOU on two other factors.

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43 One of those is that funding for the
44 liaison office at the State comes through the Office of
45 Subsistence Management. That started in 2008 when the
46 MOU was signed. Previous to that we just had a
47 memorandum of agreement that had initials on it. We've
48 been let know that that funding is in jeopardy due to
49 the Federal budget cuts and so that those possibly
50 remove a layer of obligation for the State if the

1 funding is not coming through.

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3 We're also evaluating the document
4 based on how well we're implementing it.

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6 So the language we've all agreed to.
7 We do have a few kinks to work out as far as whether
8 it's being followed on a regular basis between the two
9 entities, whether we're adhering to protocol, whether
10 we're including each other in meetings. And so we're
11 taking a very hard look at that before we sign.

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13 That concludes my portion of the State
14 report, unless the RAC has questions, Madame Chair.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Do we
17 have any questions from the Board.

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19 (No comments)

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Seeing
22 none, I guess we have Susie, do you want to continue
23 with your comment.

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25 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Sure. This is kind
26 of off topic from the MOU that Jennifer was speaking
27 about.

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29 The pamphlets that were just
30 distributed are the copy of the moose management plan
31 for you guys to look over and reconvene about later.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I'm sorry.
34 Okay.

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36 Okay. Do we have any more discussions
37 regarding this MOU. Any questions. Okay. Nanci.

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39 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
40 Chair.

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42 I would just like to say that I think
43 that I really commend the committee for going back and
44 taking all of the RAC's concerns into consideration and
45 identifying each one of them, and at least attempting
46 to address the issues that we felt needed to be further
47 addressed before they moved forward. I'm supposing
48 that probably a few members of this Council, including
49 myself, are probably still not quite satisfied with the
50 predator control language or decisions that were made,

1 but I would commend them for their work and tell them
2 that I feel like this document is definitely something
3 that we can work with at this point.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
6 other comments.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Let's
11 see. This is an action item, so we need a motion.

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13 Donald.

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15 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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17 This is an opportunity for the Council
18 to further comment on the MOU. If they have any
19 questions or clarification on the language they'd like
20 to see on that and to be clarified, this would be an
21 opportunity for the Council to address. Is that right,
22 Pat?

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24 MS. PETRIVELLI: (Nods affirmative)

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Again,
27 does the Council have any comments regarding this.

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29 (No comments)

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: My
32 prescriptive is I think that like Nanci mentioned, I do
33 appreciate the work that's been done regarding this.
34 And I think it's a good enough document that we could
35 work with the corrections, knowing that it will be
36 reviewed periodically, it sounds like yearly maybe now.
37 So I think in order to move forward with this MOU, I
38 feel comfortable to have the Council I guess make a
39 motion.

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41 And then earlier we were told that we
42 can get some input from the public regarding this from
43 the audience. So do we have anybody here in the
44 audience that would like to make any comments regarding
45 this.

46
47 (No comments)

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I know we had
50 lunch and everybody looks kind of like they're not

1 quite awake.
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3 (Laughter)
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: But I don't
6 know how to make it any more exciting.
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8 (Laughter)
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10 MR. O'HARA: It's like the Chigniks
11 (indiscernible - mic off)
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13 (Laughter)
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So seeing
16 none, I guess we need a motion.
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18 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair. I
19 would make a motion that we accept this current version
20 of the memorandum of understanding with the
21 understanding that it is an open, working document, and
22 can be changed, revised and revisited as members of the
23 SRCs, the RACs and the entire head committee find it
24 necessary, and put it to use.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
27 a motion on the floor to accept this.
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29 MR. O'HARA: Second the motion.
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And then
32 seconded by Dan O'Hara.
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34 I guess if there's no further comments,
35 we can have a question. Dan.
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37 MR. DUNAWAY: Just a quick one. I,
38 too, really like to see putting in the plain language.
39 It really helped a lot. And thank the committee for
40 their hard work.
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42 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
45 question called. All in favor of accepting and
46 approving this MOU say aye.
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48 IN UNISON: Aye.
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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And

1 opposition.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No opposition,
6 so thank you.

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8 Okay. We're to the new business. A is
9 discussion of open Council application/nomination
10 period and outreach to increase the number of
11 applications/nominations for Regional Advisory Council
12 membership. And it looks like Carl is in front of us.

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14 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Madame Chair. Thank
15 you very much.

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17 Madame Chair. Members of the Council.
18 The reason why I have this on the agenda, and it was on
19 the agenda for every Council meeting this cycle, is
20 over the last eight years or so there's been a
21 statewide decline among all of the Councils in the
22 number of nominations and applications that are
23 received every year. And particularly certain
24 Councils, you know, and this Council included, often
25 barely get enough applications to fill our seats, let
26 alone have a more diversity of applicants to choose
27 from.

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29 So what I hope we can do is solicit
30 your help in doing more direct personal reach out.

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32 Specifically what we're doing every
33 year is we sent out direct mailings to about 1500
34 individuals and organizations and agencies. We do ad
35 campaigns on, you know, public radio and on, you know,
36 GCI Channel 1, and in various newspaper outlets. But
37 that's very kind of a general broad shotgun approach.

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39 And I'm hoping that if we can do a more
40 personal direct outreach, it might improve our chances.
41 I'm sure every one of you knows someone back in your
42 community who you think could make a good contribution
43 to this Council or maybe they know somebody who does,
44 to encourage them to apply, but also to reach out to
45 the tribal councils or organizations within your
46 community to maybe nominate someone, because it's not
47 just people that can apply themselves to be on a
48 Council, but organizations can also, or individuals,
49 can nominate someone. That's really under-utilized.
50 Of the 67 applications we had this year, only 5 were

1 nominations. So I think there are a lot of people out
2 there that you all know or that organizations or tribal
3 councils know who are really knowledgeable, who have
4 lived in their region for a long period of time, and
5 who can really contribute to this process.

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7 So I'm asking members of the Council to
8 maybe assist us and work with Donald to maybe do more
9 targeted approach and reach out to specific individuals
10 to hopefully improve our applications.

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12 Because we have, you know, for this
13 year we have one Council that did not even have enough
14 applications to fill it's empty seat, so it's still
15 going to have a vacancy after this application period
16 is done. And there was another Council that had just
17 enough applications. And then we have sometimes
18 unexpected vacancies. We had on Council with two
19 members resign this year after the application cycle
20 closed. So now that Council's also going to be a seat
21 short as a result. And I think that everybody would
22 benefit if we just had more people who were interested
23 in participating in these Councils.

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25 And I'll be happy to respond to any
26 questions.

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28 Thank you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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32 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
33 Chair.

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35 You know, we had an interesting
36 discussion about the same thing that we were seeing
37 amongst ourselves, a few of us last night. And one of
38 the biggest weaknesses we see with this program is not
39 a lot of younger people wanting to get involved. And
40 I've been thinking on that quite heavily.

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42 And I feel like we have some great
43 opportunities out there that we're missing. We,
44 meaning all of us. But we have places not only just,
45 you know, through the schools and perhaps leadership
46 programs they have there where we could start some
47 internships and allow students to participate, but also
48 what about the salmon and fish camps that we run around
49 -- that are around the state that are being sponsored
50 by Fish and Wildlife or the Park Service, or multiple

1 agency organizations. I think those are excellent
2 places to start educating the younger generations about
3 the need for people to care about their resource.

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5 My guess is right now I do an awful lot
6 of work at the schools and pretty much spend a lot of
7 hours down here every day. The kids that I work with
8 really are not aware of the fact that this is occurring
9 today until I don't show up to coach them. And then
10 they're like, where were you?

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12 I think that that's our problem, that's
13 our fault. We all need to be educating the younger
14 generation that opportunities are out there. And not
15 even just opportunities, but a need for them to step up
16 and, you know, take responsibility is out there. So
17 that's one suggestion I would have, is probably to get
18 to our younger folks at an earlier age, and especially
19 in areas where they're already showing an interest, the
20 fish and salmon camps that we have. Science camps
21 even.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
24 Nanci.

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26 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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30 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. What's your name
31 again?

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33 MR. JOHNSON: Carl Johnson.

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35 MR. O'HARA: Carl Johnson. Carl, could
36 you explain a little bit of people being nominated?
37 What's -- how do you do that?

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39 MR. JOHNSON: Through the Chair. Mr.
40 O'Hara. Essentially you use the same application form
41 that an individual would fill out to submit an
42 application to the Council, except that it's completed
43 by the, and there's a slot where you can indicate
44 whether or not you're nominating someone, and who the
45 person making the nomination is. And so you just
46 basically fill it out.

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48 And what's key here is actually
49 communicating with the person who you're going to
50 nominate. We did have two nominees drop out. When

1 they were first contacted to be interviewed, they said,
2 oh, I'm not interested. And I think probably what
3 happened was they were nominated without somebody
4 communicating with them that they were nominating them.
5 And, of course, then also that way you're also going to
6 get the best, because there's a part where you indicate
7 the three references who should be contacted regarding
8 the nominee. So, of course, you would want to get
9 those from the person being nominated, and again
10 communicating with them. But it is essentially the
11 same process.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I've got a
14 comment. I've helped in the past people go through
15 that nomination form, and I've helped them fill out
16 everything that we thought needed to be on those forms.
17 And, lo and behold, they didn't get elected, and we
18 don't know why. We were just told, oh, they just
19 missed a few points.

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21 I think what needs to happen is if
22 somebody doesn't get elected, those points -- an
23 explanation needs to come back to the applicant so that
24 they'll have an idea of, you know, where did I not --
25 what information did I not provide. We put in all
26 their subsistence knowledge, all the knowledge of
27 regional information, but they weren't elected. And so
28 I think to encourage the Council members that might be
29 helping them or anybody that is interested, but never
30 got elected, you need to them and let them know exactly
31 why they weren't elected so that if they reapply,
32 they'll make sure that those missing parts are in there
33 if the credentials are there for an applicant.

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35 And that's my suggestion.

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37 MR. JOHNSON: And, Madame Chair, that's
38 a good point. And there is next layer in this process
39 after the application cycle closes. we form the
40 nominations review panel, so basically consists of --
41 your Council coordinator facilitates that panel. He's
42 not actually on the panel. But the panel consists of
43 agency Staff from this region who are familiar with the
44 region. And it's their responsibility that when they
45 contact the applicant to interview them -- a lot of
46 times, yes, some people put a lot more information on
47 those applications than others. And there's a series
48 of questions that the interviewer is supposed to ask
49 the candidate that are the exact same questions that
50 are on the questionnaire so that through a process of

1 questioning and discussing, they will hopefully bring
2 out more detail and more information.

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4 The second part of the issue you
5 raised, however, as to why an individual wasn't
6 selected, the process, the nominations, the
7 deliberation process with both the InterAgency Staff
8 Committee and the Federal Subsistence Board is a highly
9 confidential process. And I don't know to what degree
10 it will be possible to actually release that
11 information to a particular applicant as to what the
12 deliberations resulted and why the person wasn't
13 chosen, although I'm sure it will be very possible to
14 give somebody some general tips and pointers on how to
15 provide more detailed information. But I don't know to
16 the degree of how much it would be possible to actually
17 give them specific feedback, because of the
18 confidential nature of the process.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I don't
21 know what's so secretive about an application when
22 right now we're trying to encourage, you know, more
23 applicants. And to be positive and if we're going to
24 encourage more applicants, we need to be straight
25 forward with them and let them know if they don't get
26 selected, why, and these are the points that you
27 missed. And, you know, I think that's something that
28 needs to be done, instead of, you know, leaving them in
29 the dark and thinking, well, you know, I put in
30 everything that I may have known, or should know to be
31 on the Council, and I missed something, and what did I
32 miss.

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34 Any other comments for Carl.

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36 (No comments)

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Doi. Thank
39 you.

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41 MR. JOHNSON: And what I could do on
42 that, Madame Chair, is there is -- in addition to the
43 application, there's actually a little pamphlet that's
44 sent out that has instructions on it. And one thing,
45 you know, since I'm in the process of designing this
46 year's nominations packet, maybe include more detailed
47 instructions on, you know, tips and hints on applicants
48 on how to fill out, and what sort of information they
49 could include that could make a stronger application.

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1 And I just wanted to make one final
2 comment and thank the Council for its time.

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4 And the Vice Chair's comment about more
5 involvement of youth, now, one of the things that other
6 Councils have done is actually invite classes from the
7 school where the Council is being held, from that
8 community, invite a class to come over and actually sit
9 in on the meeting as part of their regular class time
10 activities. And I'm sure that, you know, there are
11 teachers who will be really happy to have that easy
12 lesson plan taken care of for them for that day. And I
13 think it would be a good way if maybe we try to do that
14 with more Councils to have one direct way of having
15 exposure for youth to be involved in this process.

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17 And thank you again, Madame Chair.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And in fact
20 tomorrow morning at 9:45 I think we're having students
21 come in to observe.

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23 Dan, did you have a.....

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25 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. And we're having
26 the Board of Fish in Naknek this year from December the
27 2nd through the 14th, and it's going to be at the high
28 school auditorium. We have a nice auditorium there.
29 And it's going to be very good for the juniors and
30 seniors to get in on some of that. And it would
31 actually lead into what you're talking about today.

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33 As the mayor of the borough, I invited
34 Bristol Bay Native Corporation to come out and have
35 their annual meeting there next year. They have it one
36 in Anchorage and one in the region. And so I wrote and
37 asked them if they would come to our community, because
38 we can support them there. And that will be another
39 opportunity for young people to get in on big
40 organizations that are moving ahead on proposals and
41 management plans and especially the upper classmen.
42 And, in fact, I think in some cases in our school they
43 get a credit, too, I think for government or something
44 to even come to the school board or the assembly and
45 take in. So those are things that could lead to what
46 you're saying here eventually to maybe this opportunity
47 of this Council.

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49 So I appreciate your presentation.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
2 you, Carl.
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4 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Next on the
7 agenda is the review of the Federal Subsistence Board's
8 annual report reply. Is that Donald?
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10 MR. O'HARA: Is that Page 58?
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: 58. Page 58.
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14 MR. MIKE: Yeah. Madame Chair. If you
15 recall the Council submitted its annual report, and
16 they submitted two issues, redbfish harvest in Naknek
17 River drainage and North Pacific Chinook bycatch. And
18 starting on Page 60 up through Page 63 you'll find the
19 Federal Subsistence Board's response. And if you have
20 any questions, we'll be happy to answer them.
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22 Thank you.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
25 comments regarding this.
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27 (No comments)
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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, since
30 this is not an action item, we can move on to Fisheries
31 Resource Monitoring Program priority information needs.
32 Is that Karen?
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34 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: What page is that
35 on?
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Page 64.
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39 MS. HYER: Madame Chairman and Council
40 members. I am here to talk about our 2014 Fisheries
41 Resource Monitoring Program. And we have an every
42 other year cycle where we grant money for research and
43 fisheries projects. And in 2014 we'll have \$4.8
44 million statewide to support research projects. Now,
45 these research projects are to help Federal subsistence
46 management, and so they will be for projects that are
47 implemented on Federal public lands.
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49 But before we actually put out our
50 request for proposals for projects, we develop

1 information needs that helps guide the researchers. So
2 that is what I'm coming before you to do today, is to
3 get your input as to what you feel is a priority
4 information need in your region. And then we will post
5 that along with the request for proposals and the
6 investigators can look at that list and see where the
7 priority information needs lie. But they may also
8 submit proposals for issues that aren't on the priority
9 information needs, but if they do that, then they have
10 to -- the impetus is upon them to prove why it is a
11 priority information need.

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13 So this is one way to help guide
14 investigators. I'll take your input back and we have a
15 Technical Review Committee that will give us input, and
16 then we'll compose a list before the call goes out.

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18 So what we have for our draft priority
19 information needs for this region is fairly short.
20 It's on Page 68, and there's just two bullets. The
21 first one is obtain reliable Chinook salmon
22 escapements. And the second one is environmental,
23 demographic, regulatory cultural, and socioeconomic
24 factors affecting harvest levels of salmon for
25 subsistence in the Kodiak area. So that doesn't even
26 apply to the area this Board represents.

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28 And then we also have multi-regional
29 information needs. And climate change has become an
30 issue that we're very interested in, and we have
31 proposals now that are attempting to address or partly
32 address some of the issues we're seeing with climate
33 change. But often those expend over multi-regions, so
34 we've developed a multi-regional category, too. And
35 that's on Page 69, and I'll just go ahead and read you
36 the bullets we have under that.

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38 We have changes in subsistence fishery
39 resources and uses in the context of climate change
40 where relevant, including but not limited to fishing
41 seasons, species targeted, fishing locations, fish
42 quality, harvest methods and means, and methods of
43 preservation. And we're asking the investigators to
44 include the management implications if they submit a
45 proposal to do some research in that area.

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47 The second bullet is develop models
48 based on long-term relationships between ocean
49 conditions and production for the Bering Sea and Gulf
50 of Alaska Chinook salmon stocks to better understand

1 and respond to changes in abundance.

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3 That next bullet deals directly with
4 the Kuskokwim and the Yukon, so I'll go ahead and skip
5 that one.

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7 And then the last one is evaluation of
8 conservation factors used to estimate edible pounds
9 from individual fish, and from unorthodox units such as
10 tubs, sacks, and buckets.

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12 So that's what we have on our draft
13 list, and I'd be interested in the Council's input as
14 to what they feel should also be included in that list,
15 or if there are things on the list that they feel have
16 been addressed and should be removed.

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18 And that ends my presentation, and I
19 would be interested in your input.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
22 comments.

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24 REPORTER: Molly, your microphone.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Sorry. Okay.
27 Do you have any input or comments regarding research
28 for our area. Nanci.

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30 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
31 Chair.

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33 Yeah, I would just say that, you know,
34 we have been asking for, you know, more Chinook salmon
35 information for a long time, mostly due to the high
36 seas bycatch rate and issues we've been having, so we
37 know what we should have. For some reason, you know,
38 everything out here has pretty much been indulging the
39 sockeye returns and establishing numbers for them. And
40 in many, many of our river systems, the escapement in
41 actual biological numbers has never really been solidly
42 established for our Chinook. So I would reiterate that
43 I would feel personally, I know I've heard from a lot
44 of people in the area that they would like to know -- I
45 mean, we even heard it here today. We don't even know
46 what our take or usage or, you know, goals are
47 necessarily down in the Chignik area, much less a lot
48 of the other areas of the State. So I would say that I
49 would give some pretty heavy priority to that one if I
50 had to make a choice.

1 MS. HYER: Madame Chair and Council
2 members.

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4 I just want to add one thing, is we put
5 out a request for proposals and then we wait for the
6 proposals to come in, and often even if it's a priority
7 information need, sometimes we don't get proposals
8 addressing it. So this is just a guidance to
9 investigators, and then the investigators have to come
10 forward to do the research. So I just wanted to make
11 that clear, because sometimes these information needs
12 continue to be important. They continue to stay in the
13 call.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nancy.

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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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19 Also, I had a question for you. At the
20 beginning of your presentation you said there was \$4.8
21 million available statewide. The problem we've run
22 into before with the numbers we've been given is does
23 that 4.8 million include funding projects that are
24 already under way so we're actually looking at \$1
25 million, or is that funding for new projects, period,
26 without any hidden usage?

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28 MS. HYER: I can't answer that
29 specifically. What I can tell you is is because we're
30 funded every year and we've gone to an every other year
31 request for proposals, so the year that we're not
32 funded -- we're not asking for new proposals, we are
33 forward funding projects. So it makes it a truer
34 picture of that 4.8 million. But if there are projects
35 that are forward funded under that, I don't know that
36 specifically. I do know that we have continuing
37 projects, because we're only funding up to four years.
38 We'll have a project that is at the end of its funding
39 cycle, and it will come back and compete with new
40 projects. And I do know we are trying to forward fund
41 most of our projects through the off-year cycle. So
42 that's helped with that issue.

