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2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
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8 Bristol Bay Borough Chambers  
9 Naknek, Alaska  
10 March 28, 2012  
11 11:34 a.m.  
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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Molly Chythlook, Chair  
18 Alvin Boskofsky  
19 Thomas A. Hedlund  
20 John E. Jones, Sr.  
21 Nanci Ann Morris Lyon  
22 Daniel James O'Hara  
23 Richard J. Wilson  
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27 Regional Council Coordinator, Donald Mike  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Naknek, Alaska 3/28/2012)

(On record)

MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm going to call the meeting to order. It's 11:34. And I guess I need to ask if somebody else is on line. How are they.....

MR. ADERMAN: Yeah. Hi, Molly. This is Andy Aderman with the Togiak Refuge over in Dillingham. I can hear you.

MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Good. Thanks, Andy. And then just every so often I'll check and see if you're still on line.

Okay. Donald, would you do the roll call. Let's quickly go through the agenda.

Number 1 is call to order. Number 2 is roll call and establish quorum. Number 3, we're going to do invocation. And then we'll go down through the welcome and introductions. And then review and adopt the agenda. Elections of officers, number 6. Review and approve previous meeting minutes. And then number 8 I guess would be reports. Then number 9 would be tribal consultation. Number 10, regulatory proposals. Number 11 would be old business. Number 12 new business. Number 13 would be the agency reports. Number 14, future meetings.. Number 15, closing comments. Then number 16 would be adjournment.

And we'll deal with the rest of it after we get along down to the agenda items.

So number 2, Donald, would you do the roll call, please.

MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. Donald Mike, Regional Advisory Council coordinator. Roll call for the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council.

Mr. Pete Abraham. Madame Chair, Mr. Abraham could not make it to the meeting. He had family business to attend to in Togiak.

1 Mr. Dan O'Hara.  
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3 MR. O'HARA: Here.  
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5 MR. MIKE: Ms. Nanci Morris.  
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7 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes.  
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9 MR. MIKE: Ms. Molly Chythlook.  
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
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13 MR. MIKE: Mr. Alvin Boskofsky.  
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15 MR. BOSKOFSKY: Here.  
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17 MR. MIKE: Mr. John Jones, Sr.  
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19 MR. JONES: Here.  
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21 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan Dunaway. Madame  
22 Chair, Mr. Dunaway had a previous engagement, and he  
23 couldn't attend this meeting.  
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25 Mr. Moses Toyukak, Sir. Madame Chair,  
26 Mr. Toyukak also could not make it due to prior  
27 commitments. He had to attend CDQ meetings.  
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29 Mr. Thomas Hedlund.  
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31 MR. HEDLUND: Here.  
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33 MR. MIKE: Mr. Richard Wilson.  
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35 MR. WILSON: Here.  
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37 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, you have seven  
38 members present. You have a quorum.  
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Let's  
41 have invocation. I've asked Richard Wilson to have our  
42 invocation, so if we all stand.  
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44 MR. WILSON: (Gives invocation)  
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
47 you, Richard.  
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49 Moving along on our agenda, welcome and  
50 introductions. I'm going to have our Board members

1 introduce themselves, where they're coming from and  
2 what they do at the present time. And then we'll start  
3 from the back row to introduce the public.

4  
5 Thank you.

6  
7 Okay. John.

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9 MR. JONES: My name is John Jones, Sr.  
10 I'm a commercial fisherman, subsistence user,  
11 sportsfishing. And there's a number of titles. But  
12 I'm from Chignik Lagoon.

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14 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Alvin Boskofsky,  
15 Chignik Lake. RAC Board member. Tribal Council  
16 president.

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18 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes. I'm Nanci  
19 Morris Lyon. I live down in King Salmon, and I've been  
20 on the Board a number of years. I currently own and  
21 operate Bear Trail Lodge. And I'm a subsistence user  
22 in the area.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, welcome  
25 to our RAC meeting. I'm Molly Chythlook, Dillingham.  
26 Originally from Aleknagik, just 23 miles north of  
27 Dillingham. And I retired from the State of Alaska as  
28 a subsistence research person after 26 years and got  
29 right into Bristol Bay Native Association as a natural  
30 resources director. And currently I'm chairing the  
31 RAC, and been here for probably a couple of -- for two,  
32 three terms here on the RAC. So welcome again.

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34 Dan.

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36 MR. O'HARA: My name is Dan O'Hara.  
37 I'm originally from Lake Iliamna, the headwaters of  
38 Lake Iliamna, a community above Pedro Bay called Pile  
39 Bay. And that's the 16-mile road that goes from Lake  
40 Iliamna over to Cook Inlet. We moved here in '69, and  
41 I fish commercially for about 40, 45 years out of  
42 Egegik, catching some of the Naknek Fish once in a  
43 while maybe.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yep.

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49 MR. O'HARA: And then, of course,  
50 Ugashik catches our fish, so what the heck.

1 (Laughter)

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3 MR. O'HARA: And we've lived here since  
4 '69, and I've got about probably 26,000 hours in  
5 southwest Alaska flying commercially and for my own  
6 self. I was the original member of the RAC and was  
7 Chair for 10 years. And also I served on the school  
8 board, on the assembly, and I'm presently the mayor of  
9 the Bristol Bay Borough. And we really enjoy life here  
10 in Naknek, and it's good to have everybody here today.  
11 And some new faces, too.

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13 MR. HEDLUND: Hello. I'm Thomas  
14 Hedlund. I'm from Iliamna. Commercial fisherman and a  
15 subsistence user.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MR. WILSON: Richard Wilson, here in  
20 Naknek now. We've got roots all the way from Lake  
21 Clark up there off of Tanalian. Mother was born and  
22 raised in the area, and father was down in the Bay area  
23 here, so we're kind of widespread.

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25 MR. MIKE: And I'm Donald Mike, Council  
26 Coordinator, and I'm from Kotlik.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If we  
29 can have the introductions from -- maybe we can start  
30 from this corner, and then move all the way back, and  
31 then to the front. Thanks.

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33 MS. RILEY: Hi. My name is Megan  
34 Riley. I'm the acting area wildlife biologist here in  
35 King Salmon for Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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37 MS. GAMACHE: Good morning, Madame  
38 Chair and Council members. My name is Jean Gamache. I  
39 work for the National Park Service. I'm the Alaska  
40 Native Affairs Liaison. And I actually fished Naknek  
41 for quite a few years commercially. It's nice to be  
42 back for a short visit here. And I'll be presenting  
43 here a little bit better.

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45 MR. SCHAFF: Good morning. I'm Bill  
46 Schaff. I'm the Refuge Manager at Alaska Peninsula and  
47 Becharof Refuge, based here in King Salmon.

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49 MS. PINNIX: Good morning. I'm Julia  
50 Pinnix. I work for Fish and Wildlife Service in

1 Visitor Services.

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3 MR. BRITTON: Ron Britton, a wildlife  
4 biologist with the Alaska Peninsula and Becharof  
5 National Wildlife Refuge.

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7 MS. CHASE: Kelly Chase. I'm the  
8 Deputy Refuge Manager at Alaska Peninsula and Becharof  
9 National Wildlife Refuges.

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11 MS. JULIAN: Liz Julian. I'm a Refuge  
12 Operations Specialist (indiscernible, away from mic)  
13 Refuge.

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15 MR. WATTS: Dominic Watts, wildlife  
16 biologist for Fish and Wildlife Service here in King  
17 Salmon.

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19 MR. MEYERS: Dale Meyers, subsistence  
20 user, from King Salmon.

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22 MS. McBURNEY: Mary McBurney,  
23 Subsistence Program Manager for Lake Clark, Katmai, the  
24 Aniakchak Monument and the Alagnak Wild River.

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26 MR. POURCHOT: Pat Pourchot. I'm a  
27 special assistant to the Secretary of Interior, located  
28 Anchorage, and was involved in the subsistence review  
29 that was called for by the Secretary of Interior  
30 (indiscernible).

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32 MR. WOODS: Frank Woods, Dillingham.  
33 Working BBNA as subsistence coordinator. And currently  
34 a fisherman and a subsistence user.

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36 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Joseph Chythlook,  
37 Dillingham, Chairman of BBNC Board, on contract with  
38 BBNA for (indiscernible) program for several -- a  
39 couple months. But I'm also a commercial fisherman.  
40 And I've been married to Molly for a few years.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MR. JOE KLUTSCH: Joe Klutsch, a  
45 resident of King Salmon. I'm a hunting and fishing  
46 guide. I work here on the Alaska Peninsula and Kodiak,  
47 do a little trapping occasionally, and a subsistence  
48 user.

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50 Thank you.

1 MR. JOEY KLUTSCH: Joey Klutsch. I  
2 live in King Salmon. I'm a hunting and fishing guide,  
3 subsistence user, trapper, all kinds of stuff.

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5 (Laughter)

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7 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pat Petrivelli. And  
8 I'm the BIA subsistence anthropologist, and I live and  
9 work in Anchorage.

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11 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm John Campbell. I'm  
12 one of the wildlife biologists for Katmai National  
13 Park, Aniakchak and Alagnak.

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15 MS. ANDERSON: Sherri Anderson. I'm  
16 the other wildlife biologist from all three parks.

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18 MS. TURNER: And I'm Carissa Turner,  
19 and I'm the coastal biologist for the park.

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21 MR. JOHNSON: I'm Carl Johnson. I'm  
22 the Council Coordination Division Chief over at OSM.  
23 I've been there about four months, and when I'm not  
24 doing that, I'm a photographer.

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26 REPORTER: Meredith Downing. I'm with  
27 Computer Matrix, and I'm the court reporter here, and  
28 I'm from Anchorage. And I would remind everybody to  
29 please make sure you sign in legibly.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
32 you and welcome again.

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34 Okay. We'll move down to number 5,  
35 review and adopt agenda.

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37 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. I would  
38 like to add an item under new business.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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42 MR. O'HARA: It will be NPA, National  
43 Park Service, and we want to deal with the issue of  
44 concessions.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, I think  
47 that might already be on the agenda.

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49 MR. O'HARA: Which one. It could come  
50 under Park report, but I want it under action items.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Okay.  
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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: And, Madame Chair, I  
4 have something.  
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci.  
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8 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame  
9 Chair. I also, and I don't want to put you guys on the  
10 spot, because I haven't dealt with any of you on the  
11 red fish issue up at the Park, but are you prepared to  
12 give us an update already in your report, or could you  
13 make that happen? I know this is really putting you on  
14 the spot since we only have a one-day meeting.  
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16 MS. ANDERSON: We have an item to read  
17 on all the NPS report from Ron.  
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19 MS. MORRIS LYON: And that includes a  
20 portion of the red fish issue. Okay. Wonderful.  
21 Thank you.  
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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
24 other agenda items.  
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26 (No comments)  
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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: What I would  
29 like to do if you don't mind, if the Board members  
30 don't mind, is to have our agenda as an open agenda so  
31 that once we get through with the preliminary areas of  
32 our agenda, we can move down the agency reports and  
33 deal with the agency reports before the other areas, if  
34 that's okay with the Board members.  
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36 MS. MORRIS LYON: So where are you  
37 putting them in, Molly? If you could clarify it for  
38 me.  
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: What's that.  
41 Once we get through -- once we get down through number  
42 8, when we get down to number 9, the tribal  
43 consultation, instead of the tribal consultation, I'd  
44 like to maybe get to the agency reports. Have number,  
45 what is it, number 13, have the agency reports after  
46 number 8. And get through the agency reports prior to  
47 dealing with the other agenda items.  
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49 MS. MORRIS LYON: Well, Madame Chair,  
50 the concern that immediately rises in the mind is we



1 need to.....

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3 REPORTER: Your microphone, Nanci.

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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: Oh, I'm sorry.

6 Madame Chair, the concern that I would have about that,

7 and I guess if we can be assured that everything's

8 going to be brief enough, I'm fine with it, but the

9 things that we need to vote on, including the

10 regulatory proposals, I would want to make sure we got

11 covered, since we're only having a one-day meeting. So

12 in the interest of realizing the time crunch we're in

13 today, if somebody knows more than I do about the time

14 frame that's going to be taken up with reports, that

15 would be my concern.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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19 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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21 Member Nanci Morris, we don't have any

22 -- the Council doesn't have any regulatory proposals to

23 address. We're just having call for proposals for

24 fisheries, so that's.....

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26 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay. So didn't want

27 us to review any of the others from -- okay.

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29 MR. MIKE: No. There's no fisheries

30 regulatory proposals to review.

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32 MS. MORRIS LYON: Right. I saw that.

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34 MR. MIKE: It's just a call for

35 proposals, but we don't have any regulatory proposals

36 for review on this meeting, if that's what you're

37 asking.

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39 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thanks, Donald, for

40 the clarification. I was under the assumption that we

41 would have to vote or respond to the things like taking

42 from the Park and that sort of thing.

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44 MR. MIKE: Okay. Okay.

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46 MS. MORRIS LYON: So those were the

47 items that I was talking about, and that would be my

48 concern.

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50 MR. MIKE: Right. So just for the

1 Council's benefit, the actions items for today is the  
2 EA for collection of antlers, review and finalize the  
3 2010-11 annual report, and if it's the wish, Mr. O'Hara  
4 made a motion to amend the agenda to include NPS  
5 concessions under new business.

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7 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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9 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair, can I talk  
10 about that?

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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14 MR. O'HARA: Donald, this agenda I got  
15 in the mail, and the numbers that Madame Chair is  
16 giving us don't line up. Is there something different  
17 here? Is review and adoption number 6, reports number  
18 7?

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20 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Mr. O'Hara,  
21 Madame Chair inserted number 3, invocation that was  
22 done by Mr. Wilson, and that sort of changed the  
23 numbers, changing 3 to number 4.

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25 MR. O'HARA: Oh, so we changed  
26 everything down one, okay.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, just one  
29 done.

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31 MR. O'HARA: All right. Good. Thank  
32 you. I just wanted clarification on that.

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34 Madame Chair. If we don't have any  
35 more discussion, I'll make a motion that we accept the  
36 agenda as amended.

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38 MR. BOSKOFKY: I'll second it.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
41 been a motion to accept the agenda with the amendments.

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43 And does that include the request to  
44 have an open agenda, and have the agency reports, or  
45 are we going to follow the agenda written.

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47 MR. O'HARA: No, it's open. Yeah, I'll  
48 be glad to put that in the motion and then under new  
49 business would Park concessions.

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1 MR. BOSKOFSKY: I'll second it.  
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3 MR. O'HARA: No, that's all in one  
4 motion.  
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
7 been a motion and seconded. All in favor say aye.  
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9 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. No  
12 objections.  
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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes.  
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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: One objection.  
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19 MS. MORRIS LYON: I still -- I want to  
20 make sure that the action items are taken care of. So  
21 I would vote yes if you can assure me with your open  
22 agenda that we will take care of the action items  
23 first.  
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: With the --  
26 Donald identified three action items, and we can pick  
27 those up.....  
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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: Prior to reports.  
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Prior to  
32 reports.  
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34 MS. MORRIS LYON: Right.  
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.  
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38 MR. O'HARA: So you voted yes?  
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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes. My vote is now  
41 yes. I can easily be (indiscernible, mic off).  
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The  
44 next item on our agenda is election of officers.  
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46 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Election of  
47 officers. I'll get that started. I'll be taking  
48 nominations for Chair from the Council.  
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50 MR. O'HARA: I'll nominate our Madame

1 Chair, Molly Chythlook.  
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3 MR. MIKE: There's a nomination for  
4 Molly Chythlook. Any other nominations.  
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6 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I'll nominate Nanci.  
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8 MR. MIKE: There's a nomination for  
9 Nanci Morris. Any other nominations.  
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11 MR. O'HARA: Make a motion that  
12 nominations cease.  
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14 MR. MIKE: Nominations are now closed.  
15 Do you want to do secret ballot voting?  
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17 (Council indicates affirmative)  
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19 MR. MIKE: Okay. I'll hand it out.  
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21 (Pause)  
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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: While the  
24 election of Chair is going on, I'm going to encourage  
25 the public to fill out the green or blue cards for  
26 public -- I guess these are testimonies. Comments.  
27 And we'll pick these up during the process of our  
28 agenda.  
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30 (Pause)  
31  
32 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, the ballot has  
33 been tallied, and Madame Molly Chythlook has the  
34 majority of the vote.  
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36 Thank you, Madame Chair. You have the  
37 gavel.  
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.  
40 Nomination for Vice Chair.  
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42 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'd  
43 nominate Nanci.  
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45 MR. O'HARA: I second that and I ask  
46 for unanimous consent.  
47  
48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
49 been a motion to elect Nanci, unanimous consent. All  
50 in favor say aye.

1 IN UNISON: Aye.  
2  
3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any  
4 opposition.  
5  
6 (No opposing votes)  
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8 MR. O'HARA: Better not be when it's  
9 unanimous consent.  
10  
11 (Laughter)  
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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Just to  
14 make sure.  
15  
16 MR. O'HARA: Or there'll be a recall.  
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.  
19 Congratulation, Nanci, you're Vice Chair.  
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21 MS. MORRIS LYON: And to you, too,  
22 Molly. Yeah.  
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And  
25 then Secretary. Nomination for Secretary.  
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27 MR. O'HARA: What does a secretary do  
28 anyway.  
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'd like to  
31 vote for Richard.  
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33 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I'd like to  
34 decline. I'm not much of a paper person.  
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36 (Laughter)  
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38 MR. WILSON: I'm not much of a paper  
39 person.  
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41 MS. MORRIS LYON: Richard, if I may,  
42 you know, and, Donald, correct me if I'm wrong, but  
43 it's more of a title than anything. You're kind of  
44 like the third person we go do when we need meetings to  
45 be attended and stuff like that. I promise you,  
46 there's not a whole lot of paperwork involved with it.  
47  
48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.  
49 Donald.  
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1 MR. MIKE: Yeah. Madame Chair, thank  
2 you. It's just an office, election of officers in  
3 case, you know, the Chair or Vice Chair aren't  
4 available at these meetings. The next person to run  
5 the meeting would be the Secretary. Just for your  
6 information.  
7  
8 Thank you. Madame Chair.  
9  
10 MR. WILSON: I guess if you promise  
11 that will never happen.  
12  
13 (Laughter)  
14  
15 MR. O'HARA: It won't happen. Was  
16 there a motion.  
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18 MS. MORRIS LYON: Well, yes, and I'd  
19 like to second her motion and ask for unanimous  
20 consent, too, for Richard.  
21  
22 Thank you.  
23  
24 MR. HEDLUND: I second it.  
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
27 been a motion to seat Richard as Secretary, seconded by  
28 Thomas. Any other -- if there's no other.....  
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30 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.  
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Call for  
33 question I guess.  
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35 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.  
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a  
38 call for question. All in favor say aye.  
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40 IN UNISON: Aye.  
41  
42 (No opposing votes)  
43  
44 MS. MORRIS LYON: No paperwork.  
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No paperwork.  
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48 (Laughter)  
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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

1 Congratulations, everybody.  
2  
3 Okay. We'll move down to review and  
4 approve previous meeting minutes.  
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6 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair. In  
7 order to get it on the floor, I'd move to approve the  
8 previous meeting minutes.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
11 been a motion to.....  
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13 MR. O'HARA: Second. I'll second it.  
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: A motion and a  
16 second for the minutes.  
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18 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair or Donald, if  
19 I could, please.  
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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.  
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23 MR. O'HARA: Donald, was Peter Abraham  
24 with us in the last meeting under roll call?  
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26 MR. MIKE: Yes, he was.  
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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
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30 MR. BOSKOFISKY: He was here.  
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32 MR. O'HARA: I don't see his name under  
33 roll call. It says he was absent and Thomas was  
34 absent.  
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36 MR. HEDLUND: I was absent. I was  
37 chasing bear.  
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39 MR. O'HARA: I thought Peter was with  
40 us and then he went home a little early.  
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42 MS. MORRIS LYON: No, I went home  
43 early. I'm trying to remember if he was there.  
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45 MR. BOSKOFISKY: He was there.  
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47 MR. O'HARA: Maybe not. Okay. I stand  
48 corrected. Was Peter there?  
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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I don't think

1 so.  
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3 MR. O'HARA: Okay. I thought that he  
4 -- he's missed.....  
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6 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yes, he was there. He  
7 was there.  
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9 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. We need to  
10 sometimes excuse him, because -- does our rules say you  
11 miss three in a row, you're off the Council?  
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13 MR. MIKE: Yeah, three unexcused  
14 absences. And usually Council members, they contact me  
15 and excuses.  
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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: But this one he  
18 wasn't unexcused, Dan, either, as clarification.  
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20 MR. MIKE: Right.  
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22 MS. MORRIS LYON: He's excused.  
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24 MR. MIKE: Right.  
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26 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Yeah, he's excused  
27 here. We're fine.  
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29 MR. MIKE: Yeah.  
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31 MR. O'HARA: Okay. That's fine. Thank  
32 you, Madame Chair.  
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34 MR. MIKE: And, Madame Chair, I will  
35 doublecheck on the transcript and make sure that  
36 Council attendance on the minutes accurately reflect  
37 who attended.  
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39 Thank you.  
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
42 been a motion and a second to approve the minutes for  
43 October 12 and 13, the last RAC meeting held in  
44 Dillingham.  
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46 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.  
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a  
49 question called. All in favor say aye.  
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1 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: All  
4 opposition.  
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6 (No opposing votes)  
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.  
9 Okay. Number 8 would be Council member reports. Are  
10 there any of you that have any reports from your  
11 region.  
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13 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. I do.  
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15 We have a member of the Alaska  
16 Department of Fish and Game here today, Megan, and  
17 along with her associates, they opened up the caribou  
18 season for us, just above us. Nothing south for you  
19 guys, unfortunately. A lot of people came over here  
20 from various places, and we were able to get an animal.  
21 And we really, really appreciate being able to do that.  
22 It was a good -- appreciate the State of Alaska and our  
23 biologists helping us out with that.  
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
26 you, Dan.  
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28 Any other -- Richard.  
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30 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. You had  
31 sent me on a task the last Federal Subsistence Board  
32 meeting, and it was well received. I appreciated the  
33 opportunity. It was knowledge well taken. And the  
34 presence there was -- it was good to be. It was a  
35 learning curve, and I can -- you know, realizing how  
36 important it is to, you know, have a good voice there.  
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38 Thank you.  
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40 MR. O'HARA: No paperwork.  
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42 MR. WILSON: no paperwork.  
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44 (Laughter)  
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
47 you, Richard.  
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49 Anybody else. Any other reports.  
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1 (No comments)

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I just have a  
4 comment. Just flying from Dillingham to here the other  
5 day, I was just super pleased to see caribou. We saw  
6 caribou that were marching in line coming towards this  
7 way. And then there were several herds just feeding  
8 throughout the tundra. So that was a good sight to see  
9 that we haven't seen, I haven't seen for quite a while.  
10 And I think our household harvested a couple of caribou  
11 that were healthy.

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13 So that's encouraging to see hopefully  
14 our caribou returning. Hopefully they'll move south,  
15 further south enough so that our Alaska Peninsula  
16 people will be able to make use of the caribou.

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18 Other than that, in spite of our rough,  
19 tough, cold, lots of snow winter, we've survived and  
20 we're back to spring. Hopefully.

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22 So if there's no other reports, thank  
23 you.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Are there any  
28 questions from the Council to any of us.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, we can  
33 move on to Chair reports.

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35 Donald, do you have.....

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37 MR. MIKE: I don't have anything to  
38 report, Madame Chair, unless you have an activities  
39 that you were involved with with the Federal  
40 Subsistence Board or other agencies. Other than that,  
41 I don't have anything.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. I  
44 wasn't able to attend the Federal Subsistence Board so  
45 I appointed Richard to attend. And I'm glad that he --  
46 it's been a positive. I'm still learning, and the few  
47 Federal Subsistence Board meetings that I've attended  
48 in behalf of the RAC have really been positive. They  
49 take our recommendations seriously, and they take our  
50 comments seriously. So it's just been an encouraging

1 process to be able to be at this level and then go up  
2 to the Federal Subsistence Board and have them take our  
3 concerns there like they do.

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5                   And the tribal consultation process is  
6 still ongoing. I think the Federal people did their  
7 best to go through the process. They've had tribal  
8 consultation during one of the conferences in  
9 Anchorage. I know that they had one, the corporation  
10 part, during AFN, and the tribal consultation hearing  
11 or testimonies during BIA providers. And so by that  
12 process, even though the people aren't fully engaged  
13 with it, I think that the information has gone out.

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15                   What I've always said was that I think  
16 the tribal consultation -- that's why the people have  
17 survived this long is because the tribes have always  
18 did whatever they do through communicating with each  
19 other, and so the tribal consultation information isn't  
20 new to the tribes. It's just the process is a little  
21 different. But I'm sure that it's going to be used  
22 positively.

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24                   So with that, we can move down to the  
25 .805(c) report.

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27                   MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Mr. Carl  
28 Johnson will provide a summary of Board action.

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30                   The official .805(c) which outlines the  
31 Federal Subsistence Board's actions on the recent  
32 wildlife regulatory proposals is still in draft and  
33 they haven't been signed off. And Mr. Carl Johnson  
34 will provide the highlights on the Board action taken  
35 on the wildlife regulatory proposals.

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37                   Thank you, Madame Chair.

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39                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Carl,  
40 you have the floor.

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42                   MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
43 Members of the Council. Carl Johnson with OSM.

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45                   So there were several statewide  
46 proposals that this Council and other Councils made  
47 recommendations on last year.

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49                   One was regarding from the Brown Bear  
50 Claw Handicraft Working Group, and that was regulations

1 regarding certain requirements when selling handicrafts  
2 that incorporated bear claws. And there was kind of a  
3 mixed recommendation from the Councils. This Council  
4 supported it along with four other Councils. And in  
5 the end the Federal Board did adopt that recommendation  
6 with some modifications.

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8 But the vast majority of the statewide  
9 proposals, actually the rest of them all failed. One  
10 was -- there was a separate one regarding brown bear  
11 handicrafts that was submitted by the Department of  
12 Fish and Game that the Board took no action on.

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14 There was a proposal from a resident of  
15 Tok regarding redefining designated hunter so that a  
16 designated hunter could only hunt for elders or a  
17 person who was disabled. And that was unilaterally  
18 opposed by all of the RACs. And as a result, the  
19 Federal Board voted that proposal down and rejected it.

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21 Similarly there was another statewide  
22 proposals regarding trapping as an incidental take, and  
23 that also failed, because, let's see, eight of the RACs  
24 opposed it, one supported it and one took no action.  
25 So with that many RACs recommending against that  
26 proposal, the Federal Board did not adopt that  
27 proposal.

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29 There were two specific to the Bristol  
30 Bay region. One which was submitted by the Togiak  
31 National Wildlife Refuge to revise the moose season.  
32 Both this Council and the Y-K Delta Council supported  
33 that proposal, so it was adopted by the Board.

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35 And another one also from Togiak which  
36 was a special provision to revise the area descriptor  
37 in the regulations, that was also supported by this  
38 Council and the Y-K Delta Council. So as a result, the  
39 Federal Board adopted that proposal.

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41 And that was it for the Bristol Bay  
42 specific regional proposals.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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46 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Mr. Johnson, what was  
47 the modification done to that one proposal?

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49 MR. JOHNSON: For brown bear claw  
50 proposal? I unfortunately can't remember the specifics

1 on that, what the actual modification language was.  
2 Hopefully Donald has it.

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4 MS. MORRIS LYON: And, too, Donald, can  
5 we get those in hard copy once they are done and out of  
6 their draft form? Will you just mail them to us? I'd  
7 like to see it in hard copy, too.

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9 MR. MIKE: Yes, as soon as we get the  
10 signature from our office, we'll sent out copies to all  
11 the Council members.

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13 And I think Pat Petrivelli has more  
14 information on the brown bear claw issue.

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16 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yes, this is Pat  
17 Petrivelli with BIA subsistence.

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19 With that bear claw proposal -- oh,  
20 because the one that was rejected was the proposal  
21 originally submitted by the State of Alaska. And then  
22 the modification was a recommendation by the Bear Claw  
23 Working Group that required if you were going to sell  
24 it for a handicraft, then you would get a State  
25 registration permit, or the tagging. That you would  
26 have to tag your brown bear if you're going to sell it.  
27 And then that tag, whatever document you get, would  
28 accompany the object afterwards so that there would be  
29 a doc -- it would be tagged.

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31 And then also you'll get the letters,  
32 but those working group proposals, those were adopted  
33 by the Board also, whatever recommendation the working  
34 group came up with for the registration hunts I think  
35 for moose. Those were adopted.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
38 other -- Carl, do you have any more.

