

1 BRISTOL BAY FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE  
2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
3  
4 PUBLIC MEETING  
5  
6 VOLUME II  
7  
8 Bristol Bay Native Association  
9 Dillingham, Alaska  
10 March 4, 2010  
11 9:00 o'clock a.m.  
12  
13  
14  
15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:  
16  
17 Molly Chythlook, Chair  
18 Pete Abraham  
19 Alvin Boskofsky  
20 Dan Dunaway  
21 Dale Myers  
22 Dan O'Hara  
23 Richard Wilson  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30 Regional Council Coordinator - Donald Mike  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42 Recorded and transcribed by:  
43  
44 Computer Matrix Court Reporters, LLC  
45 135 Christensen Drive, Suite 2  
46 Anchorage, AK 99501  
47 907-243-0668  
48 sahile@gci.net

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47  
48  
49  
50

P R O C E E D I N G S

(Dillingham, Alaska - 03/04/2010)

(On record)

MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Good morning.  
I think I'm going to call the meeting back to order for  
this morning if I can have the Council members come up.

Okay. We're on our agenda -- let me  
see. Do we have any announcements. Donald.

MR. MIKE: Yeah. I think Ms. Polly  
Wheeler wanted to address the Council on the issue, or  
can we bring it up later, on wolf and bear management.

DR. WHEELER: Good morning. Member  
Dunaway had asked me earlier about the possibility of  
this Council, should it decide to do so, writing a  
letter to the Board of Game endorsing the idea of  
predator management or predator control in this area.  
My understanding is the Board of Game is taking up that  
proposal tomorrow or sometime in the very near future,  
so it would be difficult to get a letter written  
through the Federal Board Chair and back down.

But what we could do if this Council  
wanted to is you could make a motion or something to  
verbally support the idea of -- let the Board of Game  
know that you all support the idea of predator  
management. We have a representative at the Board of  
Game. I can call him tonight and tell him that when  
this comes up before the Board that this Council is  
supportive of that idea. So we could -- you know,  
rather than write a letter, you could do an oral motion  
or something, and then I can transmit to my person up  
in Fairbanks so that he can transmit that to the Board  
of Game. That's just an option, because Dan had asked  
me about that this morning.

Madam Chair.

MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And then  
we'll take that up later on or.....

DR. WHEELER: If you want to. I was  
just responding to a question by Member Dunaway as to  
how you could actually let the Board of Game know that

1 you support this idea, and that would be a vehicle --  
2 that would be a way that you could do it.  
3 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
4 we can put that under other business to deal with later  
5 on.  
6  
7 Dan Dunaway, did you have a question.  
8  
9 MR. DUNAWAY: No, I was just thinking.  
10 Dan O'Hara pointed out that we can already add that  
11 under the other business from our adopted agenda.  
12  
13 Thank you.  
14  
15 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Another agenda  
16 item under other business I'd like to put down is to  
17 possible have -- this was suggested to me, and I think  
18 it's a great idea, is to have a regional RAC Chair  
19 conference.  
20  
21 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair. That would  
22 come under report to the upcoming Federal Subsistence  
23 Board meeting, bring it to the Board's attention. So  
24 when we get to the agenda item, we can bring that up.  
25  
26 Thank you.  
27  
28 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll do  
29 that. Thanks. Any other announcements before we get  
30 started.  
31  
32 (No comments)  
33  
34 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,  
35 let's skip to our agenda, and I think we're in 12,  
36 Bristol Bay Subsistence RAC ed Fish Subcommittee  
37 report.  
38  
39 Donald.  
40  
41 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
42 Last fall The Bristol Bay Council formed a subcommittee  
43 to deal with and address the take of red fish within  
44 Naknek Lake. And as a result the Council formed a  
45 subcommittee. And the subcommittee they appointed to  
46 meet on this subject were Council members Dan O'Hara,  
47 Nanci Morris Lyon, Dale Myers, and public members Pete  
48 Hill and Richard Wilson. And now Richard's one of our  
49 Council members.  
50

1                   In your yellow folder I've provided the  
2 subcommittee report to the Council. This is just in  
3 draft, and the Council can adopt it as their own. We  
4 can go ahead and forward it on to the Federal  
5 Subsistence Board. But the report is in a green copy  
6 paper. What I did was drew up an introduction.  
7

8                   Oh, before I get any further. I had  
9 subcommittee members Pete Hill from Naknek and Nancy  
10 Morris, who she couldn't be here, they both reviewed  
11 the draft document and they said -- they stated that it  
12 was good to go and that they did not have anything to  
13 add or any corrections to make.  
14

15                   But basically the report, I wrote up an  
16 introduction, some background, states who the Council  
17 members were and who were present, and the public  
18 attendance, Federal Staff. And then I got into a  
19 discussion as far as what the subcommittee discussed  
20 during that subcommittee meeting in Naknek.  
21

22                   Oh, by the way, they met on February  
23 22nd in King Salmon.  
24

25                   And the last item on the report gives  
26 the recommendations by the subcommittee which will be  
27 forwarded on -- before this Council. And you can see  
28 there's three bulleted items. The recommendations were  
29 to have the chief ranger, Neal Labrie, do up a written  
30 protocol with the tribal representatives of King  
31 Salmon, Naknek, and South Naknek to maintain a Katmai  
32 descendants list. So that way the Service will have an  
33 updated copy every year.  
34

35                   And the second recommendation the  
36 subcommittee forwarded for the Council's recommendation  
37 is submit to the Alaska Board of Fisheries season dates  
38 for Johnny's Lake, Trefon's cabin for a uniform opening  
39 and closing dates from August 15th to December 31. The  
40 mouth of Brooks River will be a separate opening date  
41 of September 20 and closing date of December 31st. The  
42 later date at Brooks River was an ideal time. That's  
43 when the public use is at its minimum and the  
44 facilities at Brooks Camp are closed for visitors.  
45

46                   And the last recommendation that the  
47 subcommittee forwarded for the Council's consideration  
48 is to submit to the Alaska Board of Fisheries a  
49 proposal for method and means for three areas  
50 identified. The subcommittee recommends submitting a

1 proposal to use seine nets to take red fish. And the  
2 maximum length of the seining will be 10 fathoms. This  
3 fishing technique will allow all participants to take  
4 only the amount of spawned out red salmon and this will  
5 allow fishers to release bycatch of trout and other  
6 non-target fin fish back into the system.

7

8 And, Madam Chair, Mr. Dan O'Hara and  
9 Mr. Dale Myers and Mr. Wilson have taken -- they wish  
10 to accept this subcommittee report.

11

12 Madam Chair. That concludes my  
13 presentation.

14

15 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any comments  
16 from the -- Richard.

17

18 MR. WILSON: Yes. This meeting was a  
19 very much needed meeting, because, you know, we were --  
20 we as local residents were having problems with the  
21 take of redfish upstream, you know, of the rivers and,  
22 you know, it -- because traditionally, you know, in the  
23 fall we follow the salmon up, and once they get spawned  
24 out, and then we go in there and get our spawned out  
25 salmon.

26

27 Well, last year this all kind of came  
28 to a head, so we sat down with the park here and they  
29 were very open to the idea. It was a very good -- I  
30 thought it was very well -- there was good  
31 communication throughout the entire meeting.