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44 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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48 MR. O'HARA: They're doing a real
49 interesting study over in the Shelikof Strait/Chigniks
50 area. Orville Lind is running a boat down there, and

1 they had a scientific group that is on that vessel,
2 looking at eel grass in the Chignik area, and that's so
3 critical to the sockeye. All species of salmon
4 actually. And we have an awful lot of eel grass
5 between Naknek and Moller. And fish for a year go
6 through the estuaries, you know, before they go out to
7 the high seas. And I don't know if the Feds are going
8 to -- U.S. Fish and Wildlife is going to take a look at
9 that or if that falls within the category of what we
10 do.

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12 Eight years at Kvichak did not have a
13 fishery, and we were all inside the rivers for eight
14 years, and there wasn't any targeting other than Area M
15 on the Kvichak and it's just come back. It's back on
16 cycle. We don't know exactly -- biologists do not know
17 what caused that eight year decline. And all of a
18 sudden something goes away, we should have looked at it
19 and we never did look at it.

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21 So does eel grass fall within the
22 research that you guys do, or is that not a good thing.

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24 MS. HYER: The Federal Subsistence
25 Board at the initiation of this project had a list of
26 things that they felt didn't fall under this project,
27 and one of them was habitat and habitat assessment,
28 because they felt that was better done by the land
29 managers. So I would think eel grass would fall under
30 habitat. Now, if you wanted to look at a complete life
31 cycle, that would be different and eel grass might be a
32 part of it, but to specifically study eel grass, it
33 probably would fall under that habitat title.

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35 The other one was hatcheries, and they
36 won't fund any research that has to do with hatcheries,
37 so those are the -- and contaminants, excuse me,
38 there's a third thing, contaminants.

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40 So if you want to include eel grass in
41 something, it would have to be the study of a complete
42 life cycle and that component of it more than
43 specifically an eel grass study.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I've
46 got a comment. We've been dealing with climate change,
47 and the subsistence users have -- I have noticed
48 changes in preservation of resources the last 10 years,
49 15 years, and more so within five years. And I think
50 it would be profitable to include climate change issues

1 within each research, because if you separate the
2 climate change issues, you're going to revisit the
3 resources anyway that are being affected by climate
4 change. And with our communities being surveyed out.
5 I think that because the climate change is affecting
6 all the resources, I don't see why the climate change
7 information should be separated to its own category
8 when it should be included in all the research. And,
9 you know, that would be my suggestion. And what's
10 changing the contents and conditions of all our
11 resources, subsistence resources that we're using is
12 due to climate change.

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14 Any other comments regarding the
15 research. Dan.

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17 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madame
18 Chair.

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20 I want to say I'm glad to see that you
21 are willing to address some of this climate, and that
22 when John was talking about the problems they have
23 sometimes with preserving redfish. And it seems to me
24 in these wet summers we're having, I hear across the
25 bay sometimes it's getting tough to really take care of
26 your fish, because it gets so wet and damp out there.
27 So I'm glad to see that option's open to folks.

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29 And the other thing is that I get a
30 little nervous that I don't see many -- or I'm not
31 aware of many proposals from the Bristol Bay area for
32 some of this money, and I would want to encourage all
33 the appropriate agencies to take a hard look at what's
34 going on out there and see if there's something that
35 doesn't fall under this to get some funding, because I
36 don't want us to kind of lay back and all of a sudden
37 things kind of pile up on us and we're at the back end
38 of the line while other areas have gotten projects
39 submitted.

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41 So that's all I'd like to say.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If
46 there's no more questions, thank you, Karen.

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(No comments)

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Our

1 next item on the agenda is an action item, and it's
2 regulatory cycle review. And Carl.

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4 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.
5 What this relates to is a request that originated out
6 of a couple of the Councils to rethink the timing of
7 when we have both the Regional Advisory Council
8 meetings and also the Federal Subsistence Board
9 meeting. And the materials, there's a briefing paper
10 that starts on Page 71 of your materials. And it gives
11 a little background history on what the timing was
12 previously and when changes were made, but it's easily
13 summarized in the tables that begin on Page 73.

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15 And in particular, if you jump to the
16 last table, table 3, it summarizes what are some of the
17 suggested changes to the regulatory cycle. And there's
18 essentially three different points.

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20 One, expanding the fall meeting cycle
21 window for the Regional Advisory Councils to expand
22 into mid November. Currently it cuts off in mid
23 October. And if you look at the calendar, you'll
24 notice that nobody schedules their meetings for about a
25 six-week period starting in mid August to late
26 September, and that's because people are out doing a
27 lot of subsistence activity during that time. And then
28 it squeezes what's available, the available time left
29 into a very short window in October, so that's one of
30 the suggestions.

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32 But the other suggestions are related
33 to each other, and that is how do we move the Federal
34 Subsistence Board meeting so that it's not in the
35 middle of January when some regions -- for some people
36 it's a little hazardous not only to travel, but they're
37 really reluctant to leave their family members behind
38 to go to Anchorage if they're Chairs or Vice Chair to
39 go to Anchorage for a Federal Subsistence Board meeting
40 when it's the coldest time of the year.

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42 So how do we move the Federal
43 Subsistence Board meeting to a later time, but also fit
44 in with the regulatory needs in order to get
45 regulations past for a fisheries cycle that currently
46 begins on April 1st. So the suggestions are to move
47 instead the fisheries regulatory year to begin on July
48 1st so that it would coincide with the wildlife
49 regulatory cycle, and then that would shift the
50 fisheries Federal Subsistence Board meeting -- actually

1 both fisheries and wildlife Board meetings from where
2 they are now in mid to late January to April. And that
3 would then be when the Federal Board meetings would
4 occur if that, you know, fisheries cycle shifts from
5 April 1st to July 1st.

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7 And there's been really no consensus
8 among the Councils thus far as to what to do with these
9 different options. Several of them are just happy with
10 the status quo. The Western Interior Council suggested
11 -- they agreed with the fall change of shifting the end
12 of the window cycle to November, but did not fully
13 agree with changing the fisheries cycle to July 1st.
14 They instead bumped it a month back to May 1st was
15 their recommendation.

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17 So really this is up to this Council,
18 whatever concerns you may have about the current cycle,
19 and these are the different options that have been
20 presented as suggestions on how to address some of the
21 concerns that have been raised.

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23 And I'm happy to respond to any
24 questions.

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26 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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28 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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32 MR. O'HARA: Mr. Johnson. What
33 proposal -- what would be the date in July? What would
34 be going on in July according to table 3?

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36 MR. JOHNSON: What would be -- right
37 now the fisheries regulatory cycle begins on April 1st,
38 so all new regulations go into effect on April 1st.
39 What would happen -- one of the suggestions then would
40 be to move that to where the regulations don't go into
41 effect until July 1st, which would then make it very
42 easy to shift the Board back a couple of -- meeting
43 back a couple of months. Because there's a lot of
44 things on the back end after the Board finishes its
45 process and makes its decisions, things that OSM has to
46 do in order to prepare those regulations, get them
47 published, and meet the requirements of the public
48 notice and the Federal Register.

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50 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Thank you.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madame
4 Chair.

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6 Carl, so if we had regulations kicking
7 in July 1, we could actually start some of when the
8 salmon or other subsistence fisheries might be starting
9 in June and you actually have to shift regulations,
10 say, just for instance, July 1 could possibly happen.
11 That part really makes me pretty nervous, because
12 people are often dispersed. That May 1 that somebody
13 else proposed sounds say better to me, more workable.

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15 And then also I really like the idea
16 of extending that fall window into November.
17 Oftentimes Tenny here is out bear hunting and stuff,
18 and we haven't been able to have him join us, and yet
19 he's got really valuable insight from a corner of the
20 world that the rest of us don't pass through real
21 often.

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23 So yeah, I'd pretty much prefer seeing
24 something like May 1 for the fisheries, extended the
25 window. And, yeah, it is a problem in January. You've
26 got sloppy out here. You've got rally cold weather,
27 and everything.

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29 Anyway, those are my comments. Thanks.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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33 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
34 Chair.

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36 Yeah. That was the one thing that I
37 saw. I was glad also to see the fall extended. I
38 think it's certainly necessary out here to meet our
39 hunting seasons, not even just Tenny's, but our
40 subsistence as well, our season. I mean, it wa just
41 smack dab, and we had no choices, and so nobody wanted
42 to show up. I think that will help us accommodate our
43 requirements out here on a long shot. But I think July
44 1 is just -- I think it's terrible, quite frankly. I
45 don't even think it -- yeah, I mean, it's totally mid
46 season for us. In some years it's going to even be the
47 height of the sockeye run, and I don't think it's wise
48 to try and expect people to shift gears in a lawful
49 manner in the middle of their season. Totally.

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1 May 1 -- I think you could even sneak
2 by with June 1 out here. I think, you know, if you
3 didn't feel like you could pass it to May 1, that June
4 1 would also workout here, because it really is before
5 things really do start happening. People are gearing
6 up for the year, but they're not necessarily in the
7 middle of the year, so I think that's literally not
8 workable out here.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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12 MR. JONES: Yeah, a meeting June 1, you
13 wouldn't see me there.

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15 (Laughter)

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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: No, no, it's not for
18 meetings. It's for when regulations would go into
19 effect.

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21 MR. JONES: Oh, for regulations?

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23 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah.

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25 MR. JONES: Okay. As long as it's not
26 meetings.

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28 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, me either,
29 brother. Me either.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You're
32 looking for a recommendation from this Board at this
33 very moment? At this time?

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35 MR. JOHNSON: That is correct, Madame
36 Chair. The Federal Subsistence Board plans to address
37 this issue at its January meeting, so it's looking for
38 guidance from the Councils as to any changes among
39 these recommendations or any others for different
40 dates, which has already been suggested. So any other
41 recommendations or comments you may have about what to
42 do with this regulatory cycle, that would be the time
43 to express them, and then we can make sure to get those
44 communicated to the Board for its January meeting.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think
47 we struggle with the dates that we have. And I guess
48 if this Council wishes to make additional changes, I
49 guess that could be accommodated. But like Nanci said,
50 July 1 or mid June to end of moose season, it's pretty

1 hectic for this area.

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Dan.

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5 MR. DUNAWAY: I'd be willing to make a
6 motion to the effect that we support some of these
7 changes to the cycle as suggested with altering that --
8 support moving the fall window to early or mid
9 November, and support the fisheries regulatory year
10 change to -- I'll throw in May 1, but I'm open to
11 friendly discussion on that.

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13 MR. O'HARA: Is that a motion.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I'll make that as a
16 motion.

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18 MR. O'HARA: I'll second it.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
21 been a motion and seconded by Dan, and comments.
22 Nanci.

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24 MS. MORRIS LYON: Actually I have a
25 question for you Carl. So if we move it to May 1
26 though, what does that back the Council meeting up to?
27 Are we right back to February?

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29 MR. JOHNSON: Through the Chair. These
30 proposals do not contemplate changing the dates for the
31 winter meetings for the Regional Advisory Councils.

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33 However, given my responsibilities at
34 OSM, I think it will be challenging to have a Federal
35 Subsistence Board meeting. So if we shift it back a
36 month, from April 1st to May 1, so we contemplate maybe
37 switching the Board meeting from January to February.
38 That means then the possibility exists where the Board
39 could be meeting contemporaneously with the Regional
40 Advisory Councils. So I don't know how that would
41 work, especially since there are things that the Board
42 -- actions by the Board that needs to be communicated
43 to the Councils, your .805(c) reports being a good
44 example, and how that would be accomplished. Those
45 sort of nitty-gritty details haven't been worked out.
46 I think this is more of a big picture. What are some
47 of the general issues of concern and where would the
48 Councils -- what direction would the Councils like the
49 Board to go. And after that, it will be time then to
50 figure out the details on how the timing would actually

1 work with all of the work that has to be done between
2 the different meetings.

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4 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
7 motion on the floor to change -- or with the
8 recommended changes that Dan suggested.

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10 REPORTER: Your microphone.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, sorry.
13 There's a motion on the floor from Dan to change the --
14 is it the regulatory month from -- was it from -- why
15 don't you.....

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17 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm sorry, Madame Chair.
18 I never turned my mic off.

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20 I was going to generally support the
21 recommendations with the exception of that the fishery
22 regulatory year start May 1, not July 1. And
23 especially supporting extending the fall Council
24 meeting window into November.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And
27 that was seconded by Dan.

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29 MR. O'HARA: Yes.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we're
32 in the discussion. Any other discussion. Dan.

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Just to speak to my
35 motion. I just picked May 1, but, you know, I think we
36 could flex May 15 or maybe even June like Nanci said,
37 but since I heard another Council picked May 1, I
38 thought I'd run with that. Because I think a little
39 earlier is better in case we get into herring things
40 over in Togiak or other places like that.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And
45 then you did have a date on the November.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: No, Madame Chair. I
48 didn't really pick a date in November. I see it here,
49 it says into early November. Early or mid I think
50 there. There's a little wiggle room, and especially to

1 allow -- there's times, some years where Nanci's had a
2 hard time attending, because she's got fishing going
3 on. She's probably missing a nice day today.

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5 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You know, I
8 think if we were all so dedicated, we'd all have
9 conflicts.

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11 Motion, second.

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13 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's a
16 question. All in favor of Dan's motion, say aye.

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18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
21 opposition.

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23 (No opposing votes)

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none.

26 Thank you.

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28 Okay. Moving on to -- I'm sorry.
29 Let's take a five-minute break and then get back to --
30 just long enough to stretch a little bit.

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32 (Off record)

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34 (On record)

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm
37 going to call the meeting back to order. I think we've
38 kind of stretched already and kind of wide awake again.
39 So let's get started.

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41 The next item on the agenda is identify
42 FY 2012 annual report topics. This is an action item.

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44 Donald.

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46 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

47 It's Donald Mike.

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49 And again if the Council have any items
50 that they wish to submit as a part of their 2012 annual

1 report on any issue, this is a good time to discuss
2 them and bring them to the floor. And I'll draft a
3 letter -- or I'll draft a document and we'll have a
4 draft at our spring meeting for the Council to review
5 and adopt. So you have an opportunity to bring forward
6 any items you wish to bring to the Federal Subsistence
7 Board's attention.

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9 Thank you, Madame.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, what
12 items did we have last year. Could you remember from
13 the top of your head?

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15 MR. MIKE: The last annual report that
16 the Council submitted to the Board was the redfish
17 issue in Katmai and bycatch issue on the pollack
18 fishery.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you. I
21 guess because we've been discussing that redfish issue
22 for a while, I think that might have been one of the
23 items, but I guess not.

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25 So does any of the Council members have
26 any recommendations. And I guess we can come back to
27 you not just today. Do you have a limit on this?

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29 MR. MIKE: No, Madame Chair. Anything
30 that we discuss here, the Council has discussed during
31 this meeting, you know, like, for example, we had some
32 gap information for the Chignik fisheries, so, you
33 know, that can be an annual report item. And if any of
34 the Council members have any additional items, they can
35 let me know.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Madame Chair.

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41 I've been kicking myself. I was kind
42 of keeping track of some of the bycatch information
43 that was here in this summer and fall. Right now I'm
44 kind of blank on it, but I'd like to keep that on the
45 books there, because it's so highly variable. And I
46 know they're trying real hard to do better, but I'd
47 like to keep the pressure on those folks to keep
48 trying.

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50 That's all.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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3 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Yes, we do
4 have a person on Staff in OSM that follows the North
5 Pacific Management Council and the actions they take,
6 or any updates they have. And any information that he
7 gets from that organization, we get in our office. And
8 I don't know when was the last time we got the most
9 recent update on the bycatch issue, but I try to mail
10 out copies or email copies of those latest information
11 to the Council members.
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13 Thank you.
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15 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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19 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Along that line of
20 the bycatch of kings, we were just discussing it a
21 little bit of it, or maybe I was talking about it at
22 lunch. It's the pollack, which is mid water, and the
23 hard on bottom which is cod. They both catch the
24 kings, because the king is in the mid water eating.
25 He's a predator, so he's eating pollack. And then the
26 trawler comes along on pollack, and he gets caught and
27 they're thrown away, because they're a prohibited
28 species.
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30 Now, the hard on bottom trawl, which is
31 catching cod, that king is a very strong swimmer, and
32 he heads down. So he gets caught not only in pollack,
33 but on the cod fishery as well. So that king has a
34 double whammy as far as bycatch goes.
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36 And the part that's difficult, and we
37 tried to handle this in the Conference of Mayors, and
38 some communities said, no, so we didn't address, but
39 you've got CDQ groups that their money comes from cod
40 and pollack. And they don't care how many kings they
41 catch. They're on the coast of Western Alaska. And so
42 we have a pretty big fight with those guys, and, you
43 know, it isn't as easy as we'd like to think it would
44 be.
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46 It really is -- and it's not only the
47 Bering Sea, but the Gulf as well, you know. I mean,
48 Southeast gets hit just as bad as the Bering Sea.
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50 And I think this year, Dan, there was a

1 reduction in bycatch this year, so that's progress.
2 But I think we ought to keep it on the front burner
3 always, because Nushagak is not getting their
4 escapement, and neither is the Alakanuk or the Branch
5 River.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
8 other topics. Now we've got the Chinook and then we've
9 got the bycatch.

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11 MR. JONES: I have a question.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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15 MR. JONES: On that bycatch, do they
16 keep track of how many they catch and how many pounds
17 they just throw over the side?

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19 MR. O'HARA: Yes, they do. They keep
20 track of the millions of tons of halibut and the number
21 of kings. And there is an observer on board and
22 they're keeping good track of the numbers, as much as
23 the people who have the high seas fisheries don't like
24 observers. Fortunately, you know, a certain length of
25 vessel, the observer is on board. Yeah, there's good
26 information on that.

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28 MR. JONES: So where is that -- where
29 is those numbers documented at?

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31 MR. O'HARA: In the office of the North
32 Pacific Council there on Fourth Avenue, old Federal
33 Building, Anchorage. Yeah, you can get ahold of --
34 I'll give you the guy's name. He'll fax you in a
35 heartbeat all that information.

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37 MR. JONES: Okay.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
40 other. Alvin.

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42 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Is it possible that --
43 is there any way we could do anything about trying to
44 see if you could get that harvested bycatch brought
45 back up to where it's taken from, the Kuskokwim or
46 those areas? I understand, you know, they have to
47 harvest it and -- I mean, they have to process it, but
48 they give it away down in the States to charities. And
49 we've got people up here that aren't able to get their
50 subsistence, so is there any way we could do something

1 about putting something in to see if we can have that
2 processed bycatch brought up to Alaska.

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4 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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8 MR. O'HARA: There's five prohibited
9 species. There's salmon, halibut, crab, herring, and I
10 can't remember the fifth one.

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12 MS. MORRIS LYON: Steelhead.

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14 MR. O'HARA: Is that what it is? Yeah.
15 they were supposed to be thrown overboard. And that's
16 kind of a difficult thing to do. but the minute you
17 start giving it to a school or a charity or some place,
18 then they target that fish more.

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20 Now, one of these times these guys out
21 there on the Bering Sea and the Bering Sea and the Gulf
22 of Alaska are going to have to cut back on their
23 fishery they keep the bycatch going like it is, you
24 know. And it's Federal and big money, so it's really
25 hard to deal with.

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27 But if you want to do something for
28 Alaska, if they're doing it for some place else, you
29 know, it's fine with me. I don't know how you'd do it.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. I think
32 I've heard Alvin's concern and comment regarding that.
33 And until then I didn't realize that some of the
34 bycatch is being distributed out of state and not out
35 of here.

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37 John.

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39 MR. JONES: How come they don't charge
40 them for bycatch? Charge them for catching it and
41 deduct it from their quota or whatever.

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43 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. We should
44 make a proposal. That sounds like a good thing to do.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. That
47 could be one of our discussion items.

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49 Dan.

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1 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. And unfortunately,
2 John, this meeting they aren't here, but for a while we
3 had the North Pacific Fisheries, some folks from the
4 Council were coming and doing some presentations on
5 bycatch. And you might know better down there in
6 Chignik, you know, they have these rolling closures.
7 They've got a lot of different mechanisms. And in a
8 sense they're charged, because if they get too many
9 fish, in some places they just get the whole fishery
10 shut down, or they've got to move so far. And I can't
11 keep track of -- it's really complicated. And then
12 there were some proposals where people wanted them to
13 be forced to keep all the bycatch on board, and figured
14 that that would cost them money fish by making them
15 keep it on board. But again, like I say, I've lost
16 track of where it all is, but I have heard like what
17 Alvin's saying, that some of that bycatch gets hauled
18 down to Seattle and distributed to charities and
19 stuff.