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40 MR. JOHNSON: And just to add, this  
41 only summarizes the items that were not on the  
42 consensus agenda. There were several items that again,  
43 as mentioned previously, the State, the InterAgency  
44 Staff Committee and all of the RACs all agreed on, and  
45 those were all adopted by the Board, you know,  
46 unanimously

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48 But you'll get a detailed briefing in  
49 writing. All of the Council members will receive it,  
50 once the .805(c) report is signed by Mr. Towarak.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.  
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3 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Yes. The  
4 working group, the two proposals that we had -- that  
5 you had sent me in for, you know, to speak on was for  
6 9C and 9E for the registration hunt, and that did go.  
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8 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair  
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
11 you. And then I guess, Donald, what I've got for the  
12 action items is the antlers, the environmental  
13 assessment on collection, that was number 1. The  
14 second one was the NPS hunting plan.  
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16 MR. O'HARA: The second.  
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Is that the  
19 second one?  
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21 MS. MORRIS LYON: And you missed the  
22 review and finalization of the draft for 2011 annual  
23 report under old business.  
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So  
26 under old business it would be A, then C, and then  
27 under new business it would be A, and then Dan's  
28 amendment on the NPA, what was that?  
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30 MR. O'HARA: Concessions. The  
31 concessions.  
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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: NPA  
34 concessions?  
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36 MR. O'HARA: Concessions.  
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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.  
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40 MR. O'HARA: The permits for the  
41 commercial guys to hunt in the preserve.  
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So  
44 we'll -- I guess, if you don't have any more on that,  
45 we'll take these -- I've got four action items instead  
46 of three.  
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48 So we'll take the review and final  
49 draft, 2011 final annual report.  
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1 Carl.

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3 MR. JOHNSON: I just wanted to  
4 reiterate, Madame Chair, that Jean Gamache will be  
5 doing a presentation on the current status of the  
6 tribal consultation policy. But as part of the r  
7 review, we definitely do appreciate any feedback that  
8 this Council can give today on their thoughts on how  
9 the policy is going, and anything specific they want to  
10 add, because all of the Councils at each of their  
11 meetings are providing, you know, specific feedback.  
12 So it is somewhat of an action item so we can get some  
13 feedback from the Council today to incorporate into the  
14 policy as it continues to move along.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci.

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22 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes. Madame Chair.  
23 In light of what he said, I would make a suggestion  
24 that perhaps we hear it after these four action items,  
25 because it seems to kind of be wrapped into report as  
26 well as action item.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So the number  
29 8, we'll put if 5 as we go down the line of these  
30 action items. We'll list tribal consultation as number  
31 5.

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33 Okay. We have the review and final  
34 draft 2011 annual report.

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36 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I handed out  
37 the draft annual report that the Council brought up at  
38 its last meeting in Dillingham. There were two items  
39 brought up at the meeting. One is the red fish harvest  
40 in the Naknek River drainage, and the North Pacific  
41 Fisheries by-catch issue.

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43 So the Council wanted to continually  
44 keep tabs on the red fish issue, and it's an important  
45 subsistence harvest practiced, you know, for  
46 generations by rural residents of King Salmon and  
47 Naknek. And what current State and National Park  
48 Service regs allow for is the take of spawned out  
49 sockeye salmon within the Naknek River drainage in  
50 specific areas identified in regulations. And the

1 Council encourages and requests the National Park  
2 Service and other agencies to continue to cooperate  
3 with rural residents to ensure the practice continues  
4 under existing regulations for the harvest of red fish  
5 by Katmai descendants of King Salmon and Naknek.

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7 And the other issue is the North  
8 Pacific by-catch issue on Chinook salmon. The Council  
9 discussed that the Chinook returns in the Bristol Bay  
10 region has been in decline and the Council wished to  
11 continue to be informed on the progress as far as the  
12 North Pacific Management Council's efforts to reduce  
13 the by-catch on returning Chinook salmon or other  
14 salmon species within Alaska.

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16 Those are the two items that were  
17 discussed at the last fall meeting, unless we have any  
18 more items to add or clarify the narrative.

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20 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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24 MR. O'HARA: No, Richard.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I mean, sorry,  
27 Richard.

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29 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Yeah. When  
30 is a good time to ask about possible dates and stuff on  
31 this proposal, the red fish up in the park. Is it  
32 proper to discuss it here now, or can we do it at a  
33 later time here, maybe in reporting?

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35 MR. HEDLUND: Agency reports.

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37 MR. WILSON: Okay. We'll do it under  
38 agency reports then. Thanks.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. And I  
41 think there's -- Nanci asked that question earlier, and  
42 I think that's going to come up later.

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44 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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48 MR. O'HARA: Yes. Thank you, Madame  
49 Chair.

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1 Donald, you gave us a piece of paper  
2 here, just handed it to us now from Tim Towarak, the  
3 Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, and halfway  
4 down there it said red fish harvest in the Naknek River  
5 drainage. You have a paragraph, the Council recognized  
6 the harvest of red fish, spawned out sockeye salmon,  
7 within the Naknek River drainage is an important  
8 subsistence harvest practice for generations by rural  
9 residents.

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11 And it's really important that if you  
12 move away and live in Anchorage and you're on the list  
13 to go up to Katmai National Park to get red fish,  
14 you're not going to be able to do that. That's what we  
15 dealt met with the Park Service people. And I don't  
16 see any of the people from the Park Service that was  
17 there with us when we made that suggestion. They're  
18 not here today, and they should be here today.

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20 And why was South Naknek left off of  
21 that paragraph? It says, King Salmon and Naknek.

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23 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. At the  
24 discussion -- red fish was, you know, discussed in  
25 general, and I add that community of South Naknek also.

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27 MR. O'HARA: Oh, absolutely. Yeah.  
28 Okay. So that.....

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30 MR. MIKE: And replace rural residents  
31 with Katmai descendants, if that's the wish of the  
32 Council. Thank you.

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34 MR. O'HARA: We'll get that when the  
35 report comes. Thank you. Madame Chair.

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37 MR. MIKE: Thank you for the  
38 clarification. Thank you.

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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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44 MS. MORRIS LYON: Donald, if I may  
45 though, I would really prefer rural residents and  
46 Katmai residents. I would not like rural residents  
47 replaced. The way -- because the way that I've been  
48 able to consult with National Park Service on it, I  
49 think that's the way we kind of need to go.

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1 MR. MIKE: So rural residents and  
2 Katmai descendants. Okay.  
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4 MR. O'HARA: One more thing, Madame  
5 Chair.  
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
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9 MR. O'HARA: Now, you know, we had a  
10 long -- it's unfortunate how it came about, but because  
11 it came about, so therefore some clarification, Donald,  
12 that took place. And this being able to harvest these  
13 spawn-outs in the park was an act of Congress. And so  
14 therefore it's still a bill. And the Park Service  
15 agreed with us that day, and the Naknek Village  
16 Council, that the three councils would be responsible  
17 for giving names of those who could participate in that  
18 fishery. I just want to make sure we're on record and  
19 that that is going to be part of how the system works.  
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21 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. As I  
22 understand it, the Park Service is working with the  
23 communities of King Salmon, Naknek and South  
24 Naknek.....  
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26 MR. O'HARA: Village councils.  
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28 MR. MIKE: .....in an effort to provide  
29 the most current list of descendants.  
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31 MR. O'HARA: Very good.  
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33 MR. MIKE: And I was working with Mr.  
34 Richard Wilson on State regulations on spawned-out  
35 harvest of red salmon in the Naknek drainage, and  
36 there's some new information that was provided, so  
37 through the Board of Fish process we may -- if it's the  
38 wish of the residents to submit Board of Fish  
39 proposals.  
40  
41 Thank you, Madame Chair.  
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Do we  
44 have anything more. Do we need to do anything more  
45 with this.  
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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: One more thing.  
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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.  
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1 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I think our new  
2 secretary should write that up.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. WILSON: Oh, no.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Moving  
9 down to -- let's go down to the environ.....

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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: Wait a second. Wait  
12 a second.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: What?

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16 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I'm sorry.  
19 Donald.

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21 MR. MIKE: You need to take action to  
22 approve the annual report.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I'm sorry.

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27 MR. MIKE: Or make amendments or add to  
28 it.

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30 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we'll  
33 kind of discuss it still. Nanci.

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35 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I just wanted  
36 to move on to the by-catch issue. Does anybody have  
37 the ability to give us updates on the next meetings and  
38 where we are now? Or is their meeting still going to  
39 be later in the year that we're waiting to hear from.

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41 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. We have Staff  
42 in our office that follows the North Pacific Management  
43 Council meeting processes, and I'll get that  
44 information and see when is the next meeting cycle  
45 coming up, and I'll make sure that information is  
46 shared and the agenda items that will be discussed at  
47 the next meeting.

48  
49 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess I've  
2 -- I didn't attend that June meeting. Were they still  
3 on that alt -- what was it, alternative A that the --  
4 do you remember which one of those areas that they are  
5 standing on now? Those alternative A and B.

6  
7 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I can't  
8 specifically recall which one of the alternatives that  
9 they addressed in that topic. But I know they agreed  
10 on a by-catch reduction number that will be in effect  
11 either in 2013 or 2014. But I'll have that summary  
12 information provided to the Council.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MS. MORRIS LYON: I've got one more.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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20 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Thank you,  
21 Madame Chair.

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23 Donald, my other question, too, is can  
24 you give us any kind of a report on how the idea of  
25 involving us in their decisionmaking was taken when we  
26 made the suggestion that.....

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28 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Yes, I'll  
29 look into it, and I'll see what the summary that our  
30 representative provided to the Council, and I'll get  
31 that information also.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
34 we need to make a motion to approve with additional  
35 information that Donald will provide us with as the  
36 updates.

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38 MS. MORRIS LYON: And the changes.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: As the  
41 information changes.

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43 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair, was that for  
44 the annual report?

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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48 MR. O'HARA: I'll make a motion then  
49 to accept the annual report for 2011 from Donald Mike,  
50 and with the provision that there be some additional

1 review.

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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: I'll second and  
4 suggest also, Dan, that we include in that our changes  
5 that we made to include South Naknek and Katmai  
6 descendants.

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8 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Maybe you should  
9 make that a friendly amendment to the motion.

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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: I think I just did.

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13 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Good.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: (Nods  
16 affirmative)

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18 MR. HEDLUND: I'll second it.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
21 been a motion and second to approve the annual report  
22 with the friendly amendments on the red fish harvest.

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24 MR. O'HARA: We'll need to vote on the  
25 amendment first and then the main motion.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The  
28 main amendment.

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30 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. The amendment.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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34 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. I call for  
35 a vote on the amendment.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
38 been.....

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

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Need a  
43 question.

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45 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, question.  
48 There's been a question. All in favor say aye.

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50 IN UNISON: Aye.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any  
2 opposition.  
3  
4 (No opposing votes)  
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.  
7 Okay. Thank you. And then the main motion.  
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9 Donald, did you have a comment.  
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11 MR. MIKE: No.  
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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
14 the main.....  
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16 MR. O'HARA: Main motion.  
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Main motion.  
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20 MR. O'HARA: Question.  
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a  
23 question. All in favor say aye.  
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25 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No opposition.  
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29 (No opposing votes)  
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.  
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33 Okay. And then I guess the second one  
34 that we need to do is the environmental assessment on  
35 collections of antlers. Do we have somebody here.  
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37 MS. MORRIS LYON: Mary.  
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39 MS. McBURNEY: I feel like I need  
40 highchair. Madame Chair, for the record, my name is  
41 Mary McBurney, and today I'm representing the National  
42 Park Service and the regional office. I was asked to  
43 provide a briefing on the environmental assessment that  
44 is currently out for a public review on the collection  
45 of horns, antlers, plant materials for subsistence use.  
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47 So I not that there's a few new folks  
48 at the table that this might be a new issue that  
49 they're not familiar with, but this is probably about  
50 the second or third time that the Park Service has been

1 at the table to give you an update on a regulatory  
2 process that we began back, it's probably been about  
3 three or four years ago, in response to a request by  
4 the Southcentral RAC and the Gates of the Arctic SRC  
5 that approached the National Park Service and asked if  
6 it might be possible to amend Park Service regulations  
7 so that subsistence users would be able to collect shed  
8 horns and antlers that they might find, you know, while  
9 they were out doing other activities, or salvage bones  
10 from carcasses that may have been winter kills or that  
11 had been left by other hunters, or to harvest plant  
12 materials such as grass or birch bark. And the purpose  
13 of the collection would be either for personal use or  
14 for producing handicrafts that people might make  
15 available for sale.

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17 So where we are right now is that the  
18 NPS has drafted an environmental assessment to  
19 basically look at the impacts of several alternatives  
20 that they've developed for consideration. And so  
21 that's what I'm here today, is to walk you through what  
22 these four different alternatives look like and  
23 hopefully I won't go on too long before everybody's  
24 blood sugar drops and you die of starvation.

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26 But this is going to be -- I'll just  
27 let you know, truth in advertising right up front.  
28 This is going to take a little bit of time, so please  
29 bear with me, and I'll try to be as brief as possible,  
30 but it's got a lot of moving parts to it.

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32 And after the conclusion of the  
33 briefing, what the National Park Service would very  
34 much like from the RAC is a sense of what you feel  
35 might be the best alternative that offers the most  
36 benefit to the subsistence users. And so this same  
37 briefing is being given to all of the RACs at each of  
38 the meetings, and this is the opportunity for the  
39 Bristol Bay RAC to be able to weigh in with your  
40 assessment of what the best approach might be.

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42 So currently the environmental  
43 assessment is out for a 60-day public review. That  
44 review period started February 7th, and it wraps up  
45 basically in about a couple weeks, on April 7th. So  
46 this is an opportunity for you to again just kind of  
47 give us your assessment of which may be the best  
48 approach.

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50 So in your meeting packet, I think the

1 easiest thing to do would be to draw your attention to  
2 Page 40. There's two tables that I'm going to be  
3 referring to throughout this briefing.

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5                   On Page 40 there's going to be table  
6 2.1, which is a summary of the comparison of the  
7 alternatives. And then on Page 44 there's table 3.3,  
8 which is the rural residents with customary and  
9 traditional findings for animals with horns and antlers  
10 and also with wolves. And I'm going to be refer to  
11 that and use it as kind of an example to illustrate the  
12 difference between some of these alternatives.

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14                   So taking a look at Page 40, that table  
15 2.1, you can see that over the top there are four  
16 alternatives, Alternative A, B, C and D.

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18                   And essentially with the exception of  
19 Alternative A, which in every environmental assessment  
20 they always have what they call a no action  
21 alternative, which basically states what would happen  
22 if nothing changes. And so in that respect, if nothing  
23 changes, it would remain illegal for people to collect  
24 shed horns and antlers or plant materials for the most  
25 part on National Park lands. And so Alternatives B, C,  
26 and D offer ways of changing that.

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28                   So the remaining three alternatives, B,  
29 C, and D, basically address two broad issues. First,  
30 who's eligible to participate; and then, secondly, what  
31 is the most appropriate level of regulation. So what I  
32 would like to do is just walk you through first of all  
33 the second point about the appropriate level of  
34 regulation, because that one's, I think, the most  
35 straight forward and kind of easy to figure out what  
36 the differences are. And then I'll cover what the  
37 eligibility differences are between these three  
38 alternatives, because whose are a little bit more  
39 subtle and in some cases even more significant in terms  
40 of the differences.

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42                   So if you kind of slide your eyes down  
43 to the third line that is labeled addresses request to  
44 allow collections, you'll see that all the three  
45 alternatives, B, C, and D, do indeed address that  
46 question. They provide a means for making it legal for  
47 people to collect these materials.

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49                   As far as conditions that are placed on  
50 the collection of plant materials that can be made into



1 handicrafts currently there are two Park Service units  
2 that do allow that in regulation. And that happens to  
3 be the Kobuk Valley and the Gates of the Arctic  
4 National Park and Preserve. So collecting plants is  
5 currently legal in two places, but it's not legal in  
6 all other park lands.

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8                   And so at this point, if we look at  
9 Alternative B, Alternative B I think is easiest to  
10 think of as being the broadest and least regulated  
11 approach. So I think -- keep that in mind as being  
12 maybe the least regulated approach to this. And so  
13 there would be no conditions placed on collecting plant  
14 and animal materials under this alternative, so people  
15 could go wherever they want in a park at any time that  
16 they feel is a good time to go collect those materials,  
17 and they can collect them.

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19                   Under Alternative C, there would be  
20 some discretion on the part of the superintendent that  
21 if there was say some sensitive area or a place that  
22 might have some sensitive consideration because of  
23 timing, that maybe that a superintendent feels that,  
24 you know, maybe we might want to limit access in that  
25 area at that time, that the superintendent would be  
26 able to meet with the appropriate SRC and discuss that  
27 and come up with say appropriate conditions, whether it  
28 be, you know, the number of antlers that you could  
29 collect, for example, or again whether it's time or  
30 place.

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32                   Under the third alternative,  
33 Alternative D, those conditions would be mandatory. So  
34 that if Alternative D is selected, there will be  
35 conditions placed on the collection of those materials.

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37                   As far as the conditions placed on --  
38 well, I guess I did just cover both the horns and the  
39 antlers, that the horns and the antlers and the plant  
40 materials, that is the fourth and the fifth lines  
41 there, those are all dealt with the same way, that  
42 there are no permits under B. There are some  
43 discretionary limitations under C. And there are  
44 mandatory limitations under D.

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46                   The final item that sets these three  
47 alternatives apart is under that broad eligibility,  
48 again the one that has the least restrictions on it  
49 would require no permit.

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1                   The second alternative, Alternative C,  
2 the permit would be discretionary, that a  
3 superintendent would be able to figure out with the  
4 assistance of the SRC for his or her unit, whether a  
5 permit is desirable and necessary.

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7                   And then under the third alternative, a  
8 permit would be mandatory.

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10                  So any questions on the difference.  
11 Yes, Mr. Hedlund.

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13                  MR. HEDLUND: Yeah. I think that the  
14 SRC in Lake Clark National Park, we supported B I think  
15 it was, wasn't it?

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17                  MS. MCBURNEY: That was correct.

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19                  MR. HEDLUND: Yeah. I just wanted to  
20 state that. Thank you.

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22                  MS. MCBURNEY: And I might also add  
23 that the Aniakchak SRC also had an opportunity to be  
24 brief on this, and the consensus of that group was  
25 Alternative C was their preferred alternative.

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27                  All right. Now to get along to the  
28 more complicated portion of this briefing.

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30                  And to help us along a little bit,  
31 Donald, I just made some copies of the Unit 9 map that  
32 you normally find in your handy-dandy. And for those  
33 of you that might even have a copy of the handy-dandy  
34 there, I believe that's on Page 47.

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36                  But what I'd like you to do is just  
37 take a moment. In Unit 9E, there's a little purple  
38 blotch there that is the Aniakchak National Monument  
39 and Preserve. So you can kind of put your finger on  
40 that one. And then if you slide your eyes up toward  
41 Unit 9B, you'll see Lake Clark National Park and  
42 Preserve. And so I'd just like to draw your attention  
43 to those, and those are the two units that we'll kind  
44 of use as our example here, since those are our park  
45 units of interest in this region.

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47                  Now, for those of you that have.....

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49                  MS. MORRIS LYON: Let me -- Mary, may  
50 I?

1 MS. McBURNEY: Yes.  
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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: Is there a reason you  
4 didn't include Katmai in it?  
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6 MS. McBURNEY: I will get to that in a  
7 moment.  
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9 MR. O'HARA: There's a very good  
10 reason.  
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12 MS. McBURNEY: Pardon?  
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14 MR. O'HARA: There's a real good  
15 reason.  
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17 MS. McBURNEY: If you want to take a  
18 look at 9C, where we have Katmai, and actually I'm glad  
19 that you actually did mention that, because oftentimes  
20 I do get a little tunnel visioned on Lake Clark and  
21 Aniakchak. The only portion of Katmai that this  
22 regulatory change would affect would be just in the  
23 preserve.  
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25 MS. MORRIS LYON: Right, but it would  
26 affect it.  
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28 MS. McBURNEY: It would affect it. And  
29 so this is where you might want to kind of help also  
30 tune in on these kind of very subtle, but potentially  
31 very significant differences between these three  
32 alternatives.  
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34 So beginning with Alternative B, the  
35 least restrictive, when it comes to parks and  
36 monuments, eligibility for participating in subsistence  
37 activities is already pretty narrowly defined. For the  
38 Park Service we have -- for Lake Clark and Aniakchak  
39 anyway, we have the resident zone communities, which  
40 for Aniakchak are Port Heiden, Meshik, Chignik Lake,  
41 Chignik Lagoon, and Chignik. And then for Lake Clark,  
42 Newhalen, Iliamna, Nondalton, Port Alsworth, Pedro Bay  
43 and Lime Village. So people that live in those  
44 communities have the opportunity to participate in  
45 subsistence by definition, by regulation in those parks  
46 and monuments that they are affiliated with.  
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48 MR. O'HARA: Mary, does that include  
49 Kakhonak, too?  
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1 MS. McBURNEY: No, sir. But if there  
2 is somebody that lives in Kakhonak, for example, that  
3 approaches the Lake Clark superintendent and says, you  
4 know, hey, I grew up in Iliamna. I have a very long-  
5 standing family history of utilizing the park for  
6 subsistence purposes, there is a mechanism where that  
7 person can get what is called a 13.440 permit, so that  
8 they do have the same ability to go subsistence hunting  
9 or fishing or trapping in the park.

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11 MR. O'HARA: Very good. Thank you,  
12 Mary, I appreciate that. But I didn't even know that  
13 as many years that I've hung around here, that's why I  
14 asked the question.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MS. McBURNEY: So that's what that  
19 section 13.440 permit is that you'll see mentioned  
20 here. It's kind of a way of being able to recognize  
21 that there are some people that don't live in those  
22 resident zone communities, but who have a have long  
23 history of utilizing the park for subsistence, and  
24 enabling them to do so.

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26 Now where things.....

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Mary.

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30 MS. McBURNEY: Oh, yes, Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess, was  
33 there historical finding that Kakhonak had no  
34 historical use, or why was it left out?

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36 MS. McBURNEY: You know, I really don't  
37 know whatever the specific reasons were, but at that  
38 time that the regulations were put together that  
39 identified those communities that had the most  
40 intensive and longest standing relationship with those  
41 community -- or with the parks, that those were the  
42 ones that were included in the regulations as resident  
43 zone communities. My understanding is that at the time  
44 that those determinations were made, that they took a  
45 look at especially traditional hunting areas and places  
46 that say people from Kakhonak normally utilized for  
47 their subsistence. And if a lot of those lands weren't  
48 substantially, you know, within the park, it was  
49 determined that they really didn't that long-term, you  
50 know, customary, traditional, historical connection to

1 the park, that there were just other lands that were  
2 more important to them.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.

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6 MS. McBURNEY: You're welcome. All  
7 right. Now I'm going to take a deep breath and we're  
8 going to talk about preserves.

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10 And for this, I would like you to flip  
11 back over to Page 44, because this is where we're going  
12 to start using a hypothetical example here. And at the  
13 very top there you see the Aniakchak Monument listed  
14 first. And there are a number of species that rural  
15 residents have positive customary and traditional  
16 determinations for. And a few of those are just listed  
17 here.

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19 The one that I think that for our  
20 purposes is going to be most interesting to work with  
21 is going to be the C&T determination for wolves. What  
22 I'd like you to notice is that for caribou and moose,  
23 again the customary and traditional use findings are  
24 fairly narrow, and they focus in primarily on the  
25 people from that particular GMU as being the ones that  
26 have the -- as being the ones that are able to hunt  
27 moose and caribou in Unit 9 and that, you know,  
28 somebody from say Glennallen doesn't.

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30 But if you go over to wolf, it changes.  
31 And you'll see that for wolves essentially it's people  
32 from Southeast Alaska, maybe Anchorage, the Kenai  
33 Peninsula and Kodiak that don't have C&T for wolves,  
34 but everybody else in the State does. So that means  
35 somebody from Barrow, somebody from Kotzebue, from  
36 Bethel, Glennallen, they have a positive C&T for wolves  
37 in Unit 9. So that's what I want you to keep in mind  
38 as we walk through now why preserves are kind of weird.

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41 Under this Alternative B, okay, we just  
42 talked about people in parks and monuments. All right.  
43 If you live in a resident zone community or have a  
44 section 13.44 permit, you're good to go. You can go  
45 collect shed horns and antlers, bones or plant  
46 materials.

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48 Now, people who would like to collect  
49 materials in the preserve, and this would also include  
50 the Katmai Preserve, the Aniakchak Preserve, and the

1 Lake Clark Preserve, that people who have a positive  
2 C&T use for any wildlife species in the preserve can  
3 collect horns, antlers, bones, or plant materials.  
4 Well, somebody from Glennallen who lives in Game Unit  
5 13A, has C&T for wolves in Unit 9. So therefore they  
6 would be eligible to collect materials under  
7 Alternative B.

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9                   Now let's skip over to Alternative C.  
10 Alternative C just adds maybe a couple of little tweaks  
11 to that initial eligibility requirement. Going back to  
12 the parks and monuments, you still have to be a  
13 resident zone resident, or have a section 13.44 permit,  
14 but now under Alternative C there's an additional  
15 requirement that they also have to have a customary and  
16 traditional use finding for any wildlife species in  
17 each game unit of the park or monument. And this is  
18 where that map kind of comes in handy.

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20                   So let's talk about the preserves  
21 again. And you'll notice if you take a look at  
22 Aniakchak or you take a look at Katmai, those two  
23 situations are pretty easy. Katmai Monument and  
24 Preserve, it's all in Unit 9E. Katmai, it's all in 9C.

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26                   But once you get up to Lake Clark, you  
27 start seeing a little bit more of a checkerboard  
28 happening. There are a number of different game units  
29 involved. For example, Lake Clark Preserve encompass  
30 9B, it also has part of 16B, 17B and 19B in it. So for  
31 somebody that under alternative C wants to collect  
32 horns, antler, bones or plant materials in say the Lake  
33 Clark Preserve, they would need to have a positive  
34 traditional use finding for any wildlife species in  
35 each of the game units. So if they have a positive C&T  
36 for anything in 9B, they can go collect those materials  
37 in 9B. If they have a positive C&T for anything in  
38 19B, they can go collect materials in 19B.

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40                   So let's go back to our wolves and our,  
41 you know, hypothetical person from Glennallen. That  
42 person under, you know, this example, they do have a  
43 positive C&T for any wildlife species. Wolves. So  
44 they would be able to collect horns, antlers, bones or  
45 plants in those subunits of the preserve.

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47                   Now, let's contrast that with  
48 Alternative D. And Alternative D is the one that tries  
49 to put the greatest limits I think on defining who is  
50 eligible to collect these materials.

1                   Again under the parks and the  
2 monuments, the eligible people still those folks in the  
3 resident zone communities or those with 13.440 permits,  
4 but they also have to have that positive customary and  
5 traditional use finding. But this time for each  
6 wildlife species in each game management unit of the  
7 park or monument.

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9                   So thinking about the preserve again,  
10 in this case people who have a Federal customary and  
11 traditional use finding for say wolves in Unit 9B, for  
12 example, up in Lake Clark, they can go collect  
13 materials that are from a wolf. So if they find some  
14 wolf bones or something, they can collect that. But  
15 they don't have customary and traditional findings for  
16 moose or caribou or anything like that, so they would  
17 not be able to collect moose or caribou antlers that  
18 they might find. The only thing that they would be  
19 able to collect would be parts of a wolf.

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21                   So that is kind of the way that these  
22 three different alternatives try to deal with that  
23 question of who can participate and who can collect  
24 these materials.

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26                   And I wanted to kind of bring that  
27 example of the person from Glennallen to the table,  
28 because that is probably one of the more extreme  
29 examples of how just using the C&T finding for any  
30 animal can kind of potentially create a pretty large  
31 universe of potential people who could come to a  
32 preserve, for example, and collect horns, antlers,  
33 bones, or plants. Now, realistically, would somebody  
34 from Glennallen want to take all of the effort and time  
35 and expense to come to Game Unit 9 to walk around the  
36 tundra and look for a horn or antler? Maybe. So in  
37 some respects I think that some SRCs, such as the Lake  
38 Clark SRC felt that there would be a self-limiting kind  
39 of factor there, that people that are interested in  
40 collecting those materials were most likely to do it  
41 really closer to home rather than to travel distances.

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43                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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45                   MR. O'HARA: Could I ask you a  
46 question?

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48                   MS. McBURNEY: Yes, sir.

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50                   MR. O'HARA: Or maybe make a comment.

1 It's really quite popular for the Glennallen people to  
2 come down here, because they have setnet sites and  
3 drift permits and Super Cubs, and they're guides. And  
4 they could, and probably do do a lot of collections  
5 out. For instance, if they found a set of moose horns  
6 that were locked together and they died that way, I  
7 mean, that would be a pretty valuable find. They could  
8 stop and pick that up. And they do. I know the guys  
9 who come down here from up there, very, very nice  
10 airplanes, they come down here, do same day as airborne  
11 wolf kills on the permits that were issued by the State  
12 this year over in the Nushagak, so it's not unusual for  
13 those guys to come here and do a lot of collecting.  
14 Just as a way of comment.

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16 MS. McBURNEY: Well, thank you, Mr.  
17 O'Hara, because that was kind of the direction that the  
18 Aniakchak SRC was taking, too, is they were  
19 considering, you know, which alternative might work  
20 best.