32

33 And so we just started looking into  
34 solutions. What can we do without any real major  
35 consideration from down south. You know, if we can do  
36 in-house kind of wording. And this is kind of what we  
37 came up with. And I'd certainly entertain if there was  
38 any other ideas that we could add to this. But this is  
39 very necessary for our people. We felt all along that,  
40 you know, we've been deprived of the use of that fish  
41 once they get into the lake system, because of the  
42 Park's extensions over the years. And so just trying  
43 to utilize the resource there like our grandpappies and  
44 them used to, and to keep the tradition going, and just  
45 allowing us to go in and take the spawned out salmon.

46

47 And it was mentioned that, you know,  
48 the idea of seine net came back in, and they were  
49 pretty up on the idea, because you could actually  
50 release the unwanted stuff, you know, and the bycatch.

1  
2 I thought he had done very well in  
3 putting this together from what we came out with at  
4 that meeting there, and I'm in full support of this.  
5  
6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
7  
8 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Madam Chair. I  
9 guess I want to commend you guys for getting it done,  
10 but I want to commend the Park Service for being so  
11 accommodating, because I think I was involved, you  
12 know, on the edges of the original redbfish stuff up  
13 there in the Naknek Lake in the 90s where it took quite  
14 a few years and a lot of real teeth pulling to get the  
15 Park Service to allow it to happen at all. And I was  
16 really dumfounded when I heard on the news that  
17 respectable people were kind of embarrassed and.....  
18  
19 MR. WILSON: Harassed.  
20  
21 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. And I thought that  
22 was fixed, so I'm glad you guys were able to get  
23 something done.  
24  
25 Thank you.  
26  
27 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.  
28  
29 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. There was  
30 one other item there, one other thought that came out  
31 of there that might even be bigger yet, and that was  
32 that the open line of communication between the park  
33 system and the communities. You know, that section  
34 over there, that park, you know, was in place before  
35 '71, so, you know, it doesn't have any ANILCA thoughts  
36 put into it, but we sat down and we realized that  
37 there's a lack of communication between our parks  
38 around us and our people. And so they left the door  
39 open. You know, we've invited them in for -- and tried  
40 to produce a liaison between the Park Service and the  
41 people, and tried to get some better communication like  
42 we were talking about here yesterday. You know, it's a  
43 lot of -- a lot of it's about communication. And if we  
44 can keep that door open and keep our communication  
45 going, I think it's a very positive way to be, and it's  
46 a good, positive attitude to have.  
47  
48 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I just have a  
49 question on the fathoms. How did you come up with the  
50 10 fathoms?

1 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. The 10  
2 fathoms is what we're allowed down in the Bay itself  
3 and in the river systems. If you go and subsist in the  
4 Naknek River, you're allowed -- inside the river  
5 boundary lines, you're allowed 10 fathoms. And we  
6 thought just for simplicity to keep it at 10 fathoms  
7 would be easier read in the regulations.  
8  
9 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
10 you. Any other comments?  
11  
12 MR. O'HARA: Dale, did you want to make  
13 any comment?  
14  
15 MR. MYERS: No.  
16  
17 MR. O'HARA: If I could. Mr. Dunaway's  
18 comment here was interesting. How we got the redfish  
19 in the first place was Trefon was still with the BBNC  
20 administration, and we put in a bill to Congress to be  
21 able to have a net in a park, which is unheard of  
22 nationally. And so that's the big issue. And the late  
23 Senator Ted Kennedy loaded it up with a whole bunch of  
24 stuff and it went away that year. The next year Don  
25 Young again, Congressman Young, again put in a bill and  
26 we got it passed. And that really threw a red flag up  
27 for the Park Service because they thought all the  
28 creatures were gone now. You know, just a few spawned  
29 out reds.  
30  
31 I feel like it is so -- you know, don't  
32 start me on government, because we've had a good  
33 meeting up to this point.  
34  
35 And what had happened, and I'm glad for  
36 Richard and these guys who did this. They brought us  
37 back to reality and realigned the things that need to  
38 be done. And that was a good part.  
39  
40 They had forgotten the list and they  
41 had forgotten us, just like Sidney talked about. We  
42 went away, you know. No, we came back, so it's a good  
43 ending.  
44  
45 It was a very good meeting, too. I was  
46 really -- I really appreciate the cooperation.  
47  
48 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. If I may, it  
49 brought one more thought to mind. It's just you're  
50 talking about tradition and about grandfather rights

1 or, you know, just a couple of generations down the  
2 road. I was in line for the grandpa and the dad giving  
3 me the trap line up at Nonvianuk Lake, and I had years  
4 ago, in the 70s run into problems with -- after the  
5 park extension happened in there, you know. They had  
6 asked me to sign a piece of paper that said that once I  
7 was done with it, that the cabin and the trap line was  
8 gone, and I said, I can't. And they said, well, then  
9 we can remove you just by regulations. And so there  
10 was this conflict that we had. And I told them, there  
11 is no way I can sign my name to something that I don't  
12 own. I said, this has been passed down to me from my  
13 father and my father's father, it was passed down to  
14 him.

15

16 And this is where we're kind of going  
17 with the redbfish thing, that it's so hard -- we have a  
18 list here that was made up originally, you know, from  
19 the Magnuson Act or whatever it was that happened up  
20 there at Brooks. They weren't the only people using  
21 it, and, you know, there's a lot of other people,  
22 families that used that resource, but they were the  
23 ones that chose to fight for it.

24

25 But just in background, it's hard to  
26 say, okay, this is the list, these are the people that  
27 are eligible when it's -- knowing that there might be a  
28 sunset on some of these families, you know, in the  
29 future. It's hard to actually put your name to  
30 something, to know that it's going to disappear later.  
31 And it would nice for language to be in this, the  
32 people that are on this list, if there was some sort of  
33 language there that would entitle them you know, for  
34 future use, because, you know, we just hate for things  
35 like this to disappear on us.

36

37 Thanks.

38

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

41

42 (No comments)

43

44 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, we need a  
45 motion on this. We don't?

46

47 MR. O'HARA: Do we need -- we don't  
48 need one.

49

50 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.



1 MR. MIKE: Let's see. You can adopt  
2 this as a formal recommendation to the Federal  
3 Subsistence Board. This is the work of the  
4 subcommittee. The subcommittee works -- reports to the  
5 Regional Advisory Council, so you can officially adopt  
6 it as your own and submit it to the Federal Subsistence  
7 Board.

8  
9 And in addition the subcommittee  
10 requested that action be taken on the Board of  
11 Fisheries proposals, but I understand the Board of Fish  
12 cycle is not until three years from now, and there's  
13 other options available. I had Mr. Rod Campbell -- I  
14 consulted with Mr. Rod Campbell about AC process and  
15 maybe you'll want to get some feedback from Rod  
16 Campbell and see what it takes to get those fisheries  
17 proposals in before we get any further.

18  
19 Madam Chair. If it's the wish of the  
20 Council.

21  
22 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. We do need  
23 to take a motion then? Yeah. Okay.

24  
25 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. Okay.

26  
27 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. How would we  
28 word this motion, if you'd help us out there, Donald,  
29 and then we'll go ahead and do it.

30  
31 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.

32  
33 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

34  
35 MR. MIKE: My suggestion would be that  
36 the Council forming the subcommittee in October of 2009  
37 -- formed the subcommittee reported back to the  
38 Council, and the Council finds the subcommittee report  
39 as officially accepted by the Council.