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21 And a long time ago I remember calling
22 Robin Samuelson going, we're having troubles in the
23 Yukon and these guys are catching all these fish. They
24 ought to ship them all up there. But I guess it was
25 too complicated or something.

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27 But I agree with Alvin. Those fish are
28 in Alaska and we've got people hurting for fish. By
29 golly, I would like to see that stuff get to where it's
30 needed to go.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MR. O'HARA: There again you're
35 encouraging those guys to catch your kings, and that's
36 the bottom line.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl.

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40 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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42 I may be a little untimely. I
43 originally came up here. But I just wanted to -- there
44 was a suggestion that maybe that some of the Council
45 members could later on bring topics, but I really want
46 to encourage the Council to discuss its annual report
47 items here at the meeting, because it's a lot easier
48 for us to have an understanding of what the Council's
49 intentions are and concerns are if you're all
50 discussing it at a meeting rather than after the

1 meeting.

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3 And also I think it's very helpful that
4 when you do have issues of concern to come up with
5 specific recommendations, and I'm hearing a couple of
6 specific recommendations here. It's a good practice,
7 because then the Board knows what it -- where to
8 respond, you know. If you have a recommendation, then
9 that's a starting point. And even if it is an issue
10 that's not the Board's jurisdiction, which bycatch
11 isn't, it's still -- one of the things we often do with
12 the annual report replies is to provide you direction
13 on, you know, the agency and the office to contact with
14 those issues. So this is very helpful to have this
15 kind of discussion on the record, and I just wanted to
16 thank the Council.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
19 other discussions. Oh, sorry.

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21 MR. JONES: Your mic wasn't on.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Any
24 other discussions on this.

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26 (No comments)

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, I
29 guess it's an action item.

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31 What was your intention for this,
32 Donald.

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34 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Any annual
35 report items that the Council discussed, I'm taking
36 note of that and then I'll draft a 2012 annual report.
37 And at our spring meeting that will come up again and
38 the Council will have an opportunity to review and
39 clarify the action item -- I mean, annual report
40 items, and then finalize it for submission to the
41 Federal Subsistence Board.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
44 Richard.

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46 MR. WILSON: Yeah. Just, Madame Chair,
47 one final thought. Who would we get here to give us
48 updates on a regular basis here for the bycatch, you
49 know, for information, because that is stock that was,
50 you know, deemed to come to our regions. Is there ways

1 of getting somebody here to give us information like
2 that on a regular basis.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I think
5 a year or so ago we even had the Chair person here.

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7 MS. MORRIS LYON: That was a couple
8 years ago.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: A couple of
11 years ago. So I don't know how -- I don't know if it
12 was Donald, or did we just put them on the agenda and
13 invite them to come.

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15 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. You can
16 do an invitation to the North Pacific Management
17 Council to provide an update to the Council, or another
18 thing we can do, we have Staff in OSM that tracks the
19 North Pacific Management Council meetings and actions
20 and we can request our Staff to come to your meetings
21 and give an update to this Council, if it's the wish of
22 the Council.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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26 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. When is our
27 next meeting, Donald.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Is it
30 February.

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32 MR. O'HARA: February 8th or something
33 like that.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: 12th and 13th.

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37 MR. MIKE: 12th to 13th.

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39 MR. O'HARA: 12th to 13th. That would
40 be a good time to have a staffer from the North Pacific
41 Management Council come out of Anchorage and either
42 give us a written report that you put in or else come
43 and speak to the Council. That's a good directive for
44 you.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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48 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. If it's the
49 wish of the Council, I can send an invitation
50 requesting that North Pacific provide an update to the

1 Council and I will add them to our meeting agenda in
2 February .

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think that
5 was the recommendation from Dan. I don't know if we
6 need a motion, but I think that's a good idea.

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8 Donald.

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10 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I've already
11 identified it as a potential agenda item, so I'll put
12 that on an agenda item for your review.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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16 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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18 I just thought of another thing, and
19 tell me if this isn't the right place to put it. I've
20 been kind of struggling with it, because I don't have a
21 lot of information to go on. But I sit in on the
22 WASSIP presentation to the Board of Fish in their
23 planning meeting here in October. I sat in on it by
24 teleconference and listened to their presentation of
25 some of their beginning genetic information on possible
26 stock interceptions in the Area M and coming on up
27 through the Bristol Bay and Western Alaska. And
28 somewhere in this meeting I'm trying to figure out
29 where the right place to put it is, and what's our
30 appropriate role, but for, say, those stocks of concern
31 that may have spawning within areas of Federal
32 jurisdiction, I'm really very eager to see the full
33 report on this genetic information. There's some
34 pieces that they presented I think on the North
35 Peninsula where it appears that 50 percent of the
36 commercial catch, it's probably Bristol Bay bound fish.
37 Of that total number, if I remember right, really only
38 amounts to maybe one percent of any particular run in
39 Bristol Bay, but we get back to the Area M issue.

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41 And we don't really tackle directly any
42 state proposals of the Board of Fish, but it's hard
43 until we get more info, and they're supposed to have
44 that here in November I think sometime, but to the
45 extent that like some of those fish are headed to Lake
46 Clark, and that was a stock of concern at one point. I
47 don't know if it still is. Some of those fish are
48 headed to Igiugig and Ugashik and other places that are
49 -- and Togiak, that fall under Federal jurisdiction.

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1 And I don't know if we could put that
2 as an annual report point or what we want to say about
3 potential interceptions far away from the terminal
4 stock.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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10 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
11 Chair.

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13 Yeah, I would support that, Dan. And I
14 think that, you know, as member of the Subsistence
15 Council, it's part of our responsibility to try and
16 keep track of fish that are potentially intercepted
17 and/or, you know, what they're gleaning from genetics
18 that they're gaining each and every year with their
19 knowledge, so I would think that that would be a great
20 item to add to an annual report.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
23 other reports.

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25 Joe and then Susie. I have to go home
26 with him, so I have to let him come first.

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28 (Laughter)

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30 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Madame Chair. Joe
31 Chythlook again.

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33 Since Dan Dunaway brought up Area M and
34 interception, we've been -- Bristol Bay fishermen have
35 been battling for years. And the information that is
36 coming up, I think which may help us on this end.

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38 But I was just wondering if the Council
39 has or has ever made I guess comments to the Board of
40 Fish on any issues like this in the past. Is that
41 permissible?

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43 What I was thinking, I don't know
44 whether you have enough information today, but
45 oftentimes I know in the State Advisory Committee
46 system we allow certain members of the committee to
47 empower them by, you know, the rest of the Advisory
48 Committee to form a committee to follow through on any
49 unfinished business that we may have, and come up with
50 a good database and justification for your comments

1 towards any subject. So I was just wondering if you
2 guys would be willing to empower such a committee and I
3 guess understanding that some of that data from that
4 new study is not complete yet. But we have time until
5 I think February, is it, that -- I think February is
6 when the area meetings are. I know we will be
7 discussing them on Nushagak Advisory and other
8 committees, but it seem like that it would really help
9 us from our RAC to have some comments to support what I
10 think our State Advisory Committees are trying to do,
11 at least from Bristol Bay end, to combat what we've
12 been fighting against on intercept fisheries for years.

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14 And this, as mentioned by Dan and
15 others, it affects all the different river systems
16 within Bristol Bay.

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18 Anyway, I just thought I'd throw that
19 in for a possible workload for you guys or somebody.

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21 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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25 MR. O'HARA: She ignored you, I guess,
26 because you're her husband, so that finally got your
27 attention here, and that's okay.

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29 Joe, yeah, that's a good comment.
30 Since you have worked with the Fish Board for quite a
31 while, were you still working for them when they did
32 the scale sampling in Area M and they come out with the
33 results of each river system that was impacted by the
34 bycatch of Area M? The DNA testing, are you familiar
35 with that a little bit?

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37 MR. CHYTHLOOK: No, I retired just
38 about the time they were starting into that, Dan, but I
39 understand that -- I think this is the first year that
40 the Board of Fish has that tool to really start
41 analyzing, you know, the data, comparing with the old
42 data that they have from scale sampling and all that
43 stuff. So with this new tool, I think, you know, we
44 have a chance of, you know, preliminary numbers I guess
45 that have been discussed are pretty high, and if that
46 proves to be the case to where the final numbers show,
47 I think we really have a tool that we could use.

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49 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Joe, the Area M comes up
4 13 miles above Moller, and they basically wiped out all
5 the kings going into Moller. I meant Port Heiden. I'm
6 sorry, Port Heiden. They're 13 miles above Port
7 Heiden. They have a proposal to go all the way up to
8 Cinder River this February, you know. So they're way
9 into the Bristol Bay fishery. And being real familiar
10 with many thousands of hours on the Alaska Peninsula,
11 you go down below Strogonof, which is there at Port
12 Heiden, and you pick up Muddy River, Cindy River, Bear
13 River. And I was talking with the Mayor of East
14 Aleutians Borough, and he said they didn't catch any
15 fish this year, because they're gone. They just have
16 gotten -- they got all of them. And so those rivers
17 are not producing. The only thing you have left, of
18 course, is the bycatch -- I mean, the intercept fishery
19 of Bristol Bay. And, of course, the same thing is over
20 in Chignik.
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22 You've got the same intercept fisheries
23 over there in the Lower Peninsula that we have in
24 Bristol Bay. And this is part of our Council
25 boundaries.
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27 Yeah, I think that some of us who might
28 be in interested in who might be interested in getting
29 some of the draftings and information and this type of
30 thing we're talking about to the Fish Board and our
31 local advisories here shortly, maybe even tomorrow,
32 because it looks like we're going pretty well in our
33 agenda.
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35 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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37 Thank you, Joe.
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39 Appreciate it.
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41 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Okay, Dan. And then
42 Madame Chair.
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44 And in talking with, you know, long-
45 standing true North Peninsula fishery, which is Port
46 Moller, and the folks there at -- what's the village
47 there?
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49 MR. DUNAWAY: Nelson Lagoon.
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1 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, Nelson Lagoon.
2 They're affected by the same fisheries that's moved up
3 within the last 15, 20 years. They don't -- their
4 escapements are probably down just like other places.
5 But anyway I think we have an ally there from folks
6 from that area.

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8 Thank you.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Susie.

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12 MS. JENKINS BRITO: I just wanted to
13 shed a little bit of light on when the WASSIP
14 information would be available to the public. The
15 final document will be published on November 19th for
16 public review. It will be posted on the Alaska
17 Department of Fish and Game's website through the
18 Boards and also through genetics. And so that will be
19 out on November 19th.

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21 And they will address the WASSIP
22 tentatively during the Bristol Bay Board of Fish
23 meeting in Naknek. There's a proposal place holder,
24 Proposal No. 57, through the Alaska Department of Fish
25 and Game that will allow for some discussion during the
26 Bristol Bay Board of Fish. And the geneticists will
27 also be at the Board of Fish meeting to present the
28 WASSIP findings. But they will do the majority of the
29 WASSIP covering at the area meeting which is the last
30 week of February, the first week of March, and that's
31 in Anchorage.

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33 And as Joe was referring to, it might
34 be a good idea to empower a subcommittee. There are
35 several members of the Bristol Bay RAC that are also
36 active on our Advisory Committees for Fish and Game.
37 And I will be making sure that the WASSIP information
38 is distributed as soon as it's out through our ADF&G
39 Advisory Committees.

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41 And so I just wanted to let you guys
42 know the date for that. And it will be out November
43 19th.

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45 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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49 MR. O'HARA: What is that acronym that
50 you used?

1 MS. JENKINS BRITO: WASSIP?
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3 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. What is that?
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5 MS. JENKINS BRITO: It's Western Alaska
6 Sockeye Salmon Identification Project. So it will only
7 cover the genetic findings for sockeye salmon. It
8 won't have any of the genetics for Chinook or any other
9 species. This was just based on the sockeye salmon
10 baseline that they had , and this will only cover
11 sockeye salmon and fishery interception for Area M and
12 Bristol Bay. So none of the other species of salmon
13 will be covered under WASSIP.
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15 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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19 MR. O'HARA: It's really interesting.
20 I flew down there and I saw all these boats above Port
21 Heiden and I called the Commissioner, the guy who went
22 home too late one night, and he's working for somebody
23 else now.
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25 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Oh, yeah.
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27 MR. O'HARA: Anyway, so I called him
28 and I said, what are these boats doing up there above
29 Port Heiden? And he said, well, that's the latest
30 regulation of the Board. But, he said, we'll keep this
31 study going. And, of course, that was good. You know,
32 the study that you're referring to that now is, that
33 Joe said will probably be out at this Fish Board
34 meeting, is a very powerful tool.
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36 Thank you.
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38 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Yeah. Denby Lloyd
39 was the commissioner who had continued the WASSIP -- or
40 had urged on the WASSIP program, and now Cora Campbell
41 is our commissioner with Fish and Game, and she has
42 issued that the WASSIP findings are to be submitted to
43 the Board of Fish members November -- by November 5th,
44 and it will be out for public distribution by November
45 19th.
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47 And so like you had referred to, with
48 the Cinder River fishery, that's a big one for the
49 folks around Port Heiden, and in the Alaska Peninsula
50 and lower Bristol Bay. And so that is one of the

1 tributaries of much interest, and it will be something
2 for this Regional Advisory Council to follow.

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4 That's all I have. Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
7 you, Susan.

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9 Okay. I guess we can move on to the
10 next agenda item, which is the Council charter review.
11 Is that Carl or is that Donald.

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13 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

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15 The charter for the Council is on Page
16 77. And the Federal Advisory Committee Act limits the
17 term of the advisory committees to two years, so at the
18 fall meetings on even number years, each Council will
19 have a chance to review the existing charter and make
20 any recommended changes to the Federal Subsistence
21 Board. Any request to change is limited to Council
22 name, membership size, and Resource Commission
23 appointments, and any criteria for removing a member.
24 So this is an opportunity for the Council to review the
25 charter and make any recommended action or comments to
26 the existing charter.

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28 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So is
31 this information, Donald, or it has an asterisk where
32 it's recommended for action. It's an action item.

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34 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. This
35 Council can make any recommended changes to the Federal
36 Subsistence Board, and the Council may request to
37 change its Council name, membership size, and any
38 Subsistence Resource Commission appointments, and any
39 criteria for removing a member that the Council may
40 wish to make comments to the Federal Subsistence Board
41 for them to consider to adopt and make changes to the
42 existing charter.

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44 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Because I
47 haven't lately looked at the criteria for removal,
48 what is that? What's the criteria? Carl.

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50 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair. That

1 relates to the issue, say, for example, the unexcused
2 absence policy. If you have two or more unexcused
3 absences, that would be grounds for removal of the
4 Council member. Or removal for other reasons that are
5 deemed by the Council as the types of conduct that
6 would be worthy of removal.

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8 Now, I do want to note that several
9 Councils have made changes -- recommended changes on
10 that particular issue for the last charter review
11 cycle. However, the folks in D.C. removed the --
12 you'll find no references in any of the charters now to
13 the grounds for removal of a Council member, other than
14 that the Council member serves at the discretion or
15 pleasure of the Secretary of Interior.

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17 And essentially communication back to
18 us as to why they did that was removal of Council
19 members according to these folks was it should be
20 located in the Council bylaws. Councils don't have
21 bylaws. But what we do have is the Regional Advisory
22 Council Operations Manual, which is being finalized.
23 There's a whole new review process we've done on that.
24 It's being reviewed and finalized. And it will, in
25 fact, include all of that language in it that used to
26 appear in the charters that address Council removal.
27 So that will be the new location where that sort of
28 language will be held.

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30 And, of course, any input the Council
31 may have on that issue, I would be happy to include in
32 the RAC Operations Manual.

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34 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
37 Carl.

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39 Any other question. Dan.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Molly.

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43 And this might be for Carl, too, is in
44 the past this Council has touched on some issues that
45 are really controversial in this area. And after we
46 were done, I had some folks that came to me who were
47 really concerned about our process of financial
48 disclosure among the members of the Council, and
49 whether things would be disclosed on how -- whether
50 eligible to participate in a vote, say, in some cases.

1 Do we get to say anything about that or
2 comment about that here or is that kind of out or our
3 ballpark?

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5 Thank you.

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7 MR. JOHNSON: Through the Chair. Mr.
8 Dunaway, yeah, I know what you're referring to.
9 Actually there was somebody who after, not the last
10 meeting, but the fall meeting 2011 was unhappy with how
11 members participated in a particular vote on a
12 particular issue, and sent a letter to the Secretary of
13 Interior. And I contacted our ethics specialist who
14 referred me to the solicitor in D.C.

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16 And essentially there are different
17 ethics rules that apply. The Department of Interior
18 employees have to follow certain ethics guidelines.
19 But you as Council members are appointed to represent
20 certain user groups. So by your very nature you're
21 appointed to be biased, because you are told you are
22 here to represent whether a subsistence user group or a
23 commercial/sport user group. And there is not at this
24 point in time a conflict of interest requirement that
25 would require you to recuse yourself if you were to
26 vote on an issue that would benefit your group. For
27 example, if there would be a vote on redfish, if we
28 somehow had a vote on redfish, you know, Mr. Wilson
29 would not have to recuse himself from that vote,
30 because he personally would benefit from a proposal
31 that could end up in his favor. So there's not a
32 requirement at this point in time that there is that
33 type of disclosure or recusal of Council members.

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35 So that's not something that
36 necessarily would need to be included, although it
37 would be probably helpful to have guidance in the RAC
38 Operations Manual that explained the status of Council
39 members on that issue. So I could make sure that we do
40 include some language in the RAC Operations Manual to
41 that effect.

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43 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chairman.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Are you.....

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: Just a real quick
48 comment. Ask Madame Chair and everybody here, there
49 for a while wasn't Cliff having each of us kind of do a
50 disclosure almost at the beginning of each meeting and

1 in some ways it was a little awkward. But we were
2 doing it for a while, and then we're not, and then like
3 I say, I got my ears chewed on pretty good from a few
4 folks after one of these controversial issues, and I
5 just thought since we're dealing with the charter, this
6 might be a place to discuss it. That really helped
7 clarify a lot of it for me.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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13 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Mr. Johnson, so
14 there is not a conflict of interest clause in what
15 you're talking about then?

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17 MR. JOHNSON: Through the Chair. You
18 know, I do not recall, but I do not think that the RAC
19 Operations Manual revisions include information for the
20 Council members on that issue, and I would be happy to
21 make sure that it does.

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23 But as far as current Department of
24 Interior conflict of interest requirements that usually
25 require somebody to disclose a financial interest and
26 recuse themselves, from my understanding from what I am
27 told by some folks at the Solicitor's Office in D.C.,
28 that does not apply to Council members, because of the
29 unique nature by which they're appointed to
30 specifically designated user group.

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32 MR. O'HARA: Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
35 another comment I have, and I thought of it when you
36 were discussing the application/nomination section,
37 and, you know, we've run into some Council members that
38 aren't able to get per diem because of IRS issues, but
39 they're expected to attend without, you know, per diem.
40 It seemed like this should be cleared before they're
41 even appointed during the application period, you know,
42 when it's still confidential so that when they come in,
43 you know, they won't have this issue of expected to
44 attend without per diem, because their per diem's taken
45 because Federal Government has an issue with them
46 regarding whatever. So I think that needs to be
47 visited to make sure that when I'm appointed or when
48 somebody else is appointed that there's no issue and
49 that they would be able to get their per diem. And if
50 that's not possible, let's deal with it before a person

1 is nominated.

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3 That's my comment. Thanks.

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5 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair. That's a
6 very good point. I do include -- there is some
7 information and discussion in the new RAC Operations
8 Manual that addresses and warns potential Council
9 members of the potential impacts of some type of
10 garnishment, whether it's a child support payment or
11 IRS garnishment, and how that will be removed from
12 their per diem and not accessible to them.