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22 So any other questions? I realize that  
23 this is rather convoluted, and it's kind of hard to get  
24 your hands around, but would be happy to answer any  
25 questions you might have or try to provide any  
26 additional clarification.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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30 MR. WILSON: Thanks, Mary. Just to  
31 help me understand the way all this process works I  
32 guess, you have monuments, we have several monuments  
33 throughout our coastline here that are -- you've got  
34 Lake Clark. We have Katmai here. So some of those you  
35 allow C&T in your park up at Lake Clark there. You  
36 allow collections there. And so when this goes  
37 through, it's like -- so Katmai does not fall under  
38 those same, even though they're a national monument,  
39 they don't fall under the same criteria? I mean, you  
40 have a different set of rules even though it's a  
41 national park? I'm not quite sure, I guess, I'm still  
42 learning on how all these parks have separate books to  
43 be guided by in this type of situation.

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45 MS. McBURNEY: Thank you, Mr. Wilson.  
46 I will do my best to add some clarification here.  
47 There's actually two different kinds of parts to your  
48 question. First of all, currently there is no  
49 collection of horns or antlers or bones or for that  
50 matter plant materials that's allowed in any parks or



1 monuments in Alaska. And in fact that isn't an Alaskan  
2 regulation. It's that way for all of the National Park  
3 Service nationwide. So that's why we're looking at  
4 making a regulatory change in the subsistence  
5 regulations which are specific to Alaska so that we can  
6 allow those sorts of activities. And that would be  
7 permitted in all of the park units that are authorized  
8 to have subsistence activities take place in them.

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10 And that gets to the second question,  
11 which is, yeah, that distinction between Katmai  
12 National Park, which was not authorized for subsistence  
13 activities, but the preserve is open to Federal  
14 subsistence.

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16 So this regulatory change would affect  
17 what subsistence users could do in Katmai preserve, but  
18 in addition, it would also affect, for example, the  
19 folks down south would be able to collect these  
20 materials in the Aniakchak Preserve and Monument, and  
21 the folks up north could do the same in Lake Clark  
22 National Park and Preserve.

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24 Did that answer your question?

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26 MR. WILSON: Yes, it helps. I threw  
27 that out there, because, you know, every time you bring  
28 up new ideas, you're looking to, you know, to bring on  
29 a new regulation that would allow some activity in  
30 national parks. But not -- you know, it's our Katmai  
31 Park again is not part of that process. So I just -- I  
32 keep bringing it up hoping that at some point when you  
33 go to -- I guess when we go to look for these changes,  
34 that we can be involved in those changes, because  
35 you're going -- you know, it's a Federal change, you  
36 know, in your park regs. And why can't Katmai be part  
37 of that. I mean, why can't we open the book again and  
38 have that become part of that? So just throwing it out  
39 there.

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41 MS. McBURNEY: Yes, Mr. O'Hara?

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43 MR. O'HARA: (Indiscernible, mic not  
44 on)

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46 MS. McBURNEY: I was just going to  
47 respond that Katmai is just one of those odd ones, you  
48 know, in ANILCA. And ANILCA basically says that  
49 subsistence activities will, you know, take place in  
50 areas where it is authorized. And Congress made the

1 call way back in 1980 or so that in Katmai it was not  
2 going to be authorized. So that's kind of the rulebook  
3 that we were given, but that isn't to say that at some  
4 point in the future that ANILCA couldn't perhaps  
5 revisited. You never know.

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7 MR. WILSON: I guess I was just hoping  
8 that, you know, since you had the table down there at  
9 D.C. anyways, and say, okay, these parks, can we  
10 change, and somebody could throw up their hands and  
11 say, well, can Katmai do this, too. I mean, at some  
12 point we're hoping for change, and where do we go? How  
13 far can we go? I mean just

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15 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, Dan.

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19 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Mary, we've been  
20 through this before, and Richard has a good point  
21 there. And then you say we put a net up in the park.  
22 Now Katmai is a wilderness area, right?

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24 MS. McBURNEY: Portions of it, yes.

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26 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. I mean in all the  
27 areas you can't pick a flower, you can't pick up bones,  
28 you can't put out net. You can sportsfish with a rod  
29 and reel, not even call it subsistence. And that's  
30 another issue. But the reason you an put a net in  
31 Katmai National Park up here is because the Bristol Bay  
32 Native Association, I was on the Board at the board at  
33 the time, we had Congressman Don Young put a bill in  
34 Congress, and the late Senator Ted Kennedy loaded it up  
35 so bad that the first bill failed. Well, we went back  
36 in a second time, and the second time it passed.  
37 That's why we can go up now and get red fish. Unheard  
38 of in a park, any park in the United States, period.

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40 And so if you want to take changes in a  
41 preserve or a wilderness area, God bless you, because  
42 you're taking on a huge national issue, and with the  
43 liberal constituent like you have across the nation  
44 today, good luck, buddy. It probably won't happen.

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46 MR. WILSON: We will continue to try.

47

48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. O'HARA: Right. And we'll leave it

1 at that.

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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: Going to write that  
4 one up, too, Richard.

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6 MR. O'HARA: Write a letter. Write a  
7 letter.

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9 MS. McBURNEY: Well, thank you, Mr.  
10 O'Hara.

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12 So with that, I'm kind of hoping that  
13 maybe I've provided enough background information and  
14 detail that, you know, you can perhaps discuss among  
15 yourselves which of these alternatives, B, C, and D,  
16 might propose the best approach to allowing collection  
17 of these materials.

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19 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. O'HARA: I'm really pleased to see  
24 that some progress is being made on that. I think you  
25 should be applauded for -- you know, we give the  
26 Federal government a bad time all the time. We should  
27 say, well, we made some -- there's some headway being  
28 made here, so, Mary, I really do appreciate this report  
29 today.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

32 Richard.

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34 MR. WILSON: Yeah, just a comment on  
35 that. You know, knowing that Lake Clark SAC [sic] had  
36 gone for Alternative C.....

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38 MR. HEDLUND: B.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: B.

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42 MR. WILSON: B. With just a little bit  
43 of restriction, I think it was just basically for  
44 resident collection, you know, we have our preserve,  
45 which is, you know, surrounds all the way up to Lake  
46 Iliamna, you know, on the east of there to Kakhonak,  
47 the Village of Kakhonak. You've got Igiugig, you have  
48 Levelock, Naknek, South Naknek, and then you've got all  
49 the way down the Peninsula here, you know, that  
50 utilize, you know, the preserve portion, which is

1 eligible for this collection.

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3 MS. McBURNEY: Correct.

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5 MR. WILSON: And I would like to see,  
6 if not just a little restriction, but the more open it  
7 could be I think is the less cumbersome for people that  
8 are moving around. It's just hard to visualize that if  
9 I was down in Chignik and wanted to come up here and  
10 visit and, you know, go collect something, that I  
11 wouldn't be able to, so, you know, I -- just we're kind  
12 of a friendly atmosphere around here. And we --  
13 anyways, that's my thoughts.

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15 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. We had  
16 this discussion on our teleconference meeting, when was  
17 this thing?

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19 MS. McBURNEY: About three weeks ago.

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21 MR. BOSKOFISKY: March 5th.

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23 MS. McBURNEY: Uh-huh.

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25 MR. BOSKOFISKY: March 5th. And we  
26 listened to everything that was presented on this, and  
27 we picked C, so that your local SRC will have a say in  
28 who is able to collect. We were shooting for the  
29 resident zone villages. And that was one of our  
30 reasons of picking C was so that if need be, well, we  
31 can get this permit to cover the area.

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33 That's all I had.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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

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40 Yeah, my two cents that I'm going to  
41 throw out there in this discussion is that I totally  
42 agree with the point that Richard brought out, that you  
43 want things as friendly as possible and as easily  
44 accessed as possible for the residents who are  
45 deserving of them.

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47 However, that being said, I don't -- my  
48 fear is that I see -- I spend a lot of time in the  
49 preserve, especially in the fall. And there's a lot of  
50 areas up there that are accessed by those same planes

1 from Glennallen in the fall sportfishing. Kulik,  
2 Battle, Kukaklek, you know, I can keep on going, but  
3 you know what I'm talking about.

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5 I don't really want to see those guys  
6 coming in there and -- I guess I don't feel like I feel  
7 friendly enough to share with them everything that I  
8 feel should be accessible to us for the times when we  
9 have to put them together and put them to use in our  
10 handiwork and things what we wish to do.

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12 Which leads me to the comment that I  
13 like C, but I would also like to be able to reference  
14 C with an admonition to the superintendent that we  
15 would like to see, you know, wolves -- somehow  
16 something a bit more restrictive, because I don't want  
17 it tough for everybody who lives around here to be able  
18 to access, get to or have a whole bunch of regulations  
19 in the face of making actual use of it. But I  
20 understand the wolf issue, and I'm not sure how to  
21 necessarily address that, but perhaps to disallow the  
22 taking of wolf parts without specific permission from  
23 the superintendent like that. Even if we made just one  
24 of those items a bit more restrictive in order to keep  
25 our areas available for those of us who do live here.  
26 I think that it would be wise on our part to take that  
27 into consideration, at least in this discussion.

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29 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan. Or  
32 Thomas.

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34 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah. I agree with you.  
35 But then one reason I think we in Port Alsworth in Lake  
36 Clark National Park took B was because I don't think  
37 it's going to change those people that's coming up.  
38 they're already doing what they want to do, and it's  
39 not going to change them so much. It's just going to  
40 make it legal, I mean, for people to pick up the horns  
41 they're picking up. And like coming up here pretty  
42 soon will be wild celery. I mean, we go all over and  
43 pick them. and a lot of people pick that. And we  
44 didn't know you're not supposed to go in the Park and,  
45 you know, pick celery. You couldn't do it. I mean, we  
46 didn't know it. And this would just make things that  
47 we're doing now legal.

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49 Thank you.  
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
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3 MR. O'HARA: That's interesting,  
4 Thomas. And Nanci's comment is good. And one of the  
5 things that we're used to doing is before we went out  
6 and got a caribou, we went and saw the Alaska  
7 Department of Fish and Game and got a permit. And  
8 after we finish with getting a caribou, we took the  
9 permit back and signed off on it, so, we're getting  
10 used to doing permits. And then it does have --  
11 Richard's right, the guy from Anchorage could come in  
12 on State land now we're talking about, and he can get a  
13 permit, and people did. They came in and got a  
14 caribou. So we're not -- we are getting more used to  
15 permits and being a little more restrictive in some  
16 areas. I would have to agree with you on that.  
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18 Thank you, Madame Chair.  
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other --  
21 Mary.  
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23 MS. McBURNEY: If I just might make a  
24 couple comments.  
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26 First, Mr. Hedlund, getting back to the  
27 wild celery, it actually is allowed for you to go and  
28 collect wild celery for food. So you can go into Lake  
29 Clark and collect that.  
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31 What this is addressing is the kinds of  
32 plants that you don't eat normally, like birch bark or,  
33 you know, grasses that you might use to make a basket.  
34 So there is kind of a bit of distinction there between  
35 non-edible materials and then plant materials like, you  
36 know, wild celery or berries or mushrooms or something  
37 that people collect for food. So this wouldn't.....  
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39 MR. HEDLUND: Okay. Thank you. I  
40 didn't realize that, because we were down -- I can't  
41 remember, out of Anchorage somewhere and it was, you  
42 know, park land and they told us we couldn't do it.  
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44 MR. O'HARA: A State park.  
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46 MR. HEDLUND: State -- I don't know if  
47 it was State or Federal, whichever it was, but we were  
48 getting some wild celery along the highway one time,  
49 and they said it was a park and we couldn't do it.  
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1 MS. McBURNEY: Okay. Well, it probably  
2 wasn't national park land. Maybe it might have been  
3 State park or something, but, yeah, it gets confusing  
4 trying to figure out who.....

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6 MR. HEDLUND: It is. It is.

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8 MS. McBURNEY: Who's got jurisdiction  
9 over what, and what you can and can't do. I appreciate  
10 the confusion surrounding that.

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12 And, Ms. Morris, I have a question for  
13 you. Then based on what you -- your comments, would  
14 something with respect to the eligibility where you  
15 could kind of maybe mix and match something between C  
16 and D, I'm just going to throw this out as an option,  
17 where you could have the discretion for a permit, but  
18 yet perhaps take that more restrictive eligibility  
19 requirement from D for the preserve -- well, for just  
20 the more restrictive eligibility requirement that you  
21 would have to have a C&T finding for each wildlife  
22 species in each GMU. Would that get closer to what you  
23 were contemplating?

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25 MS. MORRIS LYON: That's almost exactly  
26 what I was trying to allude to. That's exactly how I  
27 feel, is that I don't really have a burning desire to  
28 go to Glennallen and collect wild celery or horns  
29 there, and I don't really have a burning desire to have  
30 them come out here and take what's in my back yard.

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32 MS. McBURNEY: Well, that's certainly a  
33 recommendation I can take back and articulate.

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35 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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37 MS. McBURNEY: Thank you.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
40 other comments.

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42 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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46 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. So you're just  
47 giving us a report today? There's no action required  
48 on this, right?

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50 MS. McBURNEY: If the RAC would like to

1 take an action, that would be greatly appreciated. I  
2 -- and it doesn't necessarily have to be A, B, or C,  
3 but if there is another approach that you would like to  
4 suggest, it could be an E, this would definitely be a  
5 good time to do that.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Are you done?  
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9 MS. McBURNEY: I am.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.  
12 Richard.

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14 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. A  
15 suggestion, could we possibly chew on this for a little  
16 bit over lunch and then come back with some of a -- we  
17 can have a chance to converse a little and.....

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19 MR. O'HARA: Lunch? Who's going to  
20 lunch?

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22 (Laughter)

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24 MR. O'HARA: No, it's fine if we did go  
25 to lunch.

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27 MR. WILSON: Oh, okay. No, I didn't  
28 know if we weren't or not. But anyways, I guess if  
29 we're not, then we'd better deal with it now.

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31 MR. O'HARA: No, don't let that  
32 influence you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If you --  
35 John.

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37 MR. JONES: How long do these permits  
38 last a person?

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40 MS. McBURNEY: Well, that's  
41 something.....

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43 MR. JONES: Does an individual go get a  
44 permit every year, or does an individual -- are they  
45 like the halibut subsistence permit or are they -- what  
46 kind of permit would it be? Is it something you have  
47 to go to the State and pay 10 bucks for?

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49 MS. McBURNEY: Well, most of the  
50 permits that the Park Service uses are a year-to-year



1 permit, so it would be kind of like an annual sort of  
2 thing. And there would be no charge in involved. It  
3 would just simply be making a request and if a permit  
4 was required, we would try to do everything we could to  
5 make it really easy for people to get, whether, you  
6 know, they could maybe do it on line and, you know, get  
7 a permit that way, or just maybe with a quick phone  
8 call to the park. But we would definitely make that as  
9 easy as possible for the subsistence users.

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11 MR. JONES: Okay. That's what I was  
12 curious about, is the permit, how long it would last a  
13 person and if you had to file for it very year to go do  
14 it. And if the charge part would discourage people to  
15 come and do it.

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17 That's all I had.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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21 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. John, in case  
22 that pertains to some of the thoughts that I was  
23 having. That was my exact thought is I would like not  
24 for the residents up and down the Peninsula to even  
25 have to get a permit. The ones who were going to go in  
26 there to collect wolf parts, or that were eligible to  
27 do that, those would be the folks that I would foresee  
28 having to walk through that hoop, not the people who  
29 lived here. That would be my thought on that.

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31 MR. HEDLUND: Madame Chair.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

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35 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah. The reason I'd  
36 like to really kind of see this loosened up a little is  
37 I do a lot of hunting in, you know, the park and  
38 preserve. And if I'm out hunting sheep and find a  
39 winter kill, I can't touch it the way this law is read.  
40 I mean, you know, if they loosen it up like, you know,  
41 we voted on B, if you find something you could pick it  
42 up and come out with it. But the way it's written, you  
43 can't pick it up.

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45 And I'd just like to see it loosened up  
46 a little up, and I don't think, you know, in the hard  
47 park, you know, you've got to be one of the, you know,  
48 five villages or that 13.440 eligibility, and to be  
49 into the park, so I don't think you're changing much.  
50 And preserve, everybody goes in it anyway.

1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: Mary, it was my  
6 understanding that on C that was not so though, that  
7 they were automatically eligible. They wouldn't have  
8 to get a permit, and he could go pick that up still,  
9 just like he could in B, as long as he was resident  
10 user; is that correct?

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12 MS. MCBURNEY: Well, under C, this is  
13 the one where the superintendent would have the  
14 discretion in consultation with the SRC as to whether a  
15 permit would be appropriate.

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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: Right. So we would  
18 have a say and know ahead of time whether or not that  
19 was going to be allowed.

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21 MS. MCBURNEY: Correct.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
24 more comments. What's the Council's wishes regarding  
25 this? Do you want to discuss it a little bit more  
26 before you make a decision on this. Yeah.

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28 My thought, I don't live here, but I'm  
29 still hung up on Kakhonak not being eligible. You  
30 know, the people have lived there, they've used the  
31 resources. I don't know what the criteria was for  
32 eligibility on people that were even coming in to be  
33 eligible for -- I guess by their registration hunt  
34 permits maybe. I don't know what the criteria was for  
35 eligibility, but it seemed like Kakhonak, you know,  
36 should have been included since they -- since the  
37 community is here and the people are -- you know,  
38 people in close communities like this are related to  
39 each other, and they travel back and forth. And I know  
40 from working up in that area, Kakhonak and Newhalen and  
41 Iliamna are pretty close community. They're  
42 interrelated, so they're sharing and they're harvesting  
43 and they're gathering in the same areas.

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45 But I'm with Thomas. I think that if  
46 the gathering of parts and plants is not legal, if it's  
47 going to be legalized, we need to keep it simple.  
48 Everything simple. Even the permitting system, not to  
49 have it so complicated that the original users of these  
50 resources wouldn't be discouraged. So that's my two

1 cents on this.

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3 So what's the wishes of the Council  
4 regarding this. Richard.

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6 MR. WILSON: I'm still tending to go  
7 with Alternative B. C has superintendent  
8 decisionmaking in it, and as we know from history,  
9 superintendents come and go, and one might like the  
10 idea and others might now. So those kind of -- I'd  
11 just rather keep that scenario away from the freedom of  
12 being able to pick up these used parts and plans.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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16 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Thanks, Madame  
17 Chair.

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19 You know, I'm in favor of possibly  
20 doing an E then, Mary, because I am in total agreement,  
21 and, Richard, you bring up a very good point, because  
22 we have supervisors we never know for how long. And  
23 even though I know they work very hard for the park and  
24 whatnot, they don't always seem to have our best  
25 interest in mind.

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27 And I'm wondering if we didn't craft an  
28 E that was actually a combination of B, C, and D, that  
29 pretty encompasses the very things that we've spoke  
30 about here, where the local rural, already approved  
31 residents have B, the idea of B, to go in and take  
32 things, but then with D -- I guess it would be more a  
33 combination of B and D. Anybody who was not here and  
34 not approved for moose, caribou, you know, the basics,  
35 the whole wolf thing, would be monitored and required  
36 to be permitted at the superintendents discretion.

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38 Because I'm in total agreement, I want  
39 it as easy as possible with us not knowing from  
40 administration change to administration change what  
41 those regulations might look like. If we had a B that  
42 was pretty set up for the people who lived around here,  
43 and at the same time stipulations for those who did  
44 not, I think we would perhaps protect ourselves to the  
45 limit or extent that we would want to, because mostly  
46 it's the unwarranted visiting that.....

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

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50 MR. BOSKOFKY: Madame Chair. Nanci's

1 got a good point. C is the local resident zone  
2 communities that are the ones that are going to be  
3 saying who is allowed to be able to collect.

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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: Right, if we did an  
6 E, yeah.

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8 MR. BOSKOFISKY: So if you've got  
9 Perryville, Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake,  
10 Ivanof, those communities under C, by having that -- if  
11 they want to use a permit system, to be the ones to  
12 collect, well, those are the only people that are going  
13 to be able to take these horns and bones out of  
14 Aniakchak. That's going to keep that guy away from  
15 Glennallen from coming down and taking them. And  
16 that's the one reason we picked the C so that we could  
17 have say-so to the superintendent of who is allowed, so  
18 that was how we picked that, was to give us the local  
19 access and hold the outsider out.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

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23 MR. HEDLUND: I agree with you on that,  
24 but it really on the preserve -- you see, this is for  
25 the preserve and the park. It isn't going to change a  
26 thing on the preserve. You don't have to have a permit  
27 to go in the preserve. I could go in the preserve  
28 anywhere. You could go into the preserve anywhere.  
29 And there's nobody there regulating it. I mean, they  
30 pick up anything they want in the preserve. This is  
31 mainly for the parks. And there's only, you know, a  
32 few set villages around the parks that's allowed in the  
33 parks. It's already regulated on who could go in the  
34 park.

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36 You know, the preserve, as far as I'm  
37 concerned, there is no stopping what's happening in the  
38 preserve. Like Nanci could go into any preserve, go  
39 fishing any time she wants. And there's nothing says  
40 she can't pick up something. I mean, it says she's not  
41 supposed to, but they do.

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43 And this is really as far as I'm  
44 concerned, the only change we're going to see is in the  
45 park itself.

46  
47 Thank you.

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49 MR. JONES: I have a question for  
50 Thomas.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. John.  
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3 MR. JONES: What would you do with the  
4 horns?  
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6 MR. HEDLUND: I just take -- like I'm  
7 allowed to hunt sheep in the park with a permit. See,  
8 I have to go get a permit in order to go sheep hunting.  
9 And if I found, you know, a shed horn or whatever off  
10 of a sheep, I could pick it up with, you know, this  
11 permit. Without the permit now I can't touch it. And  
12 but in the preserve that's the same way, but they're  
13 not supposed to, but you could land in a preserve or go  
14 anywhere in a preserve you want to go.  
15  
16 MR. JONES: No, I mean, if you picked  
17 -- say you found a good set of horns and you picked  
18 them up, what would you be -- besides wanting them,  
19 what would you do with them?  
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21 MR. HEDLUND: Probably take them home  
22 and put them on a shelf. And that's it.  
23  
24 MR. JONES: Okay. I have asked the  
25 question to many hunters, how they cook the horns.  
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27 (Laughter)  
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29 MR. JONES: Because I have never had  
30 them, you know. But, you know, I always see  
31 discrimination to people no matter where they live, in  
32 which village they live in. And if there was a way to  
33 make a permitting system that allowed somebody from  
34 Adak to come up to one of these parks or whatever and  
35 get a permit say for each park or wherever you wanted  
36 the permit, you only allowed 500 permits per year. And  
37 the people that did something with them had to have  
38 like a silver hands permit, too, to go along with their  
39 permit for picking the horns, to make items or whatever  
40 they do with whatever, you know. I'm not too good on  
41 that. I would like to see, you know, anybody's that's  
42 capable of crafting with them or whatever, be able to  
43 get a permit, and the only way they can get their  
44 permit is to be able to make a Native craft out of it,  
45 instead of having whoever, you know -- it would sort of  
46 eliminate a lot of Alaska residents, but, you know,  
47 because if they were non-Native. That's the way I'd  
48 like to see it read, you know, anybody that is Alaska  
49 Native that is going to sell it, I imagine that's where  
50 it would go, but I would like to see it written up

1 somehow where you could be Alaska Native with a silver  
2 hand permit to sell that item if you went to the park  
3 and collected them.

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5 MR. HEDLUND: I think if this is -- I  
6 think if you picked it up legally in a park, you could  
7 probably sell it, couldn't you? Like the bear?

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9 MS. McBURNEY: If it were a legally  
10 harvested, you know, subsistence animal like a bear or  
11 whatever, yes. And as long as you were observing any  
12 other requirement, like sealing requirements, yes, you  
13 could do that.

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15 MR. HEDLUND: So I think that answers  
16 your question. I think if they picked it up, they  
17 could sell it. Just anybody that's eligible to get in  
18 there. Not just anybody could get in a park, that's  
19 the thing.

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21 You see, when Lake Clark was made, they  
22 put it on top of us. We were there before the park.  
23 When Katmai came in, I mean, they just came in and did  
24 it, but they came on top of us and we said, hey, you  
25 can't do that. We've got to keep our, you know,  
26 subsistence rights. And that's why the villages are --  
27 or you're eligible. If you aren't in -- if you don't  
28 live in Nondalton, if you live on Lake Clark, right in  
29 the park, you're not eligible unless you pass this 14  
30 -- or what number is anyway.

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32 MS. MORRIS LYON: 13.440.

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34 MR. HEDLUND: 13.440. If you're --  
35 you've got to pass that, and I think that's pre-'82 or  
36 something like that. And you have to have to have used  
37 the park. So Lake Clark is a little different than  
38 Katmai.

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40 MR. O'HARA: Katmai is a wilderness.

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42 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So what's the  
45 wishes of the Council. You can make a motion to accept  
46 the three alternatives or develop another one as it's  
47 been discussed.

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49 MR. HEDLUND: I'd like to make a motion  
50 we support B.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
2 been a motion to support Alternative B.

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4 MR. WILSON: Seconded.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seconded by  
7 Richard. Any question.

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9 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. If this  
10 motion goes through, that's going to be set in stone  
11 for all of these, Aniakchak and Lake Clark are going to  
12 have the same permit requiring or whatever B is allowed  
13 to deal with.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Madame Chair.  
18 I'm going to be voting against that motion, because I  
19 just feel like regardless if they're doing it or not,  
20 Tinny, I think it's our resource, and I think that even  
21 as a RAC board we have the right to and responsibility  
22 to protect the resource. And I'm not saying that it's  
23 going to change a whole lot, but if something starts  
24 happening in a big way, we would be able to change a  
25 whole lot if it wasn't so wide open. And so for those  
26 reasons I just feel like I can't vote in favor of that.

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28 Thank you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: John.

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32 MR. JONES: I'd like to see an E or  
33 something else, you know, just to protect everybody,  
34 you know. I'd like to see something in there that we'd  
35 be able to change it if it wasn't working, too, you  
36 know, if it turned out to be a bad thing or.

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38 MR. HEDLUND: I think that's where this  
39 Board comes in. I think the Board could change it if  
40 it doesn't work. Oh, I'm sorry.

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42 MR. JONES: Madame Chair.

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44 MR. HEDLUND: I think that's what this  
45 Board is. I think the Board could change it, you know,  
46 if it didn't work, you know, like we're trying to  
47 change it now, you see. They've got it where we can't,  
48 you know, and we're trying to change it to where we  
49 can. And then I think down the road we could probably  
50 change it back if we needed to.

1 MR. JONES: Well, I thought if you  
2 voted for one individual part of it, you know, like B,  
3 that's the way it would be. You know, I'd like to see  
4 something in there that says you could change it to  
5 widen it or shrink it down or do whatever you want with  
6 it, besides having it say, okay, this is the way you  
7 guys wanted it, and that's way it's staying, because a  
8 lot of things that goes through any board that passes  
9 something, down the road they go, boy, I wish we would  
10 have changed that.

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12 So I'd have to look for an E.

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14 MR. BOSKOFKY: Madame Chair.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Mary, do you  
17 have a comment on that, changing -- I guess there's a  
18 question about if any of these alternatives are --  
19 like, for instance, if Alternative B is voted, is that  
20 going to be set in stone, or is there going to be a  
21 time when that could be changed by the Board I guess  
22 is what the question is standing now.

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24 MS. McBURNEY: Madame Chair. At this  
25 point in the process, what the RAC is doing is stating  
26 a preference at this point. And then that preference  
27 will be taken a look at with all of the preferences  
28 expressed by the other RACs and then a decision will be  
29 made as to which of the alternatives is -- will be  
30 selected.

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32 Now, I can also share with you right  
33 now that Alternative D is the preferred alternative  
34 that has been expressed by the Regional Director of the  
35 National Park Service in Alaska.

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37 But based on what I've been hearing  
38 around the table, I've just been making a few little  
39 notes here, and if I can just share with you my notes  
40 to see what you might think, that I heard that parts  
41 and pieces of each of these makes some sense, but  
42 Alternative B, C, or D doesn't really make -- none of  
43 these alternatives really seem to address all the  
44 issues that people have.

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46 What I heard was that Alternative B and  
47 their approach with eligibility for people that, you  
48 know, live in a park or a monument, or a resident zone  
49 community, or have a 13.440 permit, that that approach  
50 works really -- makes some sense. So that like the



1 Alternative B approach to eligibility for people in  
2 parks and monuments makes sense. That's what I think I  
3 heard.

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5                   However, eligibility for people in the  
6 preserves, that perhaps the approach of D makes more  
7 sense. That it's a bit more restrictive, that somebody  
8 that wants to collect those materials in the preserve  
9 would need to have a customary and traditional use  
10 finding for each species in each game unit that they  
11 wish to collect in. So that would be the D approach.

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13                   As far as permits are concerned, I'm  
14 hearing a couple of different things. No permits and  
15 maybe a permit, which kind of leads me to either an  
16 approach that would be like B, which is no permits, or  
17 perhaps where the SRC and the superintendent can sit  
18 down and figure out, you know, whether a permit is the  
19 best way to go, and make the decision that way.