40  
41 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Madam Chair. If I  
42 could make a motion.

43  
44 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

45  
46 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.

47  
48 MR. O'HARA: Oh, sorry.

49  
50 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: All right.

1 Okay. Polly.  
2  
3 DR. WHEELER: Madam Chair. The process  
4 would be the Council can formally accept the  
5 recommendations of the subcommittee and then forward  
6 them to the Federal Subsistence Board, and then action  
7 -- once the Federal Subsistence Board approves that  
8 action can be taken, we can help submit the proposals  
9 to the Board of Fish.  
10  
11 Madam Chair.  
12  
13 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Madam Chair. Would  
14 it be okay if I made a motion?  
15  
16 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
17  
18 MR. O'HARA: Okay. I'll make a motion  
19 that we accept the report from the subcommittee which  
20 took place in 2009, reported back to the Council. The  
21 Council accepted their report, and we're making a  
22 motion to forward it to the Federal Board which meets I  
23 believe in May.  
24  
25 DR. WHEELER: Actually the Federal  
26 Board meets next month. The Federal Board is meeting  
27 in April on two Yukon deferred proposals, and we could  
28 add this to the agenda if you'd like.  
29  
30 Madam Chair.  
31  
32 MR. O'HARA: And so we need a second on  
33 the motion.  
34  
35 MR. WILSON: I'll second that.  
36  
37 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.  
38  
39 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If there's no,  
40 yeah, then further discussion on this.  
41  
42 (No comments)  
43  
44 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, just --  
45 okay. All in favor of this I guess report say aye.  
46  
47 IN UNISON: Aye.  
48  
49 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any opposition.  
50

1 (No opposing votes)  
2  
3 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,  
4 this is adopted. Thank you.  
5  
6 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.  
7  
8 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.  
9  
10 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair. Thank you. If  
11 it's the wish of the Council, I don't know if they want  
12 to get into details as far as the process for the Board  
13 of Fish to submit these potential proposals that the  
14 Bristol Bay Council wish to submit. If you have any  
15 particular questions, we have Rod Campbell to answer  
16 those.  
17  
18 Thank you.  
19  
20 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
21  
22 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Madam Chair.  
23 Yeah. Since the Board of Fish just finished their  
24 cycle for Bristol Bay, and I'm sure the folks that want  
25 to take redfish really don't want to wait for another  
26 cycle, I'm hoping Rod could speak to whether this would  
27 fit under the requirements for an agenda change  
28 request. I'm hoping it will, so I'd be eager to hear  
29 what Rod could tell us about that.  
30  
31 Thank you.  
32  
33 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, Madam Chair. Rod  
34 Campbell. I'm a fishery biologist with the Office of  
35 Subsistence Management, and I'm also the Federal  
36 liaison to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.  
37  
38 As Mr. Dunaway said, the Bristol Bay  
39 Board of Fisheries meeting just completed in December.  
40 It's not scheduled to meet again for another three  
41 years. However, the agenda change request route may or  
42 may not be appropriate for this. You can submit that.  
43  
44  
45 The Board of Fish will accept agenda  
46 change requests only under certain -- if certain  
47 criteria are met. One of these is for a fishery  
48 conservation purpose or reason. Another is to correct  
49 an error in a regulation. And the third is to correct  
50 an affect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a

1 regulation was adopted. I'll let the Council make  
2 their own judgment no that, but out of the three, you  
3 know, that third one, you know, may or may not be.  
4 That would be up to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

5  
6 But if the Council does decide to  
7 submit this, the deadline is August 27th. Right.  
8 August 27th for this next cycle coming up. And I can  
9 work with Donald on that as far as the dates and where  
10 it needs to go. There is a form, I have a copy of it,  
11 it's on the Board's support website, that lays out  
12 describing the nature of the problem and why it meets  
13 the criteria. So the Council could look at that and  
14 work with Donald. I'll be glad to help if you decide  
15 to go that route. But again that is August 27th  
16 deadline.

17  
18 And that's really all I can say,  
19 because I certainly can't speak for the Board of  
20 Fisheries, whether they would accept that or not. And  
21 if they do accept it at their October work session,  
22 then they would schedule it for one of their other  
23 regularly scheduled meetings sometime during the year.

24  
25 Thank you. Madam Chair.

26  
27 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

28  
29 MR. O'HARA: Rod, we appreciate you.  
30 That's a good comment.

31  
32 So if we were to do this, we've already  
33 sent this now to -- forwarded to the Federal Board, the  
34 Federal Board is going to meet in April. Would the  
35 Federal Board be the one that would take this to the  
36 Fish Board, or would this Council be taking it to the  
37 Fish Board? What would be the best route?

38  
39 MR. CAMPBELL: Through the Chair. Mr.  
40 O'Hara. I may not be the best one to say what the  
41 Federal Board's route is. I do believe this Council  
42 can submit this, and Polly Wheeler can correct me if  
43 I'm wrong, directly to the State Board, if that's not  
44 correct, she can do that, rather than going through the  
45 Federal Board, because it is a Council position is my  
46 understanding.

47  
48 DR. WHEELER: My recommendation, Madam  
49 Chair, is that the recommendation move forward to the  
50 Federal Board for their April meeting. And then at

1 that time the Council can make the recommendation. I  
2 think it might pack more punch if the Federal Board  
3 made the request than if the Council made the request.  
4 I don't know. But we can make that recommendation at  
5 that time, or the Federal Board can provide further  
6 direction for how it will be resolved. But since we  
7 have until the end of August, it can be taken care of  
8 one way or the other through the program.

9

10 Madam Chair.

11

12 MR. O'HARA: Polly, then so let's see  
13 what the Federal Board does. If they don't act  
14 favorably on this, then we'll go on our own to.....

15

16 MR. DUNAWAY: I guess just to be  
17 certain that it gets on record and that we're formally  
18 requesting the Federal Subsistence Board to pursue  
19 these proposal recommendations, I guess I'd like to put  
20 that in the form of a motion and move that we request  
21 the Federal Subsistence Board to submit agenda change  
22 requests to the State Board of Fisheries to enact the  
23 recommendations of this report.

24

25 Thank you.

26

27 MR. WILSON: And I will second that  
28 motion.

29

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

31

32 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. All in  
33 favor of I guess bringing this -- or requesting the  
34 Federal Subsistence Board to pursue -- I guess pursue  
35 and submit this to do an agenda change request, all in  
36 favor say aye.

37

38 IN UNISON: Aye.

39

40 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any opposition.

41

42 (No opposing votes)

43

44 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. It's  
45 carried. Thank you.

46

47 Oh, I'm sorry. Number 13 on our  
48 agenda, review and approve draft 2009 annual report.  
49 Donald.

50

1 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I  
2 provided for you in the yellow folder the Bristol Bay's  
3 2009 annual report. And this draft annual report is  
4 the result of your October 2009 meeting last fall. And  
5 the Council identified six issues to submit as annual  
6 report items.

7  
8 And the first issue is the annual moose  
9 surveys.

10  
11 The second one is the Pollock industry  
12 and the impact of salmon bycatch within the Bristol Bay  
13 region.

14  
15 And the third item is non-salmon  
16 species research, and that encourages the Federal  
17 Subsistence Board to fund this project in the Lake  
18 Clark area.