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14 I could inquire and suggest the
15 possibility of including that sort of review in the
16 vetting process for new Council members; however, it
17 would only work if it's something that's in place at
18 the time. If somebody gets a new garnishment after
19 they've been appointed as a Council members, then that
20 wouldn't weed out that particular concern. But we
21 could add, the Council desires, clarifying language
22 advising that absence due to garnishment of per diem
23 would not be considered an excused absence for purpose
24 of attendance, if that's the Councils -- again to
25 stress the issue of the importance to attend regardless
26 of whether or not there is a garnishment in place.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Repeat that
29 last one? That would be one of the excuses? Excused
30 excuse?

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32 MR. JOHNSON: No, actually failing to
33 attend because of garnishment of per diem would not be
34 an -- it would not be an excused absence.

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36 Madame Chair.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I agree with
39 that, because I think it's important for elected
40 Council member to attend, but I can see why a person
41 wouldn't want to attend if they're not -- you know, if
42 they're having to pay out of pocket. So I think
43 something needs to be developed so that the Council
44 members that are elected would be able to attend 100
45 percent. Thanks.

46

47 Any other comments. Carl.

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49 MR. JOHNSON: And I just want to add
50 one more issue regarding the garnishment. If you have

1 a person who is, for example, a really strong candidate
2 for a Council position, and they may have a garnishment
3 in effect, but it may be a small garnishment, and it
4 might be taken care of rather quickly. I think you'd
5 want to question whether or not that issue alone would
6 be the kind of thing that would prevent them from being
7 a contributing Council member. It could be a factor,
8 and I could inquire into that, but, you know, given the
9 problems we have sometimes in getting strong candidates
10 to apply or candidates period, I would wonder whether
11 or not you would want to exclude them on that basis.
12 Just my thought.

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14 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
17 other discussions.

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19 (No comments)

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So I guess --
22 this is an action item and I guess we've done our
23 action on this.

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25 If there's no other -- Donald.

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27 MR. MIKE: Yeah. If it's the wish of
28 the Council, they can move to adopt the charter and
29 just go forward with it as is to the Federal
30 Subsistence Board.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, would
33 we move to adopt with recommended changes? Is that
34 what we were recommending.

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36 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. The
37 discussion that went on didn't actually pertain to what
38 is in our actual charter, but Mr. Johnson took note of
39 it, and we may implement those on our Operations
40 Manual.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
43 Carl.

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45 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. I'd make a
46 motion that the Council -- I would make a motion that
47 the Council accept the charter review that was just
48 completed.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's

1 been a motion to accept the Council charter review.
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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second.
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5 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Second.
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seconded by
8 Nanci. Need a question -- or discussion. Any further
9 discussion.
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11 MR. O'HARA: What is a DFO?
12 Designated.....
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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: Foreign object.
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16 (Laughter)
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18 MR. MIKE: Yeah, DFO is.....
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20 MR. O'HARA: I was just looking through
21 the review there.
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23 Call for the question.
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
26 been a question. All in favor of accepting the Charter
27 review, say aye.
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29 IN UNISON: Aye.
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
32 opposition.
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34 (No opposing votes)
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,
37 thank you, Carl.
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39 Okay. We're to the agency reports.
40 OSM, staffing update. Carl.
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42 MR. JOHNSON: That's me, Madame Chair.
43 And I do want to -- I'm just going to take a moment to
44 step backward just a second to clarify my previous
45 statement on the record.
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47 There is language in your charter right
48 now specifically about conflict of interest and ethics,
49 but it's very narrowly tailored to whether or not you
50 would vote on a government contract in which you would

1 yourself receive personal financial gain, which
2 typically doesn't ever happen with this Council's
3 business.

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5 That would not be the same as whether
6 or not, for example, if you were to vote on a
7 subsistence proposal that might close a sport fishery
8 in order to preserve subsistence use. And then how you
9 might be financially benefit or hurt by if you have,
10 say, for example, a commercial -- you have a business
11 where you rely on sport users for your business. So
12 that's different than the ethics issue that's in your
13 charter, but I just want to make that point.

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15 So for OSM updates, we've had a very
16 successful and busy year in hiring a lot of new great
17 people at OSM. I'm happy to say that Council
18 coordination is fully staffed, and we don't have poor
19 Donald here, for example, having to manage three
20 Councils. He now only has to handle two.

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22 Our two new Council coordinators were
23 Melinda Hernandez who came over, we stole her from the
24 Forest Service where she started her Federal career
25 actually 10 years ago and has been working with the
26 Southeast Council for several years. And then Eva
27 Patton who was working with the Partners Program out of
28 Bethel for seven years before joining us, so she has a
29 lot of experience in rural issues, and particularly in
30 dealing with this program.

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32 Jack Lorrigan, who you've already met,
33 is our new Native Liaison.

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35 We also stole another employee from
36 another agency, this time George Pappas, which came
37 from the State liaison office. And he is now our
38 liaison to the State.

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40 And some new biologists as well and
41 also a new deputy assistant regional director.

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43 So it's been a busy year. And we're
44 looking forward to, you know, continuing to serve the
45 Councils with some re-invigorated staffing.

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47 The budget issue that's on the item for
48 just kind of an FYI. Ad has already been discussed
49 here previously we continue to have budgets, and we
50 anticipate as much as 30 percent cut from our 2010

1 levels in travel. And what that means for Councils is
2 the increased likelihood that our travel budget at OSM
3 will be restricted to only Council-related travel,
4 which means, for example, less likelihood of an
5 opportunity for a Council member who may want to travel
6 to attend a conference or another agency meeting on
7 behalf of this Council, and then report back to the
8 Council. Yukon Councils, for example, going to a YRDFA
9 conference or meeting. That is going to be
10 increasingly less likely in the future as we continue
11 on with our budgeting cuts.

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13 The item for the nominations update, I
14 just wanted to inform the Council on the status of this
15 year's nominations. The packet that's going to go to
16 Washington, D.C. is being finalized right now. The
17 Federal Subsistence Board has already met. They met in
18 July and they finalized their nominations for
19 appointments for 35 individuals for this year to
20 various different positions on the Councils.

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22 And for those of you who sought
23 re-application or know somebody who applied, you will
24 find out, they will find out on the same time that we
25 do, which is when the Secretary issues the new
26 appointments on December 3rd. And it's understandingly
27 a frustratingly slow process, because we've already
28 started receiving applications now for appointments
29 that won't be made until December of 2013. So it's a
30 long process and I just want to thank the Council and
31 people who apply for their patience.

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33 The next item is -- this year there
34 have been a couple of meetings the Federal Subsistence
35 Board held that discussed two issues. One, the overall
36 process that the Federal Subsistence Program uses to
37 determine whether or not a community is rural for
38 purposes of a Federally-qualified user status. And,
39 two, what specific communities are deemed rural or non-
40 rural under that process.

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42 And as a result of that, and a lot of
43 it centered around the Community of Saxman in the
44 Southeast, and they're facing a de-designation as rural
45 and being returned to a non-rural status. And it led
46 to a broader discussion of perhaps we should rethink
47 what our criteria are that we use for determining rural
48 status and open it up to the public and also to the
49 Councils for their input.

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1 Now, there's nothing specifically for
2 you to review at this time as to what those criteria
3 would be. We've just started the public process and
4 this process will take a couple of years. But as we
5 move along, there will be an opportunity for this
6 Council to provide feedback on specific criteria that
7 have been recommended or are being considered to
8 determine what the rural status is or non-rural status
9 is of a community.

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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: So that will be
12 passing in front of us in the future.

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14 MR. JOHNSON: That is correct.

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16 And you've already heard the briefing
17 on the consultation policy, which the written materials
18 is the next part of what's in your meeting materials.

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20 And that's all I have for the Council,
21 unless there are any questions.

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23 MR. O'HARA: I have a question.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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27 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Mr. Johnson, what
28 is the number that is given to a community to
29 disqualify them from being part of the rural
30 subsistence? Is there a population number?

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32 MR. JOHNSON: I believe that there is.
33 Population number is one of several factors that are
34 considered. But unfortunately I can't tell you what
35 that number is and hopefully maybe Pat can answer that
36 question.

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38 MR. O'HARA: Someone like Kenai, I
39 mean, are they considered subsistence users?

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41 MS. PETRIVELLI: The population numbers
42 that are in the current regulations, below 2500 is
43 automatically considered rural. Above 7500 is
44 automatically considered non-rural. Those are the
45 current levels. And then the Board will look at the
46 communities in between 2500 and 7500.

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48 With the Kenai area, because they also
49 have a regulation that says, communities that are
50 economically, socially, and communally integrated shall

1 be considered all together. So the Kenai/Soldotna area
2 gets aggregated or lumped, and their population number
3 is like 27,000. And like the Wasilla area is 50,000,
4 you know, the Wasilla/Palmer area. So those are
5 aggregates.

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7 But the Southeast Regional Advisory
8 Council, if we're just looking at numbers, asked to
9 looked at the number 11,000 instead of 7500, because of
10 the Kodiak and Ketchikan or Sitka area, because Kodiak
11 and Sitka are like right at 7,000 and 11. But the
12 Board has the discretion for those communities, if they
13 have characteristics of a rural nature, to change,
14 because of -- for different factors. And they have
15 characteristics in the regulations that they look at.
16 Economy, subsistence use, infrastructure. But the
17 whole criteria will be up for review. The process, the
18 numbers, which communities should be or shouldn't be,
19 and that will all be on the table in January in that
20 public notice.

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22 MR. O'HARA: One more question, Madame
23 Chair.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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27 MR. O'HARA: What about Kenaitze
28 Indians over there in Kenai? How do they fit into the
29 Federal subsistence program with Kenai?

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31 MS. PETRIVELLI: Well, Saxman is
32 different in the Ketchikan area, because they occupy a
33 one square mile portion, and they have distinct
34 boundaries and they have a separate city government and
35 a separate tribal government. So the State them as
36 rural, as separate from Ketchikan.

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38 The State never found Kenaitze Indians
39 separate, because they're dispersed throughout the
40 whole Kenai area, their people are. And so the Federal
41 -- or the State always dealt with them never
42 recognizing them separately. So when the Federal
43 program took over in 1990, they looked at the Kenaitze
44 Indians and the Kenaitze Indian -- that's another
45 reason we're opening up again, because the Kenaitze
46 Indians had trouble with that aggregation.

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48 And there are flaws in the process.
49 Even the words economically, socially and communally.
50 And so some criteria were used in 1990, we used -- we

1 changed them in 2000, and now we're looking at for new
2 criteria in 2010. Now, what will be used this time,
3 it's up to public input, and it's up to economics,
4 because a lot of it was from census data before and
5 readily available, and for sure we don't have the money
6 to gather new information. So a lot of those factors
7 will be worked into that consideration of rural and
8 non-rural

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10 But with the Kenaitze Indians, because
11 they were dispersed throughout that whole area, it's
12 hard to say. I mean, they have never been recognized
13 as a separate community and considered rural in the
14 history, in the State program, or by the Federal
15 program.

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17 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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21 MR. O'HARA: Kodiak. We are
22 interspersed with Kodiak. In fact right now in our
23 Borough, or Naknek is now in the Kodiak District. We
24 have a different senator now. How does -- and we talk
25 about fishery-related issues between us and Kodiak, and
26 Chigniks and Kodiak. How do they -- they must have a
27 population of 10,000 people.

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29 MS. PETRIVELLI: For the 2000 census, I
30 think their population was around 11. 11 or 12. And,
31 of course, it goes all into like the political
32 boundaries. The City of Kodiak is 7,000 people. That
33 area around it, you know, you add it up and it becomes
34 11.

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36 Now I know with our hunting and fishing
37 regulations, there are made distinctions about the
38 roaded area of Kodiak.

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40 MR. O'HARA: What?

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42 MS. PETRIVELLI: The roaded area. And
43 so -- and definitely the Federal program, all the
44 villages are separate, because they're not connected by
45 road. And that's one of the criteria is road
46 connectedness, you know, so they don't get lumped with
47 the Kodiak area, because it is that proximity question
48 or road connectedness. And so generally the history of
49 the program has just looked at Kodiak and that road
50 connected area.

1 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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5 MR. O'HARA: I think the knotty little
6 issue of intercept, Kodiak is pretty big on that scale.
7 So we're kind of related I guess in some way to our
8 cousins down in Chigniks.

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10 Thank you very much. Appreciate that.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I
13 guess, Pat, I've got a question regarding Dillingham.
14 It sounds like there's an area where if a tribal
15 government has a self-government, that they're counted
16 a rural. In Dillingham, we're getting up there, 2500.
17 But we have, you know, a tribal government here. Does
18 that count, or is that different from -- is it Kenai
19 that you were telling us about?

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21 Thank you.

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23 MS. PETRIVELLI: In the legislative
24 history of ANILCA, when they said rural residents will
25 have a preference, Congress looked at some of the rural
26 areas and they said Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau
27 aren't rural. And then they said, rural areas like
28 Nome, Bethel, and I think Kotzebue. Now, those are --
29 Congress called them rural. Their populations were
30 over 2500. Those are recognized hub communities, and
31 the State -- before we took it over, the State did an
32 analysis of those communities and recognized as a hub
33 community, that there are more concentrations of people
34 there, but they recognized that people from villages go
35 and work in those hub communities, because that's where
36 there's employment, but they go home and do subsistence
37 activities.

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39 So I think the Federal Board has
40 consistently looked at those criteria and left the hub
41 communities alone.

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43 Dillingham's never been on the --
44 always been right at that 2500, but like Bethel is up
45 to, you know, 5,000. Nome is four. Kotzebue is four.
46 Barrow is -- you know. And these are numbers that I
47 knew a couple of years ago, so they might have changed,
48 you know, but those other hubs are above 2500, but
49 Dillingham has stayed there. But I think as
50 functioning as a hub community, I think that would be a

1 big factor in the characteristics. That would be
2 something that the Federal Board would continue to look
3 at.

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5 But if you wanted to be sure of that,
6 when you look at the process of definitions, I don't
7 know if it needs to be clarified in the regulations to
8 recognize hub areas, but if you need to discuss that or
9 have a workshop about it or if you really think it's
10 necessary, but you could suggest that and ask OSM to
11 look at that, of creating regulations that would
12 recognize the function, a different class of a
13 community that's a hub.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: From your
16 description, Anchorage sounds like a hub.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
21 other comments, questions.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
26 you. Okay. B. National Park Service.

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28 MR. O'HARA: Oh, ma'am, did we have
29 some people come from King Salmon here since we met?
30 Is there more Fish and Wildlife personnel that needs to
31 be introduced.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. That's
34 right. I think we have new faces. Could you come to
35 the mic and introduced yourself, the ones that didn't
36 introduce themselves this morning.

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38 MS. PINNIX: Thank you. We're sorry
39 for arriving late. We'd also like to deliver apologies
40 from Refuge Manager Bill Schaff. He wasn't able to
41 come today. He and Ranger Orville Lind are over in
42 Kodiak right now winterizing our boat, which just got
43 moved out of Chignik Bay.

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45 My name is Julia Pinnix. I work with
46 Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife
47 Refuges, and I'm the visitor services manager.

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49 MS. JULIAN: And I'm Liz Julian. I'm
50 the new refuge operations specialist, and I just got

1 here in March, so I'm still learning.
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3 MS. PINNIX: We look forward to being
4 able to speak with you perhaps after Togiak has had
5 their turn.
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7 Thank you.
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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Welcome
10 to the meeting.
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12 I think we have Subsistence Division
13 personnel.
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15 MR. KRIEG: Ted Krieg, Subsistence
16 Division, Fish and Game here in Dillingham. Ted Krieg,
17 Subsistence Division, Alaska Department of Fish and
18 Game here in Dillingham.
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20 Sorry I wasn't here this morning. I
21 was traveling. I just got in. I got here as soon as I
22 could.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
25 Welcome. I think everybody else.....
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27 MS. MORRIS LYON: No.
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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, okay.
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31 MR. YOUNG: Good afternoon. My name is
32 Dan Young. I'm a fisheries biologist at Lake Clark
33 National Park from Port Alsworth, and I just came in a
34 little late, but I'm happy to be here.
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We'll vote for
37 you.
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39 (Laughter)
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41 MR. UNDERWOOD: And I just joined you
42 for the afternoon. My name is Tevis Underwood. I'm
43 stationed here at Togiak National Wildlife Refuge in
44 Dillingham, and I'm Paul's deputy refuge manager.
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46 Thank you.
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thanks.
49 Okay. I think we've got everybody. Okay.
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1 Park Service.

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3 MR. HAMMOND: Madame Chair. Members of
4 the Council. My name is Troy Hammond. I work for the
5 National Park Service in King Salmon, and I'll provide
6 you with a general update from our office. And I'm
7 happy to take questions at any point.

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9 The first piece of information that I
10 think many of you already know is that our
11 superintendent has announced his retirement. I think
12 he announced it roughly six weeks ago, and he just flew
13 to Anchorage today on his way out of town. Ralph Moore
14 was the third-longest superintendent in Katmai history,
15 having served over six years, having been outdone only
16 by Gil Blend (ph) and Alan Eliason, so I can at least
17 say that for us in King Salmon we were grateful to have
18 somebody that lasted quite a while. That was good.

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20 In the interim we will have an acting
21 superintendent. The acting superintendent is Eric
22 Veach. He is the natural and cultural resource manager
23 at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. He's
24 been there for about 13 years, first as a fishery
25 biologist and then as the chief of the resource
26 management division. Before that he worked for the
27 Forest Service down in Southeast. He's been in Alaska
28 quite a while, and he should be arriving in about 10
29 days.

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31 His appointment as acting
32 superintendent is for 120 days. It will end sooner
33 than that if somebody is appointed in the permanent
34 job, but I would expect that he will be likely the
35 acting superintendent during the next Council meeting.

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37 I think that's -- I'm sure I'm
38 forgetting some staffing, but that's the big staffing
39 issue.

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41 The other thing that's in your packet,
42 on Page 100, is a finding of no significant impact from
43 an environmental assessment that was conducted over the
44 past year. The National Park Service in national
45 preserves has been directed by Congress to manage for
46 sport harvest of wildlife. And the way that we do that
47 is usually through the State system as far as the
48 harvest regulation, but in terms of the business
49 management, the Park Service has its own regulatory
50 process. and in order to guide or transport people

1 within a National Park Service unit, you have to have a
2 business agreement with the Park Service.

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4 We have found with hunting concessions
5 that these detailed concession plans are better than
6 commercial use authorizations, which are often in use
7 in some types of businesses in parks.

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9 When we initially put out a newsletter,
10 there were a few changes that we were wanting to make
11 to the program. I think those changes could be
12 summarized as inequity of the two areas. One of the
13 areas was very large, had 25 clients authorized, and
14 one of the areas was very small, had only three clients
15 authorized. That wasn't a good distribution of
16 opportunity for the two businesses. It made for one
17 that was quite large and one that was small enough to
18 be questionable whether it was a viable business. So
19 one of the things we were interested in doing was
20 changing those boundaries.

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22 The last 15 years have seen a pretty
23 large increase in salmon escapement on the Alagnak
24 River drainage at a time when there was also declining
25 for a while, now it's been rebounding, but declining
26 escapement into the Iliamna drainage.

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28 We were seeing a lot of bears moving
29 into the preserve and the bear harvest in the preserve
30 was also going up very quickly. There was an extended
31 period of time where we didn't have data to assess the
32 number of bears. And we were concerned about whether
33 the harvest as it happened, as it increased was
34 appropriate and sustainable.

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36 In the last seven years -- in the last
37 five years we worked pretty hard with the Department of
38 Fish and Game and within our office to fill in that
39 data gap. And we used that to evaluate some of our
40 proposals.

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42 The newsletter that we published I
43 think about 18 months ago suggested that we were going
44 to within the contract specify the number of clients
45 that could be taken in for harvesting bears, which was
46 based on those numbers, and it would provide a
47 situation where we would not find ourselves at odds
48 with the concessionaire possibly taking more bears than
49 the local area could produce. On the one hand, those
50 numbers were probably reasonable; on the other hand,

1 when you look at the numbers through time, it was clear
2 that the elevated harvest hadn't caused a problem.