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21                   And then finally the fourth thing would  
22 be what kinds of conditions would you want to put on a  
23 permit. And again I thought I heard more of a  
24 preference towards an approach like C which would be  
25 again to leave it kind of discretionary, that the  
26 superintendent could do that in consultation with the  
27 SRCs, and while it doesn't say that there's  
28 consultation with the RACs, you can infer that there  
29 would definitely be consultations with the RAC as well  
30 regarding an approach. You know, trying to figure out  
31 what the best conditions would be.

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33                   So I'm just throwing that out there in  
34 terms of notes that I've taken so far. I don't know if  
35 that truly captures where you're coming from, but it's  
36 basically what I heard and jotted down.

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38                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, I guess  
39 we have a standing motion to Alternative B, and it's  
40 been seconded, but we need a call for a question.

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42                   MR. WILSON: Can I make a comment,  
43 please.

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45                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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47                   MR. WILSON: I know we're kind of  
48 lengthy here, and people are probably tired of hearing  
49 this, but, so, Nanci, your idea of just -- you're  
50 basically hung up on the wolf portion of this, that

1 everything else kind of fell in line, to leave it kind  
2 of loose, but you just didn't like the idea of  
3 Glennallen people coming down and being able to, under  
4 D, accessing the area through a wolf permit. Is that  
5 where you were hung up?  
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7 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Richard. That  
8 pretty much hits it on the head. And my idea of  
9 crafting an alternative almost entirely mirrors exactly  
10 what I jotted down on my piece of paper from what Mary  
11 had said, is to kind of do a combination thereof to  
12 afford some protection to the resources where we would  
13 still for the most part have a say in who gets to use  
14 them by the superintendents in consultation with us,  
15 and yet the local residents would not have to worry  
16 about that. They would have access already.  
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
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20 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. We probably should  
21 vote on it, and I don't think it's going to go  
22 anywhere, and then maybe take a break and have a little  
23 committee write up something with Mary that we can  
24 pass.  
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26 Call for the question.  
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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
29 been a question. All in favor of -- I guess we'll do a  
30 roll call. Donald, do you want to do the roll call on  
31 this motion.  
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33 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
34 Roll call on the motion made by Mr. Hedlund to move to  
35 support Alternative B, and it's seconded by Richard  
36 Wilson. I'll get my list here. The motion is to  
37 support Alternative B.  
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39 Mr. Dan O'Hara.  
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41 MR. O'HARA: No.  
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43 MR. MIKE: Ms. Nanci Morris.  
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45 MS. MORRIS LYON: No.  
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47 MR. MIKE: Ms. Molly Chythlook.  
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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
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1 MR. MIKE: Mr. Alvin Boskofsky.  
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3 MR. BOSKOFKY: No.  
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5 MR. MIKE: Mr. John Jones.  
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7 MR. JONES: No.  
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9 MR. MIKE: Mr. Thomas Hedlund.  
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11 MR. HEDLUND: Yes.  
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13 MR. MIKE: Mr. Richard Wilson.  
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15 MR. WILSON: Yes.  
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17 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Four against  
18 the motion and three supporting. The motion fails  
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20 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.  
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
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24 MR. O'HARA: We have dignitary here  
25 today, the representative of the Secretary of Interior.  
26 We don't have a rubber stamp board, in case you haven't  
27 figured that out.  
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29 (Laughter)  
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
32 the motion according to our vote failed. Okay.  
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34 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Madame Chair. I have a  
35 question on process. Have you guys heard from the  
36 public on this already? Or is this just something  
37 that's brought up and then arbitrarily decide to vote  
38 on it without a hearing?  
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40 MR. HEDLUND: Yes. In.....  
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42 REPORTER: Microphone.  
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44 MR. HEDLUND: Oh. Yes, In Lake Clark  
45 National Park we did. This is where we got it from was  
46 the local, you know, people. They'd like to see this,  
47 because they have the same problem I ran into, you  
48 know. I get a permit to go hunting and there's shed  
49 horns and you can't pick them up. And you can't go out  
50 and collect birch bark. You can't go out and collect

1 anything. And this -- the Lake Clark National Park,  
2 that's where, you know, the people of the part area,  
3 that's what they wanted. So that's how we come up with  
4 it.

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6 MR. CHYTHLOOK: I guess my concern is  
7 this is the first time I've heard. I might have missed  
8 it in Dillingham if it was discussed. If it's an  
9 ongoing thing that's been discussed, fine, but it seems  
10 like the public process.

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12 REPORTER: Sir, you'll have to come up  
13 to the microphone. I can't pick you up. I'm not  
14 picking you up. You'll have to come up to the  
15 microphone.

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17 MR. CHYTHLOOK: I can hear. You can  
18 hear me.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 REPORTER: The recorder can't.

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24 MR. CHYTHLOOK: You can hear me loud  
25 and clear.

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27 REPORTER: The tape recorder can't.

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29 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Well, if you want me  
30 to, sure.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Well, any given  
35 regulation that would affect people within a region I  
36 think deserves a due process. A public hearing. I'm a  
37 resident, just like anybody else, a user, and I've been  
38 in the State process for years. And if there's a  
39 regulation change proposed by a RAC, Federal  
40 Subsistence Board, I think it deserves due process.  
41 And just to have an arbitrary decision without due  
42 process, you know, unless it's already -- unless I'm  
43 wrong. If it's already been heard, you know, I'd like  
44 to be corrected.

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46 Thank you. That's why I raised the  
47 question.

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49 MR. HEDLUND: On your comment, I think  
50 it's been out there for a couple years now, hasn't it,

1 Mary? I think it's been a couple years we've been  
2 hashing this thing over back and forth for -- I think  
3 it's been out in the public for at least two years.

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5 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Well, I guess as public  
6 commenter, I have not problem with it if it's been in  
7 the process for a couple years. And if it will help  
8 the horn and antler getters get the horns and not hunt  
9 our game, that's fine with me.

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(Laughter)

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13 MR. HEDLUND: See, you by-pass the  
14 hunt.

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MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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18 MS. MORRIS LYON: Hey, Joe, in addition  
19 to what Thomas had said to you, this is an  
20 environmental assessment through the National Park  
21 Service which is open for public review and public  
22 comment separate from us. I believe all they're asking  
23 us for are recommendations today along with these other  
24 SRCs and RACs. You can correct me if I'm wrong, Mary.

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MS. McBURNEY: That's correct.

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28 MS. MORRIS LYON: So I don't feel -- I  
29 mean, I don't want anybody to feel like we're closing  
30 anyone out there off from public comment. I think that  
31 it can be made either to us or directly to the National  
32 Park Service and it will be heard I believe. Am I  
33 correct?

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MS. McBURNEY: That's correct.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think  
38 it's time for a break. So let's take a 5, 10-minute  
39 break and then get back to the next agenda item, the  
40 next action agenda item.

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(Off record)

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(On record)

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Our  
47 meeting is back to order.

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49 And before we go on, I think we're  
50 going to have Nanci give us a new wording for possibly

1 alternative E.

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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Thank you,  
4 Madame Chair.

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6 I would like to throw one more motion  
7 out there for us to take into consideration. And let  
8 me also say that one of the reasons I want this motion  
9 to go forward is because we are in the public hearing  
10 comment phase of this environmental assessment. And I  
11 want it to be seen as much as anything by anybody in  
12 the public as well as other SRCs and RACs to be able to  
13 consider as a viable alternative, or give them  
14 something to work off of.

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16 It's my understanding that once we have  
17 a vote and let people know what our thoughts are, it's  
18 not the final vote. Once everything's recollected  
19 again, the Park Service will bring back what public  
20 commenters have said, as well as other regional RACs  
21 and SRCs, and hopefully be bringing the best of all of  
22 those worlds together to come up with a viable plan  
23 that we can all think of as something that's going to  
24 be workable and amendable.

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26 So with that thought in mind, that is  
27 the main reason why I would like to put this proposal  
28 forward as possibly E, and so that others might see it  
29 and take it into consideration and be able to comment  
30 on it as well throughout this period.

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32 My proposal would have the local RACs  
33 or SRC stipulating who is allowed, in conjunction with  
34 the National Park Service, including regional area  
35 residents, meaning folks that may not live in just the  
36 villages that are approved for the park or the monument  
37 or the preserve, would still be eligible. That would  
38 be up to the SRCs and RACs, and, you know, with some  
39 input for the Park Service obviously.

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41 Outsiders would need permission and  
42 permits to access these resources. The superintendent  
43 would be responsible for administrating the permits and  
44 the permission, and that would be in consultation with  
45 the SRCs and RACs on, you know, whether they needed to  
46 come in there, and, you know, obviously biological  
47 reasons for the plant materials and what not would have  
48 to be taken in consideration, too.

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50 There would be a mandatory reevaluation

1 of the process every 12 months. So if we got something  
2 really wrong, we could reevaluate it and hopefully fix  
3 it or head in the right direction.

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5 In order to speak to the Park Service  
6 in a little bit more terms of what they put in front of  
7 us, basically the park and monument portions as defined  
8 in B would be what I would envision my E as including.  
9 People using the preserve would have D eligibility  
10 requirements in this one that I'm putting forth.

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12 Permitting would be a combination of B  
13 and C with the idea that local area residents would  
14 have as little restriction as possible of any and all  
15 conditions and stipulations.

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17 And that would be my motion.

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19 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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23 MR. O'HARA: I'll second that motion.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a  
26 motion and second to develop an Alternative E including  
27 Alternate B and C.

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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, just  
30 incorporating what is.....

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Incorporating  
33 the two. And there's been a motion and second. And if  
34 we can have a question, we can vote on this.

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36 MR. O'HARA: We can have a discussion.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any  
39 discussions regarding the motion. Richard.

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41 MR. WILSON: I could be in favor of  
42 this motion due to the fact that it does include area  
43 residents, and it requires non-resident people to be  
44 permitted.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And I  
47 think that's what I heard on that, that the non-local  
48 people will be permitted, will be required to permit.

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50 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair. That's

1 correct. My specific wording was that outsiders will  
2 need permission and a permit. That regional area  
3 residents, which is even a little broader span I  
4 envision, Richard, than just local, but our whole  
5 entire regional area residents would not be on  
6 restriction and would be able to avail themselves to  
7 these resources.

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9 MR. O'HARA: May I?

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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13 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Mary, could you  
14 come back up here, and I want to ask you a question in  
15 relationship to restrictions.

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17 We are -- a 13.440 permit, that's the  
18 C&T people, and those who are out of region are not a  
19 C&T people.....

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21 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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23 MR. O'HARA: .....that Nanci is talking  
24 about in this motion; is that right?

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26 MS. McBURNEY: Mr. O'Hara, the way that  
27 the Park Service team approached the eligibility  
28 question, my understanding is that this was a really  
29 difficult one for them to deal with. And so they used  
30 the C&T findings as kind of the logical place to go,  
31 since those are already findings that have been made  
32 by the Federal Subsistence Board in terms of who is  
33 eligible to hunt what, where, and at what time.

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35 So that's why they have used that as an  
36 eligibility kind of screen-out factor especially in  
37 Alternative C and D.

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39 MR. O'HARA: So then the answer is yes.  
40 Well, let's see. Okay. The guys from Glennallen if  
41 they want to use them, (indiscernible, mic off) a good  
42 bunch of -- they're good friends of ours, and they're  
43 really do good work. They're not a C&T in our area  
44 from other districts; is that right?

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46 MS. McBURNEY: Let me see if I  
47 understand your question. You're asking whether  
48 somebody from out of the area has C&T?

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50 MR. O'HARA: Yes.



1 MS. MCBURNEY: The answer to that is  
2 that for some species they do. And wolves is one  
3 example. But to even make the whole issue more  
4 confusing, and maybe even more alarming, for species  
5 such as coyote, fox, hare, lynx, wolverine, grouse and  
6 ptarmigan, all rural residents have C&T for those. And  
7 so under the less restrictive eligibility requirements  
8 for the preserve, potentially anybody that is a  
9 Federally-qualified subsistence user could come here  
10 and harvest, you know, take -- collect these horns,  
11 antlers, bones and plants.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

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15 MR. HEDLUND: No.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So back  
18 to Kakhonak, so those people have eligibility through  
19 that criteria?

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21 MS. MCBURNEY: Madame Chair. That is  
22 correct. So those folks in Kakhonak have positive C&T  
23 for Unit 9, and they are eligible to go into Lake Clark  
24 Preserve, for example, or the Katmai Preserve and under  
25 one of these alternatives would be able to collect  
26 horns, antlers, plants and bones.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If  
29 there's no more comments, I guess we're ready to vote  
30 on this, and let's do a roll call on this one again.

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32 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. Like Joe  
33 says, I think it would be nice to hear from the public  
34 if there's anything, any questions.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
37 there's a request, if the public has any comments  
38 regarding this. Okay. Seeing none, we're ready to  
39 vote.

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41 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.

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43 MR. MIKE: Okay. Madame Chair. A  
44 motion was made by Ms. Nanci Morris on a separate  
45 alternative from the alternatives that were presented  
46 by Park Service, as she outlined. Do you want me  
47 highlight them again, or just go.

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49 MR. O'HARA: Yes, highlight.

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1 MR. MIKE: Okay. Okay. The main points  
2 on Nanci Morris' motion was that -- I can't even read  
3 my own handwriting now.

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5 (Laughter)

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7 MS. MORRIS LYON: Would you like me to  
8 read it again?

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10 MR. MIKE: Oh, yes, please.

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12 MS. MORRIS LYON: I'll be happy to.  
13 That local RAC or SRCs would stipulate who is allowed,  
14 in conjunction with the National Park Service, to  
15 include for use in an area, and this would be  
16 regionally, not just locally, so, you know, I would  
17 envision, just like Mary was saying, people from  
18 Kakhonak being able to access and make use of these  
19 things. Outsiders, meaning people who are not from the  
20 local region, would be required to get permission and a  
21 permit. The superintendent of the park would be  
22 responsible for administering those permits and giving  
23 permission, and would need to do this in consultation  
24 with the local SRC and RAC, and that this -- there  
25 would be a mandatory reevaluation of how this process  
26 was working every 12 months.

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28 MR. O'HARA: I have a question.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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32 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Tinny, since you're  
33 a big game guide, maybe I could ask, you could help me  
34 clarify this a little bit. You're up in the preserve  
35 in which the non-residents can take a moose or a bear  
36 or whatever. You're a licensed guide, and you're into  
37 the park. Maybe these non-residents can't go in the  
38 park and kill an animal, but you being a resident of  
39 Lake Clark, does this motion allow you to pick up a set  
40 of horns without a permit? And can your clients take  
41 stuff?

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43 MR. HEDLUND: Well, the clients would  
44 never be able to, because they're not an Alaska  
45 resident. Even with this permit. But without this  
46 permit -- I mean, even with this permit, I can't hunt  
47 in the park or preserve with a client, but I can hunt  
48 in the park and preserve with, you know, myself. With  
49 a permit, I could go into Lake Clark National Park, not  
50 Katmai or any other. Just Lake Clark. And as a

1 preserve, as a hunter, I could go into any preserve and  
2 hunt without any permission from anyone.

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4 MR. MIKE: With the motion stated,  
5 outlined by Ms. Nanci Morris, the motion was made for  
6 adopting this new alternative.

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8 Mr. Dan O'Hara.

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10 MR. O'HARA: Aye.

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12 MR. MIKE: Ms. Nanci Morris.

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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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16 MR. MIKE: Ms. Molly Chythlook.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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20 MR. MIKE: Mr. Alvin Boskofsky.

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22 MR. BOSKOFSKY: Yes.

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24 MR. MIKE: Mr. John Jones.

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26 MR. JONES: Yes.

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28 MR. MIKE: Mr. Thomas Hedlund.

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30 MR. HEDLUND: I'm going to say no.

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32 MR. MIKE: Mr. Richard Wilson.

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34 MR. WILSON: Yes.

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36 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. The motion  
37 passes six/one.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
40 you. I think, let's see. Our agenda, our next action  
41 item would be NPS hunting plan, 11-01. Who has that.

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43 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, the Gates of  
44 the Arctic hunting plan, 11-01 is the per diem issue  
45 that the Gates of the Arctic SRC are looking for  
46 comments from the Regional Advisory Council before they  
47 submit it to the Secretary of the Interior for review  
48 and approval. I believe Mr. Carl Johnson has more  
49 information.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. You can find this  
2 in your book on Page 52.

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4 The way that the SRCs work is they have  
5 to -- any type of proposal they submit which goes to  
6 the Secretary comes under the form of a hunting plan  
7 recommendation, even if it doesn't actually involve  
8 hunting or plans. But in this case it's a  
9 recommendation and a request from the SRC to increase  
10 the per diem rate for all SRC and RAC members. So it's  
11 not just limited just to the SRCs.

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13 As mentioned earlier for the new  
14 Council members during orientation, the Federal per  
15 diem rate is set in Washington, D.C., so we're not sure  
16 what effect, if any, this request will have. However,  
17 the SRC did request input from all the RACs. Most of  
18 the RACs have taken action in one form or another as  
19 this has been presented at every meeting.

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21 And if there are any questions, I'll be  
22 happy to answer any.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any questions  
25 for Carl.

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27 (No comments)

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29 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
30 Council.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And that's  
33 just informational?

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35 MR. JOHNSON: It's primarily  
36 informational, but they are actually inviting the RACs  
37 to provide support or feedback or, you know, in some  
38 cases took no action. But most of the RACs have  
39 adopted some type of resolution in response to this,  
40 either in support or -- I don't think any of them  
41 actually opposed it. There were a couple that took no  
42 action.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci.

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46 MS. MORRIS LYON: I guess while you're  
47 still up here, before you leave, I would like to hear  
48 the comments or support that you've had, just out of  
49 curiosity, from the others who have already responded.  
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1 MR. JOHNSON: Most of them have -- the  
2 ones who have supported it, you know, supported the  
3 general idea. You know, in speaking to several of the  
4 Council members and also some of the coordinators,  
5 there's kind of a common perception that, you know, the  
6 per diem rate could be higher to help to compensate for  
7 the expenses and time associated with participating in  
8 these meetings. And I definitely think that's well  
9 supported by all the Councils.

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11 There was a couple of Councils, it was  
12 kind of an interesting educational process, because of  
13 their location and their proximity with Park Service  
14 lands, they weren't used to the SRCs, so one Council in  
15 fact hadn't even heard of them before, so that was kind  
16 of an interesting process. And that was actually one  
17 of the ones that took no action.

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19 But for the most part, yeah, this is I  
20 think something that all of the Councils have  
21 supported, just because of the general perception that  
22 the rates could be higher compared to other agencies  
23 and other organizations that also have similar  
24 voluntary advisory councils like this, and, you know,  
25 the rates that they provide.

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27 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. In our  
28 SRC meeting, that teleconference we held, it was  
29 brought up in there, and the Board members were  
30 stressing that they'd like to see this proposal or this  
31 recommendation go through, because there was Council  
32 members that were pulling out of their pocket to pay  
33 for meals, and they believed that they shouldn't have  
34 to be doing that. They're serving on the Board, but it  
35 could be costly having to travel around and keep  
36 pulling money out of your own pocket to pay for meals  
37 or whatever. So our SRC supported this proposal.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Richard  
40 and then Thomas.

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42 MR. WILSON: I also would be in favor  
43 of this recommendation. Likewise, Alvin, I think so  
44 many times we leave here, you know, wishing to do our  
45 best for our region, and you find yourself pulling  
46 money out of your own pocket to make ends meet at the  
47 end of the stay, so I would definitely be in favor of  
48 this.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

1 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah. I think our SRC  
2 supported it also. Lake Clark. And I think it's a  
3 good idea.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl.

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7 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair. I also  
8 want to add a point of information also for the benefit  
9 of the Council. One of the things that I have been  
10 hearing increasingly as I speak with Council members,  
11 as I speak with my Council coordinators, members of the  
12 community, is that they want to encourage younger  
13 people to become involved in this Federal process, an  
14 particularly to recruit younger members of the  
15 communities to participate in the RACs. And  
16 consistently one of the things that I hear is that  
17 younger people are not interested in participating in  
18 the RACs specifically because of the per diem rate  
19 being perceived to be too low. And I think it's more  
20 than a matter of perception from what I'm hearing from  
21 the Council members, that it is in fact not really  
22 compensating for expenses associated with participating  
23 in these meetings.

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25 So if that is something that you all  
26 share as a belief, then certainly taking some action in  
27 support of or in recognition of this proposal would  
28 further to help I think add to the voices that  
29 hopefully find their way down to the right office in  
30 D.C. and to see if something can be changed.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, did you  
33 -- or Nanci.

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35 MR. O'HARA: What is the per diem that  
36 we get per day?

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38 MR. JOHNSON: The per diem, it varies  
39 depending on actually the community that you're  
40 traveling to for the purpose of the meeting. So it's  
41 going to be a different rate for each community,  
42 whether it's Naknek, Bethel, Nome, Fairbanks,  
43 Anchorage.

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45 MR. O'HARA: And then we, Richard and I  
46 and Nanci, we don't get a per diem for coming here  
47 today. If you're local, you don't get a per diem. Why  
48 don't we get a per diem? I mean, I sit here as long as  
49 anybody else sits here.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: That runs in to the  
2 difference between per diem and a stipend. Per diems  
3 are designed and only acknowledge compensating for  
4 expenses incurred in travel away from your home to the  
5 place of the meeting. So if you live at the location  
6 of the meeting, then there are no expenses associated  
7 with travel.

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9 Although technically if you use your  
10 own personal vehicle, you should be able to get  
11 reimbursed at least for the use of the personal vehicle  
12 based on the mileage rate. But other than that, there  
13 are no stipends for the RAC, so there's no actual  
14 compensation for your time, merely reimbursement for  
15 expenses.

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17 And, of course, then again that's one  
18 of the challenges then in recruiting people is  
19 acknowledging that, but I think stressing the  
20 importance of the role of the RACs and fulfilling of  
21 subsistence obligations under Title VIII is calling --  
22 you know, that's an important aspect of what you do.

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24 MR. O'HARA: Well, I came by dog team  
25 today, so it's going to cost you quite a bit of money  
26 for dog biscuits.

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28 (Laughter)

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30 MR. JOHNSON: How many pounds of salmon  
31 did the team eat on the way out.

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33 MR. O'HARA: Not as many as a bear.

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35 The other thing is this. As mayor I  
36 travel to Juneau and different places we go, they give  
37 us a half a day of per diem to travel. When you leave  
38 here at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, you get to Juneau  
39 at 9:00 at night. That's the silliest thing in the  
40 world, you know.

41  
42 And, of course, you know, Richard and I  
43 and Nanci, we've got jobs and money that we're going to  
44 make, and we come here and sit all day long, and -- but  
45 that's okay. We do it because there's a reason to do  
46 it.

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48 So thank you very much.

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50 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.  
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3 MR. WILSON: Out of this, I would like,  
4 you know, for us to send a message or to help them  
5 recognize that in rural Alaska it is very difficult to  
6 get around, and it's more costly. I know, you know,  
7 you said you've got to go to the Lower 48 to get, you  
8 know, approval. If there could be a painted picture  
9 of, you know, how tough it is out here to get around,  
10 you know, then maybe reality would hit them a little  
11 better, and they'd go, whoa, really, you know, it costs  
12 that much?  
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas, did  
15 you have your hand up?  
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17 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah, I do. Thank you.  
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19 Yeah. It's -- you know, you were  
20 saying about if it's in your town you don't get per  
21 diem or anything. It's like we go to Port Alsworth,  
22 you know, to go to that Lake Clark Park there, meeting.  
23 We don't get anything for that.  
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25 And, I don't know, do I get something  
26 for coming down here? I mean, it takes three days.  
27 One day to get here, one day for a meeting, another day  
28 to get home. So that's three days.  
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30 And like you said, young people ain't  
31 going to sit still for that, you know. That's why the  
32 older people -- you see older people at something like  
33 this here. They're the only ones that's got the  
34 interest.  
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36 Thank you.  
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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.  
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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame  
41 Chair.  
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43 Yes. And I would just -- my comments  
44 are just that I had read this proposal and I felt that  
45 it was well written, and my main comment is, I think  
46 all you have to do is look at things in rural Alaska,  
47 and it's well justified. I don't even think, you know,  
48 a person should have to stand up for it. All you have  
49 to do is make that observation, and it should speak for  
50 itself. In some ways I say, same on them. They should



1 have realized this without us having to come to them.  
2 But I would definitely support a motion, if we want to  
3 make one to support the proposal.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I think  
6 it should be justified. I know in the other per diem  
7 systems they have meals and -- excuse me, they have  
8 meals and incidentals for people, even people that are  
9 meeting within their communities.

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11 And regarding the young people, this  
12 might be the reason why that they're not interested.

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14 And then another reason is that to get  
15 into the RAC system, you have to fill out an  
16 application, and then have somebody else confirm you to  
17 be, you know, involved. And there's an experience  
18 requirement there that our young people might not have.  
19 And so if that -- maybe if that stipulation is lowered.  
20 I know that if we're wanting the young people to be  
21 involved, the requirements that are required to be on  
22 the RAC isn't -- they're not going to have.

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24 But as far as the per diem proposal,  
25 I'm in agreement of it, and it should be -- the local  
26 residents that attend should have the meals and  
27 incidentals, because, you know, they're here. I know  
28 when we have meetings in Dillingham, I leave my work to  
29 attend. But then we are passionate about our  
30 resources, about the issues that are involved. And so  
31 we sacrifice.

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33 And this proposal is just something  
34 that I support, because it's not -- it is a big deal,  
35 because of the sacrifices that we do. Even though we  
36 don't receive meals and incidentals, we attend anyway.

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38 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. Dan.

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42 MR. O'HARA: I'll make a motion that  
43 the Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory  
44 Council support the Gates of the Arctic SRC proposal  
45 regarding per diem.

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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: 11.1.

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49 MR. O'HARA: 11.1, is that what it is?

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1 MS. MORRIS LYON: 11-01 I guess it is.  
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3 MR. O'HARA: 11-01.  
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
6 been a motion to support the plan, 11-01.  
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8 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seconded by  
11 Nanci.  
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13 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.  
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Question's  
16 been called. All in favor 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: Hearing none.  
26 Thank you.  
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28 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
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31 (Off record conversation, microphones  
32 not on)  
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34 MR. O'HARA: Oh, National Park  
35 concessions?  
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.  
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39 MR. O'HARA: That's the next item?  
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. Okay.  
42 The next item is the NPR concessions?  
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44 MR. O'HARA: Yes. Concessions. Uh-  
45 huh. May I speak to that.  
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
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49 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Madame Chair. I  
50 wanted to maybe testify on that if I could.

1 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair.  
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.  
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5 MR. MIKE: Yeah. I was just wondering  
6 if the Park Staff here today would provide a background  
7 for the rest of the Council's benefit, or we can just  
8 go forward with the testimony.  
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10 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
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13 Ralph Moore wasn't able to be here once  
14 the meeting got changed. He had a conflicting  
15 appointment, so he wasn't able to make. So he kind of  
16 made some comments for me to read and pass on.  
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18 REPORTER: Your name?  
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20 MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, I'm sorry. My name  
21 is John Campbell.  
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23 And so basically for the guided hunting  
24 preserve EA, I have a statement here from Ralph. And  
25 then I believe Lisa Fox from the regional office is on  
26 the phone, and she could probably give much more  
27 detailed information about the process and where that's  
28 at.  
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30 Ralph had to say, we are preparing an  
31 EA for continued provision for sporthunting guide  
32 services in the Katmai National Preserve. Most of this  
33 guided hunting is for brown bears. We'll be looking at  
34 both guide area boundaries and number of clients. We  
35 have consulted on this issue and received valuable  
36 input and hope to hear more once the document goes out  
37 for public comment in late spring.  
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39 MR. O'HARA: Pardon me, what's your  
40 name?  
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42 MR. CAMPBELL: John Campbell.  
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44 MR. O'HARA: John Campbell.  
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Lisa, are you  
47 on line?  
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49 MS. FOX: I am, ma'am. Yes.  
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You  
2 have the floor for any comments?

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4 MS. FOX: I was told someone asked to  
5 have me just be available to answer questions. I can  
6 just, in lieu or that, before -- I'm sure folks do have  
7 questions, but in lieu of that, I can just explain a  
8 tiny bit about the background on the project and what I  
9 as the commercial service manager would love to hear  
10 for input.

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12 And we don't -- just for a little bit  
13 of background, this is a hunt guide concession  
14 prospectus which is the advertisement for business  
15 opportunity. In the past we've not conducted  
16 environmental assessments for these types of contract  
17 renewals for hunt guides. They've been categorically  
18 excluded, which is a lower level of this environmental  
19 NEPA, quote, NEPA, process.

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21 And so this is not a usual procedure.  
22 We had quite a bit of public input and commenting prior  
23 to the prospectus being published that wasn't  
24 necessarily solicited. So because of that, the park  
25 and the regional office decided to do an environmental  
26 assessment to look at several aspects of the project,  
27 including the couple that John mentioned, which are  
28 client numbers and client limits. Excuse me, client  
29 limits and guide areas.