19  
20 The fourth item is climate change,  
21 understanding -- the Council understands the climate  
22 change affects subsistence uses and harvest in the  
23 region.

24  
25 And the fourth -- fifth item is  
26 National Park Service Liaison. We discussed this  
27 earlier, that the Bristol Bay Council recognized the  
28 need for the Park Service to hire a liaison for the  
29 purpose of maintaining a line of communication. So  
30 basically just a point of contact between the community  
31 and the National Park Service.

32  
33 And the final item, the wolf and bear  
34 population management. The Council will continue to  
35 maintain its concern of the levels of moose and caribou  
36 populations and they request the Board to continue to  
37 address this issue.

38  
39 Madam Chair. That's the summary of the  
40 annual report the Council submitted last fall.

41  
42 Thank you.

43  
44 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any comments  
45 from the Council.

46  
47 MR. O'HARA: I'm not really satisfied  
48 with the survey counts. I don't know if we have  
49 inexperienced pilots flying or -- I know some that are  
50 very experienced flying who do surveys. I think, Dale,

1 you've done surveys, haven't you? And I think we need  
2 to have a better -- I know snow conditions and weather  
3 and these type of things are hard, but I would really  
4 recommend to the different departments and the U.S.  
5 Fish and Wildlife and the Park Service that we maybe do  
6 a little extra effort on getting us some really good  
7 data on aerial surveys.

8

9                   You know, we get feedback from the  
10 guides on what's not happening, and so I think we just  
11 need to be -- make sure that -- a number of years back  
12 they didn't get the surveys done and we got into the  
13 April meeting, and our Council made a motion that we  
14 shut all the moose hunting down in Bristol Bay, and the  
15 next day they were flying in April doing a moose  
16 survey. That's not the way to do it. You need to do  
17 it December up through February, whatever, because the  
18 antlers are falling off. At least get a moose count,  
19 see how many calves are there.

20

21                   And so I think the report is fine,  
22 Donald, but I think it needs a little more teeth in it  
23 as far as getting better data on the moose and caribou  
24 reports.

25

26                   Thank you. Madam Chair.

27

28                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

29

30                   MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. I'm a little bit  
31 nitpicky, but I want to point out that maybe we could  
32 correct the spelling of various under nonsalmon  
33 species. Second paragraph, second page. It would be  
34 nice to tune that up before we send it on.

35

36                   Thank you.

37

38                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, where was  
39 that?

40

41                   MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, on the second page  
42 under non-salmon species research, it says whitefish of  
43 varies species, and I think that's supposed to be V-A-  
44 R-I-O-U-S. Top line. It's a nitpicky thing, but.....

45

46                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more  
47 comments.

48

49                   (No comments)

50

1                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Under the non-  
2 salmon species research, we have -- I know that we have  
3 several whitefish species, you know, as far freshwater  
4 fishes are concerned. We also have -- and the concern  
5 that has arisen from our area with the development  
6 coming on in one of our lake systems here, is the  
7 grayling. And I think that with development coming on  
8 and with climate changes, climate change issues, that  
9 are upon us and it is affecting all of our resources,  
10 be it our berries and plants, the preservation of all  
11 our resources has gradually decreased to the point  
12 where even the fish that we preserve by salting and  
13 even smoking, for me as a processor of these resources.  
14 I limit now my preservation of any of these resources  
15 to six years -- well, six months to a year, because  
16 anything longer than that, they freezer burn no matter  
17 how you preserve them. So I think we need to really  
18 look at -- look to I guess researches on climate  
19 change, because it is affecting all our resources.

20

21                   Thank you. Any other comment.

22

23                   MR. DUNAWAY: So, Molly, are you saying  
24 under either climate change or non-salmon species you'd  
25 like to see research on other species besides just  
26 whitefish.

27

28                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, the  
29 concern right now for our region, we have five chains  
30 of lakes just up in the Wood-Titchik, up in our lake  
31 system here, and there's a development concern coming  
32 up in the horizon with hydroelectric, and we have to my  
33 knowledge, and I travel these five chains of lakes on a  
34 yearly basis, harvesting not only spawned-outs, but  
35 other freshwater fish. And in our five chains of lakes  
36 that we have, there's only two creeks that we harvest  
37 grayling, and one of those creeks, there's going to be  
38 an impact when this hydroelectric development comes on.

39

40

41                   But on another note, I think that -- I  
42 know we have limited locations to harvest whitefish,  
43 and I know of two locations here in our Nushagak River  
44 system, and I know that there's one popular one over at  
45 Igiugig, and so I do -- I think because the whitefish  
46 species aren't as widespread like our salmon are, I  
47 think we need to encourage research on not only the  
48 whitefish, but other species.

49

50                   Thank you. Polly.



1 DR. WHEELER: Madam Chair. I just  
2 wanted to remind the Council that at next all's  
3 meeting we'll be coming to you with issues and  
4 information needs that we'll be looking at for funding  
5 projects under the Fisheries Resource Monitoring  
6 Program. And at the last meeting when that whitefish  
7 project wasn't funded, I did write down grayling. So  
8 we have it down as an issue that needs further  
9 investigation in this region. But we will be coming to  
10 you all to ask about issues, you know, projects that  
11 you'd like to see funded, or topics that you'd like to  
12 see researched through the Fisheries Monitoring Program  
13 at next fall's meeting. So just a little tickler there  
14 to remember that, and we'll be looking to you to  
15 provide further information on that. But I do have  
16 written down whitefish and grayling as species that  
17 you'd like further information on.

18

19 Madam Chair.

20

21 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
22 you, Polly. Any questions. Any comments.

23

24 (No comments)

25

26 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. We should  
27 make a motion to accept this?

28

29 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh. Yes.

30

31 MR. O'HARA: And this is forwarded to  
32 the Federal Board there, Donald?

33

34 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair. That is  
35 correct.

36

37 MR. O'HARA: Okay. So we simply make a  
38 motion to take our annual report, approval draft of  
39 2009 annual report and send it to the feds. That's a  
40 motion.

41

42 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.

43

44 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, Federal Board.

45

46 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So that was a  
47 second?

48

49 MR. DUNAWAY: Yes.

50

1 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Oh, I'm  
2 sorry. There's been a motion and second to accept this  
3 report and to send it on to the Federal Board. All in  
4 favor.

5  
6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7  
8 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any opposition.

9  
10 (No opposing votes)

11  
12 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,  
13 adopted. Okay.

14  
15 Call for fisheries proposals for 2011-  
16 2013.

17  
18 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
19 Rod Campbell with OSM again.

20  
21 Polly Wheeler just mentioned the  
22 Fisheries Resource Monitoring proposals that this  
23 Council will be addressing at their next fall meeting.  
24 What I'm providing is just a reminder about the  
25 regulatory proposals which are separate from the  
26 monitoring proposals.

27  
28 Just to remind the Council that the  
29 deadline to submit proposals to the Federal Subsistence  
30 Program to make regulatory changes is March 24th. So  
31 again they will -- the Federal Subsistence Board is  
32 accepting proposals through March 24th, 2010 to make  
33 changes in Federal subsistence fishing regulations and  
34 for the 2011-2013 season. As you know, we have just  
35 within the last couple years gone to an every other  
36 year cycle. So a little bit different. Just also a  
37 reminder that the Board will be considering proposals  
38 to change subsistence fishing seasons, harvest limits,  
39 methods of harvest, and customary and traditional uses.