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4 And so in discussion with the regional
5 office biologists and moving it around, we decided not
6 to put ourselves or the concession operator, whoever
7 that is, into a situation where we had put limits that
8 weren't appropriate. We realized that if we needed to
9 put limits on, we could do that in discussion with the
10 concessionaire as part of their operating plan without
11 having them set in stone from the get-go.

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13 And so in the final environmental
14 assessment the decision which was made, and probably
15 the simplest thing is to look at the map on Page 107,
16 is that we drew the boundaries as you see there. The
17 boundary between the two areas follows the Alagnak
18 River and then Kukaklek Lake, and then it goes up
19 Nunuktuk Creek to the head waters. In some ways --
20 well, that's, and I may have the numbers wrong, but I
21 think the Moraine Creek area, the area north of that
22 boundary, is going to be authorized 16 clients per
23 year, and the area south of that is going to be
24 authorized 12 clients per year.

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26 Traditionally the bear harvest in this
27 entire area is 9 to 11 bears, and the remainder is
28 traditionally made up of caribou. That's not currently
29 available, because there's no non-resident caribou
30 harvest in this area at present I think. I could be
31 misremembering. But this way, since it's a 10-year
32 contract, we don't preclude somebody from having the
33 opportunity when caribou harvest is available.

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35 That was put out in draft. It received
36 600 and some comments, and we went through and
37 addressed those comments. It was signed by the
38 superintendent and the regional director in mid
39 September, and it is final.

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41 As a result of the EA being final, our
42 concession manager's preparing a concessions prospectus
43 right now. It is expected that that will go out for
44 public proposals in early November. I think not next
45 week, that would be October. I think the week after
46 next. And it should be available on fedbizops.

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48 And our concession manager's name is
49 Lisa Fox, and I have her contact information if anybody
50 knows of interested parties. She is also available and

1 if people have specific questions that they'd like to
2 answer that I'm not capable of responding to, we can
3 arrange to get her on the phone either possibly now or
4 in the morning for sure.

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6 I think that's it on that hunt
7 prospectus, unless people have further questions.

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9 The intention is to announce it now so
10 that by next fall we will have businesses selected and
11 in place for these opportunities.

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13 MR. WILSON: I have a question.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan. Oh, I'm
16 sorry. Richard.

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18 MR. WILSON: Yeah, just a quick
19 question. Has there ever been any studies on how many
20 caribou, you mentioned caribou just a bit there, in the
21 NPS boundaries?

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23 MR. HAMMOND: There have not. To my
24 knowledge there haven't been studies of caribou within
25 the NPS boundaries specifically. There is a little
26 patch of caribou that run around up in between Kukaklek
27 and Nonvianak Lakes. It's fairly small.

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29 Right now the caribou harvest in this
30 area I'm pretty sure is only available to residents.
31 And I have not heard of any attempt to make a business
32 on that. So that could be an interesting question.

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34 The guided caribou harvest historically
35 was part of the very large Mulchatna Herd movements.
36 And when the Mulchatna Herd was in the area, they could
37 take up to five caribou. But I'm not aware of any more
38 recent efforts in the area.

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40 MR. JONES: I just have a question.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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44 MR. JONES: So when's your next study
45 on caribou in your section there?

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47 MR. HAMMOND: The State does an annual
48 photo census, and I won't speak to what the current
49 numbers are, because I don't have them. But they do a
50 study on the Mulchatna herd every -- I think pretty

1 much every spring, early summer. And there's also a
2 separate effort on the Northern Peninsula herd that is
3 conducted by the State. And actually I shouldn't just
4 say the State, because Fish and Wildlife Service
5 participates heavily in both those efforts.

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7 Katmai is at sort of the meeting zone
8 of both of these groups, and we have so few caribou
9 specifically in the park that we haven't undertaken
10 much effort. We don't have enough -- I'll be quite
11 frank. We don't have enough resident caribou in Katmai
12 to manage a hunt on them. I mean, we're talking less
13 than 100 animals. So any work that we did on caribou
14 with an idea of managing them, we would participate in
15 the Mulchatna herd, because that larger group is what
16 would make hunting or harvest opportunities for folks.

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18 MR. JONES: So in any of these studies,
19 do you know if it's been declining or coming up or
20 what's -- just without knowing the numbers, you don't
21 know if it's building or dying off?

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23 MR. HAMMOND: Are you asking about
24 specifically the Mulchatna herd or the small group
25 within the park?

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27 MR. JONES: The small herd in the park.

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29 MR. HAMMOND: I don't know.

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31 MR. JONES: What about your bears, your
32 population of bears going up or down.

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34 MR. HAMMOND: I know that in the long
35 term, the population of bears in the park is definitely
36 raised from all the metrics that we have. I can tell
37 you that we spent some time this spring evaluating a
38 couple of different bear survey procedures. Part of
39 the problem with bear surveys, we have found, is that
40 they are unsustainably expensive if you do them in a
41 way that the statisticians are happy with. If you do
42 them in away that statisticians aren't happy with,
43 they're affordable, but you can't necessarily get
44 people to buy the numbers. So if you are happy with
45 the numbers the statisticians don't like, we have a lot
46 more bears now than we had in 1980 and 1990.

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48 MR. JONES: So is your moose going up
49 or down? You don't know none of these animals, what
50 they're doing?

1 MR. HAMMOND: Moose numbers have been
2 -- moose, we have the same issues as with bears. We
3 have a lot of numbers, but whether or not the
4 statisticians like them is another question. With
5 moose the trending counts have generally showed they
6 were higher in the 1980s. They declined from there,
7 and they've pretty much leveled off at a very slightly
8 declining low, but basically stable number. But we
9 don't have a lot of moose, but we don't have rapidly
10 declining moose. They're fairly stable.

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12 MR. JONES: That Park Service land goes
13 quite a ways around. I was looking at this other map
14 here, trying to figure out how far up it goes.

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16 MR. HAMMOND: And what map? Oh, I can
17 grab one. And I have the map in front of me. Are you
18 looking at Katmai specifically or are you looking at
19 Lake Clark?

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21 MR. JONES: Well, I was just looking up
22 here where you're at up here, you know, in 9C. You
23 know, it comes down quite a ways. And I was just kind
24 of curious what the animals were doing, you know, on
25 both sides of that, in the middle and the coast. Do
26 you guys mainly look -- where do you look for these
27 animals.

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29 MR. HAMMOND: Our moose census areas
30 are in the Angle/Takayofu drainage, and for this map,
31 if you're looking at the words Becharof National
32 Wildlife Refuge, it's just above the Wildlife on that.
33 We have a park border area. If you look above the word
34 Becharof, it encompasses a bunch of the area both on
35 the right and left of that, mostly north/south boundary
36 of the park. And then we have an Alagnak trend area,
37 and that encompasses up in the preserve, up in Katmai
38 Preserve, from most of the western halves of Kukalklek
39 and Nonvianlik Lakes down well into the yellow BLM
40 land. A very big area.

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42 MR. JONES: Down here in this National
43 Wildlife part here where you get down around Amalik Bay
44 and Wide Bay area, down in there, do you guys have any
45 idea what the caribou herds are doing there?

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47 MR. HAMMOND: National Park Service, I
48 would have to say we don't. The State of Alaska and
49 the Becharof Refuge and Alaska Peninsula Refuge Staff
50 do conduct caribou monitoring in that region.

1 MR. JONES: Well, I was just curious,
2 because I went through there here back a year or so,
3 and they have an island there in Wide Bay that's called
4 Slaughter Island, and it looked like a good caribou
5 hunting place for me. And I was just wondering if
6 those herds are getting bigger and bigger, seeing all
7 those islands outside of Wide Bay are full of caribou.

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9 MR. HAMMOND: I'm not aware. That
10 would be interesting.

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12 MR. JONES: Or maybe seeing that
13 they're off out of the water system, you know, not
14 connected to the mainland, does that mean it's open
15 range like Adak or something.

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17 MR. HAMMOND: And I don't know the
18 answer to that.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 MR. JONES: I was just trying to find a
23 place to shoot a caribou. It wouldn't take me but 12
24 hours to get up there. So I was just curious if those
25 herds were monitored, because there is a lot of caribou
26 up in there.

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28 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah. I'm not aware of
29 caribou monitoring on those islands, but it could be
30 that the current effort that the State and Refuge
31 undertake includes those areas, but I don't know the
32 answer. You'd have to check with them.

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34 MR. JONES: Okay. I took enough of
35 your time.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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39 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Madame Chair.

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41 Could you summarize the changes you've
42 made in your concessions.

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44 MR. HAMMOND: Yes, the primary change
45 is the boundary and the numbers of clients associated
46 with those two boundaries. If you look at the map on
47 Page 107, the northern boundary of the southern unit is
48 all water. It was all water before, but it went up the
49 Alagnak River to the confluence with the Nonvianak
50 River, and then it went up the Nonvianak River to the

1 Nonvianak Lake, and then it went on the south shore of
2 Nonvianak Lake. And so if you look at that, it's just
3 a little a little tiny sliver is what it was currently.
4 And the intention was to provide a little more
5 geographic variety. That's pretty restricted access.
6 And because of the kind of access, it had primarily
7 only been available to guides that wanted to hunt to
8 harvest moose. And so by including some of the land on
9 the north shore of Nonvianak Lake up into the tundra
10 highlands, it opens it up. It makes it so that we can
11 have a client, or a business that is more varied and
12 not just focusing on a species that's of specific
13 interest to the subsistence community, which is moose,
14 and is more likely to be able to access the bear
15 population, which is the primary wildlife feature of
16 the area, and the one that they're probably most
17 interested in as a business.

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19 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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21 Yeah, so you have increased the area a
22 little bit then geographically.

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24 MR. HAMMOND: For that one, but we did
25 it by moving the boundary. There were two businesses
26 before. The other one included all of the area that
27 we've moved, so we just took some land out of the
28 larger concession and moved it into the smaller one.

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30 MR. O'HARA: So can you hunt Klukuk
31 (ph) up there at the upper end of Nonvianak then.

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33 MR. HAMMOND: Kukaklek?

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35 MR. O'HARA: Kukaklek, yeah.

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37 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah.

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39 MR. O'HARA: Have you ever been up
40 there when the salmon are running? Those bears look
41 like rats up there. I mean, it's unbelievable.

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43 MR. HAMMOND: There's a few.

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45 MR. O'HARA: Just like unbelievable
46 bears.

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48 The other question I have is, has the
49 number of concessionaires increased?

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1 MR. HAMMOND: The number of
2 concessionaires, are you referring to.....

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4 MR. O'HARA: The people who can hunt in
5 there.

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7 MR. HAMMOND: The people who can hunt.
8 No. So in the past we had at one concession that was
9 authorized to take three clients per year, and we had
10 one concession that was authorized to take 25 per year,
11 so that's a total of 28 clients per year.

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13 What we've got now is 12 clients per
14 year on this southern business and 16 per year on the
15 northern business. So it's still 28, but it will be
16 spread out a little more on the landscape, which will
17 probably be better for the client's experience as well.

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19 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. It's only two
20 concessionaires that go into that.

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22 MR. HAMMOND: That's correct.

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24 MR. O'HARA: You're not allowing any
25 more than that?

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27 MR. HAMMOND: Well, no. And that was a
28 point -- there were many things that we discussed.
29 Some of them I didn't have any direct experience with,
30 but our concession managers in the regional office do.
31 And they have had quite a bit of experience with
32 overlapping hunting guide areas, and they've been
33 trying to remove those wherever possible, because it
34 has not generally turned out very well. And I don't
35 know why.

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37 MR. O'HARA: The other question is a
38 former retired State biologist from King Salmon, Alaska
39 Department of Fish and Game, told me one day, he said,
40 you could kill off 25 percent of all the bears on the
41 Alaska Peninsula and it would not hurt the population.
42 That's a pretty broad statement. And because of that,
43 I won't give you his name, because they might take away
44 his retirement. But I thought that was an interesting
45 statement.

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47 So your bear population though, it's
48 been healthy and growing.

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50 And so you don't have the three -- you

1 had a number 3 and a number 16 in there; now you have
2 two with bigger numbers.

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4 MR. HAMMOND: No, we had a 3 and a 25.
5 Now we have a 12 and a 16.

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7 MR. O'HARA: Okay. So they have more
8 equalled out then as far as that goes.

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10 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah.

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12 MR. O'HARA: Well, thank you. I really
13 appreciate that.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
16 other questions.

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18 (No comments)

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess my
21 question would be in your alternative A, is that what
22 we're talking about? The no action, it's stating that
23 the subsistence and sports hunting with out guides
24 could continue in the area. Is that also true with the
25 other two alternatives?

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27 MR. HAMMOND: Yes, there is no affect
28 of this action on whether subsistence and unguided
29 sport hunting is authorized. The reason it makes that
30 statement is to clarify that there's still harvest even
31 under an alternative where we don't authorize guided
32 harvest. But that unguided harvest by both subsistence
33 or unguided sport hunters is still available regardless
34 of whether we authorize the concession.

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36 MR. O'HARA: One more. Are you still
37 going on with your report?

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39 MR. HAMMOND: I have a few other topics
40 I can share, but if you're interested in this, anything
41 else you have on the hunt concession, now is a good
42 time.

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44 (No comments)

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46 MR. HAMMOND: Okay. I was going to
47 also point out to the Council that at Brooks Camp we
48 have been undergoing a fairly large project for a few
49 years now evaluating the access across the Brooks River
50 in relation to the camp. I don't want to take up too

1 much of your time explaining the crazy convoluted
2 history of this, but we have been evaluating putting an
3 elevated walkway across the river, and this is the same
4 area in that lower river where the current floating
5 bridge is.

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7 And there was a environmental impact
8 statement that was prepared in draft, and we received
9 comments on that, and I just in fact sent my last
10 comments in Friday on that. Or my last responses to
11 comments. Those are being compiled. And we expect a
12 decision before summer. I suspect that they'll make a
13 decision after they get all the comments compiled,
14 sometime in the November/December time frame, but they
15 may take some time to get it all prepped before it's
16 made public. I'm not sure how that works. I haven't
17 worked on one of these before.

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19 One comment that was sent in was asking
20 about ensuring access both during construction and
21 after construction for the redbfish fishery at the mouth
22 of Brooks River. And one of the things that we were
23 looking at is making sure that it's actually part of
24 our construction contracts if we end up building is
25 that we have assurance in the construction process that
26 there's not a point where that redbfish harvest wouldn't
27 be available during the times when it's authorized.

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29 And I don't think there were any other
30 subsistence related questions that came in on public
31 comment that I saw. I didn't see them all.

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33 We already talked about moose and bear
34 surveys.

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36 And I guess the last two things, you
37 guys are familiar with the redbfish. We've not had a
38 lot of changes. I'm not up to date on where the
39 proposal that the group sent to the State Board of Fish
40 ended up, whether it was finalized or not. And so I
41 apologize for that. Richard may be more aware of its
42 condition.

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44 And I do know that we have not been
45 successful in getting an updated list of eligibles from
46 the Naknek Village Council and the King Salmon Tribe in
47 combination yet, but that's the current work.

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49 I think that's it, if there's
50 questions.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Well, Troy, we
4 visited you this summer up there and I thought that --
5 you've been there for how many years now, up at Katmai?
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7 MR. HAMMOND: Fourteen.
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9 MR. O'HARA: Fourteen years. So you've
10 seen between the 11th and the 14th and 15th of July is
11 when your biggest population of bears usually end up
12 there with the sockeyes coming into Brooks.
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14 MR. HAMMOND: At Brooks, yes, sir.
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16 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. This year on the
17 11th there wasn't too much action. I guess everything
18 was a few days late. But I was really impressed on how
19 well the Staff worked there wit the people, and there
20 was a lot of people there on the 11th when I was there
21 that day. I came in in the morning and left in the
22 afternoon. And if anybody gets a chance to visit,
23 that's an incredible, incredible opportunity to visit
24 that. And truly it's for the bears. It's not for the
25 people. People don't like hearing that, but that
26 really is the bears country.
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28 But the interacting between people,
29 groups of people and troops bears, it's, you know, a
30 lot of park personnel to spread out and they do a good
31 job of herding those people out of there and letting
32 the bears keep going. So I really appreciated the
33 opportunity to go up there. And I saw you there at the
34 same time.
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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38 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair.
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40 You indicated that, the way it sounded,
41 that this bridge was a go. It's beyond the comment
42 period, and it is going in or is this comment period
43 still on.
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45 MR. HAMMOND: The comment period ended
46 in August. The comments -- so there's a team of folks
47 in Denver and in the regional office in Anchorage that
48 manage this environmental impact statement process.
49 And they went through all the comments and identified
50 parts that needed responses from which sorts of people,

1 like whose the right person to look at this and address
2 it. So comments that related to biology ended up
3 coming to me. So I've seen pieces.

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5 But most of the comments, I don't know
6 about most. Many of the comments I haven't seen.

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8 The decision will be made by the
9 regional director based on the body of all of those in
10 relation to what was proposed. And so the comment
11 period has ended, but, no, a decision hasn't been made.
12 We anticipate a decision, but I haven't seen the
13 comments as a body, and I don't know if there was
14 something in there that would suggest that it's --
15 biologically I didn't see any big issue biologically,
16 but a lot of the decision process on an action like
17 this is not to do with biology.

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19 MR. WILSON: We've discussed this quite
20 a bit actually on the local level in our corporate land
21 status, the village. You know, there's a lot of
22 dissention about putting something permanent up in the
23 park when we as a people have already been denied
24 access to that park for cabins and what have you. So I
25 was -- I think that's kind of where it lies right now.

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28 And as far as the redbird goes, I don't
29 think we've really created a new list that has been
30 updated. The Park Service or the community can't seem
31 to get together to break out a new one. So we're
32 working on it, but, of course, the weather's not
33 allowing us to do much at the moment.

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35 MR. HAMMOND: I did have one other
36 update as well when people are done with the questions.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other.

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40 (No comments)

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess I want
43 to expand on the redbird issue. You know, we've been
44 dealing with that. I don't know, I wasn't on the Board
45 when the issue first came on. But I don't know where
46 the listing of users came. And it's my observation to
47 this is it's going to take some time to develop a list
48 like that when they probably -- not majority, but some
49 of them are probably deceased. Descendants. I don't
50 know how you guys are going to find descendants. Seems

1 it would just be easier to -- unless there's opposition
2 from the original users, you know, if they're still
3 alive. It seems like it would just be easier to open
4 that for traditional users of redbfish.

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6 You know, there's really no large
7 population of people that use redbfish, because it's
8 spawned out and I think the only -- this is from my
9 experience, and even trying to feed my boys, because
10 when my boys were to the age where they needed to have
11 that taste of redbfish, we were out of state. So we
12 come back, I process it, I have it available, but
13 there's no interest in it, because they never developed
14 a taste for that, and because it's spawned out and it's
15 processed, but, you know, it's just air dried. And
16 some people, you know, think it's not quite processed
17 enough to eat.

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19 So in that light, it seems like you
20 wouldn't get an influx of people, users of these
21 redbfish anyway. And instead of trying to develop a
22 list of original users and descendants, what -- and I
23 guess one of the main reasons why it hasn't been opened
24 for, you know, people to use is because subsistence
25 users aren't allowed, right, in the area. But I think
26 to make things easier, it seems like you should just
27 open it up for user groups that are interested in using
28 the resource.

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30 MR. HAMMOND: Madame Chair. I fully
31 agree with you. That would be a lot simpler. The
32 situation would be a lot easier to manage in that
33 framework, just because it would be more general as far
34 as the list. The Park Service doesn't have the
35 authority to do that.

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37 What we can do when Congress tells us
38 that you're going to let people go into the Park is we
39 can let people into the park, and then if there's too
40 many people in the park, think about Yosemite or
41 Yellowstone, we can start saying, okay. This -- you
42 can't have anybody that wants to in all of these
43 places. It has to be limited to this many people per
44 day, because we can make restrictions from what's
45 authorized in law where it's necessary for the conduct
46 of our agency business.