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31 So the background on the current  
32 concessionaires is that there are two -- there were two  
33 very unevenly units in the past, and one of those is  
34 still occupied. It has a very small client limit of  
35 three per year.

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37 The other larger unit, which  
38 encompasses the north part of the preserve, the Marine  
39 Creek, Mirror Lake, Funnel Creek area, that  
40 concessioner was no longer operating as of 2009. And  
41 that had the larger client limit of 25. So that  
42 concession's been vacant for a few years now. So for  
43 2009, 10, and 11, no one had operated there as a  
44 concession, again primarily taking non-resident hunters  
45 that require guides.

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47 There are some residents that utilize  
48 that service, but it's definitely a small percentage.

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50 So the environmental assessment is

1 going to be out fairly soon, and what we're interested  
2 in hearing from a park perspective is the SRC's input  
3 on how they think it might or could influence or affect  
4 their, you know, use of the area. And we'd like to  
5 hear that.

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7 Right now there are different proposals  
8 under the different alternatives, somewhat like Mary  
9 explained for the collection of horns and antlers and  
10 subsistence products. There's going to be probably  
11 three alternatives. And those do have different  
12 implications, different client limits that aren't  
13 necessarily as dramatic as the ones Mary was  
14 explaining, but do have different effects. And I don't  
15 have the document in front of me, and I don't know that  
16 we're to that stage yet to have that put together. It  
17 will be posted shortly to the public, but at any rate  
18 that's what we're looking at doing.

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20 And again it's not the usual procedure,  
21 so we had some flurry of activity and comment before  
22 the prospectus actually comes out for bid. And that's  
23 anticipated to happen in November. We're trying to get  
24 it out during November and December.

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26 So hopefully that helps. I'm not what  
27 the context was of people's concerns, but that's where  
28 we are on the project.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thomas.

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32 MR. HEDLUND: Hi. I'm Thomas Hedlund.  
33 I'm a registered guide in that area. I live in  
34 Iliamna, guided there for, I don't know, the last 40  
35 years I guess.

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37 But I'd like to apply and I got a  
38 prospectus. I think it was for Lake Clark Preserve.  
39 And I can't afford a lawyer and someone that knows -- I  
40 couldn't find anybody that knew how to fill out that  
41 prospectus.

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43 So that I was just wondering if you  
44 guys are going to come out with something a little more  
45 user friendly as far as your prospectus.

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47 MS. FOX: They are difficult, Mr.  
48 Hedlund. Hi. I met you at Lake Clark SRC meetings.

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50 And, you know, you're talking the Lake

1 Clark one that came out in 2005?

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3 MR. HEDLUND: I think it was around in  
4 there sometime. And I do hunt that area. I mean.....

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6 MS. FOX: Yeah. You know, that  
7 unfortunately -- what we ask -- and this is the  
8 difference between us and the Fish and Wildlife  
9 Service, and what we ask in those prospectus documents  
10 is actually in the CFRs. It's in the 36 CFR  
11 regulations, some of that. So we're a little bit  
12 constrained, and it's a little bit more complicated  
13 than it needs to be.

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15 But what I have done, and I am happy to  
16 do for you or anyone who calls me, I've responded to  
17 probably about 30 people already, guides that are  
18 interested in those area. I've got old copies of  
19 prospectuses for them to look over, and then they can  
20 call me with questions so I can help explain anything  
21 they need to. We don't provide electronic forms,  
22 because that's incumbent upon the businessman. So that  
23 definitely is a limitation for some folks. But, you  
24 know, I'm happy to talk everybody through it, and  
25 explain what some of the questions mean.

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27 They've got example -- within that  
28 prospectus document is, quote, a sample offer outline.  
29 So there will be an outline in there. We just don't  
30 give it to you electronically, but there's a sample  
31 letter and there is -- there are forms to fill out,  
32 sample forms for your -- to evaluate your business  
33 statements that they ask for again under the CFRs.

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35 So I'm happy to talk you all through  
36 that, and I have done quite a bit. I've answered quite  
37 a few questions already.

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39 So unfortunately, I think the  
40 prospectus is going to look similar, but we are working  
41 on the questions to make them more clear, and we'll be  
42 happy to talk people through anything that they don't  
43 understand, and that it's -- we will do the best we can  
44 to make it understandable. I know that is the most  
45 difficult part of the process.

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47 MR. HEDLUND: Okay. Thank you.

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49 MS. FOX: Yes. So anybody you know  
50 that's interested, please send them to me, call me,

1 and I can put a couple in the mail to if you like of  
2 what I have for old documents.  
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4 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah. Would you, please.  
5 I'd appreciate it.  
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7 MS. FOX: Sure will. I can do that so  
8 you can look at them. Surely.  
9  
10 MR. HEDLUND: Thank you.  
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12 MR. O'HARA: Is this where we talk to  
13 her?  
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.  
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17 MR. O'HARA: Who am I speaking with?  
18 This is Dan O'Hara, Council member. What is our name?  
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20 MS. FOX: Hello, Mr. O'Hara. This is  
21 Lisa Fox. I'm the concession manager for Katmai and  
22 Lake Clark National Parks. I work here at the  
23 Anchorage office.  
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25 MR. O'HARA: Okay. I am not a guide.  
26 I'm just a subsistence user living here in Naknek, but  
27 I'm originally from Lake Iliamna, and has numerous  
28 amount of hours in the whole district of southwest  
29 Alaska in flying.  
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31 And I had couple of people call and ask  
32 if I would make a comment to you about the application  
33 process, and I think Mr. Hedlund has made some comment  
34 to it. And it seemed to me that the two people that --  
35 or the individual I asked today could not be here.  
36 He's out doing some hunting right now, seemed to think  
37 that your application process was just absolutely  
38 unacceptable as far as filling it out. And it's just  
39 amazing, it amazes me sometimes that some of these  
40 Federal programs just go completely out of control And  
41 if it can't.....  
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43 MS. FOX: You know, I sympathize with  
44 that. And I -- you know, the reality is, to put this  
45 in perspective, and it's very hard for me, because I  
46 realize how hard it is to fill this stuff out. And the  
47 reason that it's like it is is because the process that  
48 we have in regulation is intended to cover every type  
49 of concession that the National Park Service has. And  
50 these hunt guide concessions are the very, very bottom,

1 simplest end of this concession spectrum.

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3 I mean, and I'm talking Zantara Lodges  
4 at Yosemite. I mean, this is all the same process.  
5 They use the same criteria. There's five criteria that  
6 are outlined in the regs that we ask that are exactly  
7 the same for the hunt guides in our little areas and  
8 for Zantara Lodges that apply for Yosemite. So it's  
9 crazy in that respect.

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11 And so that's why it is the way it is,  
12 but I will say that, you know, what we require -- the  
13 hardest part is understanding what the questions are.  
14 The actual responses do not have to be complicated, and  
15 we have a whole variety, I mean, from a couple of  
16 paragraphs to, you know, basically what -- you can  
17 apply writing a couple paragraphs, a letter, describing  
18 your business on less than a page, providing an income  
19 statement. You do have to provide that, you have to  
20 have a business or explain that you're new, you're  
21 brand new. With those couple items and a resume that  
22 you're a guide, you can pretty much apply. It's just  
23 very hard to understand that from what we publish, and  
24 I understand that.

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26 So, you know, the best I can do on that  
27 is like I said, the document's going to look similar,  
28 but there is lots of help available to help people  
29 through that, and I am certainly willing to do that.  
30 And I have done. I hate that. And I hate I don't have  
31 anything else to offer you, but we've got regulations  
32 that we comply with, and since they come from  
33 Washington, that is unfortunately, you know, how the  
34 language has to read.

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36 But I will say when we get done, the  
37 contracts are only -- a lot of them are only nine pages  
38 long. So they can be really fairly short and sweet  
39 once we get past the initial process.

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41 MR. O'HARA: Well, I can tell this  
42 conversation's not going anywhere.

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(Laughter)

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45 MS. FOX: I'm sorry. That's something  
46 I can't offer you anything else as far as changes or  
47 controls. I'm just offering by way of explanation.  
48 And as I've learned, it's frustrating for me, too, but  
49 as I have learned more about the concession process and  
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1 the Park Service, it really unfortunately is a one size  
2 fit all, and we are way down here at the bottom end,  
3 you know, of what we need. I mean, it's very simple,  
4 what we're asking is fairly simple, it looks pretty  
5 complicated. So I have to do that on a one-on-one.  
6 I'm sorry.

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8 People can call me and I've got other  
9 resources and we've got other folks to help, so we're  
10 more than willing to do that for anybody.

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12 MR. O'HARA: Okay. I'm still on line  
13 with you here, Lisa.

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15 We had a retired biologist a number of  
16 years ago, Dick Sellers, who was a game biologist here  
17 at King Salmon at the State of Alaska. And he said you  
18 could kill 15 percent of all the bears on the Alaska  
19 Peninsula and still have more bears to deal with than  
20 you needed. And, of course, that's a huge number and  
21 we're not interested in doing that.

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23 But with this process going on, you're  
24 eliminating people from -- I mean, people that I've  
25 talked to who just have a real difficult time with  
26 this. They're not going to fill it out. They're not  
27 going to go get the bears. They're up at Kukaklek and  
28 Nonviianuk, and they'll come down to Levelock and  
29 they'll kill them down there. They just throw them in  
30 the river. So whatever you can do to help.

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32 Thank you. Good-bye.

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34 MS. FOX: Thank you. I appreciate  
35 that. And like I said, I'm hoping that -- I would ask  
36 if possible when the environmental assessment is posted  
37 if this body could find a way to make a comment. I  
38 would really encourage you to do that, and the park is  
39 eagerly awaiting your feelings on that. And again, if  
40 you have questions for the document when it comes out,  
41 John Campbell there is the biologist in King Salmon.  
42 Troy Hammond's available or myself to answer any  
43 questions, but we would really like to hear that either  
44 from the committee or from any of the members that are  
45 interested. We're surely wanting to hear that input.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Nanci,  
48 did you have a question.

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50 MS. MORRIS LYON: I do. I've got one

1 quick question. Lisa, this is Nanci Morris Lyon  
2 calling. I'm a member of this RAC, too.

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4 And mine's mostly out of curiosity, but  
5 I know at one point that -- I've actually been a  
6 concessionaire with the park for many years, 20, 25  
7 years. And I know at one point that when we made  
8 applications for certain concessions, they were  
9 evaluated down in Colorado. Do you guys evaluate  
10 locally now for these hunting concessions, or is it  
11 still a regional office decision? Or what -- I don't  
12 know how you work with that now, too.

13  
14 MS. FOX: We do evaluate them with a  
15 panel. And, you know, we can get panel members that  
16 are non-local. I'm not allowed to be on the panel,  
17 because I'm at the park. I'm allowed to answer  
18 questions. I would most likely attend to answer to  
19 answer questions. But they have kind of a strict  
20 evaluation procedure as they go through these criteria.

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23 My experience with it, it has been  
24 either it's people from around -- we try to get people  
25 from other parts of Alaska. So that's the vast  
26 majority. If they can't get somebody, they will go  
27 down to the Lower 48 and get other -- usually it's  
28 other concession specialists, you know, people in the  
29 field, so they understand what they're looking for in  
30 the responses. An

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32 I have found -- to be quite frank, I  
33 was on one panel for another unit here in the State,  
34 and I was really impressed with the folks. They were  
35 very diligent and it was very much a rank it by the  
36 book. We used a choosing by advantage matrix, which is  
37 this fancy-dancy, you know, way to rank folks. And I  
38 was really impressed with how impartial it was, and how  
39 well it went. So I'm really confident on that end of  
40 the process.

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42 And so, yes, we do try to get all  
43 Alaska folks if we can. If we for some reason can't  
44 work the scheduling, we do go Outside if we have to.  
45 But it's done here. It will be done here in Anchorage.

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48 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank you,  
49 Lisa. I guess my comment to that is just that I  
50 appreciate the diligence that you've seen the Council

1 put forth in the application process. My biggest fear,  
2 however, is that those who can't afford an attorney and  
3 make sure that the fancy-dancy stuff is answered in a  
4 way that a committee likes to see it answered, they  
5 could be eliminated when in reality they're the best  
6 option for the permit.

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8 And also if -- with Madame Chair's  
9 permission.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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13 MS. MORRIS LYON: I would like to  
14 request that once that EA comes out, that we might have  
15 it put in front of us so that we can put a comment  
16 forward perhaps as an entire Board, Donald.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MS. FOX: Yeah, that would be ideal,  
21 and I appreciate that. I appreciate your comment, Ms.  
22 Lyon. That's just absolutely correct. And that what we  
23 strive to do is to not be pre-biased as far as people's  
24 submissions.

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26 Again, with the hunt guides, it is very  
27 much the substance of what is written. And  
28 unfortunately, the thing about it is you do have to  
29 write what you mean to do. So that is -- and I think  
30 that doesn't always 100 percent come through. But what  
31 I've also seen is that the committee is able to pretty  
32 quickly cut through fluff, because very much again it's  
33 what the people say they are going to in those five  
34 categories. Protecting resources, providing services,  
35 that type of thing. And it is, it -- yeah, that's  
36 always disconcerting, because you think people could,  
37 you know, hire somebody and write something fancy. And  
38 I think that we're getting pretty good at figuring that  
39 out and cutting through the fluff. And there's no way  
40 to, you know, ease folks' mind on that, because I know  
41 that's always a worry, but if it's put in writing and  
42 put in front of that committee, they will definitely be  
43 fair and evaluate it is what I can say.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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47 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Richard  
48 Wilson here.

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50 Just speaking in general on the actual

1 -- you know, it's brown bear that this concession is  
2 after. And I just want to reiterate a little bit that,  
3 you know, we've been trying to be pretty liberal with  
4 not only regulations, but bag limits and stuff for  
5 brown bear, because we have so many. And they're into  
6 the parks, into the preserves, you know, and in our --  
7 on all of our Alaska coast here. and we have a bear  
8 problem. And it's been identified, and it's a growing  
9 concern. So in doing this, you know, I'd just  
10 appreciate you guys thinking about, you know, either  
11 liberalizing it a little or making it as simple as  
12 possible so that people that do want to go get bear  
13 have an opportunity to, because it is -- it's getting  
14 very -- you know, our resources that we're so much  
15 guarding, our moose and our caribou and others, are  
16 really threatened. So, you know, just really  
17 appreciate some good thought, you know, when Park  
18 Service goes into, you know, finalizing this thing, is,  
19 you know, that this is -- it's a major concern, and  
20 it's something that we need to take very seriously.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Is that  
23 -- do you have an additional comment, Lisa.

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25 MS. FOX: Ma'am, I do not. Thank you.  
26 And I just would reiterate if anyone has any questions  
27 about the process or would like to talk to me in more  
28 detail about it, I'm certainly happy to answer  
29 questions. I know it's daunting.

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31 And my goal is to get as many hunt  
32 guides to apply for these concessions as possible. And  
33 both units are open for grab, so to speak. And I'm  
34 happy to get good offers from anyone who's interested.

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36 And because of the size of the  
37 operations, I'm hoping to get a wide variety of outfit  
38 sizes from small to large.

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40 So please call, and I can -- I'd  
41 certainly be happy to provide my phone number if you'd  
42 like it, or I think some people have it, or Mary can  
43 provide my contact information. I'm happy to talk to  
44 anyone.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Lisa, do you  
47 want to give us your contact number right now.

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49 MS. FOX: I sure can. It's my phone  
50 number in Anchorage, is 644-3644. And my email is

1 pretty easy. It's lisa, L-I-S-A, with an underscore  
2 and then my last name is Fox, F-O-X at NPS.gov.

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4 Thank you very much. Appreciate the  
5 opportunity to say a few words, Madame Chairman.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Well,  
8 thank you. And do you have additional.

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10 MR. CAMPBELL: No, I don't, but thank  
11 you.

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13 MS. FOX: Thanks.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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17 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. As  
18 I was listening to the discussion, I think I heard  
19 correctly that the Park Service is coming out with the  
20 EA in November. And Nanci Morris requested that we put  
21 these on our fall agenda. So is there any way I  
22 can.....

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24 MS. FOX: If I may correct, Madame  
25 Chair. I'm sorry. It's confusing, because there's two  
26 documents coming out. One is the environmental  
27 assessment is due to be out in probably less than two  
28 months, so it will be out by I'm guessing May or June,  
29 fairly soon here. The actual prospectus document to  
30 solicit the offers will most likely be out in November.

31  
32 So the one that your body would maybe  
33 perhaps like to comment on, the environmental  
34 assessment, would be within say two months.

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36 Thank you. Okay. If you're all  
37 finished, I'm going to go ahead and hang up the phone.  
38 Nice talking to you all.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
41 you.

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43 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Lisa.

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45 MS. FOX: Thank you. Bye-bye.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we --  
48 instead of having this be an action item, are we going  
49 to be waiting for the EA, or how are we going to deal  
50 with this.

1 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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3 I was the one who put it on the agenda.  
4 So I think we'll just wait for the environmental part  
5 of it to come out, Donald, and then we're not going to  
6 be having a meeting, I don't think we're going to call  
7 a special meeting for that, but we're just going to  
8 have to individually contact Donald if we have any  
9 thoughts or concerns.

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11 In another two weeks we're going to be  
12 not worrying about environmental stuff, so it will be  
13 busy.

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15 MS. MORRIS LYON: Hey, Dan, I suggested  
16 fall meeting, because usually the comment period is  
17 long enough to encompass a meeting.

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19 MR. MIKE: Yeah, we can put it on the  
20 fall meeting. We'll put that on the agenda, and when  
21 the document comes out, I'll send out either an  
22 executive summary or in a CD format.

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24 Thank you.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
27 our next action item would be the tribal consultation  
28 update.

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30 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Madame Chair,  
31 and thank you, Council members. Just to reintroduce  
32 myself, my name is Jean Gamache and I work for the  
33 National Park Service in their regional office in  
34 Anchorage as the Alaska Native Affairs Liaison.

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36 It's a little disconcerting to see this  
37 other microphone as I'm watching people. Thanks.

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39 And just to give a little bit of  
40 background about myself, I worked for the EPA,  
41 Environmental Protection Agency, for many years in  
42 their tribal program. I have a law degree. I started  
43 with the Park Service just about exactly a year ago  
44 now, working on tribal consultation and working with  
45 the National Park Service efforts as we're working with  
46 rural communities, trying to help provide some of that  
47 liaison function.

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49 So I wanted to just brief you really  
50 quickly. I'm trying to be really aware that you have a

1 lot of things left on your agenda. I'll try to be very  
2 brief.

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4 But one of the things that we would  
5 like, that we are seeking, is any feedback or comments  
6 that you might have on these two draft policies.

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8 So if you turn to Page 12 in your  
9 books, I believe it's still the same page numbers. On  
10 Page 12, 13 and 14 there's an outline that provides  
11 some background and history to the development of these  
12 policies. This is tribal consultation in the Federal  
13 Subsistence Management Process. So consulting with  
14 tribes on a government-to-government basis as we're  
15 going through the management process, the regulatory  
16 cycles of overseeing subsistence harvest on Federal  
17 public land.

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19 The second policy relates to  
20 consultation with ANCSA corporations.

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22 So there's two policies included in the  
23 packet.

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25 And just some real quick history. A  
26 little over a year ago, maybe a year and a half ago,  
27 the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture directed  
28 the Federal Subsistence Board to develop these  
29 policies.

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31 The Federal Subsistence Board took  
32 action, created a work group. On the first page is a  
33 list of the work group members. There are two co-  
34 chairs. Della Trumble from King Cove and Crystal  
35 Leonetti from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.  
36 She's my counterpart at Fish and Wildlife. And then  
37 there's a total of seven tribal representatives and  
38 seven Federal agency representatives who developed the  
39 initial protocols that were used in the last regulatory  
40 cycle.

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42 So these protocols, the drafts were  
43 adopted by the Board last July and were used as the  
44 regulatory process. The regulatory proposals were  
45 being considered. The information that we were able to  
46 gather through those consultation efforts were used by  
47 the Board members, by some of the RAC members as the  
48 proposals were actually being considered.

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50 So the next steps, at the bottom of the

1 first page there's some specific steps that are  
2 outlined. I just wanted to mention a couple of them.

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4 Right now we've received significant  
5 feedback on the draft policies. We've held the two  
6 major comment periods where tribes were invited to  
7 provide comment, one during Bureau of Indian Affairs  
8 Rural Providers Conference, and then one for ANCSA  
9 corporations at the AFN convention. And I think Ms.  
10 Chairwoman, you mentioned those consultations earlier  
11 this morning.

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13 So based on the information, the  
14 feedback that we've received to date, we revised and  
15 modified pretty significantly the protocols that you  
16 see before you here today.

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18 Rather than being very detail oriented,  
19 it moved from being very detail oriented to being more  
20 of a policy-focused policy. Policy-focused policy,  
21 what a concept. Being very detailed to being more  
22 broad and comprehensive. So that's what you see  
23 reflected in these two drafts that are attached.

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25 So the next steps include the working  
26 group coming together yet again to work on some of the  
27 final revisions based on the comments and the feedback  
28 that we've been receiving. And also to look at kind of  
29 the nuts and bolts, implementation, guidance on how do  
30 we implement this effectively. So things like how  
31 does the information that we get from tribes, how do we  
32 get that information to the RACs, to the Subsistence  
33 Resource Commissions, so that you can consider that as  
34 you're looking at the proposals, as you're making  
35 determinations and you're making your recommendations.  
36 How do we make sure that you have the benefit of  
37 receiving that information as well. So kind of the  
38 nuts and bolts of implementing those policies is  
39 something that we're going to be looking at.

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41 We're meeting -- the work group is  
42 meeting later this month. And we would definitely  
43 welcome your feedback and input.

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45 There are three questions that are  
46 outlined on Page 14. These are just some prompts. If  
47 you have other thoughts, other issues that you'd like  
48 to try to address in your feedback to us, we definitely  
49 would welcome that information, and we are definitely  
50 interested in trying to make this an effective policy



1 that will be -- it will work for everyone. It will  
2 work for the Federal Subsistence Board process. It  
3 will work for tribes, it will work for ANCSA  
4 corporations, so that we do actually end up with good  
5 information, we end up with good feedback, and we can  
6 use that to make better decisions in the subsistence  
7 regulatory cycle.

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9 And then if you turn actually to Page  
10 15, that's the actual tribal consultation, that's the  
11 draft that we're working on right now. And so I would  
12 just ask that if you have any kind of feedback on that  
13 one, you can contact me, or you can contact anyone  
14 who's on the work group and provide that feedback to  
15 us.

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17 And then on Page 22 is the draft policy  
18 for consulting with the ANCSA corporations.

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20 So just a little bit of context and  
21 history for this consultation with ANCSA corporations  
22 is that in 2004/2005 Congress included direction to all  
23 Federal agencies that they need to consult with ANCSA  
24 corporations, and so this is in response to that  
25 Congressional direction.

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27 So it's slightly different because  
28 tribes and corporations are very different entities,  
29 and so we treat them accordingly. One's government-to-  
30 government and one is government-to-corporation, state-  
31 chartered corporations.

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33 The only other thing I wanted to  
34 mention is that there's kind of a flow chart on Page  
35 26. This outlines the process for the Federal  
36 Subsistence Board cycle, which, you know, coming new  
37 into the Park Service, I'm having to come up to speed  
38 on the Federal Subsistence Board and the regulatory  
39 cycles, and so this has been very helpful for me. It  
40 just outlines the regulatory cycle for a given -- in a  
41 year.

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43 So since we just finished with the  
44 regulatory cycle for wildlife harvest, we're moving  
45 into the fisheries cycle. So this is the process that  
46 is used in that process for the regulatory cycle.

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48 So what we're trying to do is figure  
49 out how does tribal and ANCSA corporation consultation  
50 fit into this chart, which is a real interesting

1 exercise. So again if you have any thoughts or  
2 comments that will help us be more effective as we  
3 continue fine-tuning these policies, we definitely  
4 would be interested in hearing from you.

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6 One other thing I wanted to mention  
7 before I end -- or open it for any comments or  
8 questions, is that we wanted to make sure that there  
9 would be time to adjust and change these policies, you  
10 know, based on actually implementing it. And so this  
11 is going -- our effort is going to be to try to  
12 maintain this as an open process.

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14 So in a year we're going to try to get  
15 feedback and get observations from people on how this  
16 worked. Did this work for you? Do we need to tweak  
17 it? Do we need to change it? So this is going to be a  
18 dynamic process. We want to make sure that we adjust  
19 it and make it as effective as we possibly can.

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21 So this doesn't end when this is  
22 adopted by the Board. That does not end the process.  
23 It's going to be ongoing.

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25 So thank you, Madame Chair. Unless you  
26 have any questions. Council members.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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30 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, I do. On Page 14,  
31 in the middle of the page, it's number 5, meet with the  
32 Board members, whichever are available, to discuss the  
33 draft prior to May Federal Subsistence Board meeting.  
34 Who's the Board going to be -- you're talking about  
35 there? Are you talking about the Council members? Or  
36 are you talking about the Federal Subsistence Board?

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38 MS. GAMACHE: Federal Subsistence Board  
39 and.....

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41 MR. O'HARA: That's who you'll meet  
42 with.

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44 MS. GAMACHE: Correct.

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46 MR. O'HARA: Uh-huh. Okay.

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48 MS. GAMACHE: And that would be the  
49 work group, the drafting work group. We'd be  
50 interested in getting feedback from the actual Board

1 members.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other  
4 questions. Richard.

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6 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Jean, just  
7 a little background history. Where did this mandatory  
8 thing come from? Where did -- if you go back, where  
9 did it actually originate, the tribal consultation  
10 thing.

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12 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Richard. This  
13 is actually long-standing. This is basically a  
14 reaffirmation of a long-standing responsibility of the  
15 Federal government. The trust responsibility that the  
16 Federal government has to Federally-recognized tribes  
17 is memorialized in statute, regulation, executive  
18 orders. Tribes were mentioned in the Constitution of  
19 the United States. It's a long standing trust  
20 responsibility. It's a long-standing political  
21 relationship between the Federal government and tribes.

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23 One of the ways that the Federal  
24 government meets that responsibility is through  
25 government-to-government consultation. And so with  
26 President Obama's reaffirmation a couple of years ago,  
27 there's been new direction given to Federal agencies to  
28 re-articulate basically how we are going to consult  
29 effectively on a government-to-government basis with  
30 tribes. And with the new direction given on the ANCSA  
31 corporations, how are we going to begin consulting with  
32 ANCSA corporations.

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34 And so it's a long-standing  
35 responsibility. It's -- the policy I think that you  
36 see in front of you is memorializing that  
37 responsibility and making it work, making it fit within  
38 the Federal Subsistence Board process.

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40 And just one other thing I wanted to  
41 mention is at the national level, every Federal agency  
42 has been directed by President Obama to develop a  
43 consultation policy for consulting with tribal  
44 governments. And so if you look up NOAA or if you look  
45 up Commerce, or any of -- Agriculture, HUD, every  
46 agency has developed a consultation policy for going  
47 towards meeting -- helping us to meet our trust  
48 responsibility to tribes.

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50 So this is a long-standing

1 responsibility, but I think you're seeing a new  
2 iteration of that, how that responsibility is being  
3 met.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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7 MR. WILSON: Okay. So the Federal  
8 government deemed it that, you know, we need to have  
9 tribal-to-tribal now. Where can Katmai National Park  
10 Monument be put into this play? Why does -- why are  
11 they excluded from this language or that mandate?

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13 MS. GAMACHE: Madame Chair. Actually  
14 none of the -- there's not a single Federal agency that  
15 I'm aware of, that there may be some specific  
16 exceptions, but basically there are no Federal agencies  
17 that are exempt from this trust responsibility. How  
18 that plays out and how that is implemented I think is  
19 what you're getting at.

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21 And Katmai National Park does have a  
22 trust responsibility to Federally-recognized tribes.  
23 In the context of the Federal Subsistence Board process  
24 though, if the Federal Subsistence Board does not apply  
25 to part of the park, then this would not apply to that  
26 portion of the park.

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28 However, having said that, there are  
29 many, many other actions that the park is responsible  
30 for implementing. Many other programs that they --  
31 many other mandates that they're required to meet, so  
32 if there's any development process that's moving  
33 forward, if there's a compendium process that's moving  
34 forward, if there's Native American Graves Repatriation  
35 and Protection Act actions, if there's National  
36 Historic Preservation Act, there are many other  
37 mandates that we're required to meet. If there is an  
38 action that a park is taking, if we go through the  
39 analysis and that action may impact a tribe or tribal  
40 interest, the park must move forward with a  
41 consultation process.

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43 That doesn't mean the tribes have to  
44 engage. If it's not an issue that tribes are  
45 interested in, or it doesn't affect them or, you know,  
46 they just simply don't want to engage, then they can  
47 choose not to engage, but as a Federal agency, we need  
48 to make sure that we create that opportunity for that  
49 engagement to occur, for that consultation to occur.