40  
41  
42 I have the information where you need  
43 to send those. Of course, the Council can coordinate  
44 that through Donald. As far as the public, we do have  
45 our mailing address at the OSM office in Anchorage.  
46 They can also submit proposals at any Council meeting  
47 if they like. And we also have -- on our website you  
48 can submit proposals. So if anyone on the Council or  
49 in the public has any questions about who they need to  
50 contact, either Donald, myself, or any other OSM Staff

1 here would be glad to help.

2

3 Thank you. Madam Chair.

4

5 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Do we  
6 have -- I guess we get -- if none of us don't have your  
7 contact information, we can get that from Donald.

8

9 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, Madam Chair.  
10 Donald has that. I did not see a copy -- I'm referring  
11 to an OSM -- Federal Subsistence Board news release of  
12 January 19th, 2010 that has all that information. I  
13 didn't see that in the Council book, but we certainly  
14 have that available and be able to provide that to the  
15 Chair or the members or the public like I said.

16

17 Thank you.

18

19 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
20 questions.

21

22 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I'll just ask the  
23 redfish committee or anybody, do we need coordinating  
24 proposals from the Federal regulations for that redfish  
25 in the Katmai. I see Polly shaking her head no,  
26 so.....

27

28 DR. WHEELER: Madam Chair. This  
29 redfish issue is an issue that's really -- because it's  
30 subject to State fishing regulations. I mean, the  
31 limits and everything. So it's not managed through --  
32 it's not technically an ANILCA issue. It's not managed  
33 through the the Federal subsistence fisheries  
34 management, so the appropriate venue would be to go  
35 through the State regulatory process just to get that  
36 season in there. So it's not addressed through the  
37 Federal fisheries management.

38

39 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We're down to  
40 agency reports. and the first one I've got in line is  
41 BLM.

42

43 MR. SHARP: Yeah. Madam Chair. I'm  
44 Daniel Sharp with Bureau of Land Management, statewide  
45 subsistence coordinator.

46

47 Donald asked me to speak as to the  
48 status of land conveyances. As you're aware, of  
49 through ANCSA Native corporations and the State were  
50 allowed to select lands. The Bureau of Land Management

1 is the agency responsible for those conveyances.

2

3                   There was a bill passed I believe two  
4 years ago to try to expedite that process. The target  
5 date was to have conveyances completed by December of  
6 '09. That hasn't happened for a number of reasons, but  
7 I'll give you an update as to where things stand right  
8 now.

9

10                   I'd say most of the conveyances are  
11 about 95 percent complete. What's in play right now is  
12 finalizing the Native corporation conveyances and the  
13 State selections. The State was allowed to select 125  
14 percent of their entitlement. So what we have now is  
15 prioritized lists to where the State has selected more  
16 lands than they're currently entitled to. They're also  
17 re-prioritizing as that process moves through. And  
18 what's left on their list, they have continued to  
19 shuffle their priorities. It's further complicated by  
20 they were allowed to top file on lands. Basically if  
21 Native corporations in the end didn't want some of  
22 these lands, the State would say they would take them.  
23 So we're working through that process right now.

24

25                   As to when it will be finalized, I've  
26 asked folks in conveyances what that end point might  
27 be. No one is willing to speculate as to when it will  
28 be finalized.

29

30                   The end result will be though that once  
31 -- because the State has over-selected lands throughout  
32 the State, those areas on the map that are marked in  
33 yellow will likely increase as the land comes back to  
34 BLM management. So Federal lands in that respect will  
35 increase.

36

37                   With respect to subsistence management,  
38 what it means is there will be more Federal lands in  
39 various areas. Maps will change and boundaries will  
40 change. It may not be that significant in some areas.  
41 I don't believe it's -- the State priorities are more  
42 in the central part. I believe the Denali block, along  
43 the Denali Highway, was just made one of their highest  
44 priorities. But it will change things.

45

46                   We've already seen some proposals  
47 submitted in anticipation of more Federal lands and  
48 folks thinking the accessibility to some animals will  
49 change. As far as how we anticipate responding, simply  
50 because we're not sure what the final maps will look

1 like, is that if hunts are dramatically impacted, and I  
2 don't anticipate that happening here, but in some areas  
3 of the State it may require special actions through the  
4 Federal Board to adjust some of the rules and  
5 regulations around hunts.

6  
7 That's about the sum of where things  
8 stand with conveyances. It's about 95 percent  
9 complete, and again -- oh, one admonition I guess, or  
10 I'll mention to folks is when the withdrawal process  
11 began, or when the conveyance program began, those  
12 lands were withdrawn from mineral entry so that  
13 everyone could select lands and there wouldn't be  
14 mining claims scattered about and such. Once the  
15 conveyances are finalized, it's the Secretary's purview  
16 to lift those withdrawals and allow mineral entry. So  
17 how lands are managed could potentially change in the  
18 future. And that is again a Secretarial decision, it's  
19 not a Bureau decision. And in truth most of the lands  
20 that were selected were selected both by the State and  
21 Native corporations for their mineral potential. So a  
22 lot of lands that will revert back to BLM are probably  
23 low value, but nevertheless that possibility exists,  
24 that the management regime that's -- and the management  
25 plans that are attached to those lands can change in  
26 the future. So the status quo may not always be there  
27 in the future.

28  
29 That's about all I had.

30  
31 Madam Chair.

32  
33 If there are any questions.

34  
35 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

36  
37 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Dan, we really  
38 appreciate this report, and BLM is always an  
39 interesting part of this Council.

40  
41 I think you had a budget reduction this  
42 year, a considerable budget reduction; is that right?

43  
44 MR. SHARP: Yeah. Through the Chair.  
45 The proposed 2011 budget takes a significant whack at  
46 the conveyance program of about \$13 million. I believe  
47 that's about 40 percent of the budget. I guess I can't  
48 speak to the budget process too much in D.C. I know  
49 they've asked the Congressional delegation to try to  
50 pursue some of those monies. I don't know how that

1 will fall out, but clearly within the Bureau folks are  
2 pretty concerned about their futures for one. And the  
3 status of the conveyance program as it stands may slow  
4 down come 2011 without that support. So again it's a  
5 future budget, a proposed budget that does take a big  
6 cut at the conveyance program.

7

8 MR. O'HARA: I sit on the Bristol Bay  
9 Corporation board of directors, and I also sit on the  
10 land committee. And, of course, your topic -- you come  
11 up all the time with us in that department. And I  
12 think we're at about 95 to 97 percent completion of all  
13 our lands.

14

15 But the thing that hit us mostly was  
16 when your budget went away, it's going to take much  
17 longer for us to get our job done. But we had Tom  
18 Hawkins as a manager for a number of years, and, of  
19 course, he's a resource man, and so Native allotments  
20 and our selection of lands for our Native corporation  
21 was very top priority and we did an excellent job of  
22 that. And we're happy to be at 95 or 97 percent when  
23 many corporations are lagging way behind. They just  
24 haven't followed up on it, because all this stuff gets  
25 divided up here.

26

27 The second thing is, is you see the  
28 yellow up there, and with a GPS, and animals become  
29 scarce, BLM can be very important. We can't overlook  
30 how important that's going to be, and so you're always  
31 going to be in our sights I think favorably. So that's  
32 a good thing.