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48 We can't open something that's closed
49 by law. And the problem we're dealing with here
50 specifically is that the public law that authorized the

1 redfish fishery, in the law specifically stated that it
2 is open to descendants of people who lived in the park.
3 And so that's -- so there's basically two ways to
4 ascertain who lived in the park. We can try to manage
5 that list in our office, which I don't think would be
6 very complete or accurate, or we can have the people
7 who live there or who are descended, get together and
8 agree on that list.

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10 That was initially done after passage
11 of this law. So there is a list, but the list hasn't
12 been updated. There are both people that have passed
13 on and there are marriages and births and all of those
14 sorts of things that the update is the thing that we
15 were tasked or trying to work with them on, and which
16 we continue to do.

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18 I fully agree that it would be simpler
19 and probably more productive to have it open to
20 traditional users. That's not within the National Park
21 Service purview, because of the way the authorizing law
22 is written.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess
25 another question is, is descendants defined as
26 traditional users from that area, or is it just
27 descendants, because if it's just descendants, and a
28 person could do a descendant map, you know, eventually
29 everybody's going to be in that descendant group,
30 probably including myself.

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32 MR. HAMMOND: You know, I actually was
33 wondering the same thing. I don't know in the -- do
34 you know, Richard, if it specifically says a local
35 descendant? I don't think it does.

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37 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Troy, I was
38 actually going to hit you up with an answer. We had
39 this discussion not long ago about where does the list
40 generate from in the descendant side of things. And I
41 asked the question, so is it -- does it mean that
42 you're two extensions on the people that are restricted
43 out of that area? Are they -- is that part of the
44 descendant group, or is it just originally in the
45 Valley of 10,000 Smokes area, and the original
46 selection where this descendant list comes from. And
47 that was a question I had.

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49 MR. HAMMOND: Well, I believe the
50 language specifically says descendants that lived

1 within the boundary in the Naknek Lake and River
2 drainage, but I am not positive. I may have to have to
3 come back to you on that. I don't have it memorized.

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5 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. That would
6 actually help us at the village level if we knew who
7 was eligible on this list, you know. And I think it's
8 been discussed before, but I, too, don't remember.

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10 MR. HAMMOND: I can get you an answer
11 and I think I can have it to you tomorrow morning.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
14 more redbfish.

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16 (No comments)

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, you
19 have additional information.

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21 MR. HAMMOND: One other item I wanted
22 to share with the Council, which I forgot to put on my
23 list. It's not really a resources topic, but it's
24 something that we were very excited about at the Park.
25 We were successful in working with Alaska Geographic to
26 take the eighth class from Perryville and I believe
27 another eighth grader who is also from one of those
28 family groups from Anchorage out to the Park this year,
29 and it was the 100th anniversary of the eruption of
30 Novarupta. And our goal was to take out into the Park
31 some people who had family ties from living in the
32 Park, but hadn't been back and that -- we had people
33 from almost all divisions in the Park participating and
34 helping make that trip work. And we had a chaperon
35 from the school district down in Perryville.

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37 They were take out -- of course,
38 getting over to the old Katmai Village site is a little
39 more complicated, and this wasn't the best weather year
40 anyway, but we were successful in getting them a chance
41 to go to Old Savonoski, and that alone was a pretty
42 involved day. We got them out into the Valley of
43 10,000 smokes. And they were at Brooks Camp for a
44 couple days.

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46 So that was just a real highlight for
47 us, and I wanted to share it with the Council.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Alvin.

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1 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yes. I spoke to Gerald
2 and he said it was very enjoyable. He said he really
3 enjoyed that trip.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
6 Anything else. Any questions.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, thank
11 you.

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13 Let's take a quick five-minute, and
14 then we'll come back with the SRC membership.

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16 (Off record)

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18 (On record)

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm
21 going to call the meeting back to order. And next on
22 the agenda is SRC membership. And right after the SRC
23 membership, we'll hear from Susie regarding the moose
24 management plan and what we need to do in preparation
25 for tomorrow.

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27 So SRC membership. SRC membership
28 update. Donald.

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30 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
31 One of the roles and responsibilities of this Council
32 is to appoint the SRC members to Lake Clark and
33 Aniakchak National Park. I think the membership for
34 Lake Clark is all up to date, and for the Aniakchak SRC
35 I think there's some members that have not attended a
36 meeting. And as an appointing source, the Bristol Bay
37 Regional Advisory Council is an appointing source for
38 the Aniakchak SRC.

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40 I've been working with the National
41 Park Service and the State Department of Fish and Game
42 on getting a list for this Council to consider to make
43 an appointment to the Aniakchak SRC. And working with
44 the Park Service and the State, Susie Brito, Susan
45 Brito, we've identified an individual from Chignik, and
46 there's been discussion and dialogue between the State
47 and the Chignik Village Council as far as getting a
48 person nominated to sit on the Chignik Advisory
49 committee, and that's in the process of getting
50 finalized.

1 But one of the criteria for appointing
2 a member to the SRC, the appointee has to be a sitting
3 member of a Regional Advisory Council or a current
4 member of a State Advisory Committee to have an
5 appointment from this Council to the Aniakchak SRC.

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7 So that's where we're at right now.
8 And I've been working with Mr. Boskofsky as far as
9 trying to get names for this Council to consider and
10 make appointment to the SRC.

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12 Alvin, do you have any more to add to
13 it?

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15 MR. BOSKOFSKY: Yeah. We have one name
16 that's -- well, actually two people that are willing to
17 serve on the SRC. Donny Lind and Marty Kakak.
18 Clarence is working on trying to see if we could get
19 Marty into that Governor's position to replace Bobby.
20 We haven't been able to get ahold of him for years.
21 And we'd like to get Johnny Lind replaced with Donny
22 Lind. So we've been having a real hard time trying to
23 get quorum to hold a meeting.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So I guess --
26 Donald.

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28 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
29 The current situation right now as it sits is that Mr.
30 Donny Lind that Mr. Boskofsky was just discussing, he
31 has not been officially nominated to the Advisory
32 Committee for the Chigniks, is that correct? So until
33 we hear that he is officially nominated to sit on -- or
34 nominated to sit on the Chignik Advisory Committee, and
35 if it is the wish of the Council to make this
36 appointment, he had to be officially seated as an
37 Advisory Committee member before this Council can take
38 any action.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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42 MR. JONES: So you've got to have Donny
43 on the AC before you could do this, is that what you're
44 talking about? The AC?

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46 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. That is
47 correct. For this Council to make any official
48 appointments to the Subsistence Resource Commission,
49 the appointee has to be a member of this Council or a
50 sitting member of the State Advisory Committee before

1 this Council can make any official appointments to the
2 SRC.

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4 MR. JONES: So all we have to do is
5 seat Donny at our AC meeting.

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7 MS. JENKINS BRITO: As it stands right
8 now, I've been in touch with the tribal councils in
9 Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay and
10 Perryville. And I've sent letters also to the tribal
11 and city councils in Chignik Bay. There are several
12 vacant seats on the Chignik Advisory Committee as it
13 stands right now, and several terms have lapsed. And
14 so what we're trying to do is seat some of these vacant
15 seats, and a couple members of the Advisory Committee
16 have called and resigned, specifically Johnny Lind has
17 left the Advisory Committee and what the hope is is
18 that the tribal council of Chignik Lake I believe is
19 where Johnny Lind's seat was. I'm trying to remember
20 off the top of my head.

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22 MR. JONES: Yeah, he was the president.

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24 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Okay. But he was
25 sitting from Chignik Lake or -- okay. So when Johnny
26 resigned, I wrote to the tribal council of Chignik Lake
27 and requested that they elect or nominated a new
28 representative for their designated seat. And the name
29 put forth of interest was Donny Lind. And I have been
30 in contact with them, and my hope was, was that we
31 could have the names from the tribal councils in the
32 Chignik area by mid November and hold the first
33 advisory committee meeting by mid December so we can go
34 over stuff for the Aleutians and fish and Board of Fish
35 -- or Board of Game.

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37 But I had spoke with Donald that I
38 hoped to have Donny Lind sat officially on the AC by
39 mid November was the goal.

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41 MR. JONES: So we're going to have a
42 village council meeting in Chignik Lagoon on I think
43 it's the 27th, so at that time should we try to figure
44 out -- because I know the -- I was on the AC. I think
45 I was on the AC. At one point I was the vice president
46 of it, but then all of a sudden I didn't know where I
47 was at.

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49 (Laughter)

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1 MR. JONES: But, yeah, so we need to
2 bring that up and have that in place by when?

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4 MS. JENKINS BRITO: The goal was mid
5 November, but if there's already a regularly scheduled
6 village council meeting, I had told the interested
7 parties that I had sent out emails to that if there's
8 already a regularly scheduled meeting coming up, that
9 that would probably be the best time to cover it. The
10 only one that we really wanted to kind of kick into
11 gear was Chignik Lake so we can get Donny sat on the
12 Advisory Committee so then he can be nominated to sit
13 on the SRC. And so the rest of the villages in the
14 Chignik area can kind of do so at their regularly
15 scheduled meetings. So if it's not until the end of
16 November, that's fine.

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18 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. Probably
19 for John. Madame Chair.

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21 You have the Chignik State Advisory,
22 the Fish and Game Board?

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24 MR. JONES: Yeah.

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26 MR. O'HARA: Does that take in Chignik
27 Lake, Bay, Lagoon and Perryville and Port Heiden?

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29 MS. JENKINS BRITO: No.

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31 MR. JONES: No, not Port Heiden.

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33 MR. O'HARA: Is there a member from
34 each one of the communities on there?

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36 MS. JENKINS BRITO: For this specific
37 Advisory Committee, the way that it is structured, the
38 joint board when this Advisory Committee was initiated,
39 they designated three seats to each community in the
40 Chignik area as follows: Chignik Bay, Chignik Lake,
41 Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay, and Perryville, each have
42 three designated seats in the Advisory Committee.

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44 Port Heiden, Pilot Point, Igiugig and
45 Ugashik are all Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee.

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47 MR. JONES: I don't know why Ivanof's
48 on there, but they're there.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So it sounds

1 like we don't make any actions, appointments today
2 until all the meetings that needs to go on for proper
3 election are set in place. So we table this until the
4 next, the spring meeting or how are we going to work
5 this.

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7 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I'm going to
8 -- working with the Park Service and Mr. Boskofsky, Mr.
9 Don Lind is a qualified person to be appointed to the
10 SRC. As far as getting an official appointment from
11 this Council for Donny Lind to be appointed to the SRC,
12 since he is not a sitting member currently on the
13 Advisory Committee, I think it would be premature for
14 this Council to make the official appointment, unless,
15 you know, the Council could select -- elects to make
16 the appointment pending on the outcome of the village
17 council meetings designating Mr. Donny Lind as an
18 Advisory Committee member for the Chigniks.

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20 MR. JONES: So once Donnie's seated on
21 there, we have to vote on putting him on this other
22 committee.

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24 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. According to
25 the -- this Council appoints members to the SRC, one
26 for Lake Clark and one for Aniakchak. And for those
27 members to be appointed to the SRC, they must be a
28 member of this Council, Bristol Bay Council, or a
29 sitting member of the State Advisory Committee. They
30 have to be seated currently, and then this Council
31 would have names presented to them for them to consider
32 to be appointed to the SRC, either to Lake Clark or
33 Aniakchak.

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35 MR. JONES: So if Donny got on there
36 say next week or something like that, could you do a
37 phone poll or an email deal to vote for him?

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39 MR. MIKE: I think that might be a
40 possibility, but as far as public meeting
41 announcements, this is an official chartered Council,
42 we might have to do a public notice that the Regional
43 Advisory Council is going to have a meeting, but we'll
44 work out the details.

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46 Mr. Johnson, do you have any thoughts
47 on that.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair. Thank you.
2 I'll answer couple questions.

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4 First, to your original question,
5 Madame Chair, I think the prudent course of action
6 would be to defer this until your next meeting when you
7 actually have a formal nomination through the
8 appropriate channels, because who knows what might
9 happen between now and then. Something could come up
10 and Donnie might not be actually nominated.

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12 But then to answer the other question,
13 the Council is capable of doing business
14 telephonically, but as your Council coordinator
15 properly counseled you, under FACA all meetings have to
16 be public and be publicly noticed. And in order for
17 that to work, you would have to state on the record
18 here that you intended to have a telephonic meeting and
19 the date of that meeting, and then we could do a 15-day
20 notice for that meeting. Otherwise, if you didn't say
21 it on the record when it would be that you would have a
22 telephonic meeting, it would have to be a 60-day
23 notice. So there are a lot of steps to follow. You
24 can't do telephonic/teleconference meetings, but there
25 are, you know, some hoops to jump in order to do that.

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27 MR. JONES: I have one more question.
28 This would probably be for Joe out there. Would it be
29 possible for us as an AC to do a phone deal instead of
30 having a full teleconference? You know, just call and
31 have a -- or does it have to be a registered meeting
32 with minutes and -- how does that work?

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34 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Susie will have to do
35 it, the new coordinator.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MR. JONES: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm used to
40 dealing with you. Okay.

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42 MS. JENKINS BRITO: That's all right.
43 (Indiscernible - away from microphones)

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Come to the
48 microphone.

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50 MS. JENKINS BRITO: John, in response

1 to your question, what I had told the traditional
2 councils or the tribal councils in the Chignik area is
3 since the seats are designated seats to specific
4 villages in the Chignik region. What can happen is,
5 for instance Chignik Lake can meet as a traditional
6 council and elect their representatives, because
7 they're designated to Chignik Lake. And the same for
8 Chignik Lagoon. So the Chignik Lagoon Traditional
9 Council is going to meet as we said at the end of
10 November. It's an already noticed meeting. You can
11 put it on your agenda and just address we're going to
12 try to fill these three seats on the Chignik Advisory
13 Committee, and go forth at your regularly scheduled
14 meeting. Then once you submit those names to me with
15 their newly elected member forms, they're on the
16 Advisory Committee. Then we'll get together and have a
17 Chignik Advisory Committee meeting.

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19 But for the purposes of the SRC, all I
20 need is that new member form from Donnie after you've
21 held your meeting saying, the Village of Chignik Lake
22 elects Donny Lind to be their representative on the
23 Chignik Advisory Committee. So it doesn't have to be a
24 meeting of the Chignik Advisory Committee before you
25 can have him on there. Do you understand kind of
26 what.....

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28 MR. JONES: yeah, I understand. But
29 how many people -- how many positions are empty? Just
30 the one?

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32 MS. JENKINS BRITO: As of right now,
33 all the terms on the Advisory Committee have since
34 lapsed, because there were no elections at the last
35 spring meeting. All terms have expired, and so within
36 the structure of the Advisory Committee, those three
37 seats, there's one one-year term, one two-year term,
38 and one three-year term. And I addressed it all in a
39 letter that I had submitted, which I can forward to
40 you. If you wanted to give me your contact information
41 at the end of the day, I can send you what I have.

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43 MR. JONES: You have the village
44 council email.

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46 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Yep, I sent it to,
47 is it Clem?

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49 MR. JONES: The administrator's my
50 daughter, so I can get it through there.

1 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Okay. Great.

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3 MR. BOSKOFKY: And this should be
4 finalized by the 6th.

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6 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Wonderful. So as
7 soon as I have -- I also sent in conjunction with the
8 letter to the traditional councils, the newly elected
9 member form. The only thing I need back to make it
10 official after you have your meeting, I need the newly
11 elected member form filled out with his information on
12 it. And then I can submit that to Donald, and Donald
13 can submit it to the RAC, and he'll be all set to go.

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15 MR. BOSKOFKY: Yeah, because I was
16 speaking with Chuck Nucolum (ph), and he asked if I
17 would be willing to sit on there, too, and I think
18 we'll need to look for one more seat besides Donnie.
19 And an alternate.

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21 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Yeah. It's
22 important to have an alternate for each of these
23 communities as well. In the past certain communities
24 have not put forth three names, and that's also fine.
25 Getting as much participation as possible is ideal, but
26 if you can't get three names, it's not -- you know, we
27 can seat who you elect. And then we can move forward
28 that way.

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30 And with that letter, I also submitted
31 the names of the people who were on the Advisory
32 Committee in the past and who still had interest in
33 serving on the Advisory Committee in the future.

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35 MR. JONES: So whose names did you
36 submit?

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MS. JENKINS BRITO: I don't know them
41 all off the top of my head, but I believe your name was
42 on there. I know.

43

44 MR. JONES: Well, if you email that
45 there needs to be three positions in the Chignik Lagoon
46 one, you could just email all that to the village
47 office, and then I'll put it on the agenda.

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49 MS. JENKINS BRITO: That's what I've
50 done. And they said that they would put it on their

1 regularly scheduled council meeting that's coming up
2 in the future, which is probably the one that you're
3 referring to.

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5 MR. JONES: Yeah, the 27th.

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7 MS. JENKINS BRITO: And I also told
8 them it needed to be posted publicly, and I offered to
9 assist with that. We need to put it on our online
10 public notice. And we need to, you know, notice it as
11 much as we can to get other participation from the, you
12 know, village members and interested users.

13

14 MR. JONES: Okay. Am I just an
15 alternate now?

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17 MS. JENKINS BRITO: I'm not sure.

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19 MR. JONES: Okay. I'd like to know
20 where I'm at.

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22 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Sure.

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24 MR. JONES: All right. Thanks.

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26 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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30 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Mr. Johnson, so let
31 me refer to our coordinator here. So if Donny Lind
32 gets on the AC, then he's eligible to be on this.....

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34 MR. BOSKOFKY: SRC.

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36 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, on the Aniakchak
37 thing. So we discussed earlier today that we felt like
38 this Aniakchak committee really needed to be overhauled
39 so we'd have people who are going to come forward and
40 work and get the work done. They could have helped us
41 out considerably today on the issue that we had before
42 us on subsistence. So it's that really critical that
43 we do that.

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45 The question I have for Mr. Johnson
46 then is we could actually recess tomorrow and leave the
47 meeting open until he was put on there, and we could do
48 a teleconference and not have another meeting, because
49 we've still extended that meeting. We just recess, we
50 didn't adjourn. Can we do that?

1 MR. JOHNSON: I think that to answer
2 that question, I will consult with our regulations
3 specialist, Theo, who really is the expert on what our
4 requirements are about noticing public meetings. And I
5 can get you an answer for tomorrow.

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7 MR. O'HARA: And so you understand
8 recess.

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10 MR. JOHNSON: I do, but that is not
11 something that I've heard of being done before, about
12 recessing a meeting and then leaving it indefinitely
13 open until some later time, because again even if you
14 were to do that, my understanding is if there is going
15 to be a telephonic meeting at a later time, there still
16 has to be notice requirements that are met for the
17 Federal Register for us to put a notice out for that
18 meeting, because even though it may be a continuation
19 of the same meeting, the public still has to be noticed
20 as to when that meeting is going to occur and how they
21 can participate. So I would have to check under your
22 suggestion as to whether or not that would be -- how
23 that would work.

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25 MR. O'HARA: Are you speaking off the
26 top of your head, or do you know for sure?

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28 MR. JOHNSON: I know for sure about
29 what I've told you thus far, about the requirements for
30 public notice. Your suggestion about recessing and
31 then just keeping the meeting indefinitely open, I have
32 not heard of that being done before, so I'd want to,
33 you know, check back with the office and give you
34 correct advice rather than just extrapolating from what
35 I know.

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37 MR. JONES: So to simplify things,
38 Alvin could call -- you're on the village council,
39 right, Alvin? You can call a teleconference or a
40 telephone deal with the council members and elect him
41 to that position without having a full board meeting,
42 right? I mean, we do it in the Lagoon all the time.
43 As long as he's voted in through the council.

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45 MR. BOSKOFKY: We have a meeting
46 coming up on the 6th.

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48 MR. JONES: Then you can actually do
49 that like tonight and give us an answer tomorrow if the
50 council agrees on putting him on there.