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1                   Madame Chair. Does that get to the  
2 Council member's question?

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4                   MR. WILSON: Yes. Thank you. It does.  
5 It just puts -- I'm just throwing light out there  
6 wherever I can to try to better understand I guess  
7 where we as an indigenous people might go to have a  
8 right reinstated back into the park somewhat. I mean,  
9 with very simple things rather than just the usage of  
10 fish when they seem deemed. So just pursuing avenues.  
11 And if there is any openings, we'd sure like to know  
12 about it.

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14                   MS. GAMACHE: And actually since we do  
15 have a representative from the Secretary's Office, if  
16 he has any comments that he would like to share that  
17 might help in responding to this issue and concern,  
18 then I would ask Mr. Pourchot, if he's still -- if he  
19 might be willing to share any comments that might help  
20 address this question, because I think that there are  
21 other avenues. I think they're very much long term and  
22 bigger picture, because it is I think a big issue. And  
23 so perhaps if there are other comments that Mr.  
24 Pourchot can help provide to us.

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26                   Madame Chair. If that's something  
27 that.....

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29                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, that's  
30 fine if he would like to shed light on this.

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32                   MR. POURCHOT: My name is Pat Pourchot.  
33 I'm a Special Assistant to the Secretary of Interior,  
34 located in Anchorage.

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36                   I think Jean really covered the history  
37 and the background of why we're doing tribal  
38 consultation. And as Jean stated, it's nothing new.

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40                   I will say that it's a process that  
41 probably hasn't been consistently used across all  
42 agencies and all bureaus and all programs. And  
43 specifically the subsistence program for whatever  
44 reason up until about a year or two ago, it was  
45 believed that the subsistence program did not require  
46 tribal consultation.

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48                   And about I think it was a year ago  
49 last fall, we were trying to get some of the game  
50 regulations through final signing and signature in

1 terms of publishing in the Federal Register. And I  
2 went down to talk to our top solicitor, our lawyer who  
3 was signing off on the regulations, and she looked me  
4 in the eye and said, I'm not signing these any more if  
5 the Board does not engage in tribal consultation. So  
6 that started this particular process. But as Jean  
7 said, it is not unique in government, but it is  
8 certainly something that has come to the subsistence  
9 program and presumably will be conducted in a very  
10 similar way to other programs and other agencies.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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14 MR. WILSON: So how can you help us?

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16 (Laughter)

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18 MR. POURCHOT: I've been listening to  
19 some of your comments, and if I understand your  
20 position, you would like to hunt in Katmai National  
21 Park; is that right?

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23 (Laughter)

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25 MR. WILSON: A little extreme, but more  
26 simply egg picking, food gathering, just gathering  
27 things, you know, berries, plants. Simple things that  
28 seasonal things bring around here, you know, that we're  
29 not allowed to do. The only thing that we're allowed  
30 to do in there right now is to take the red fish that  
31 are left that they're played with all year long that  
32 are still alive, and they allow us to take those after  
33 they're spawned out. And that's the only thing that  
34 we're allowed to do in there for our needs for food  
35 gathering.

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37 MR. POURCHOT: Yeah. I think it was  
38 attempted to be explained some of the background before  
39 by the Park Service personnel. But as you probably  
40 know, the most simple explanation is that whereas  
41 subsistence opportunities were granted to rural  
42 residents under Title VIII of ANILCA, it outlined a  
43 number of particularly the new parks where subsistence  
44 would be allowed. The existing parks at the time,  
45 Glacier Bay, Katmai, Denali Park, and one new park,  
46 Katmai -- excuse me, Kenai Fjords, explicitly where the  
47 subsistence preference did not apply, where subsistence  
48 activities were not permitted. And that was on -- it's  
49 in law now.

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1 I was actually back in D.C. working on  
2 the legislation, and following it for several years at  
3 the time. And I can't actually remember or tell you  
4 kind of what the rationale was. I think there was an  
5 assumption, probably erroneous, that because those  
6 parks, and like Katmai had been established for so  
7 long, and there had been no hunting per se in those  
8 parks, that keeping them closed was not going to be a  
9 real hardship on local people. That was the working  
10 assumption.

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12 In Katmai it was 1913 or 1918 when it  
13 was established by First Executive Order. So there's  
14 barely anybody alive today that was doing things in the  
15 park. Of course, there was a huge eruption, too, at  
16 the time. And I think the assumption was the same for  
17 at the time McKinley National Park and Glacier Bay  
18 National Park.

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20 And I think probably there's a case to  
21 be made that there were certainly subsistence  
22 activities going on in those areas prior to park or  
23 monument designation. But I think that was the stated  
24 rationale.

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26 MR. WILSON: So I guess just my  
27 question to you would be, as a member here of this  
28 community is to help us pursue wherever possible those  
29 -- that very scenario that, you know, we were here  
30 before they chose to turn it into a park, and we had  
31 usage of the area, and that they've -- since then  
32 they've denied us that usage. And I just want to keep  
33 reiterating it, because it is an important factor in  
34 these communities that outline -- if you look at the  
35 map, you know, the park, you know, really does  
36 encompass a lot of communities that had been displaced.  
37 And they all share the same views, and it just would be  
38 awesome to be able to be part of that.

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40 MR. POURCHOT: Thank you very much.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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44 MR. O'HARA: Well, Jean beat me to the  
45 punch there, Pat, because I was going to make sure you  
46 come up and talked to us.

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48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. O'HARA: A long way from the days

1 of Juneau.

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MR. POURCHOT: Yes, sir.

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MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Down there helping us out in a lot of areas, and it's nice to see you again. I'm glad you came out and visited our Council, because it's really good to have you here. And it's been -- and then the last few years there have been some very things done and happen with -- you know, help with the RAC to get some of these things like Richard's talking about, little nitty-gritty things that we've just got to -- like talking to this lady about an application that takes a Harvard grad, you know, it's just -- government is so complicated that maybe grassroots people like yourself who come from Juneau and places that people have lived and worked is always helpful, and we appreciate you doing that.

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MR. POURCHOT: Madame Chair, members of the Board. If I could take the opportunity also just on behalf of the Secretary and our agencies and the Board to thank you as RAC members for your service.

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And we got some conversation on the per diem subject about, you know, what it's like to be a citizen serving on a board, and there are sacrifices and I don't want anybody to think that that is not -- that it's somehow lost on the Secretary and the appointment process that it goes through, and we're all -- I think we've been very fortunate to have some well qualified, dedicated member of our RACs.

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To tell you the truth, the application pool in the last several years has shrunk, and it's not -- we're not getting as many applications. And so on one hand we're very appreciative of the service we do get from folks like you. And, you know, I think we all need to kind of redouble our efforts to recruit new people, and particularly younger people. And it is a challenge.

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The other thing somebody mentioned this morning, I think you, sure, that you had gone to one of the recent Board meetings. I like to think in the last two or three years there's been kind of again redoubling of efforts by the Board to involve the RACs and as you witnessed, if you go to the board meetings RAC Chairs or RAC representatives are part of the conversation involving issues for your region.



1                   And I just returned from Juneau. There  
2 was a Board meeting down there, and there were -- the  
3 Southeast RAC was prominent in that process. And there  
4 were a lot of good comments to the Board from RAC  
5 people about kind of feeling better about their input  
6 and the importance of their input to the Board process.

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8                   And I think as many of you I hope know,  
9 the Secretary of Interior with the concurrence of the  
10 secretary of Agriculture, just appointed two additional  
11 public members who are subsistence users specifically  
12 representing subsistence interests on the Board.  
13 Anthony Christianson from Hydaburg, and Charles Brower  
14 from Barrow. And along with the Chairman, Tim Towarak,  
15 from Unalakleet. I think we're going to see even more  
16 knowledge and experience and informed decision making  
17 with people with very personal subsistence background.

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19                   So hopefully things are getting better.

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21                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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23                   MR. O'HARA: A number of years ago when  
24 I was Chairman of the RAC here, the Federal Board in  
25 all their wisdom decided that they would make rainbow  
26 trout a sportfish. And so that meant that, you know  
27 -- and it was a big fight on the floor at the Hilton --  
28 at the Captain Cook Hotel. Channel 2, and I was Chair  
29 and I was speaking against the issue, of course. That  
30 big old TV was right there, you know, wanting to get  
31 all the garbage they could get on subsistence versus  
32 recreational type stuff. And I think there was -- I  
33 forget how many Board members were on the Fed side, but  
34 we won that by one vote. And it was a Park Service  
35 swing vote that gave us the right of subsistence to a  
36 sportfish, rainbow, up on the King Salmon River on  
37 Gertrude Creek, where a guy would come in with an  
38 airplane that was worth probably a quarter of a million  
39 dollars so he could sportfish it, but I couldn't go up  
40 there and subsistence,

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42                   And so I'm glad to see that, you know,  
43 some changes are going to be made for the good or for  
44 subsistence, because that is our first right of  
45 refusal. So I'm glad to hear that in this.

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47                   And that's just one story. I've got  
48 lots of them.

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50                   (Laughter)

1 MR. O'HARA: And I'm getting really  
2 old, by the way.

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4 MR. HEDLUND: Aren't we all.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
9 more comments regarding this.

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11 (No comments)

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I've got --  
14 under the questions for Regional Advisory Councils, I  
15 think Richard's comment would fit under bullet 3, and  
16 that's one of the concerns that would probably fit  
17 under bullet 3.

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19 But the majority of my work with the  
20 State was educational for me. And it's just been a few  
21 years that I've been dealing with the Federal program.

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23 And what's been so confusing and  
24 sometimes discouraging is the perspective of how the  
25 Federal works. And anything that comes on is usually  
26 nationwide. And for those of us that live within our  
27 region, you know, our focus is on our regional issues,  
28 and to deal with our people within the region that are  
29 regionally focused. It's hard for them to understand  
30 that the Federal programs are focused on nationwide.

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32 And I'm just hoping that this tribal  
33 consultation process is going to be a little bit more  
34 Alaska region concept, because just traveling out of  
35 State, dealing with the tribes out of State, they've  
36 lost a lot of their traditional and ecological  
37 knowledge information. And they -- the consultation  
38 part, they have that, but I think Alaska is unique in  
39 our subsistence, in our culture, in our tradition where  
40 we've got our resources. We still have our culture  
41 that we abide by. And so it's -- I'm not surprised  
42 that Alaska region and even regional people are so  
43 focused on their regional issues, not really expanding  
44 out nationwide.

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46 And that's one area that I'm hoping  
47 with this consultation that it will be narrowed down to  
48 where people will be able to recognize it and deal with  
49 it within region.

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1                   And just going through and reading  
2 through the tribal consultation policy, one area that  
3 I'm sure the Board have already dealt with is any time  
4 anything like this comes on, any policy that comes on  
5 where there's money involved, I'm just hoping that  
6 since training for tribes is within this policy that  
7 it's funded well, because if -- it seems like so many  
8 times a program comes in and there's processes that are  
9 put into place, and when it comes down to approving the  
10 policies and then comes down to like for instance  
11 training, there's a minimal budget for that. So that's  
12 one area that I'm hoping that will be considered by the  
13 Board.

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15                   MS. MORRIS LYON: May I make a comment,  
16 too?

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18                   MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Madame Chair  
19 and Council members. I'll be sure to convey your  
20 comments and observations to the work group as we're  
21 meeting. And again, if you have additional information  
22 or comments, I'd definitely be interesting in hearing  
23 those.

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25                   MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. I want to take  
26 advantage and thank you, Pat, as well for coming out  
27 here. I feel honored that you would come, and I  
28 appreciate your ear while you're here.

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30                   And I know that I'm a little off base,  
31 too, with this one, but I'm going to piggyback on one  
32 of the other issues that I've seen out here over the  
33 years, and know that has been a cause of some  
34 frustration, and it's also kind of a piggyback on some  
35 of the things Molly was talking about.

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37                   But, you know, one of the issues, too,  
38 with our lack of ability to access and use the  
39 resources available to us, literally right outside our  
40 back door through Katmai National Park, is the huge  
41 change of guard that we see all the time. And even  
42 though we have people that have been out here that have  
43 been qualified to become, you know, main people in the  
44 park, whether it's, you know, as a head manager or  
45 whatever, because of qualifications that the park  
46 requires for them to move around so much, they're not  
47 put in that position and left there. And I think it's  
48 really remiss on the park's part not to take  
49 extenuating circumstances into consideration, which I  
50 think we totally are. You know, I think the parks in

1 Alaska fit into that category. I think that they're  
2 better served by the residents who live here and  
3 understand the issues and our concerns and what's  
4 important to us than they are by the people who are  
5 cycled out on a regular basis, because the park  
6 employment demands it.

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8 So I do appreciate you coming and  
9 listening and I'll keep that brief. I think you know  
10 what I'm talking about.

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12 MR. POURCHOT: Well, thank you very  
13 much for the comment.

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15 You know, I kind of wear two hats. One  
16 is the Secretary of Interior Federal U.S.-wide hat.  
17 And the other is the 40-year Alaska resident hat which  
18 is very parochial, and frankly that's what I view one  
19 of my jobs as is to look out for all these uniquely  
20 Alaska situations and issues and laws and that  
21 certainly is something that I think we see probably  
22 more than other places in the country. And, you know,  
23 I've seen so many park regional directors come and go  
24 over the years, I've completely lost track. And that's  
25 on the regional level, but on the superintendent level,  
26 it's even more so I think. And we do lose -- we lose  
27 something in that process.

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29 Ironically, the budget situation that  
30 we're now facing might actually help that in some  
31 sense, that there's less money, less travel money and  
32 moving costs, which are sizeable for Alaska. I mean,  
33 that's kind of a backwards policy I recognize, but I  
34 think that we do need to kind of make special efforts  
35 to keep people when they're valuable and they're part  
36 of a community, and obviously learning every year more  
37 and more about the unique situations. And I think it's  
38 a great goal.

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40 The other thing that kind of ties into  
41 this is the local hire program which we had in  
42 existence for 30 years. It went away for a couple of  
43 years. Senator Murkowski on our strong behind the  
44 scenes support clarified the law here last fall, and we  
45 are resurrecting the local hire program. Frankly it's  
46 been applied more for seasonal work and for lower  
47 graded work, but it had a larger purpose at the time,  
48 dating back to when ANILCA passed, which wasn't limited  
49 just to that. It was trying to get local people with  
50 local experience into the ranks of the Fish and

1 Wildlife Service and into the ranks of the Park  
2 Service. And we have a refuge manager in Fish and  
3 Wildlife who's local, from Bethel, and we have had some  
4 local park folks in the parks, but frankly not enough.  
5 And I think this Administration and this regional  
6 director for Fish and Wildlife and Parks has taken more  
7 interest and more dedication to try to get more local  
8 people into the park and refuge management.

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10 And that really addresses some of the  
11 concerns you raised. I mean these are not people who  
12 are eager to transfer to some refuge in Florida.

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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

17 Richard.

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19 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Pat. Thank  
20 you so much for bringing that up. It was a topic that  
21 I was going to save here for later with Park Service's  
22 report.

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24 But we had asked here a year or so ago  
25 about a liaison position here in King Salmon, and I was  
26 glad to hear that we are under local hire preference  
27 now in some cases. And I'm wondering if -- you know,  
28 when's the appropriate time or in their budgeting can  
29 we put in this position? We've been asking for it, and  
30 our park management isn't here today for me to ask that  
31 question, which is one of them that I did have today  
32 for them. We've been looking to get a liaison person  
33 between us and, you know, the National Park system for  
34 that very reason, for communications and hiring. And  
35 we just feel it's very important that we have that  
36 position here, because it's kind of a unique situation.  
37 And so any effort put towards that would be much  
38 appreciate, because it doesn't look like we're getting  
39 much -- or the Park Service isn't getting a whole lot  
40 of help for that position here.

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42 MR. POURCHOT: I'm happy to. Through  
43 the Chair. I'm happy to raise that with the regional  
44 director of the Park Service. I'm not familiar with  
45 that, but we can certainly look into it.

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47 There are other situations in Alaska.  
48 I know one notable one with Fish and Wildlife Service,  
49 they have lots of interests on the North Slope, but  
50 they had not had an office or a liaison person on the

1 North Slope for many, many years. And they recently  
2 established a small office up there.

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4 And, of course, there is a Park Service  
5 office here, so, you know, it might be even easier, but  
6 I don't know the details of that. But I'm happy to  
7 pursue it.

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9 MR. WILSON: Awesome. Thank you.

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11 MR. POURCHOT: Thanks.

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13 MR. WILSON: Appreciate it.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. One  
16 more comment, On Page 18 under training, I'm happy to  
17 see that there's going to be a policy for training  
18 Federal Staff. And I would like to punctuate under  
19 that training policy that the Federal Staff be trained  
20 under cultural implications of the region that they're  
21 working with. So culture training.

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23 When we have teachers, an influx of  
24 teachers in our local high schools, and what's really  
25 made a difference of those teachers that come in has  
26 been cultural training to where they're educated on the  
27 cultural concepts of their training -- or their  
28 stations, it be Togiak or Dillingham.

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30 Even though we may all be people of  
31 this region, even within our little, separate little  
32 regions, the cultures differ. So I think that would  
33 eliminate a lot of misunderstanding if the Federal  
34 Staff could be culturally trained when they come in.  
35 There are two or three new people that I met this  
36 morning, but I think that would enhance the  
37 understanding of not only the Federal Staff people, but  
38 it would -- I think it would really enhance the  
39 communication processes between local people and the  
40 agencies. It would probably eliminate a lot of  
41 barriers, too, for that.

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43 Thank you.

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45 Any more comments.

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47 (No comments)

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49 MS. GAMACHE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

50 Thank you, Council members.

1 MR. POURCHOT: Thank you.  
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we're  
4 done with.....  
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6 MR. O'HARA: (Indiscernible, mic not  
7 on)  
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9 (Laughter)  
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Before we go  
12 into our other agenda items, I think I'm going to have  
13 -- I've been holding onto these all morning, or all  
14 day. So I'm going to call Frank Woods up for his  
15 testimony. And then I also have Joe Klutsch here after  
16 Frank. So let's listen to these two people, and then  
17 we'll go on with our agenda.  
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19 MR. WOODS: Good morning Madame Chair  
20 and members of the RAC. Frank Woods from Bristol Bay  
21 Native Association. Sitting here I'm representing  
22 Bristol Bay Native Association and 31 tribes.  
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24 The first thing I want to bring up is a  
25 couple of alignment proposals. The Board of Game, May  
26 10th, the Board of Fish, April 10th -- May 1st the  
27 Board of Game, April 10th Board of Fish proposals.  
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29 And as you know, the AC coordinator has  
30 been vacant for the last, oh, nine months now. Joe  
31 Chythlook retired three years ago? Almost three years  
32 ago. And Andrew Devalpine took his place, and he  
33 vacated that position at the State level in  
34 August/September. But he wasn't working all year. He  
35 has a summer leave.  
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37 So BBNA took on the responsibility of  
38 coordinating the Board of Fish, the Board of Game  
39 proposals that affected the villages of Bristol Bay.  
40 We hired Joe for the last two months; he's out of  
41 retirement until May 10th or something.  
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43 But what I've got in front of you is  
44 the first map shows -- it's a peninsula, it's the  
45 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou hunting area. On that map,  
46 it's open to the local villages that participate in  
47 that little registered hunt for 100 -- well, they  
48 bumped it up to 100 permits this year.  
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50 I sit on the Nushagak Advisory

1 Peninsula Caribou Advisory Committee. And I didn't  
2 know until I guess two -- Sunday, today's Tuesday,  
3 three days ago, looking at my GPS, the area to the  
4 east, which would be on the right side of your page,  
5 where there's a jagged line going down the Peninsula  
6 from the Igushik River south is all corporation lands.  
7 And realize if you shoot a caribou on Togiak National  
8 Wildlife Refuge land and you're on the border and it  
9 falls on the right side of that line, you're in  
10 violation of the law.

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12 So I called up our Refuge manager and  
13 Andy, one of the biologists that helped manage this  
14 resource. I said, why is that line there? He says,  
15 well, it's State. That's State regulated land under  
16 ANCSA. It's tribe (ph) limited land.

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18 So I called our land manager and asked,  
19 have you guys been approached for an MOU to allow  
20 hunting south of the Igushik River along that jagged  
21 edge so we don't become law breakers on our own land,  
22 to put it lightly. His answer was nobody's approached  
23 him.

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25 So I guess I would ask this Board to  
26 endorse a proposal to the State Board of Game to  
27 address special hunt areas within the boundaries of  
28 Federal lands adjacent to I guess State-regulated lands  
29 to fall in line, an alignment proposal of some sort so  
30 we don't become lawbreakers on our on land. That's the  
31 first one.

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33 This came up real recent. I mean, this  
34 is -- the hunt is until the end of March. It goes  
35 until March 31st.

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37 I don't know if you want me to keep  
38 going with different stuff I've got going on, or do you  
39 want me to stop and review this and how it would look.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Just stay with  
42 this. Are you still on this?

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44 MR. WOODS: Yeah.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Stay with this  
47 until you finish it.

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49 MR. WOODS: Okay. Thanks. So that  
50 would be a request from a participating tribe, or



1 basically BBNA to have the RAC endorse a proposal for  
2 alignment proposal, you know, like a Federal -- this is  
3 a Federal hunt, but they haven't ironed out all the  
4 issues on how to -- you know, this is one of them that  
5 would -- it doesn't make any sense. Caribou can run --  
6 and we caught -- and I tell you what, if it wasn't for  
7 the GPS, I wouldn't feel comfortable doing down there.

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9 With that I'll stop.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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13 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Frank. Thank  
14 you, Madame Chair.

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16 Frank, have you spoken with Andy on  
17 this, and is it something that he would support as is  
18 my first question that I would have on it. It makes  
19 total sense, but most of these do to us, and sometimes  
20 don't to the managers.

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22 MR. WOODS: Yeah. This falls under  
23 Game Unit 17C, special area. So it would include -- I  
24 haven't talked to Jim Wellington, and I'm pretty sure  
25 both of them would agree that this would straighten out  
26 all the issues with this little hunt.

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28 In the reg books, I didn't bring one,  
29 I've got stacks of them in my office, but I didn't  
30 bring a State regulation book, but there's a special  
31 section of 17, west of the Wood River, east of I  
32 believe the Snake River. And it would be really easy  
33 to align -- or an alignment proposal to include south  
34 of the Igushik area encompassing say Protection Point  
35 north. That's all it would do is be an alignment  
36 proposal that would really maybe.....

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38 Maybe Joe can help me.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, I guess,  
41 Frank, Nanci's question is I think this Board could  
42 really endorse it, we need to see if the agencies that  
43 are involved with this, like the Federal and State  
44 would support this.

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46 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Madame Chair, Joe  
47 Chythlook helping Frank Wood here with BBNA.

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49 I think the process probably would be,  
50 Nanci and others, is that BBNA would go ahead and write

1 the proposal, and we will seek help from the Togiak  
2 National Wildlife Refuge folks and get concurrence from  
3 Choggiung, Limited, and ADF&G who co-manages this hunt.  
4 And I think since the hunt's already in place, this  
5 probably could be viewed as sort of a housekeeping  
6 issue between the two Boards if it was written up  
7 properly as a proposal. So I aim to help Frank write  
8 that proposal in such a way and get concurrence from  
9 the two agencies involved, plus I guess the land  
10 owners, in this case Choggiung, Limited.

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12 So I think perhaps this may be a little  
13 premature, Frank, to seek help from the RAC to endorse  
14 this.

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16 MR. WOODS: Yeah.

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18 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Because you'll probably  
19 meet again prior to Board of Game meeting next fall,  
20 and at that time I think it would be a good time for us  
21 to bring the proposal to you for endorsement.

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23 But I think the concept that Frank is  
24 trying to convey is a good one. We've talked about it.  
25 And so it's just a head's up I think more than seeking  
26 help at this time.

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28 MR. WOODS: Yeah. Thanks, Joe. I get  
29 a little intimidated behind a mic, especially when it  
30 turns red.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 MR. WOODS: Because normally at the  
35 Board of Fish or Board of Game, they have a red light  
36 -- or, no, it's a green one. As soon as it turns red,  
37 you've got to stop. So I'm well trained in that arena.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci has a  
42 question. You want to turn your mic off.

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44 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. No, actually  
45 it's more of a comment. But, you know, I have always  
46 supported regulations that try to bring things in line  
47 and take trouble that's on the horizon away from  
48 subsistence users. So I would -- my comment is I  
49 highly encourage you to do this, and I'm more than  
50 willing to look at the proposal once you get it written

1 and offer support as long as it makes sense.

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3 MR. WOODS: Okay. Thanks. Okay. That  
4 one's solved.

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6 Then we have -- in that process of --  
7 we had a Nushagak Advisory Committee on the 20th of  
8 March, and then Togiak came up with a request that the  
9 Nushagak AC come up with similar language, that the  
10 Federal Subsistence Board adopt it as rod and reel is a  
11 methods and means as a subsistence use. And maybe to  
12 include there maybe a Board of Fish proposal that would  
13 align the two, because Togiak residents were -- let's  
14 put it this way. Federally-qualified subsistence users  
15 running up on navigable waters on State level aren't  
16 legally subsisting with a rod and reel. And that was  
17 their rationale, is that they would love to endorse or  
18 find some way to utilize that in their -- in maybe the  
19 State permit process. Because, you know, when you go  
20 apply for a subsistence permit, you document harvest,  
21 you document species, you document -- but maybe to list  
22 it as one of the tools or methods and means of  
23 subsisting, similar to harvesting -- subsisting for  
24 rainbows up on the Katmai River.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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28 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame  
29 Chair. Yeah, I would definitely, you know, support  
30 that proposal. I actually kind of think we may have --  
31 I mean, I don't think any of the Board members brought  
32 it forward last fall, otherwise it would probably be in  
33 the form of a proposal ever since we did have rod and  
34 reel accepted as a method and means. But I would  
35 definitely like to see the State adopt that as well,  
36 because there's no need to have special equipment with  
37 you when you're out in the field and have opportunity  
38 arise.

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40 MR. WOODS: Yeah. Thanks. So when it  
41 comes up, we'll probably have to review this process  
42 and maybe you'll lend us support. I don't think  
43 Jonathan really understood how that worked, but I  
44 addressed it. And that's what I want to address, just  
45 to bring it up.

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47 MR. CHYTHLOOK: I guess just to follow  
48 up, if I may, Madame Chair. Togiak Advisory Committee  
49 is going to meet this coming Friday, and Frank and I  
50 and others will have a chance to review what's written,

1 and help them draft a proposal that I suspect might  
2 pass the Board. So we'll work on that with them.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I have  
5 John and Thomas. John.

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7 MR. JONES: I was wondering if your  
8 subsistence fishing with a fishing pole, how do you  
9 regulate it from sportsfishing on your bag limit? And  
10 where do you go in between with that pole when you're  
11 in the river and you're catching, say, king salmon, and  
12 you're only allowed so many. How do you put that down  
13 as your subsistence? Does that become 250 king salmon  
14 per family?

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16 MR. CHYTHLOOK: I guess if I were to  
17 answer that, John, knowing what the Board will  
18 probably do, Board of Fish will probably do is -- we'll  
19 define better when we discuss it, but we'll try to come  
20 up with language I think which will use it as -- a  
21 reporting mechanism I guess will have to come along  
22 with that when you get the fish utilizing a rod and  
23 reel.

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25 I know, I think there's some precedence  
26 set in Alaska and other places. I'd have to look in  
27 regulation book. I've been away from it for a couple  
28 years, but I think there are reporting requirements and  
29 whatnot that would have to be outlined and set, and  
30 just like what we do when we catch -- similar to what  
31 we do do when we catch commercial-caught kings there in  
32 king season -- or red season as incidental catches.  
33 And we elect to take the home. The Board of Fish  
34 allowed the Department to come up with a mechanism to  
35 where we could report fish that we take home for  
36 subsistence use, and I think something like that  
37 probably could be worked out.

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39 MR. JONES: Well, I see a problem with  
40 using a pole for sportsfishing and subsistence fishing,  
41 unless you're -- because you have rules and regulations  
42 for sports fishing, and when it comes under  
43 subsistence, people would be out there -- well, we're  
44 not sports doing these, we're going to snag them, you  
45 know. There's a lot of stuff that really bothers me  
46 about the part of, you know -- if you want to go out  
47 and catch a king, get a sports fishing license, go  
48 catch one. But as far as making it where your  
49 enforcement comes up and you've got to either show them  
50 your fishing license or your subsistence license, I

1 mean, which one are you doing with that pole?

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3 MR. CHYTHLOOK: John, I guess the way I  
4 understand the proposal that Jonathan Forsling from  
5 Togiak is intending to bring forth is it's not that  
6 they are sport fishing per se. They're on a hunting  
7 trip, and they see an opportunity to catch a coho up  
8 above where maybe some of the sportfishing activity's  
9 taking place. Instead of laying a net out and catching  
10 20 cohos, utilizing a subsistence net, they want to be  
11 able to use a rod and reel and catch it and just take  
12 it and use it and report it as being caught for  
13 subsistence use.