33

34 Yeah, I think that's all I have to say.

35

36 Okay. Richard.

37

38 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. Dan, I  
39 notice on the map here the Alagnak, the Branch River,  
40 the upper portion there, there seems to be more of the  
41 yellow. Has there been more lands conveyed to BLM here  
42 in the last couple of years along that corridor to your  
43 knowledge, please.

44

45 MR. SHARP: It's not conveyed to BLM.  
46 They basically revert back to BLM is the process. If  
47 they were released and the State didn't want them, the  
48 Native corporations didn't want them, they revert back  
49 to BLM management. I don't believe it's increased. I  
50 couldn't speak to it, but as far as -- again it's lands

1 being released.

2

3 MR. HAMMOND: Madam Chair. Members of  
4 the Council. Troy Hammond from the National Park  
5 Service.

6

7 I think, Richard, what you're asking  
8 about is the wild river corridor on the Alagnak. And  
9 on this map it is shown as BLM land, and it was BLM  
10 land until ANILCA. And the BLM passed title to that  
11 land to the National Park Service in accordance with  
12 ANILCA. It amounts to less than a mile on either side  
13 of the river. The rest of it that's designated there  
14 in that region is like he said land that either is BLM  
15 title or would revert to BLM. But the wild river  
16 corridor is National Park Service managed at this  
17 point.

18

19 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. Thanks. I  
20 just was looking at that, and several years ago one of  
21 the commercial outfits found a little loophole there  
22 and they were using a Native allotment access to get  
23 into State land off of that river system. And so now I  
24 see it's all in yellow, so that's why I had to ask. It  
25 was just kind of brought to my attention. Thanks.

26

27 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
28 I need clarification. The Federal lands versus BLM  
29 lands, are they managed differently?

30

31 MR. SHARP: Madam Chair. BLM lands are  
32 Federal lands. And so it's just -- we're sort of the  
33 land management agency and everything else. It's not  
34 parks and refuges, it's just sort of what remains.

35

36 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. My  
37 understanding was that BLM lands were going to diminish  
38 as people -- different land owners reclaim or get their  
39 land base adjusted. But it sounds like BLM is going to  
40 increase instead of decrease, you know, as far as land  
41 base is concerned.

42

43 MR. SHARP: Madam Chair. The BLM  
44 increases are primarily a result of the State's ability  
45 to over-select. They were allowed to select 125  
46 percent of what they were entitled to. And as that has  
47 slowly resolved itself, that additional 25 percent is a  
48 smaller and smaller piece, but in essence that 25  
49 percent will come back to BLM once the final selections  
50 and priorities are conveyed.

1 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
2  
3 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. You guys created a  
4 little bit of a stir when you came in here and  
5 aggressively took care of your lands which had been  
6 lacking for a long time. And the people who are maybe  
7 not so ambitious about development, their hackles went  
8 up and they ran up a red flag. And that's okay.  
9 That's fine. But it looked to me like this is not a  
10 very accurate map if what Richard says, all that  
11 selection on the Alakanak there, Branch, is not all  
12 parkland. So is this map outdated?  
13  
14 MR. SHARP: Through the Chair. I think  
15 most of these maps are probably outdated, simply for  
16 the -- in the patchwork, BLM lands are probably the  
17 most difficult to capture simply because of the  
18 patchwork of what remains.  
19  
20 As far as the wild and scenic river  
21 corridor, some of the maps that were given, you know,  
22 to make it portable, you lose some resolution. And the  
23 -- yeah, I would say I wouldn't use any of these maps  
24 to hunt with.  
25  
26 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any more  
27 questions, comments from the Council.  
28  
29 (No comments)  
30  
31 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Dan.  
32  
33 I want to recognize the three that just  
34 came in. Please introduce yourselves, the guys that  
35 have been stuck for a while.  
36  
37 MR. LIND: Orville Lind.  
38  
39 (Microphone off)  
40  
41 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'm glad you  
42 came today. Welcome.  
43  
44 Okay. We'll continue.  
45  
46 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you. Madam Chair.  
47 Again Rod Campbell with OSM.  
48  
49 I'm just going to provide a brief  
50 update on the salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea/Aleutian



1 Islands Pollock fishery as located on Page 133 in your  
2 Council book. Also on the agenda I see later Nicole  
3 Kimball from the North Pacific Fishery Management  
4 Council is scheduled. I don't know if she's going to  
5 make it or not; Donald might know. She was going to  
6 address some of this in more detail, so I'm just  
7 providing a brief overview.

8

9 Again, the salmon bycatch in the Bering  
10 Sea/Aleutian Islands Pollock fishery, first for the  
11 chum salmon, the North Pacific Fishery Management  
12 Council has begun work on alternatives for chum salmon  
13 bycatch management measures. Part of the things  
14 they're considering are a hard cap of 50,000 to 353,000  
15 chum salmon with also different option of triggers  
16 between 25,000 and 200,000. This would trigger specific  
17 area closures.

18

19 The schedule of their regulatory  
20 process for the 2010/2011 year is outlined in that  
21 briefing also on Page 133. The process leads to a  
22 recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce on some  
23 type of preferred alternative is a weight of pluses and  
24 minuses of the different options.

25

26 And as the process we used for Chinook  
27 salmon, OSM intends to provide travel support for the  
28 relevant regional councils to send one person to  
29 testify at key meetings of the North Pacific Fishery  
30 Management Council as they come up.

31

32 And then for the Chinook salmon, you  
33 know, that's much farther along. The Chinook salmon  
34 environmental impact statement was finalized. It was  
35 released to the public at the end of 2009. The comment  
36 period -- excuse me, a comment on that closed February  
37 6th. And a record of decision is expected in May of  
38 this year.

39

40 A letter from the Federal Subsistence  
41 Management Program, that's on Page 135 and 136 in your  
42 Council book, was submitted before the February 16th  
43 deadline, and it conveyed concerns of the Federal  
44 Subsistence Board and the Regional Advisory Councils.  
45 In that letter we would recommend a hard cap of 29,323  
46 because both of the hard caps in the preferred  
47 alternatives we believe are too high. There was one  
48 that had 60,000 with an incentive plan agreement and  
49 another was 47,000, almost 47,600. These are fairly  
50 complicated issues and triggers and management

1 measures. But anyway that was -- you can see in the  
2 letter the concerns that both the councils and the  
3 Federal Subsistence Board provided.

4  
5 And I understand now that the proposed  
6 rule has been published. It is on line. It's located  
7 -- at least I found it on the National Marine Fisheries  
8 Service website, and the comments on that are due by  
9 April 19th of this year.

10  
11 So I'm really not the person to ask any  
12 specific questions, but if there's any general things,  
13 we would try to address those for the Council.

14  
15 Thank you.

16  
17 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
18 comments, questions for.....

19  
20 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

21  
22 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

23  
24 MR. O'HARA: Rod, we appreciate this  
25 report. You're familiar with Area M on the State Board  
26 of Fish that just place here just a few weeks ago, and  
27 they did nothing to address a chum cap from Area M to  
28 Western Alaska. Did you attend any of those meetings?  
29 And then I'm going to ask you something about the  
30 Chinook.