1 MS. JENKINS BRITO: I just want to
2 interject here. Since it is a public committee, we do
3 want to make it open to the public for participation,
4 which is why we recommend having these elections held
5 during a regularly scheduled public meeting. I know
6 that in the past there has been some actions done by
7 the Advisory Committee that weren't exactly by
8 regulation, and that was because it was like following
9 in historical suit. Per regulation, it needs to be
10 noticed to the public.

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12 Now, what happens, there is some leeway
13 due to a document that allows tribal governments to
14 work with state governments, and I'm kind of
15 paraphrasing here, but it has given in the past
16 Advisory Committees, like tribal councils in villages,
17 the authorization to appoint people. And the term that
18 we like to use is elect, which is what is in
19 regulations, and so what happens kind of happens in the
20 Chignik area, but I just want to have it on the record
21 there that we would like to have it open to the public
22 as much as possible. So that's all I'm going to say.

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24 MR. JONES: You've never been to a
25 council meeting.

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27 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Yeah.

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29 (Laughter)

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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33 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
34 Recognizing the need of the SRC to have a member to
35 establish quorum, I was just trying to make things run
36 smoothly. But if the Council wishes to do so, I can
37 set up a teleconference meeting. It shouldn't be more
38 than half an hour, and we can get that resolved through
39 a teleconference meeting. So it wouldn't be any
40 problem for me to set up a time certain for this
41 Council to have a teleconference meeting, and I can set
42 that up very easily, if the Council wished to do so.

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44 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So this would
47 be after the decision of electing, after the public
48 meeting.

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50 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Yeah.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl.
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7 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair. Yes, and
8 so, for example, if the council would be voting,
9 Chignik council will be voting in late November, then
10 you could set up a meeting for early December, schedule
11 about a half an hour. And if you decide on the record
12 here today or tomorrow that you are going to have that
13 meeting and what date that meeting would be, then all
14 that would require is just a 15-day notice in the
15 Federal Register. And we would just put out a notice,
16 including the teleconference information that people
17 could call in and join in on the meeting. That would
18 be pretty easy to establish.
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20 Madame Chair.
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22 MR. BOSKOFKY: Yeah, our Council
23 meeting is set up for November 6th.
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25 MS. JENKINS BRITO: And the reason why
26 we wanted to wait until the meeting on the 6th was
27 because it's already a set time. I'm hesitant to say,
28 yeah, go ahead and call everybody tonight, because it
29 wasn't an already established meeting, because through
30 my executive director, we're trying to operate under
31 the regulations as much as we possibly can. And so I
32 would be more comfortable waiting until after the 6th.
33 I know it's not what has happened in the past, but I'm
34 trying to get off on the right foot here. So it would
35 be better to wait until the meeting that had already
36 been set.
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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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40 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Mr. Johnson, I
41 think it would be a waste of your time to go back and
42 look at what I suggested, and probably recessing and
43 extending it out is not a good idea. So I think we'll
44 just forget that.
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
47 we need, would it be a motion to set a teleconference.
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49 MR. BOSKOFKY: I'll make a motion to
50 set a teleconference for the 15th of November. Is that

1 enough time?
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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: How many days do you
4 need?
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Fifteen.
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8 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Well, what day is the
9 15th?
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We need 15
12 days.
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14 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair. I can
15 contact our office and see how quickly we can put
16 together a -- but I would imagine November 15th I think
17 would be enough for us to put out a 15 -- prepare and
18 publish a 15-day notice. But I can't tell you for
19 sure.
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21 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. As long as
22 the Green Bay Packers are not playing on a Monday night
23 football game.
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25 (Laughter)
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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: On the 15th
28 I'm going to be in the air going towards Seattle,
29 depending what time.
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31 MR. DUNAWAY: They've got phones in the
32 plane now.
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34 (Laughter)
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'll have my
37 cell. Okay. I guess that.....
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39 MR. JONES: Where are you going to be
40 on the 16th?
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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That's your
43 motion, Alvin.
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45 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yes.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
48 been a motion by Alvin to set a teleconference date for
49 the 15th. So we have a time. Could we set a time
50 also.

1 MR. O'HARA: 9:00 a.m.
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3 MR. JONES: In the morning?
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5 (Laughter)
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7 MR. DUNAWAY: I would have to fly out
8 and get him up.
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
11 Teleconference November 15 at 9:00 a.m. is the motion
12 from Alvin.
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14 MR. O'HARA: I'll second that.
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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara
17 second.
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19 Any further discussions.
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21 (No comments)
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23 MR. O'HARA: Question.
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question's
26 been called. All in favor of having a teleconference
27 November 15 at 9:00 a.m. say aye.
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29 IN UNISON: Aye.
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Opposition.
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33 (No opposing votes)
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carried.
36 Thank you.
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38 Okay. At this time I'm going to call
39 -- I'm sorry. At this time I'm going to call Susie up
40 to go through the moose management plan in preparation
41 for what we need -- what the Council needs to do for
42 our homework maybe possibly tonight.
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44 Thank you, Susie.
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46 MS. JENKINS BRITO: So I handed out a
47 couple copies of this document. I thought maybe it
48 could just get circulated around.
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50 What is before the Council is a copy of

1 the moose management plan draft. It was created
2 February 23rd, 2004. What the Togiak and Nushagak
3 Advisory Committees had done was write a letter to the
4 Board of Game, I have a couple copies of, telling the
5 Board of Game Acting Chair Ted Spraker that they are
6 going to sign off on the draft moose management plan.
7 Yesterday at the Togiak Advisory Committee, the Togiak
8 Chair, Jonathan Forsling, signed for the Togiak
9 Advisory Committee. Hans Nicholson, the Chair of the
10 Nushagak Advisory Committee, plans to sign on November
11 1st at the Nushagak Advisory Committee meeting.

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13 What we're hoping to see is the Chair
14 of the RAC sign the draft as it stands that was created
15 February 23rd, 2004.

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17 So in front of the Council is that
18 draft with some edits that U.S. Fish and Wildlife and
19 Fish and Game have put together that will not be
20 implemented into this plan under after the initial
21 draft is signed. Those edits are basically
22 housekeeping. The first edit is to replace some of the
23 verbiage in there to give the correct date for the last
24 survey conducted, and increase the moose population,
25 because it's significantly above 652 now. And the next
26 edit would be to remove this goal of growing the moose
27 population to an estimated carrying capacity. And then
28 on the next couple pages there's a couple more
29 housekeeping edits.

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31 Basically what it does is updates it so
32 it has the most current information as possible.

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34 Once all interested entities have
35 signed the initial draft without these edits, then we
36 hope to meet for the Togiak Advisory Committee and the
37 Nushagak Advisory Committee in January of 2013, put
38 these edits into place and resign the document to take
39 to the Board of Game.

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41 And the reason why we want to sign it
42 before we enact these edits was because this initial
43 draft everybody had agreed upon back in 2004, but we
44 just never got together and signed it.

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46 So what we'd like to see happen, and I
47 don't know if this is a possibility with the RAC , but
48 what we would like to see happen is the Chair sign off
49 on the draft that we gave the copy to Donald. He has
50 it over there, the one that Jonathan has already

1 signed. Then we will put these edits that we have
2 suggested that are in front of you into effect, and
3 then we'll resign. So what we need is an okay for
4 Molly to re-sign, if it's the Council's wish, both of
5 these, to sign this draft and then sign it again once
6 we have the edits. Because I know that the Council
7 will not meet again before the Board of Game, and we
8 don't want to take it to the Board of Game lacking a
9 signature. And we don't want to give them the draft as
10 it is right now, because it has all this misinformation
11 in it, and we want to give them the most up-to-date
12 stuff that we possibly can, because at the last Board
13 of Game cycle they wanted to open up the Unit 17A to
14 outside hunters, and this plan gives the Board of Game
15 trigger numbers to operate off of. And so this plan is
16 mainly coming from the Advisory Council -- or the
17 Advisory Committees and the Regional Council for the
18 Federal Government. And then once all those entities
19 have signed, then U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Fish and
20 Game will sign the document.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
23 comments, questions for Susan.

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25 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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29 MR. O'HARA: Susan, this document which
30 when I seen the letter here, which is good, the State
31 Board of Game wants to open it to all the public, and
32 it hasn't been allowed, been that way since we
33 initiated this plan a number of years ago and grew the
34 animals to that number. What you guys are doing now,
35 is that going to still protect the subsistence rights
36 of Dillingham and Manokotak and these areas, or.....

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38 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Nothing is planned
39 to be changed in the moose management plan except for
40 updating. Like the last survey conducted. And the term
41 we want to remove is carrying capacity, because when
42 this moose management plan draft was put together, the
43 verbiage carrying capacity was put into the plan. They
44 thought that the carrying capacity would be between,
45 and I think it's 1100 and 1700 moose, and right now
46 we're within that range. And so we want to take out
47 carrying capacity, because it's obvious that the
48 habitat over there can support the moose population.
49 And so that was an edit put forth by U.S. Fish and
50 Wildlife and Fish and Game.

1 So that would be the only change.
2 There would be no other change to access for
3 subsistence hunts. And it wouldn't change anything
4 else. The plan would stay the same other than the
5 edits that are in front of the RAC today.

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7 MR. O'HARA: I don't know if you know
8 the answer to this or not, but has this -- this was a
9 plan that the communities worked with the Council to --
10 and it was very successful. It was a great success
11 story. Did -- has the predators moved in over on those
12 moose or not? There wasn't any earlier.

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14 MS. JENKINS BRITO: That would be a
15 question for Jim Wellington or Paul Liedberg/Andy
16 Aderman from the Refuge.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. This is
19 just information right now, but I guess what she's
20 suggesting is for the Board to see if it's okay, make a
21 motion to have my signature on this.

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23 MR. O'HARA: I so move.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
26 a motion by Dan.

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28 MS. MORRIS LYON: second.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And seconded
31 by Nanci. Any additional comments.

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33 MS. JENKINS BRITO: And I just wanted
34 to clarify that we're looking for your signature twice,
35 on the document that as it stands and then the document
36 once we have enacted these edits. So it would be two
37 separate signatures.

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39 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Could we make one
40 motion for both signatures, and that way it's clear.

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42 MS. JENKINS BRITO: Sure.

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44 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Thank you. Madame
45 Chair.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any additional
48 comments.

49
50 (No comments)

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, we
2 need a question.
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4 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.
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6 MR. O'HARA: Question
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
9 Question's been called. All in favor of this motion
10 for the Chair to sign two of the documents say aye.
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12 IN UNISON: Aye.
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
15 opposition.
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17 (No opposing votes)
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
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21 MS. MORRIS LYON: Told you to take your
22 pen out.
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24 (Laughter)
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: How long do we
27 want to go.
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29 MR. O'HARA: 10:00 o'clock.
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31 (Laughter)
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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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37 MR. DUNAWAY: I'd just like to make a
38 quick comment and thanks to Susie Brito. It looks to
39 me like she's trying to get a lot of T's crossed and
40 I's dotted and get things back under the right process,
41 and that can be really hard. And I want to thank her
42 for her hard work.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, that's
45 what I've noticed. It seemed like we've struggled the
46 last two or three years with the Advisory, but I'm
47 impressed, Susan, and I thank you for your work.
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49 Let's go to, I guess our next one would
50 be U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Do we have Andy and

1 Paul here. Paul Liedberg.

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3 MR. LIEDBERG: Madam Chair and Council.
4 Andy's not here, because he's out doing real work
5 today, and tracking moose which we haven't been able to
6 do for a while, so he took advantage of the good
7 weather. He normally addresses the group as our
8 subsistence biologist and does a good job, but I'll try
9 to cover for him. I don't know that I can answer all
10 the questions, but I'll do my best.

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12 As always we have prepared an
13 informational bulletin that you will find on Page 108
14 of your packets. And as normal, you know, this
15 information bulletin covers a lot of the projects that
16 we're working on. I'm just going to cover a couple of
17 them that have traditionally been of the most interest
18 to the Council, and they're the same ones that we
19 covered yesterday at the AC meeting in Togiak.

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21 But if you look on Page 2 of that
22 report, towards the bottom there's a short discussion
23 on Nushagak Peninsula caribou. That project and that
24 population of caribou has been of interest to this
25 Council since they were introduced back in the 80s.
26 This past year since we last -- well, yes, since we
27 last met, there were 86 caribou that were harvested
28 from that population, mostly in March I guess it was.
29 Late March. That's the third highest harvest since we
30 started hunting them in 1995.

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32 We did work on the composition as well
33 as following radio-collared animals, and this year 21
34 of the 25 radio-collared cows had calves, which is an
35 84 percent calf production from that herd. So they are
36 doing very, very well.

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38 Last year we issued more permits for
39 harvest than we have for the last several years trying
40 to keep that population somewhat in check. Our best
41 guess is that we want somewhere between 6 and 700
42 animals down there for the habitat. So even though we
43 issued a lot of permits, we still saw the population
44 climb. And in July we did a photo census and counted
45 902 animals down there. So we will issue quite a few
46 permits down there again this year.

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48 Probably one of the highlights of my
49 work with the communities is working with the Nushagak
50 Peninsula Caribou Herd Working Group that meets

1 annually or as needed to talk about updates to that
2 herd and allocate permits. And I'm the one that ends
3 up calling the number, but I don't know that I've ever
4 disagreed with what the group came up with for an
5 allocation for it. So that's worked very well.

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7 The other project I was going to touch
8 on was moose, which is always of interest, and that's
9 on about the middle of Page 3. We have 25 radio-
10 collared cows out there, or we did have before we added
11 some more this spring. And of those 25 we had 35
12 calves, so we have 140 calves per 100 cows produced
13 this year, with a twinning rate of 59 percent. So the
14 population of moose in Unit 17A, the Togiak River
15 valley for the most part is still doing very well.
16 Probably as good as anywhere in the State or better.

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18 Although the Goodnews River drainage is
19 further to the west in Unit 18, we continue to see
20 moose population increasing over there, and some of
21 that is reproduction from animals that are there, but
22 some of it we know also is moose moving over from Unit
23 17A over to 18, and we've been able to provide a
24 harvest of moose for the Village of Goodnews Bay for
25 the most part for the last three years, and they've
26 pretty much satisfied their need for moose over there
27 for the last three years.

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29 So, let's see, with that I think I will
30 just take questions, and certainly I can answer
31 anything, or try to answer anything else related to the
32 bulletin there or the report or any other questions
33 that you might have.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any questions.

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37 MR. O'HARA: Oh, yes.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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41 MR. O'HARA: Yes. The predator thing
42 that we were talking about earlier, could you answer
43 that?

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45 MR. LIEDBERG: Well, I can answer it.
46 I'm not sure it will be as complete as you would want,
47 but we don't do any wolf surveys over there for a
48 number of reasons, but anecdotally there are increased
49 wolf populations or wolf numbers over in that area as
50 you would expect certainly with increased moose

1 populations over there.

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3 MR. O'HARA: One more thing, Madame
4 Chair.

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6 Flying in that area a lot, we don't see
7 as many bears in that drainage over there as you have
8 on this side and nothing compared to what you have on
9 the Peninsula over there, so have you kind of observed
10 that, too?

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12 MR. LIEDBERG: Well, we did bear
13 surveys in 2004 and 5 or 3 and 4, I can't remember. It
14 took two years. A lot of flying. We did a survey that
15 met, as Troy was talking about, the statisticians rigor
16 for counting bears in a population. And we did come up
17 with a number. And, you're right, it's much less than
18 over on the Peninsula, maybe half of that, maybe a
19 quarter or 20 percent of what you would find over on
20 Kodiak. What we found was for the Togiak Refuge, as I
21 recall, the number was 600 bears in that area.

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23 But I would also reiterate what Troy
24 said, is that extremely expensive, and I think we spent
25 almost \$200,000 over the course of two years I think it
26 was, probably a reasonable thing to do once, but I'm
27 not sure that it's in the cards anytime soon to repeat
28 that. And part of that is because even with that level
29 of rigor, I'm not sure that we could really say with
30 much accuracy that the population has changed slightly
31 up or down, you know. If we saw a huge change up or
32 down, we would be able to tell that, but a small change
33 up or down would be very costly to assess, and I'm not
34 sure how accurate it would be either.

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36 MR. O'HARA: Thank you.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
39 other questions for Paul.

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41 MR. JONES: I have a question.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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45 MR. JONES: When you do these surveys,
46 why don't you have like flying -- the guides that fly
47 through all these places help out on the surveys of
48 some of these animals, what they see and report, you
49 know. Wouldn't that cut your costs down? You know,
50 say they're out guiding for bear and they're flying

1 their people into these camps, and they notice there's
2 a lot of wolves, a lot of bears, a lot of whatever out
3 in this tundra here, why don't you have those guides
4 kind of give you a hint, you know. Fill out a
5 questionnaire or do something. You know, we have a
6 bear guide down there, and I fly with him when he drops
7 all his people, and then we go play. And we fly around
8 to all these different spots here, and like I was
9 telling these guys over here, you know, there's a lot
10 of caribou that every time you guys do a survey, you
11 know, I see a sure of 200, 300 caribou in different
12 spots, you know. And, you know, they never even knew
13 they were there. It cuts costs.

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15 MR. LIEDBERG: Madame Chair. And we do
16 that. We talk to them every year about their
17 observations on what they're seeing for bears when
18 they're out there, so that does get incorporated. It
19 doesn't get incorporated with the same rigor as a study
20 would have for sure, but it's anecdotal information
21 that we certainly take in and use and put it together
22 with not only the studies that we do, but the
23 information that we get from villagers that are out
24 using the rivers and seeing bears while they're out.
25 So it does all get put together. It probably doesn't
26 get summarized by a statistician the same way one of
27 our studies does. In fact, it doesn't get incorporated
28 that way, but the biologists and the managers without
29 question avail themselves to that kind of information
30 as well. And I consider it very valid and good
31 information.

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33 MR. JONES: Well, the reason I bring it
34 up was, yeah, I heard a study one time for moose. They
35 only counted like 60 moose down in one area. And then,
36 you know, you see more than what the study occurred,
37 you know. And so the facts are wrong, so that comes
38 back on the hunter, no matter if he's subsistence or
39 guided or whatever he's doing. They go, oh, they're
40 getting low numbers on these here, so we're going to
41 have to cut back, close down, whatever, you know. So
42 it reflects on everybody. It's not just one
43 individual. So, you know, that looks to me like a
44 vital thing of knowing what else is out there, you
45 know, for whatever you guys are studying, have them
46 document them, and, you know, put it into your guys'
47 count or whatever, you know. Have them show you on --
48 everybody has GPS nowadays. Show on GPS where they see
49 all these animals. And if you don't believe them,
50 check it out. It's only 50 cents instead of flying

1 around trying to find them.

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3 MR. LIEDBERG: Yeah. Well, good
4 comments, and I would say that whether we re doing
5 surveys or studies, everything is -- how we do them and
6 what the results are are always available to everybody,
7 so I would encourage members of the Council or the
8 public to, yeah, ask questions or stop in and we're
9 always happy to go over what we do, how we do it, and
10 what the results are.

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12 MR. ABRAHAM: Madame Chairman.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete.

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16 MR. ABRAHAM: I work with the people
17 over here, because I'm a refuge information technician.
18 Once in a while I fly with them and report to local
19 traditional council. And then we have one of the
20 better observation, counting for kind of like moose and
21 caribou over here. And then the people in this region
22 over here trust the numbers we give them, because I
23 think we are doing one of the best surveys in this
24 region over here as far as brown bear, moose and
25 caribou. So we have one of the better groups in this
26 region here, like Aderman, Pat Walsh. I'll name all of
27 them, they're right here.

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29 They're a good group. They'll
30 complain, but they work.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
35 additional comments.

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37 (No comments)

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The comment I
40 want to make, and this isn't against you, but it just
41 perturbs me when people use anecdotal information when
42 they're talking about first-hand information, you know,
43 when the information is coming directly from a person
44 that directly saw or had experienced something. I know
45 when I first started working for State of Alaska, any
46 information that I collected from the communities, you
47 know, from traditional and ecological knowledge
48 information first-hand from the people. I come back
49 all excited about all this information, and it would be
50 -- it was termed anecdotal, because I guess it wasn't

1 scientific information. But it's scientific
2 information for us as Native people. That's how we
3 survived, with that information, that first-hand
4 information. So every time I hear the anecdotal
5 information, it just -- my ears start -- but that's
6 okay.