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15 MR. WOODS: His direct words are that  
16 people were going up river and moose hunting, and if  
17 they go set a net, like Joe said, they're going to  
18 catch 20. If they bring a subsistence permit with them  
19 for rod and reel, they can actually fish and get dinner  
20 and not have to worry about, you know, catching 15, 20  
21 or whatever it may be with a net. And also additional  
22 gear in the boat. That was the intent of his request.

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24 So I agree, I guess this will be vetted  
25 at that.....

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27 MR. JONES: Well, what I was getting at  
28 is you wanted to catch a fish on the way you're going  
29 hunting, that sportfishing license already does that  
30 for you, and then you're not really robbing from the  
31 State on that sportsfishing license.

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33 MR. WOODS: Where this came from, I got  
34 a call from Togiak and they're in a refuge. They're  
35 landlocked by refuge land. The State's in there for  
36 the last -- you know, since Statehood they've been kind  
37 of lax on registration of skiffs. So the State's  
38 forcing the heavy hand of registration of skiffs,  
39 sportshunting license, and the local residents in the  
40 village, as you know, can have a heartburn when they  
41 have to buy a sports license to go subsist, so that's  
42 where it's coming from.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

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46 MR. HEDLUND: Mary could probably  
47 attest to this, too, but I think on Federal waters in  
48 Lake Clark we do have snagging as a methods and means  
49 of subsistence; is that right?

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1 MS. McBURNEY: I've been actually  
2 looking around for a fisheries (indiscernible, away  
3 from mic).  
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5 MR. HEDLUND: Oh, yeah, we do here.  
6 Well, I think it is in there. I think it passed here  
7 last year or something that.....  
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9 MS. McBURNEY: Because I'm thinking  
10 about the (indiscernible, away from mic).  
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12 MS. MORRIS LYON: It's been several  
13 years.  
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15 MS. McBURNEY: Yeah.  
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17 MR. HEDLUND: Several years ago, yeah.  
18 And that is a part of the method and means in Federal  
19 waters in Lake Clark anyway. We had the same comment  
20 that you go out with a net and get a hundred, why don't  
21 we just go out with a rod and reel like we usually do  
22 and get one. Let's just make it legal.  
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24 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Not to belabor  
25 this, I'm not quite as old as Dan O'Hara.  
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27 (Laughter)  
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29 MR. CHYTHLOOK: However, I was born and  
30 raised in Togiak, and before statehood and before  
31 Togiak National Wildlife Refuge came into play. That's  
32 how we used to do it.  
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34 Thank you.  
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
37 more comments on that.  
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39 (No comments)  
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So it sounds  
42 like Togiak Advisory Council will be writing that  
43 proposal, and then you'll bring that forward to the  
44 Fall.  
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46 MR. WOODS: Well, probably review it  
47 and ask for support in the fall it sounds like. So,  
48 yeah.  
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50 MS. MORRIS LYON: Board of Fish is

1 meeting this December, so if you want it on the docket  
2 and you want our approval attached -- or do you just  
3 want us to make comments to add to it after it comes  
4 out in the book; is that what you're looking for?

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6 MR. WOODS: Yeah.

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8 MS. MORRIS LYON: Because I was even  
9 going to suggest with your last, whichever one we were  
10 looking at, that perhaps you could call around and make  
11 sure that, you know, everybody was on board with it if  
12 we didn't meet the deadline, you know, give a chance  
13 for us to review.

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15 But, okay. I mean, if that's the way  
16 you would like our support, that's fine then.

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18 MR. WOODS: It would be nice to have  
19 someone else write these since we're.....

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21 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, have you talked  
22 to our secretary?

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24 (Laughter)

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26 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah, it's on Page 40,  
27 and it says, in Lake Clark and the tributaries, you may  
28 also take salmon without a permit by snagging, by  
29 handline or rod and reel.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Do you  
32 have additional.

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34 MR. WOODS: Yeah, I work for BBNA and  
35 they just passed Resolution 2012-04, and that's in  
36 support of BBNC's recommendations for proactive EPA  
37 action to protect the waters of salmon in Bristol Bay.

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40 As you know, that this issue is really  
41 hot and heavy in Bristol Bay, and the supporters say  
42 that trust the process. And this is part of the  
43 process. And we're just -- maybe I'm bringing a head's  
44 up that this will -- at your next meeting it will  
45 probably be before you, requesting endorsement to  
46 protect salmon spawning streams in Bristol Bay as a  
47 subsistence issue.

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49 So I like to bring things up forward,  
50 up front.

1                   And whether that -- you know, and this  
2 issue hasn't divided I don't think Bristol Bay. I  
3 think it's brought us together. And people that are,  
4 you know, for protecting the resource are really,  
5 really stepping up to the plate and actually taking and  
6 engaging in the whole process.

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8                   So in that light, and I can appreciate  
9 Richard's perseverance on the Katmai National Park  
10 issue. I grew up -- my grandmother loved cowboy  
11 movies. You know, cowboys and Indians. And I was  
12 always for the Indians.

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14                   (Laughter)

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16                   MR. WOODS: When they came up and met,  
17 the new Indian treaties, everybody said, how, and the  
18 whole process, you know, as I was growing up, you know,  
19 I watched the Indian people and the regulatory process,  
20 I learned -- and in the last few years, I've only been  
21 in this since '06. My first Board of Fish meeting was  
22 in '06. That's five years ago, six years ago now.

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24                   I've learned not to address and attack  
25 people's opinions, and I learned to address and attack  
26 the process. And, you're right, you're addressing it  
27 the way it needs to be done, because I need to know  
28 every step of the way. And this is not to downplay the  
29 Federal government, but when you're speaking to them,  
30 sometimes they've got a forked tongue. And also you've  
31 got to watch how you say yes to them, because sometimes  
32 you might not get what you want. And that process,  
33 you know, it needs to be fully outlined. I fully don't  
34 want to understand the whole park system process or the  
35 refuge process or how to deal with it. I just want,  
36 you know, like Molly said, we're regional. I'm in the  
37 trenches. Every time I stick my head up, (makes  
38 sound), there's a lot of bullets going by.

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40                   (Laughter)

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42                   MR. WOODS: You know, I've got enough.  
43 I just -- you know, we just finished up a migratory  
44 bird meeting that's separate from that whole process,  
45 and you've got -- add marine mammals, and you've got,  
46 you know, predator management. But in this day and  
47 age, we live in America. You're right, you have the  
48 right to sit there and question until you get your  
49 answer, and until how that process is done, you have  
50 the right to rewrite them laws at the Federal level to



1 get your needs met as a community. And that's what  
2 these Boards are for, you know. It's amazing. But we  
3 need more of you, we need more of me, and we need more  
4 of each one of you on the Board, and more people back  
5 there with less money. No, I'm just teasing.

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7 (Laughter)

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9 MR. WOODS: With that, I'll be quiet.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So this  
12 Resolution 2012-04 is just informational?

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14 MR. WOODS: Informational. If you want  
15 to endorse it, you can. It's a subsistence proposal  
16 and resolution in my opinion, to protect the salmon  
17 streams of Bristol Bay.

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19 In that light, I'll leave it up to you.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm  
22 hearing no comment. I don't know. Maybe we need to  
23 sit and think about it.

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25 MR. CHYTHLOOK: If I may on another  
26 note, Madame Chair, I heard a question raised about the  
27 consultation process earlier, where it came from. I  
28 also in part of my life, I sit on AFN Board, and  
29 several years ago as the history recorded in that  
30 consultation process, records Alaska's Native people  
31 who have been trying to work with the Federal  
32 Subsistence Board realized that there were some things  
33 missing when it came to consulting why -- after they  
34 submit proposal. The Federal Subsistence Board does  
35 not always accept the proposals. And then sometimes  
36 without explaining why they don't do it. And so some  
37 of the folks on a tribal level, and in particular on  
38 the AFN Board were really upset about that.

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40 And so they took the opportunity when  
41 Secretary of Interior Salazar made a trip up to Alaska  
42 for the first time in the history I think where he hit  
43 Bristol Bay and hit Dillingham first. And, of course,  
44 made appointments with the then Co-Chair and still  
45 remains as Co-Chair of AFN, Ralph Anderson, who also is  
46 executive director of BBNA, working through AFN to meet  
47 with the AFN Board, and as a result they had a meeting  
48 in D.C. about some of these issues.

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50 And as a result I think a lot of

1 positive things have come out of it, and as reported by  
2 the lady and the gentleman from the Interior, I think  
3 the process is well on the way to where we, I guess,  
4 AFN, and the RAC people from all over the State of  
5 Alaska have a better voice within the system

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7 And also, hopefully, when our proposals  
8 that we submit regarding subsistence are better  
9 addressed. And if they're not addressed better reasons  
10 given back to us as to why they are not, realizing that  
11 all the different categories of land, Federal land,  
12 State and whatnot we are in today, including ANCSA  
13 lands that we have to deal with, that all of these  
14 things come into play.

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16 And I appreciate the fact that this  
17 Administration under Secretary Salazar and others have  
18 been willing to address our concerns with us. So I  
19 want to convey that message that we appreciate that  
20 when you get back to your bosses.

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22 Thank you.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
25 you. I guess our next person is Joe.

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27 MR. O'HARA: Joe Klutsch.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Joe  
30 Klutsch.

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32 MR. O'HARA: Joe, the wheels of  
33 government turn very slow. You've been sitting here a  
34 long time.

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36 MR. JOE KLUTSCH: Yes, Madame Chair.  
37 My name is Joe Klutsch. I'm a resident of King Salmon.

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39 And I didn't anticipate any testimony  
40 today, but when I saw the agenda, there were some  
41 things I wanted to comment on. I've got a bit of a  
42 sore throat and we'll see if I can get through this.

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44 As I listened to Frank talk about the  
45 red light, there's only one thing that scares me worse  
46 than a red light, and that's a yellow one.

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48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. JOE KLUTSCH: Especially when I've

1 got five more minutes worth of stuff to say. So I know  
2 you're all tired, and I'll try and keep this as brief  
3 as I can.

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5                   Basically what I want to do is give you  
6 an update and a report of which I know a lot of people  
7 aren't that familiar with. And it's a State land  
8 program to allocate access and permits for guiding on  
9 State lands. It will be implemented by the Department  
10 of Natural Resources. We are in a final phase of  
11 comment as to how that program will be structured.  
12 We're right at the threshold of getting the required  
13 funding in Juneau, and we hope to have this program  
14 underway sometime in the end of this year and then  
15 permits issued by 2014.

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17                   Essentially what this thing does, it's  
18 going to allocate access on State lands. It's going to  
19 limit the number of guides able to operate on State  
20 land, and require them to operate in with restricted  
21 areas where their permits are valid. Similar programs  
22 are in place, as you probably know, on National Park  
23 lands and that's implemented through National Park and  
24 through their concession program. The U.S. Fish and  
25 Wildlife Service has a competitive special use program,  
26 call it a prospectus bid program. The Forest Service  
27 has one similar.

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29                   The objective was to -- it had multiple  
30 objectives when these things were -- Fish and Wildlife  
31 Service implemented 20 years ago: To reduce  
32 overcrowding. To reduce over-harvest. To try and  
33 eliminate conflicts with other users. To try and  
34 provide for accountability, better enforcement,  
35 stewardship. An incentive to protect what's there.  
36 Better care and attention to the habitat and the  
37 wildlife resources.

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39                   And it is a daunting process. And I'm  
40 looking at Tom right now, and I was listening to you  
41 talk about how you felt when you looked at the Lake  
42 Clark -- or the Katmai potential prospectus. It will  
43 scare the bejeebers (ph) out of you. I've been through  
44 two of those with the National Park Service, and just  
45 finished my ninth go-around with the U.S. Fish and  
46 Wildlife Service. It was a dreadful process, I mean.  
47 But I'm going to say this, from when I first went into  
48 it, it has made me a much better operator, a much  
49 better guide in all respects as difficult as it has  
50 been.

1                   But I think what's really important in  
2 terms of how you address -- how this plays out with  
3 subsistence uses is, as you know, a lot of these game  
4 populations are transient. They just don't hang out on  
5 the refuge or they don't hang out on the park-specific  
6 lands. They're alive. They're back and forth and all  
7 over the place. And that affects subsistence  
8 opportunities. Your subsistence opportunities are  
9 where you're able to find your animals.

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11                   And this is going to reduce conflicts,  
12 once it's implemented. There's going to be a lot of  
13 renegades that aren't going to make the cut. There's  
14 going to be a lot of people that have been bouncing  
15 around the State, hitting and clipping the grass, and  
16 running some place else without regard to other users  
17 or who they impact. A lot of these people are not  
18 going to be able to make the cut under this prospectus  
19 process when it comes to fruition, and we have every  
20 belief that it will. And that's going to benefit  
21 subsistence uses I'm just absolutely confident of it.

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23                   So essentially that's the gist of my  
24 report. And we've been working on this, I say we, our  
25 Hunter Association, and the Department of Natural  
26 Resources, for 10 years. And if you think the Federal  
27 agencies are hard to move, try moving DNR sometime.

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29                   That concludes my remarks.

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31                   (Laughter)

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33                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
34 comments. Nanci.

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36                   MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Joe, I just  
37 would like to thank you for coming forth and bringing  
38 us that report without having it be requested. I was  
39 aware that it was going on, but I had no idea exactly  
40 where the process had gone. And I just appreciate your  
41 time in coming out and doing that for us.

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43                   MR. JOE KLUTSCH: Thank you.

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45                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

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47                   MR. HEDLUND: Yeah. Joe, just a  
48 question you. I heard in Juneau they were having  
49 trouble coming up with the money for the -- to  
50 implement that. You said it's looking good now?

1 MR. JOE KLUTSCH: It is. It will take  
2 a conference committee to get it done, but it looks  
3 like the money's back in on the Senate side, and the  
4 support is there. That was the report I received as of  
5 yesterday. Compared with a lot of the other  
6 expenditures, the money they're talking about down  
7 there, this is \$150,000. And one committee on the  
8 House side, they reduced it to 75, and how it's back in  
9 on the Senate to bring it back up to 150. This is the  
10 same legislature, with all due respect to Mr. Pourchot  
11 who's lived through that process, that is talking about  
12 budgeting \$2.1 million to subsidize Hollywood film  
13 making in Alaska.

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15 (Laughter)

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17 MR. HEDLUND: Okay. Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
20 you, Joe.

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22 Moving along, I guess -- before we get  
23 to the agency reports, we have one more. Let's get  
24 that out of the way. It's Number 10, regulatory  
25 proposals. Is that just informational?

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27 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Yes, that is  
28 just informational, and a reminder that the deadline  
29 for fisheries proposals is March 30th, 2012. And if  
30 Council members or public or anyone interested in  
31 submitting a proposal, they can contact me, and I'll be  
32 able to assist them.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
37 you, Donald.

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39 Andy, are you still faithfully on line?

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41 MR. ADERMAN: Yes, Madame Chair, I am  
42 here if you can hear me.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Andy,  
45 I'm going to let you go first with the agency reports.  
46 So you're on, and thank you for your patience.

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48 MR. ADERMAN: You're welcome, Madame  
49 Chair. My name is Andy Aderman. I'm a wildlife  
50 biologist for the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.

1                   There's a report in your book. It  
2 starts on Page 58, and I just had one update, which is  
3 actually on the bottom of Page 59. And it deals with  
4 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou.

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6                   This is the same herd that Frank Woods  
7 mentioned. The planning committee met in January,  
8 reviewed the biology and management of the herd, and  
9 discussed harvest strategy. The basic recommendation  
10 that came out that meeting was to make available enough  
11 permits during the winter hunt to achieve a harvest of  
12 100 caribou. I think Frank mentioned 100 permits,  
13 although we actually made 115 permits available in five  
14 different villages.

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16                   The season started February 1st and it  
17 will end this Saturday or this Saturday will be the  
18 last day, March 31. We made the bag limit two caribou,  
19 and thus far I know of at least 50 caribou that have  
20 been taken. A lot of people still planning to go out  
21 yet this week and try to get their caribou.

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23                   That's essentially all I had. If you  
24 have any questions on this or any of the other topics  
25 in that report in your books, I'm here to try and  
26 answer them.

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28                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Andy, this is  
29 Molly. I know that 15 permits, caribou permits were  
30 issued or maybe given to Manokotak -- not Manokotak,  
31 Togiak for them to use to harvest. I'm not sure that  
32 they are utilizing those, because of the tragedy that  
33 they had in the community. And it sounds like the  
34 season's going to be ending here Friday?

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36                   MR. ADERMAN: It ends -- Saturday is  
37 the last day to hunt.

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39                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any of  
40 the Board members have any comments regarding --  
41 Richard.

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43                   MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Andy,  
44 Richard Wilson. Hey, I just really appreciate you guys  
45 taking the effort, going out and getting these surveys  
46 and updating us. I think it's a vital part of this  
47 process here, and it's much, much noted.

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49                   Thank you.  
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1 MR. ADERMAN: You're welcome, and thank  
2 you for the comment.

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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: Yeah. Andy, this is Dan  
9 O'Hara. How are you doing?

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11 MR. ADERMAN: I'm doing fine. Thank  
12 you.

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14 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Nice to hear your  
15 voice. Could you address the Mulchatna Caribou Herd a  
16 little bit? I don't see any -- maybe I'm not reading  
17 it right, the number of animals up there. On the  
18 bottom of your page the calf ratio is about the same as  
19 2012 as 19.5. And then you go on to say the bull/calf  
20 [sic] ratio at the last sentence, 2011, is the highest  
21 since 2007. This is still below the management  
22 objective of 34 bulls to 100 cows, and has been since  
23 2000.

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25 Could you address where this Mulchatna  
26 herd is going? I know it's been a huge drop off.

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28 MR. ADERMAN: Okay. Again, Andy  
29 Aderman.

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31 A photo census hasn't been done since  
32 2008 at which time it was believe there was at least a  
33 minimum of 30,000 caribou at that time. I think  
34 there's some indications that the herd has declined  
35 further, although I don't know that for sure.

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37 One of the things that has happened, or  
38 appears to have happened over the last, oh, two to  
39 three years is the herd has kind of split into the two  
40 groups, with roughly the Nushagak River being sort of  
41 the boundary between the two. The caribou that winter  
42 between Portage and King Salmon and they're still over  
43 there, that group calves up by Lime Village. The other  
44 group has wintered in kind of the Lower Kuskokwim, and  
45 that's a group that calves near Koliganek, sort of the  
46 mid Nushagak River region. We don't have, you know,  
47 counts for each of those groups.

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49 And I would mention that the bull to  
50 cow and calf to cow ratios have been combined from both

1 of those groups. Now, at some point if they remain  
2 separate, it may be that they get managed as two  
3 different groups, but, you know, that's yet to be seen.

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6 MR. O'HARA: I'm sorry. I had my mic  
7 on. Thank you very much, Andy. Appreciate that.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
10 more questions for Andy.

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12 (No comments)

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,  
15 Andy. And I want to again thank you for our report.  
16 I've always appreciated your written reports  
17 highlighting the topics and blurbs of information.  
18 That's been really educational I think for the Board.

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20 Thank you, Andy.

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22 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you, Molly.

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24 MS. MORRIS LYON: I lost my.....

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The  
27 OSM.

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29 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
30 And since this has been a long day and the Borough  
31 wants us out of the room by 5:00, I will be very brief.

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33 My main report consists on Pages 54  
34 through 56 in your book. And I'll just provide  
35 supplemental information, updated information regarding  
36 Staff changes at OSM, which is on Page 56.

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38 And that is that we have hired a new  
39 fisheries biologist. I believe his name is -- he came  
40 up from Izembek. And he just started last week.

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42 We are also in the process of hiring  
43 two new permanent Council coordinators. There are  
44 several Councils -- we actually have four Councils  
45 right now who do not have a permanent Council  
46 coordinator assigned to them. So by the next meeting  
47 cycle, there will be all new Council -- all of the  
48 Councils will be assigned a Council coordinator. And  
49 how we will adjust assignments is going to be a lot  
50 based on the preference of existing coordinators.



1 Certainly when I told Molly that we were hiring new  
2 Council coordinators, she said, don't take Donald.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. O'HARA: Second that.

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8 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. And I'll also let  
9 the Council know, I did contact all of the Council  
10 Chairs to receive input from them specifically on the  
11 qualities and characteristics of individuals they would  
12 like to see hired as Council coordinators. And since  
13 I'm the person making that hiring decision, I thought  
14 that would be really important to have from the  
15 Councils.

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17 And that is the highlight of what I  
18 have to report from OSM. Fortunately for me, Pat  
19 Pourchot had pretty much covered the big stuff on  
20 recent additions to the Board and the rest of it is in  
21 the written materials.

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23 Does anybody have any questions.

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25 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Thank you.  
26 Does anybody have any questions or comments.

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28 (No comments)

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30 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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32 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

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34 MS. MORRIS LYON: Appreciate your  
35 brevity, too.

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37 Okay. Who's next on my list here.  
38 Fish and Wildlife Service. Do we have somebody ready  
39 with a report on that. Dom, come on up.

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41 MR. WATTS: Madame Chair. Members of  
42 the Board. For the record, Dominic Watts, wildlife  
43 biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Service here in  
44 King Salmon. I'll make it real short and brief.

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46 We had the Federal subsistence brown  
47 bear season open again. The last time I checked it,  
48 there wasn't anybody that had applied for a permit or  
49 anything like that.

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1                   We helped the Alaska Department of Fish  
2 and Game with the composition surveys for the Northern  
3 Alaska Peninsula Herd. Just a real brief overview.  
4 Continued improved calf/cow ratios, so improved  
5 recruitment again. And Megan will probably speak to  
6 the details there. Also there's numbers in my report.  
7 But, yeah, basically good news as far as recruitment.  
8 Bull/cow ratio seems to still be a little bit on the  
9 low end, but that's to be expected with years and years  
10 of poor recruitment. Hopefully seeing that turning  
11 around.

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13                   We tried moose trend survey areas,  
14 which are done in the fall. And those give us  
15 composition data. In 9E we didn't really have good  
16 snow conditions in November and early December. So we  
17 didn't get the composition survey data, which is pretty  
18 common, at least since I've been here. But the Board  
19 has repeatedly asked for more surveys to be done, or at  
20 least improved data.

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22                   So what basically we've done is add a  
23 winter survey, and we survey those same areas. It's  
24 not really comparable to the fall counts, because these  
25 moose tend to move in and out, and we have collared  
26 cows that I'm confirming that with right now. But  
27 anyway, initiated some winter surveys so we can start  
28 to give you better numbers. And there's some numbers  
29 available in the report there, but basically we got the  
30 Anchor/Ivanof survey area, Black Lake, Mother Goose,  
31 Kejulik, Flats A, Flats B. I was able to do all those  
32 this year. And, yeah, so the numbers are all there  
33 for.....

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35                   MR. O'HARA: What page is that?

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37                   MR. WATTS: I'm not really sure  
38 actually.

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40                   MR. MIKE: 64.

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42                   MR. WATTS: Yeah, I haven't.....

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44                   MR. O'HARA: 64?

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46                   MR. WATTS: I've just got my report  
47 from -- and then I wanted to make a note that another  
48 biologist there at the Refuge has started some work  
49 with ptarmigan, looking at populations. We seem to be  
50 on an upswing of them, so there's been some interest as

1 far as those and subsistence uses and access to areas  
2 and stuff, so she's working on that.

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4 With that, I'll wrap it up, unless you  
5 have any questions.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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9 MR. WILSON: Just a note of interest.  
10 I know you guys are -- everybody's out there trying,  
11 you know, I really appreciate that, you know, trying to  
12 get some real numbers, you know. And you're getting  
13 composition stuff. But to know that, you know, we did  
14 request here last fall of entities trying to get  
15 numbers in. And I really appreciate that, you know.  
16 You guys are taking the effort to do it. But there's  
17 -- you know, it's winter counts are skewed in a lot of  
18 ways, because they're already -- you know, they've come  
19 and they've gathered together because of tradition or  
20 whatever, you know, so sometimes those numbers, even  
21 though they look there's a whole lot, because you're  
22 only flying a few places and they're all congregated  
23 there, it's kind of skewed. So we've just got to keep  
24 remember that. That's not a real population base.  
25 It's just composition stuff.

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27 So thanks.

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29 MR. WATTS: Well, so that's why I  
30 brought that up, is these winter surveys will give you  
31 a minimum count number, but there's no composition data  
32 available. The reason for that is bulls have dropped  
33 their antlers, and so we're doing it later in the  
34 season, so you can't get things like bull/cow ratios,  
35 calf/cow ratios, because you don't -- you know, some of  
36 those older bulls are dropping their antlers early, and  
37 you just can't tell them apart from an airplane real  
38 easy. So, yeah, it's not comparable data, but it gives  
39 us some numbers. There's some minimum numbers that you  
40 know are in those areas. But, yeah, they're changing  
41 seasonally, too.

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43 Those animals may or may not be there  
44 in the fall. Everybody knows as well as I do that  
45 these things move around quite a bit.

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47 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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1 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Where is Flat A and  
2 B?

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4 MR. WATTS: That's down by Mother  
5 Goose. It's kind of the outer drainage. So there's  
6 the Mother Goose drainage, and then right about the end  
7 where King Salmon River starts, that's Flats A. And  
8 then Flats B is just south, like Pumice Creek area.  
9 Yeah.

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11 MR. O'HARA: One of the complaints we  
12 always hear all over, wherever we go is the guides are  
13 taking moose from the subsistence user. And actually a  
14 lot of times the guides were quite a ways away from.  
15 And this is a hard question. Are the moose near the  
16 villages or are they out in, you know, different areas  
17 away from the subsistence user?

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19 MR. WATTS: Right. So a lot of  
20 villages that are going to be close to these trend  
21 areas are like in 9B and C. And to be perfectly  
22 honest, that's kind of -- I don't want to slough the  
23 question, but it's out of my area. So where my surveys  
24 are done are on like Refuge lands and surrounding  
25 areas. So we're kind of away from the villages along  
26 the coastline there.

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28 MR. O'HARA: Well, let's see. Is Port  
29 Heiden in your Refuge? Or that's State. That's State  
30 land.

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32 MR. WATTS: That's out on State lands,  
33 yeah.

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35 MR. O'HARA: And then Ugashik is State.  
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38 MR. WATTS: The closest I would have to  
39 that would be like the Meshik Valley, which I tried to  
40 get down a few times, couldn't get it down, and than  
41 the Dogs -- or, sorry, the.....

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43 MR. O'HARA: Dog Salmon?

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45 MR. WATTS: Yeah. Or the Cinder River.  
46 Apologies. The Cinder River.

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48 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, that's a long ways  
49 away.

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1 MR. WATTS: Yeah. That's about as  
2 close as I get.

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4 MR. O'HARA: King Salmon River, Dog  
5 Salmon River, Mother Goose Lake, and these are places  
6 that you possibly have, you know, Pilot Point and  
7 Ugashik.

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9 MR. WATTS: Yeah. And so that's where  
10 you're going to go is up the rivers.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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14 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madame Chair. On our  
15 SRC conference we had, we had people reporting from  
16 Port Heiden that they haven't seen a moose in that area  
17 all year. So where these numbers are being collected,  
18 I don't know. You know, it's got to be a lot lower  
19 than that and farther down. We're not seeing them at  
20 the lake any more or around close to the lake. Any  
21 that were gotten were gotten way out in the Black Lake  
22 area maybe towards Port Moller. There's nothing close.

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24 MR. WATTS: Right. And so most of  
25 these areas are set up to be conducted in that really  
26 good moose habitat, which unfortunately in most cases  
27 is away from the coast, away from the villages. So  
28 where these moose are being surveyed, it's not  
29 necessarily right outside of town kind of thing. So  
30 that's where maybe some of that discrepancy might come  
31 from.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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35 MR. WILSON: Yeah. One more. You  
36 know, you've got some ptarmigan counts and kind of  
37 things going on. What about the wolves? Any good news  
38 or any -- are they declining or what's happening there?

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40 MR. WATTS: Well, hard to say, because,  
41 you know, the efforts have just started as far as that,  
42 and it's only conducted on State lands.

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44 But I'll tell you, as far as the wolf  
45 study, you know, I have wolves collared from here to  
46 Port Moller. And a big chunk of those collared wolves  
47 and the wolves with them were taken. And I'm going to  
48 let Megan speak to that more than anything, because  
49 that's an ADF&G program.

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1                   But as far as my study animals are  
2 concerned in the area, we had survival rates  
3 dramatically decreased. If you're a wolf on the  
4 landscape, you had a rough winter, and it's not over  
5 yet.

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7                   (Laughter)

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9                   MR. WILSON: Appreciate that. I just  
10 -- I know, I was trying to hit the Federal side of it.  
11 So thanks.

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13                   Anything else?

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15                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Just  
16 looking at the ptarmigan, who's fighting over  
17 ptarmigan.

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19                   (Laughter)

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21                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It seemed like  
22 any study that happens is somebody's fighting over the  
23 resource or.....