31  
32 MR. CAMPBELL: Through the Chair. Mr.  
33 O'Hara. Yes, I did attend that. And you are correct.  
34 They didn't adopt -- make any regulatory changes at all  
35 in any of the management -- particularly the June  
36 fishery, because that's the -- I think that's the one  
37 of the most concern for chum salmon up here.

38  
39 MR. O'HARA: And, Madam Chair. We  
40 can't squawk too much, because we've been -- foregone  
41 harvest in Bristol Bay has been going on for seven or  
42 eight years now, and so, you know, it's pretty hard to  
43 get tough on Area M if you can't even handle all the  
44 fish you've got. And yet in Western Alaska these  
45 people have -- there isn't anything. It's just  
46 absolutely barren, you know, and I can't imagine how  
47 they would treat people like that. But I'm not on the  
48 Fish Board.

49  
50 And the bycatch of kings, when I was on

1 the Advisory Council for many, many years, I average  
2 125 to 150,000 just regularly, you know. And couldn't  
3 even get the sports guys to help us get that reduction  
4 until this last year when it really went out of sight.  
5 And then you were probably at the Federal Council when  
6 we went in and testified, and Randy was the main guy  
7 that -- I'm just following up on what Randy did. Randy  
8 did a good job. He went to Kodiak and he went to  
9 Anchorage, and we're going to follow up on what he  
10 started. He did an excellent job on that. But I think  
11 our recommendation was 65,000. We recommended 36,000  
12 from this Council last year, 2009. And then I think  
13 the Council went for 65,000 reduction in kings. But  
14 that's not 2010. I think that's 2011; is that right?

15

16 MR. CAMPBELL: Through the Chair. Mr.  
17 O'Hara. This plan, right, will not be implemented, my  
18 understanding is, until 2011. I could be wrong on  
19 that.

20

21 Yeah, I did attend the June meeting in  
22 Kodiak. I guess that's been a year or two ago. But I  
23 am not the OSM lead for that. I apologize, he's not  
24 available, who does attend all these Council meetings  
25 and would certainly have more information than I do to  
26 provide you. So I apologize for that up front.

27

28 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

29

30 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. If I could ask Mr.  
31 Campbell, do you have any current numbers on what's  
32 intercepted so far this year? In a recent Fish and  
33 Game meeting I attended, I heard Robert Samuelson say  
34 that the fleet seems to be getting a little bit of the  
35 message and seemed to be doing a lot better job  
36 avoiding fish this year. I was just curious if you had  
37 a number.

38

39 Thank you.

40

41 MR. CAMPBELL: Through the Chair. Mr.  
42 Dunaway. I do not have any numbers on that, but you  
43 are correct. All the information that I had heard, the  
44 salmon bycatch is way down since I think it was 2008  
45 when it was over 120,000. They have reduced that  
46 significantly. Whether that's through abundance issues  
47 or not. I know from all the meetings I have attended,  
48 they are certainly taking this seriously.

49

50 And I think as Member O'Hara mentioned,

1 a lot of that I think was from the Council members  
2 going to these meetings. I know I was kind of  
3 surprised, in June which has been a couple -- well, not  
4 this -- I guess it's been a couple years now, but some  
5 of the members on the North Pacific Fishery Management  
6 Council at least stated on record that they did not  
7 realize that this was a problem, which in this day and  
8 age kind of took everybody back a little bit. And they  
9 were glad that the Council members made them aware of  
10 this. So take that for what it's worth. But at least  
11 our Council members did bring it to their attention.  
12 As Mr. O'Hara said, they did a very good job of that.  
13 And I'm sure they did similar sterling performances  
14 after that, but I was only at the June meeting.

15

16 MR. O'HARA: It's interesting, Rod,  
17 that your king salmon, cohos and chum are all  
18 predators, and the sockeye is not a predator, so that's  
19 where your bycatch comes. They're mid water, catching  
20 the pollock, you know, and eating them, and then this  
21 mid water trawl catches them in big numbers. And then  
22 the hard on the bottom guys, they'll go by here and the  
23 king is in the middle eating the pollock and he hears  
24 the hard on bottom guys coming and he dives all the way  
25 down. They catch him on the bottom, too. My son Tim  
26 was out on a factory trawler for a year, and he threw  
27 many, many, many a nice king salmon overboard. And  
28 halibut and crab and that's a whole different story.  
29 But that's where the problem lies.

30

31 And then the Chinook, they quit eating  
32 out here at Moller, 200 miles out, and the sports guys  
33 can't catch them either. And the reds, he's up at the  
34 top eating plankton, so there's no bycatch of them.  
35 That's a good thing.

36

37 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any more  
38 questions, comments for Rod.

39

40 (No comments)

41

42 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
43 you.

44

45 Polly.

46

47 DR. WHEELER: Madam Chair. I had  
48 another thing. It's not really a report from the  
49 Office of Subsistence Management, but I thought this  
50 Council would be interested in it.

1                   Pat Pourchot, the special assistant to  
2 the Secretary of the Interior for Alaska, wrote a  
3 letter to all the Councils with also all the comments  
4 that have been received to the subsistence review that  
5 the Secretary of the Interior ordered last October --  
6 or announced last October. So I just have a copy of  
7 this letter. I thought I'd hand it out. And then  
8 again I'm not speaking for the Secretary of the  
9 Interior here. I'm just delivering the letter from Pat  
10 Pourchot to the Council members just as a piece of  
11 information.

12  
13                   Madam Chair.

14  
15                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
16 you. I think if we're through with this agenda item,  
17 I'm going to ask for a 10-minute break.

18  
19                   MR. O'HARA: Could I make a comment?

20  
21                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan  
22 wants to make a comment first.

23  
24                   MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Rod said something  
25 really important for the Council here to keep in mind.  
26 And somebody needs to be probably ready to go. But he  
27 made mention that there going to -- may be some money  
28 for a Council member to travel when the North Pacific  
29 Council meets on this bycatch issue. So is that right?

30  
31                   DR. WHEELER: Yes. The Office of  
32 Subsistence Management is prepared to pay for Council  
33 members to attend these meetings again when they occur,  
34 so you might want to name a representative, and then we  
35 will take care of the travel.

36  
37                   (Off record)

38  
39                   (On record)

40  
41                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're  
42 going to get back to order and get started here. Okay.  
43 Our next item on the agenda is c. Tribal and  
44 nongovernmental organizations. And if Frank is in  
45 here. Frank Woods. It looks like he stepped out.

46  
47                   While we're waiting for Frank, Courtney  
48 Gomez, our partners manager for BBNA, she was going to  
49 be here to give us an update of her programs. I guess  
50 she's been up with her daughter since 1:00 o'clock this

1 morning, so she is not able to attend. But she will be  
2 handing or giving her updated report to Donald to  
3 include in our minutes; is that okay?

4

5 MR. MIKE: Yeah. If we're still -- if  
6 she brings the report here soon, you know, I can just  
7 state on record that we got the Partners Program report  
8 for the Council, and it will be officially entered into  
9 the record, and then I can just go ahead and summarize  
10 it in our next meeting minutes.

11

12 Thank you.

13

14 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
15 you, Donald.

16

17 And then for Robin LaVine, when she was  
18 working for BBNA, had that Kvichak watershed  
19 subsistence salmon fishery report that she's been  
20 working on. If she would have been here at this  
21 meeting, it would have been another update I guess, and  
22 she said that she will have that report completed for  
23 our fall meeting. So Robin will not be here to give us  
24 this report at this time, but will be here with a  
25 completed report at our fall meeting.