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8 And then with that management plan in
9 Togiak, I know when I was still working for the State
10 and Joe was still on there, that process started. And
11 it's working so well. I think it's working so well, we
12 need to build a fence by Sunshine Valley up so our
13 moose won't go over there any more. We're having --
14 we're starting to have lack of moose to harvest in our
15 lake system, because I think all the moose are going
16 over to the management plan area.

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18 MS. MORRIS LYON: They have a better
19 party going over there.

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21 (Laughter)

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I think
24 there's a better party going on over there, so we need
25 to build a fence.

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27 But thank you, Pat -- or, yeah, Paul.
28 If there's any.....

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30 MR. LIEDBERG: Well, if I could just
31 respond one last comment related to, yeah, your comment
32 on anecdotal information. I think what we want to do
33 is bring in information from every source possible,
34 whether it's our studies, our surveys, or observations
35 of people that are out using the land. I think it's
36 our responsibility to incorporate all of that
37 information and whether we call it first-hand or
38 anecdotal or studies, I think it's all important and
39 all good information that we as managers need to
40 incorporate and use.

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42 Thanks.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If no
45 more questions.

46
47 (No comments)

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
50 Paul. And what is it.

1 MS. MORRIS LYON: 5:20.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: 5:20.
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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: Do you want to hear
6 from other Fish and Wildlife Service people first.
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The what?
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10 MS. MORRIS LYON: Fish and Wildlife
11 people.
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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do we have any
14 more Fish and Wildlife.
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16 MS. JULIAN: Yeah.
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, okay.
19 Sorry.
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21 MS. JULIAN: No problem. Liz Julian
22 from Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge
23 in King Salmon. Again apologies for absence on our
24 refuge manager. But I just have a little to report.
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26 The Federal subsistence brown bear
27 season for 2011 to 2012. The fall and winter Federal
28 subsistence brown bear hunting season in Unit 19E
29 allowed harvest of one bear, except a cub or a sow with
30 cub by Federal registration permit from April 15th to
31 May 25th of 2012, and September 25th to December 31st
32 of 2012. And we are still receiving those numbers or
33 harvested bears this year.
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35 For the Northern Alaska Peninsula
36 Caribou Herd composition surveys of 2011, Donald handed
37 out the handout earlier. And as you can see, there's
38 all the information on the composition, but we are
39 still currently in the process of gathering that
40 information. So the herd composition surveys for 2012
41 are being conducted as we speak by wildlife refuge
42 biologist Dominic Watts.
43
44 And the moose population surveys are
45 going on as well right now. And those are still being
46 conducted by Dominic. If you would like to know the
47 information that he gets, I recommend contacting him,
48 because I do not know what information he has other
49 than what has already been presented in the handout,
50 which I might add has also been added into the RAC

1 meeting earlier this spring. And we don't have any
2 further information on those.

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4 One new informational piece is about
5 our Arlluk, the 63-foot boat that our manager and
6 Orville Lind are actually in Kodiak right now. If you
7 want to know specifically what they've been doing you
8 may read on ahead, but the Arlluk has been just having
9 a very busy summer with a new captain, Orville Lind. A
10 number of research projects were conducted while
11 working cooperatively with faculty and staff
12 researchers from the University of Alaska's Museum of
13 the North, the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife
14 Refuge, Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, and USGS.

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16 And that is all I have. And I
17 apologize, I do not know any more information, so I'm
18 unable to answer any of your questions.

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20 Thank you.

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22 MR. O'HARA: Boy I had a lot of
23 questions.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 MS. MORRIS LYON: You can make
28 comments.

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30 MS. JULIAN: You can make comments,
31 certainly.

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33 MS. PINNIX: And I just have a couple
34 of things once you're done making comments.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You
37 have the floor, unless -- Nanci.

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39 MS. MORRIS LYON: I've got a comment.
40 I was just really curious to know how many permits were
41 issued, and I wish you had that information on the bear
42 hunt.

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44 MS. JULIAN: I'm sorry. I have been
45 nominated to take over permit issuing, but
46 unfortunately I was not given subsistence permits right
47 now, so I have not been able to do anything with
48 subsistence permits for the bear hunts. But I am still
49 getting in bear hunt reports from guided bear hunts
50 from sport hunting. But I won't have that information

1 until everybody hands it in later this year.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. Are you
4 done?
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6 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, that was all.
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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10 MR. O'HARA: Liz, this handout you gave
11 us, our Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence Regional
12 Advisory Council, you have 2,395 estimated animals on
13 the North Peninsula Caribou Herd?
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15 MS. JULIAN: Yes, that's what's added
16 into here.
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18 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. That's up from last
19 year, so, yeah, you must have better calf ratio and
20 things going on, or better browse or habitat or
21 something, so I'm glad to see that number's going up.
22 When it was 1600 we were very nervous. So that's good.
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24 MS. JULIAN: Yeah. It's encouraging to
25 see those numbers climb. And they're looking at calf
26 composition right now, so we're hoping that will be
27 even better.
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29 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Great.
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31 MS. JULIAN: Any other comments.
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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Alvin.
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35 MR. BOSKOFISKY: On your permits, are
36 you able to get those on line, too?
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38 MS. JULIAN: Yes, if you go to the U.S.
39 Fish and Wildlife home website, you can access special
40 use permits through there, and I believe subsistence
41 permits.
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43 MS. PINNIX: Liz, your mic.
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45 MS. JULIAN: Oh. Yes, you can go on
46 line and just go to the home page. You can access
47 special use permits under Region 7, and it will tell
48 you which one is appropriate for our permit. So
49 there's three specific ones, but transportation,
50 commercial, fishing or hunting, and then general use,

1 which would be subsistence cabins or subsistence use
2 and others.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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6 MR. DUNAWAY: I guess more for John,
7 but I didn't know they even had a boat down there on
8 that Shelikof side, but from what you're saying.....

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10 MR. JONES: Them drug guys had a nice
11 boat and they got it.

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13 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, is that what
14 happened?

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16 MR. JONES: Yeah.

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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, boy. You know, that
19 really perked up my ears when you said you're seeing
20 caribou on islands over there, and this boat's one
21 thing that could looking, because there was a time when
22 I was working for sportfish, and we tried to figure out
23 how to do work over there, and it's hard to get there
24 any other way without a boat.

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26 MR. JONES: Well, my understanding of
27 that boat, it's been down on the Chain this summer.
28 It's been quite a few places. I mean, they're getting
29 their money out of it, you know, so it's actually doing
30 a good job.

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32 MR. O'HARA: That eel grass study
33 (indiscernible - mic not on).

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35 MR. JONES: Yeah.

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37 MS. PINNIX: Yeah. This is the second
38 year with the eel grass study, the first on our boat.
39 We're really happy to have that vessel, because it
40 completely changes our options for what we can do, and
41 one of the projects was to visit some of the islands
42 near Perryville for the first time. That's part of
43 Alaska Maritime, not part of our Refuge per se, but we
44 cooperated in the study that was taking place there.
45 So, yeah, we have more possibilities now than we used
46 to.

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48 MR. JONES: So how far down did that
49 boat go?

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1 MS. PINNIX: It went all the way down
2 to Cold Bay and around -- farther south of there, too,
3 I think a little bit in some of the bays.
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5 MR. JONES: It's a nice boat.
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7 MS. PINNIX: Yeah, it's very nice.
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9 MR. JONES: It's not for Chignik waters
10 though, but it's nice.
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12 MR. DUNAWAY: How big is it?
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14 MR. JONES: 46, 48-foot.
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16 MS. JULIAN: Was the question how long
17 is it?
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19 MR. JONES: Yeah.
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21 MS. JULIAN: It's a 63-foot boat, but
22 if you add on that front little piece, it's up to 70.
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24 MR. DUNAWAY: It's pretty little darn
25 for that country.
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27 MS. PINNIX: It's pretty little, yeah.
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29 MR. JONES: It doesn't have keels on
30 it, it's a straight shafts on the bottom of it.
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32 MS. PINNIX: We have a good captain, so
33 it's working out. But it's a challenge.
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35 MR. DUNAWAY: It's heading for the
36 rocks.
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38 MS. PINNIX: Yeah.
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40 (Laughter)
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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Do you
43 have something for us.
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45 MS. PINNIX: I have a couple things.
46 This is the first year that I've been able to be a part
47 of our science and culture camp. It's been running
48 since 1997, and we have not been able to do it for the
49 past two years. We didn't have a place for it in 2010
50 in our Refuge so we tried to hold it in Ivanof Bay, and

1 I'm sure you all remember what a terrible summer that
2 was, and how many plane crashes there were, and people
3 finally decided they didn't want to put their kids on
4 planes. And I can't blame them for that.

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6 Last year we weren't able to hold it in
7 our Refuge, because our buildings weren't ready. We
8 had a contaminants problem. Buildings were old. Lead
9 paint and diesel fuel in the soil. We just needed to
10 do some cleaning up.

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12 Now those buildings are in much better
13 condition than they were, and we held a science and
14 culture camp there in September. We had 10 students
15 and eight adults out there and it went really well. My
16 understanding's a bear has already ripped the back off
17 one of the cabins again. So it's an ongoing problem
18 keeping those places up. But we're very happy that
19 that happened.

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21 One of our observations was that many
22 of the students that were involved did not have the
23 level of outdoor experience that I would have expected,
24 so we have a very cooperative deputy refuge manager. I
25 think you met Kelly Chase in the spring. And Kelly has
26 given us a green light to do any kind of educational
27 programs we can that will get kids out there and
28 involved in traditional outdoor activities. So we're
29 definitely looking for any way we can make that happen.

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31 The second thing I want to share with
32 you is the Ugashik Narrows field project. I think we
33 have something passed out to you for that. I was
34 thinking about this when you were talking about
35 anecdotal evidence. We've been hearing from people
36 that there are too many people at Ugashik Narrows, too
37 many people fishing. And that means we need to get out
38 there and see it.

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40 So I recruited a couple of volunteers
41 to spend their summer down there talking to the people
42 who came to go fishing and find out how many people
43 were down there, what they're catching, whether they're
44 catching it and taking it with them, or whether they're
45 releasing the fish, what kind of tackle they're using
46 for that project. And we've done that before in 1988.
47 We did it in 1998. And now we did it again, so we had
48 some numbers to compare with.

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50 And I just would like to point out a

1 couple of interesting numbers. It looks like we're not
2 really getting any more anglers than we had in the
3 other studies, but they are spending much longer, so
4 they're spending a day there. They're not coming in
5 for a couple of hours and moving on to another spot.

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7 And what they're catching is very
8 different as well. The number of grayling has gone
9 down. It sort of went up in the 90s and then now we're
10 down below 1998 levels. But the Dolly Varden and
11 Arctic char have really gone up. 4,000 fish were
12 caught out there, and the vast majority of these are
13 being released, which is very interesting. We asked
14 about tackle. There's no particular regulations for
15 that spot, but most people are choosing to use fly rods
16 with single barbless hooks. So that was very
17 encouraging. That at least causes somewhat less damage
18 to the fish.

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20 We don't know why the numbers and types
21 of fish have changed with time. We don't have any
22 studies that can tell us that. We can just tell you
23 that it's different and that people are catching a
24 whole lot of Arctic char and Dolly Varden. Mostly
25 Dolly Varden.

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27 If you look at our tables in here,
28 you'll see there's a few time periods that we missed.
29 We just had two volunteers to help us with this, and
30 there was a period of time when they were not out at
31 camp, so we missed some days we really would have liked
32 to have had. And we know for sure that there were
33 people out there and that they were catching a lot of
34 fish, so the numbers that we show are low. There were
35 probably more people fishing and more fish caught. But
36 it's a pretty interesting little report.

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38 If you have any questions, I'd be happy
39 to answer them.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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43 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you. Yeah,
44 thanks for your report. I have used that area as a
45 fishery for even more years than you've studied it.

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47 MS. PINNIX: I'm sure.

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49 MS. MORRIS LYON: And I could have
50 easily told you actually what your conclusions were,

1 which I'm fine though. I mean, it's nice to have it on
2 paper and have the numbers in front of you. And I
3 would be really curious to know if you've done any
4 follow up or if you would consider doing any follow up
5 with all the water studies that were done out there,
6 because not only do you have a much higher number of
7 Dolly Varden, Arctic char versus the grayling, but you
8 also have a huge size differential that did not use to
9 be there.

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MS. PINNIX: Yes.

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13 MS. MORRIS LYON: I mean, there's more
14 than even what's here on paper. And have you done any
15 of that yet, and have any ideas or drawn any
16 conclusions or done any research?

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18 MS. PINNIX: We haven't done any of
19 those studies. We don't have anybody on our Staff
20 who's fisheries based. Our chief biologist, Ron
21 Brittain, has been trying to get somebody in fisheries
22 to come over and conduct studies like these. We
23 haven't had any luck so far getting someone to join our
24 Staff. But with this in hand, we might be able to
25 interest somebody in coming to do a project. We've
26 talked some with ADF&G about coming out and doing a
27 study as well. So I hope we will be able to follow up
28 on this.

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30 MS. MORRIS LYON: If I may. And one
31 other thing, too. I commend you on the science camp
32 and having more interest in getting kids out in the
33 outdoors. And I have been working on having a
34 flyfishing guide academy every year out there. And I
35 would be very interested in talking to you obviously
36 off of this forum about, you know, continuing or
37 expanding or enhancing something.

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39 MS. PINNIX: That would be fabulous. I
40 would love to talk to you about it. Uh-huh.

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MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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46 MR. O'HARA: What area is this you were
47 talking about? I missed that.

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MS. PINNIX: Oh, I apologize for that.

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1 MR. O'HARA: No, I missed it.
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3 MS. PINNIX: This is in Alaska
4 Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge, in the northern
5 unit, which is abutting Becharof National Wildlife
6 Refuge. So if you fly past Mount
7 Peulik, the two big Ugashik Lakes.
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9 MR. O'HARA: Oh, Ugashik 1 or 2. Yeah.
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11 MS. PINNIX: And right where they're
12 hooked together at the narrows is where we did the
13 study.
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15 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Oh, yeah, that's
16 really exciting.
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18 MS. PINNIX: Yeah. A beautiful area.
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20 MR. O'HARA: Too bad that Bible camp
21 building burned down. It was 70 by 30, and you could
22 have just covered up the walls. I mean, you would have
23 had a kitchen and play and research and study.
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25 MS. PINNIX: That was very distressing.
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27 MR. O'HARA: And just really -- I was
28 disappointed that some camper burned.....
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30 MS. PINNIX: And it burned down during
31 the time period we were doing the contaminant surveys
32 and we have no idea why.
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34 MR. O'HARA: Somebody came and burned
35 it down.
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37 MS. PINNIX: Yeah, somebody did. I'm
38 researching right now to see if we're allowed to
39 rebuild it, because it's in wilderness area, which puts
40 a lot of restrictions on what we can do. In some
41 wilderness areas that I know of, they have been able to
42 rebuild on the direct footprint, as long as you kept it
43 as the same footprint for the next building, but I'm
44 not sure if we can or not. So that's something for me
45 to learn.
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47 MR. O'HARA: Paul Peskatio (ph) would
48 be happy to build it for you without any (indiscernible
49 - mic off)
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1 MS. PINNIX: That would be great. I
2 need to sit down and talk with you more about that.
3 Yeah.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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7 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madame
8 Chair.
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10 Julia?
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12 MS. PINNIX: Yes.
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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Have you coordinated on
15 this creel survey at all with Fish and Game folks?
16 Sportfish Fish and Game guys that are based here in
17 Dillingham?
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19 MS. PINNIX: Not yet. I called them
20 this spring to see if there was a way that they could
21 join in, but, you know, their budget was not very
22 flexible. And they face some restrictions about
23 working with volunteers as well that are different from
24 the restrictions that we have. So we weren't able to
25 work anything out with them for this summer. But maybe
26 another time.
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28 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, that's unfortunate,
29 because I think I was involved with the '98 one, and I
30 got here right after the '88 one was done by a starving
31 grad student I think. Yeah, there's things here that
32 would -- have you offered or requested a review of
33 your work from them at all just to have.....
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35 MS. PINNIX: Not yet. We just got the
36 report in, because I've been gone all month. But we
37 just got it together, and I'm definitely planning on
38 sending it around. Yeah.
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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Because, yeah, I
41 look at some of these numbers and I go, what is going
42 on. And one of the things that I'd want to look at
43 pretty close is what's the sockeye escapement done over
44 that same time period and things like that.
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46 MS. PINNIX: Uh-huh. A lot of concern
47 about people trampling through that area, and that's
48 right where the sockeye are spawning, so, yeah.
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50 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, yeah. That's not

1 the biggest concern I would have. I would just wonder
2 if you have a higher escapement, you might have a whole
3 lot more food. I also would wonder just how your whole
4 creel survey was conducted. If people actually -- are
5 Dollies easier to catch? Are they maybe directed more
6 to where the Dollies might be. But I know, Nanci,
7 you're there. And I know when I was trying to catch
8 grayling there, I was catching char some years ago.

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10 Okay. Well, thanks.

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12 MS. PINNIX: Yeah, you're welcome. Any
13 other questions or comments.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I've got
16 a question. The fish harvested here, are these taken
17 for home use or are these catch and release?

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19 MS. PINNIX: Almost all of these are
20 catch and release. Let's see. If you look under fish
21 catch, that means those are the ones that were actually
22 on a line. Fish harvest, those are the ones that went
23 home. And then all the others were released. So only
24 94 fish that we know of that were taken home.

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26 MS. MORRIS LYON: And they were
27 predominantly the silver salmon is my guess.

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29 MS. PINNIX: I'm sure they were. Yeah.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, this isn't broke down
32 by species.

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34 MS. PINNIX: No. And I don't believe
35 the earlier studies were either, which is why we lumped
36 them. The Dolly Varden and Arctic char, for instance,
37 are -- or, excuse me, those are broken down, you're
38 right. The total fish harvest hasn't been. But Dolly
39 Varden and Arctic char were put together because there
40 was confusion over identification on those.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: They're too hard to sort.

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44 MS. PINNIX: Yeah. Yeah, but you're
45 right, under fish harvest, I'm not sure which species
46 were taken home. I'm not sure if we have that on our
47 survey forms or not. I'll have to go back and look and
48 see if I can tease that out. But I don't believe it
49 was. I think we just asked, did you keep them, did you
50 send them home, and it was just a number. But I can

1 doublecheck that.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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5 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. I think I'm going
6 to pester Jason about he could at least have provided
7 you with some forms I would think. That stuff would be
8 -- and we got -- or I used to have all kinds of
9 incredible rigor and forms and analysis and all that
10 would help you sort a lot of that stuff out.

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12 MS. PINNIX: Yeah. We had a form from
13 I think it was from 1998 is the one that we were
14 working with. Yeah.

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16 MR. DUNAWAY: It was probably the same
17 one.

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19 MS. PINNIX: It's very likely.

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21 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Thanks.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete, you have
24 a comment. Question.

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26 MR. ABRAHAM: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete's comment
29 is it's time to quit.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
34 comments, questions.

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36 (No comments)

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, thank
39 you.

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41 MS. PINNIX: Thank you.

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43 MS. JULIAN: Thanks.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: What's the
46 Council's wishes. It's 5:30.

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48 MS. MORRIS LYON: Well, remember, too,
49 we've got Tenny having to leave by 10:00 o'clock
50 tomorrow morning, so if we adjourn until then, we'd

1 certainly turn to our action items first. We just have
2 the two on dates right there is all.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll
5 probably reconvene at 8:30. Okay.

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7 MR. JONES: A very short agenda for
8 tomorrow.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Very.

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12 MR. JONES: And you've got a school
13 group coming in.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: They're just
16 coming in to observe. They're not doing any
17 presentation.

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19 So I guess maybe we could adjourn -- I
20 mean, recess, sorry. Recess for this evening until
21 8:30 tomorrow morning.

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23 (Off record)

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