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25                   MR. WATTS: You know, I'm not sure what  
26 caused that. It's kind of -- I'll ask Susan and maybe  
27 get back to you.

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29                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Actually Susan  
30 gave us the ptarmigan report during our migratory bird  
31 survey, so I just brought that out. Afterthought.

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33                   Okay. Any more questions.

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35                   (No comments)

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37                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, thank  
38 you.

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40                   The next one would be -- any more Fish  
41 and Wildlife Staff to give reports.

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43                   (No comments)

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45                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. NPS.

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47                   MR. CAMPBELL: Madame Chair and  
48 committee members. Thank you once again for listening  
49 to me. My name for the record is John Campbell, and  
50 I'm a wildlife biologist for Katmai National Park and

1 Preserve.

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3                   And like I said before, I'm kind of  
4 just -- Ralph has prepared a few things. Unfortunately  
5 I'm new to the game, but I will try to attempt to  
6 answer to any questions I can.

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8                   But first I'd like to thank you for the  
9 opportunity to address this group. Ralph Moore, the  
10 superintendent of Katmai, sends his regrets. He had  
11 been looking forward to joining you earlier this month,  
12 but unfortunately when meeting date was changed, his  
13 schedule would not allow him to join you today.  
14 Because of similar scheduling conflicts, our chief of  
15 natural resources and our chief ranger are obviously  
16 not here also.

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18                   So I guess the first topic, which has  
19 been brought up couple times today is red fish. I  
20 think a lot of these things have been hit on one way or  
21 another. So I guess for the red fish I'm kind of going  
22 to read you the big long thing that Ralph had prepared,  
23 and I have like a shorter paragraph which I think hits  
24 on points that you guys are probably most interested  
25 in.

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27                   Ralph has to say, first, although this  
28 is not an ANILCA Title VIII subsistence issue, we  
29 recognize its cultural importance to members of local  
30 communities. Since September of 2009, two meetings,  
31 one in November of 2009 and the other in December or  
32 2010, have been held by local residents and attended by  
33 Park Staff to discuss this regulation and 36 CFR  
34 13.1204. Wow.

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36                   Additional information regarding the  
37 status of this regulation and its history has been  
38 presented at multiple RAC meetings.

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40                   A year ago we offered the following  
41 process for the determination of authorized persons  
42 based on the legislative and regulatory language of 36  
43 CFR 13.1204, which states, local residents who are  
44 descendants of Katmai residents who lived in the Naknek  
45 Lake and River drainage will be authorized in  
46 accordance with State fishing regulations or conditions  
47 established by the superintendent to continue their  
48 traditional fishery for red fish which we define as  
49 spawned-out sockeye that have no commercial value.

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1                   The Park would recognize local  
2 residents as being from the villages of, number 1, King  
3 Salmon; number 2, Naknek; and, number 3, south Naknek,  
4 which I think that was a concern. We would rely on  
5 records provided by the relative Native village  
6 councils from each of the above areas to determine  
7 persons who are local residents.

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9                   The Park would further require initial  
10 authorizations from the Council records to determine  
11 when such local residents became residents of the area.  
12 Local residents who lived in the Naknek Lake and River  
13 drainage prior to 1931 would be permitted to take red  
14 fish at all listed areas, to include the mouth of  
15 Brooks River. Local residents who lived in the Naknek  
16 Lake and River drainage after 1931, but prior to '69  
17 would be permitted to take red fish at all areas except  
18 for the mouth of the Brooks River.

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20                   Local residents who are members of the  
21 village councils, but who did not live within the  
22 Naknek Lake and River drainage prior to 1969 would not  
23 be eligible to harvest red fish under special methods  
24 and means provided by 36 CFR 13.1204.

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26                   Upon these initial determinations of  
27 local residents, all present and future resident family  
28 members of these people, extended to spouses, sons,  
29 daughters, or other family members who reside with  
30 them, will be included as authorized persons.

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32                   The councils would provide either a  
33 list of eligible names to the Park or issue permits in  
34 conjunction with the Park, with the list of names or  
35 permits being updated annually by the council so the  
36 Park may protect and ensure the right of these people  
37 to continue their traditional harvest of red fish  
38 within Katmai National Park.

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40                   Once finalized, the above recommended  
41 process would be written into annual superintendent's  
42 compendium as a recognized method for the proper  
43 regulation of 36 CFR 13.1204, ensuring that a  
44 consistent process was used over time.

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46                   We have given the responsibility for  
47 moving forward on this issue to the Native village  
48 councils to help us help them. At our meetings, both  
49 the National Park Service and the Naknek Village  
50 Council agreed that this was a reasonable approach and



1 it empowered the Native village councils to help solve  
2 this problem.

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4 From my knowledge, Richard Wilson,  
5 you've been in contact about maybe initiating some of  
6 these lists, creation of them; is that correct?

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8 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Yeah, in  
9 past we have been discussing how to come upon a new  
10 list that's required, or that needs to be updated I  
11 guess. It's not required, but an updated list. It was  
12 always with the conjunction of -- you know, when we  
13 first started talking about this, it was always, you  
14 know, in conjunction with the Park that we wanted to,  
15 you know, collaborate and try to come up with this  
16 together, because you guys have Staff that are on  
17 payroll and can go search out things, and we're just  
18 kind of volunteers. So it was like, okay, how who's  
19 going to take the task? But, you know, we're very open  
20 to it still, and would still like definitely to sit  
21 down and converse and find out where we come up with  
22 some good stuff.

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24 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. Thank you very  
25 much. And I think that's kind of what -- just my short  
26 discussions with Ralph would be. You know, we asked  
27 the RAC to help. We'd like the RAC's help on this  
28 issue.

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30 I guess our thoughts are basically that  
31 the village councils know the people. They know -- I  
32 mean, like I said, I think it's got to be a cooperative  
33 thing, but, you know, this is something that we really  
34 want to get done. I don't think it's going to be that  
35 hard. It's just a matter of starting the process and  
36 keeping with it. So, yeah, I mean, we're just asking  
37 for help through the village councils and the RAC to  
38 help support that so that we can get this done, and  
39 hopefully it won't be such an issue. You know, we'll  
40 have the list. It could be added to.

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42 And, you know, so basically my  
43 understanding of how all this shakes down is we'd like  
44 the Native village councils to provide the names of  
45 people who lived in either of those three villages, and  
46 all their descendants. Once we get that list, you  
47 know, and then that same thing, anybody prior to 1969  
48 would be able to fish in all of the Park except for  
49 Brooks River, which only people, you know, prior to,  
50 what was it, '31 would be able to.

1                   Yeah. So like I said, we've requested  
2 the RAC's support and help with this issue.

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4                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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6                   MR. WILSON: Okay. Ralph has a couple  
7 of new things in there that I wasn't aware of, that  
8 1930-something, whatever that date was, that he's now  
9 requesting that only people prior to actually the  
10 conception of the Park be allowed to go into Brooks.

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12                   MR. CAMPBELL: That is my  
13 understanding.

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15                   MR. WILSON: Okay. Well, I wish that  
16 wasn't there, because the whole idea of this thing has  
17 come down through time. I mean, we were -- when the  
18 Park was built, it displaced us. So families, you  
19 know, small families, say half a dozen displaced.  
20 Thirty years down the road, boy, them families have  
21 gotten pretty big. We're growing, you know. A lot  
22 more people. Well, we still don't have access to that.  
23 So to say that we're not descendants of Katmai is  
24 wrong. Even today, my children should still be  
25 descendants of Katmai, because of, you know, history.  
26 If you look at it that way. Ralph's looking at it like  
27 there's a cut-off date, you know.

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29                   You guys are -- you know, those six  
30 families in 1931, and those six families, if any of  
31 them are alive any more, get access to Brooks. Well,  
32 that's not how it should work I don't believe. I think  
33 it should be a traditional use thing, that the people.

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35                   And we've struggled with this before in  
36 the trapping side of things, trying to establish  
37 traplines and saying that, you know, they want you to  
38 sign a permit, and once you're not eligible to trap any  
39 more, that permit goes away. Your right to that  
40 trapline goes away. And I go, no. That's not the way  
41 it should work.

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43                   We have a traditional right in this  
44 area. We've used the area. And descendants are  
45 descendants, and they should have the right to continue  
46 that use.

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48                   So I don't -- I'm not in agreement with  
49 that part of the write up about he's got, you know, if  
50 you're still alive, you know, and you're born prior to

1 1930, and you fished that you have have a right to  
2 Brooks. Well, Brooks is the last system that we use in  
3 the last part of September and the first part of  
4 October that you can actually go and get a decent red  
5 fish. And there's still elders here in this town, I've  
6 just discussed this with one here two days ago, that  
7 their families grew up and they went into Brooks, and  
8 it's was September, first part of October is when all  
9 this stuff happens for the dogs and different things,  
10 because they were, you know, already spawned out.

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12 So, yes, where can we go with that? I  
13 mean, I hope that's not like concrete, you know, the  
14 descendant thing.

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16 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. I mean, just to  
17 make sure I'm clear on this. Basically anybody who's a  
18 descendant of -- like you said the example of just the  
19 six as a number, but even if that number was 200 now,  
20 if they were descendants of people that had prior use  
21 to 1931, which might cover the C&T use, then they would  
22 all have access the way this is written, to the Brooks  
23 Camp fishery. But other people who don't -- who aren't  
24 descendants from let's just say as you used in the  
25 example, they would have access to everywhere else  
26 except for the Brooks. But like I said, anybody who's  
27 a descendant, whether it's by marriage or birth, would  
28 have a right to that Brooks River fishery as long as  
29 they are a descendant of that initial just six that we  
30 put out there. Is that as you're still understanding  
31 it?

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33 MR. HEDLUND: I didn't think that  
34 that's -- oh, could you read that part again, I didn't  
35 take it that way.

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37 MR. CAMPBELL: So basically I think the  
38 Park -- it talks about the whole 1931 to '69 and, you  
39 know, descendants of that. And it says, upon these  
40 initial determinations of local residents, which would  
41 be those people, all present and future resident family  
42 members of these people, extending to spouses, sons,  
43 daughters or other family members who reside with them  
44 will be included as authorized persons.

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46 MR. HEDLUND: No, I want you to read  
47 that prior to 1931 part.

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49 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Local residents  
50 who lived in the Naknek River or Naknek Lake and River

1 drainage prior to 1931 would be permitted to take red  
2 fish at all listed areas to include the mouth of the  
3 river.

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5                   Yeah, you know, this is -- I apologize,  
6 you know, I might have misread this, but I'm pretty  
7 sure that's something we should probably concur with  
8 Ralph for sure.

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10                   MR. HEDLUND: I deciphered it the same  
11 way he did, that it was if you're prior to 1931, you  
12 could use Brooks, but then if you weren't, if you were  
13 after, then you were not eligible is the way it looked.

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15                   MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Well, I'll get  
16 that clarified and come back. Do you want me to come  
17 back to you as kind of the point of contact on that?

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19                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard, do  
20 you want to answer that.

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22                   MR. WILSON: Certainly. I'd be a  
23 contact. I mean, you know, we're all in this together,  
24 and if anybody else, you know, would like to chime in,  
25 they're certainly welcome to it, but, yeah, I would  
26 appreciate more on this here. It would be great.

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28                   MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. And, I mean, this  
29 is something I'm definitely interested in helping out  
30 wherever I can. So I know we're pressed for time here.  
31 I know it's an important issue, but we're -- oh, sorry.

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33                   MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. We're not  
34 pressed. We just -- whenever we finish, we finish. We  
35 just told the borough manager that the mayor said we  
36 could go until we're done.

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38                   REPORTER: Dan, there's a problem, I'm  
39 on the 6:20 flight.

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41                   MR. O'HARA: Well, you can go if you  
42 want, I guess, but we're going to keep -- well, talk to  
43 the Madame Chair, whatever she wants.

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45                   Anyway, the issue I'm talking with you  
46 is, and we can talk about this later, but we met with  
47 Ralph down here with Neal, your law enforcement guy.  
48 And we decided that we would fish in Brooks, but we  
49 didn't want to be there any time when the tourists were  
50 there. So there's some give and take things that we

1 talked about that -- and then also we want to be  
2 careful about the number of fish caught in a gillnet  
3 versus beach seine. So there's some things that we've  
4 got to go back and visit. And I hope they haven't  
5 thrown that stuff away, you know, that paperwork away,  
6 because we met with them, and sat down and worked out  
7 some pretty good things as a committee when they were  
8 at the village council. And it wasn't the village  
9 council, it was just us local people who met and talked  
10 with them.

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12 MR. CAMPBELL: Excellent. Anybody else  
13 have anything?

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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17 MR. WILSON: Yeah. One more thing.  
18 We're talking about dates and places. You know, that  
19 was some of the things that we also discussed, and I  
20 think they've got us in there for October 15th as a  
21 starting point for Brooks for going in and obtaining  
22 red fish. We would like to see that in the first part  
23 of October, which was more the normal things that  
24 happened back in the day was we -- you know, because  
25 the run hits there so late, you know, and it's one of  
26 the last places. And if you wait until October 15th or  
27 greater, it's usually too late. Everything is gone.

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29 So I know that over time the Park has  
30 extended their stay, you know, but if we can please  
31 come up with kind of compromise there that would allow  
32 us in there like, you know, just a little earlier,  
33 would certainly benefit the user group that needs to go  
34 in. So that could be a discussion, too, I hope.

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36 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I mean, I think  
37 were open for discussion on anything. And I think that  
38 this next part that I'm going to go into will cover  
39 maybe how we might go about that a little more.

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41 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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45 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame  
46 Chair.

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48 Richard, also just to address it from a  
49 sportfish user side, that lodge actually closes down  
50 the third week in September, and has for many, many,

1 many years, like 10, 15. And so the only people that  
2 are left are some of us that still -- there are still  
3 lodges who are accessing stuff, but I'd welcome, you  
4 know, you coming up there would be great for folks to  
5 see and be able to describe to them exactly what you're  
6 doing and why you're doing it. I don't see it as a  
7 detriment at all. Perhaps some of the other tourists  
8 who are there for bear viewing, it might be onerous on  
9 the Park Service, but most of those folks leave that  
10 third weekend in September. So that's just information  
11 for you to use.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So hopefully  
14 this is an ongoing issue, and you're going to be  
15 communicating with Richard and others to complete that  
16 before the final product.

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18 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, Madame Chair. I  
19 will take first lead. I'll make sure that happens.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Well,  
22 thank you. Do you have anything else.

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24 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, I have a couple  
25 quick things.

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27 One thing that's been brought up is the  
28 Native liaison topic, and Ralph also has something on  
29 this. I'll go ahead and read it and then, you know,  
30 hopefully I could answer some questions.

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32 So we have long heard about the need  
33 for a Native liaison position. We completely agree  
34 with you. We recognize the need for this. As our  
35 budgets have grown tighter, we have really struggled  
36 with how to accomplish the most important things, and  
37 this is on that list. Our superintendent, Ralph Moore,  
38 assumes this role as part of his job, as is our chief  
39 ranger, Neal Lebrrie. Our chief of cultural resources,  
40 Jean Schaff, and our compliance archaeologist, Del  
41 Vincent, assume part of this role. For different  
42 agencies at different times, this role may be filled by  
43 one person or by several.

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45 For Katmai National Park we strive for  
46 a consistent presence at many meetings, but for  
47 practical reasons, it can't always be the same person.

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49 This shows that our commitment goes  
50 beyond one person and helps our Staff meet and work

1 with more members of the community and helps community  
2 members to recognize many of the faces at our Park  
3 Staff.

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5                   Going forward, our superintendent will  
6 take on the role as Katmai's principal point of contact  
7 for local communities. Please feel free to contact  
8 Ralph Moore at 246-3305 with your questions and  
9 concerns. He will then either address them directly or  
10 designate a Staff member who would best be able to  
11 address this issue.

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13                   MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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15                   MR. O'HARA: You're done?

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17                   MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, with that one.

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19                   MR. O'HARA: Okay. I just want to  
20 thank Ralph before the committee, because he's done a  
21 really good job of working with the local people. He's  
22 had a very difficult situation of trying to get  
23 recreational vehicles into the Levelock, Kahkonak,  
24 Igiugig area, and, you know, it's the big boys are  
25 really not easy to deal with, the upper level people.

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27                   Ralph has been here over five years I  
28 believe, a record for a lot of superintendents, who's  
29 come and stayed and worked with us. So we want to go  
30 on notice that you really made an effort to work with  
31 us, and we appreciate it a lot. I want to thank you  
32 for that.

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34                   MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. And, you know,  
35 I'd also pass that along to Ralph.

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37                   One of the other topics is the Pipe  
38 Ridge realignment. I think that kind of goes with some  
39 of the stuff that they're talking about in Togiak. And  
40 basically due to the tight budgets this year, we lost  
41 both our planner position and archaeologist position.  
42 This has prevented our making further progress on this  
43 issue. Of prime importance, they need to survey the  
44 area for any sensitive cultural resources that may be  
45 involved in any proposed boundary adjustment in this  
46 area.

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48                   That's basically all we've got at this  
49 point. Is there any comments or suggestions you'd like  
50 me to take back.

1 (Laughter)

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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5 MR. WILSON: Sorry. Yes, that, too.

6 But this also something that we deal with on a regular  
7 basis, because I am a board member of our local  
8 corporation, which is boundaries of the Park. All of  
9 Paug-Vik's land boundaries the Park, and this has been  
10 a subject of ours. And we would appreciate and invite  
11 you folks to our monthly meeting. It's the last  
12 Tuesday of the month. And you can call Paug-Vik and  
13 they will put you on the agenda. And we'd love to talk  
14 about this. I mean, this is -- you know, these are  
15 land issues and we continually every month talk about  
16 these land boundaries and issues. And at one point we  
17 tried -- there was some language that we were trying to  
18 decipher. So the invite is there.

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20 What was the other one? Oh, excuse me,  
21 the liaison. I wanted to just comment that, you know,  
22 it sounds like now there is a local hire preference or  
23 can be. Is there any wiggle room in that arena where  
24 you could find funding to support a liaison position?

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26 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, that's something,  
27 to be honest, I know absolutely nothing about, you  
28 know, that kind of stuff, the hiring process and that  
29 side of the budget. That's something I think -- you  
30 know, it's something we definitely want. From my talks  
31 with Ralph, you know, it's just, I mean, budgets are  
32 tight. We lost two positions that we're not getting  
33 back this year, but I mean, it's something that the  
34 local hire will hopefully be able to maybe help out  
35 with.

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37 MR. O'HARA: A quick comment. John,  
38 have you thought about that road that goes from Pipe  
39 Ridge, along there that you could sometimes drive with  
40 a vehicle and a lot of times with a fourwheeler, maybe  
41 that as a Park boundary.

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43 MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. Once again, you  
44 know, I know kind of what you're talking about, but,  
45 you know, I apologize. I just don't want to bring  
46 anything across that's wrong.

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48 MR. O'HARA: We were just going to fix  
49 this real quick like here.

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1 (Laughter)  
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3 MR. CAMPBELL: You just tell him John  
4 said you could.  
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If no  
7 more questions.  
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9 (No comments)  
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.  
12 Any -- oh, okay.  
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14 MR. CAMPBELL: Sorry, Madame Chair. I  
15 must like the punishment.  
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17 Basically the last thing is just the  
18 Birch River visitor EIS, environmental impact  
19 statement. In late spring we're going to release a  
20 draft environmental impact statement for Brooks that  
21 will address improved access across the river at Brooks  
22 Camp, and includes a proposed elevated bridge and  
23 boardwalk. Also in the EIS is a proposal to move the  
24 barge landing from the mouth of the Brooks River where  
25 many bears obviously congregate to gather salmon, to a  
26 point several hundred yards south along Naknek Lake.  
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28 We'll be seeking comments on the draft  
29 document during the summer. We'll also be holding  
30 public meetings, although exact locations and dates  
31 have not yet been determined.  
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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I just want to  
34 -- I just found a budget for that Native liaison right  
35 there.  
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37 (Laughter)  
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any comments.  
40 Richard.  
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42 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. You know,  
43 as time permits later, I would like this Council to  
44 address that later on, the EIS. You know, it's  
45 something that I think we need to keep track of.  
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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: Fall meeting.  
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49 MR. WILSON: Yeah.  
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Donald  
2 has that jotted down.

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4 Anything else. Anything else.

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6 MR. CAMPBELL: I would just like to  
7 take the opportunity to thank and address the  
8 opportunity, you know, to come here and do this. You  
9 know, I have much more appreciation for everything you  
10 guys do. I really do. And thank you for giving me  
11 some of your time.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Well,  
14 thanks for coming and giving us information.

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16 MR. O'HARA: Could I ask Mike?

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.

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20 MR. O'HARA: Donald, Meredith has got a  
21 deadline and can we continue the meeting without her  
22 how does that work? No, it can't happen? And she has  
23 to go at five.

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25 REPORTER: I have commitments tomorrow.  
26 I have other commitments tomorrow.

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28 MR. O'HARA: So you do have to go  
29 tonight at 5:00 o'clock. Okay.

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31 MR. MIKE: We just have a few more  
32 items in reports. But the final action item is confirm  
33 the last two meeting dates, so if we could go over  
34 those really quickly before she leaves, we can go ahead  
35 and do that.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Let's quickly  
38 confirm the date and location of fall meeting. The  
39 fall meeting is usually in Dillingham. I don't know if  
40 that's your wishes.

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42 MR. O'HARA: Yes.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The  
45 fall meeting in Dillingham, and it's usually October.

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47 MR. O'HARA: After Tenny finishes his  
48 bear.

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50 MR. MIKE: Right.

1 MR. HEDLUND: And moose.

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3 MR. O'HARA: And moose.

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5 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. This is one  
6 of the issues we were trying to resolve last fall  
7 meeting, and due to other commitments by the Council  
8 meetings, we decided to hold off on trying to set up a  
9 date, so this might be a good opportunity sine Tenny's  
10 here and Nanci's here to set up a best time for our  
11 fall meeting.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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15 MR. HEDLUND: Unless the State changes  
16 it, this year I don't have a fall bear hunt. But as a  
17 rule, I hunt, you know, subsistence moose, and that  
18 goes until the 15th of September. So after that I'm  
19 open this year.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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23 MS. MORRIS LYON: Well, thank you. And  
24 me, it's always the later the better, too. I usually  
25 try to finish things up around the 20th, so I guess I  
26 would propose maybe the 17th and 18th of October. If I  
27 know far enough in advance towards the end of that  
28 season, I can come back clean up rather than.....

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30 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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34 MR. MIKE: The 17th and 18th, that week  
35 of October 15th, there are two Council meetings that  
36 week, and we try to avoid more than two Council  
37 meetings in a week. So we're trying to spread out our  
38 Staff to attend meetings. I'm sorry, Nanci.

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40 MS. MORRIS LYON: I do understand,  
41 Donald, but I guess you either, you know, give that up  
42 or give up Council members. I don't know what to tell  
43 you, you know. I try to open my schedule as possible  
44 and that's all I can do

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46 MR. O'HARA: Well, let's let him work  
47 it out with -- go with the dates right now and just go  
48 in with that date for us and get on with the program  
49 here.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.  
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3 MR. MIKE: Okay. Madame Chair, I can do  
4 that. The other option, too, is, you know, we can have  
5 the meeting after the meeting dates close, so I'm sure  
6 it will be pretty simple to get authorization to meet  
7 after the meeting dates closes, so we can look at the  
8 week of October 21st.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Carl.  
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12 MR. JOHNSON: And that's an excellent  
13 point, Madame Chair. We typically do without an issue  
14 allow outside of the specified Council meeting period  
15 as long as it's a week before or a week after.  
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17 And on the issue of the three meetings,  
18 we actually just recently -- the Southeast Council had  
19 scheduled its meeting, which would have made a third  
20 RAC meeting for the winter cycle next year, and we told  
21 them, no, you can't do that. We made them reschedule.  
22 So I think probably at this time, based on the schedule  
23 indications, maybe your best bet would be to have that  
24 the week of the 21st.  
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Of October?  
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28 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. If that would be  
29 the best for the Council members, we certainly would  
30 authorize it at OSM.  
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, we also  
33 need to think of AFN week. I don't know when AFN week  
34 is.  
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36 MR. CHYTHLOOK: That's from October 15  
37 through 20.  
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39 MR. MIKE: So, Madame Chair, I can  
40 suggest the week after the meeting closing date of  
41 October 23 and 24, 24, 25.  
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43 MR. O'HARA: Do it.  
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45 MR. MIKE: Okay.  
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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: Do we need spring?  
48 Do we need to pick spring dates, too, Donald?  
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50 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. Spring

1 dates. The window opens February 20th and closes March  
2 23rd, so let's see. If you look at your calendar on  
3 Page 67, you can add Southeast Council meets March 12th  
4 and 13th in Juneau. Kodiak/Aleutians March 19th and  
5 20th. So it's either the first week of February or the  
6 last week of March, or during that week of March 11th.

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8 MR. O'HARA: I'm open on all of them.

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10 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay. I'm probably  
11 the only one with issues and mine have to do mostly  
12 with basketball, so I'm going to say if we stick with  
13 that February 12th/13th/14th time frame, we should --  
14 for me specifically if we do Monday, Tuesday or  
15 Wednesday, any two of those three days, it's best for  
16 me, because I probably don't have to worry about  
17 tournaments or getting kids somewhere.

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19 MR. O'HARA: We have an assembly  
20 meeting on that Monday, so I won't be here if we do it  
21 on Monday. Tuesday would be fine.

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23 MS. MORRIS LYON: Tuesday, Wednesday.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So February  
26 12th, 15th.

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28 MR. O'HARA: And a long enough day so  
29 we can get all the reports done without running out of  
30 time. A day and a half, you know, add an extra half a  
31 day or something and add, because, you know, every time  
32 we come to a meeting, we're pushing people out of the  
33 say.

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35 REPORTER: Dan, your microphone.

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37 MR. O'HARA: Hello. I just want to  
38 make sure we get enough time for, you know, reports as  
39 well as everything else that we need to have.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think  
42 we have both of the meeting schedules confirmed.

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44 And then we'll go on to -- I think our  
45 next agency reports is BLM.

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47 Mary.

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49 MS. McBURNEY: I still have a little  
50 bit more for the National Park Service if that's all

1 right.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Sorry.

4 Come on up.

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6 Carl.

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8 MR. JOHNSON: And just to clarify for  
9 purposes of the rest of the meeting and whether or not  
10 it needs to be on record. If the rest of the meeting  
11 is purely informational only for the Council, then it  
12 is permissible to conduct that off the record. It's  
13 only if the Council is taking action on items under  
14 consideration. So maybe if a point in time comes,  
15 Madame Court Reporter, we could take a brief break so  
16 she can disassemble her equipment and pack up and go if  
17 we feel like we're going to be continuing on for a  
18 while. I believe that's the last of the action items  
19 for the Council

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21 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. Is there  
22 anybody else who has to be out of here at 5:00? We can  
23 do that.

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25 MS. MCBURNEY: Madame Chair. Members  
26 of the Council. My name is Mary McBurney, and I am the  
27 subsistence program manager for the Aniakchak Monument,  
28 Katmai National Preserve and Lake Clark National Park  
29 and Preserve.

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31 And I do have one action item to bring  
32 before you, so I'm going to talk real fast.

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34 The Lake Clark SRC met February 22nd,  
35 and one of the things that they wanted to bring to your  
36 attention is that the Bristol Bay RAC is the appointing  
37 source for one of the seats on the Lake Clark SRC that  
38 is going to be vacant, and the vacancy is coming up in  
39 November. The current SRC member, Brooke Delkittie of  
40 Nondalton has not expressed an interest in being  
41 reappointed for another term. And the SRC would like  
42 to request that George Alexie from Nondalton be  
43 appointed to that seat. And I have a letter making the  
44 formal request with me.

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46 The Lake Clark SRC felt very strongly  
47 about making this request at this time so that the  
48 Community of Nondalton would have a representative at  
49 the next SRC meeting. And so the request is that Mr.  
50 Alexie be appointed to the seat, and that would be

1 effective in November once Mr. Delkittie's term lapses.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

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5 MR. HEDLUND: I'd like to make a motion  
6 to appoint George Alexie to that SRC in Lake Clark.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
9 been a motion by Thomas.

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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And seconded  
14 by Nanci to appoint George Alexie to the SRC.

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

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The questions  
19 been called. All in favor say aye.

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21 IN UNISON: Aye.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any

24 opposition.

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26 (No opposing votes)

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,  
29 he is appointed with our blessing.

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31 MS. McBURNEY: Thank you, Madame Chair.

32 And that concludes all of the items that are non-

33 informational. So I just wanted to go on the record

34 that everything else will be -- yes, sir.

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36 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Ours?

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38 MS. McBURNEY: We don't have anything

39 to bring forward at this time for the Aniakchak SRC.

40 But it is the intent of the Aniakchak SRC that they

41 will have a recommendation to make for vacancies to be

42 appointed by the RAC at the meeting to be scheduled in

43 October.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
46 we'll take a five-minute so the recorder can pack up.

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48 (Off record)

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50 (Non-Action Item NPS, ADF&G Reports)

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