26

27 And we still don't have Frank Woods  
28 from BBNA, but I think Sidney Smith, did you -- oh,  
29 here he comes. Frank, you're on the agenda.

30

31 MR. WOODS: My computer had a cold this  
32 morning. I think Dan might have passed it on.

33

34 My name is Frank Woods, Bristol Bay  
35 Native Association, subsistence coordinator.

36

37 First I'd like to outline the projects  
38 that the Federal Government are funding is the  
39 Fisheries Partners Program. And that's going along  
40 well.

41

42 What I'm directly going to be involved  
43 in in the next year is the Migratory Bird Co-Management  
44 Council surveys. They're subsistence harvest surveys.  
45 We're planning a meeting this month. And they've  
46 revised the whole survey project. Just to update  
47 everybody. But that process is right at the last  
48 stages of being implemented. A pretty comprehensive  
49 survey. And it just deals with migratory birds and our  
50 harvest, subsistence harvest in the region.

1 I'm going to cover -- when I -- some  
2 background on caribou/moose enhancement project. A  
3 pretty comprehensive project. When I first came aboard  
4 in '07, me and Robin LeVine, our natural resources  
5 biologist, fisheries, was put in charge of this  
6 project. It was full bore direction to help increase  
7 the populations, to address the caribou declines, the  
8 moose population declines, and at that time we were --  
9 I was -- made the assumption that predator management  
10 had a big part in the decline in the populations.

11  
12 Since '07 we've held two meetings in  
13 Dillingham in this building. The first one was with me  
14 and the local State biologist, Jim Woolington, the  
15 Refuge and it was just phase I was basically to collect  
16 all the information, update it just like your Staff did  
17 on -- you know, the analysis and all the information  
18 that was out there. And Jim Woolington and Togiak Fish  
19 and Wildlife did a wonderful job with that.

20  
21 Phase II was to come up with a plan and  
22 a meet, and have the group to come up with alternatives  
23 to what's going on. As you know, we deal with a dual  
24 management system, and that dual management system  
25 sometimes isn't too friendly to work with. Number 1,  
26 it's cumbersome; number 2, you've got two regimes. And  
27 to sit down for one person to sort them out and keep  
28 them organized in one head is kind of sometimes kind of  
29 hard.

30  
31 But I'll tell you what happened in the  
32 last -- I think Dale was at the meeting last year when  
33 -- I got a report to pass out just for information from  
34 Hans Nicholson. He held this meeting April 22nd in  
35 King Salmon -- or -- yeah. And those in attendance  
36 were Bill Schaff, Dom Watts, ADF&G [sic] Becharof,  
37 Chuck -- oh, I mispronounce his name -- Ardizzone,  
38 there you go. Donald was there. And Mary -- I'm  
39 getting a little bit nervous here. I never got stage  
40 fright in a long time. But McBurney, Sandy  
41 Rabinowitch, National Park Service, Joel Hard, National  
42 Park Service, Troy Hammond, National Park Service, Lake  
43 Clark, and Geoff Beyersdorf -- there you go. I'm  
44 fumbling here. But anyway there was Bob Filem from BLM  
45 -- CEO Alaska Professional Hunters Association,  
46 Fred.....

47  
48 MR. O'HARA: I'd get nervous if I had  
49 that name list, too, you know, any time of the day.  
50

1 MR. WOODS: Thanks. It's hard for me  
2 to read when I get flustered, but anyway Fred Pike from  
3 Naknek/Kvichak. Randy Alvarez was there. Tim Enright,  
4 Ugashik. And local resident participants was Pete  
5 Hill, Richard Wilson, Pete Caruso, Dale Myers, Kathleen  
6 Myers, and Eddie Clark.

7  
8 And that meeting, it was pretty  
9 productive. Hans as you see in front of you -- I've  
10 got the shortened version of what happened. He's got a  
11 more detailed report for me and Molly in Natural  
12 Resources.

13  
14 It looks like, you know, we've got  
15 serious problem in not just 9, but 9B, C and E all have  
16 the same issues.

17  
18 So with that, I think I'd like to  
19 include if we can BBNA in that working group that  
20 you're developing, including me and Hans Nicholson.  
21 I've taken it upon myself sitting at the Board of Game  
22 and the Board of Fish, and advisory committee process.  
23 We don't have enough people, and that means resource  
24 people, involved in both processes, to attend. And I  
25 think, Dan, you're the only one I see in both meetings,  
26 right? Sometimes.

27  
28 But I've developed a dual management  
29 presentation, being is it the general public has a hard  
30 time defining both procedural aspects of both the RAC  
31 and the Federal Subsistence Board. You know, there's  
32 procedures you have to follow in order to get, you  
33 know, proposals or recommendations to meet need. And  
34 the same on the State side is the AC process, Board of  
35 Game and the Board of Fish. And there's a lot of our  
36 -- I think a lot of our young people are missing the  
37 boat I think, and a lot of our local residents not only  
38 are frustrated with this system, but they don't fully  
39 understand how important these meetings are for  
40 resource, not only allocation, because I honestly  
41 believe it's all allocative now, that we've got --  
42 basically we've divided ourselves into three different  
43 user groups. And I would say there's -- I don't want  
44 to say rural, it's Bush Alaska. That rural, you know,  
45 that's a determination by zip code. And in a way we  
46 act in the management in State system. But we have a  
47 sports, pretty highly in the -- I call the sports  
48 people is the people that will be able to pay. They  
49 come out to harvest. And then we have the recreator.  
50 that means people living in Alaska being able to have



1 the means and methods to go out and harvest. They have  
2 the airplanes, all the equipment. They have the high-  
3 paying jobs to go out and fill their freezers with free  
4 meat. And then we have the true subsistence user which  
5 needs that not only to feed his family, but to  
6 subsidize a budget in order to live in Bush Alaska.

7  
8 With that said, you know, I am in full  
9 support of passing any measure that would support  
10 subsistence. And I sit on, you know, a lot of boards,  
11 and I sit on a lot of committees, and with the rural  
12 subsistence priority, it's hard for the -- you know,  
13 and I educate the State as much as I can. The State of  
14 Alaska is 73 percent urban and 28 percent rural. And I  
15 have to educate every State board I sit on that 28  
16 percent doesn't mean that we're not part of Alaska.

17  
18 And as you've seen in the white paper  
19 and the Staff reports, the harvest out of 9B is 30  
20 percent for rural Federally subsistence recognized  
21 harvesters. It looks like there's about an average of  
22 about 57 percent of non-Federally recognized harvesters  
23 and nonresident hunters. So the population that we're  
24 supposed to be helping fill them freezers and help  
25 people feed themselves is only 30 percent. And I would  
26 not only act on the working work fast, but I was hoping  
27 there would be action on this at this board level.

28  
29 I've seen every agency delay. All -- I  
30 mean, it was frustrating when I first came in '07 and I  
31 went down and visited Lem Butler after we had a  
32 migratory bird meeting and a RAC meeting. And I asked  
33 him, you know, I was pretty unexperienced in the whole  
34 arena, and he has been there for a long time. I didn't  
35 realize he had been in that position for over eight  
36 years, and there was still no action. At that time  
37 they didn't have a predator management plan. They  
38 weren't killing wolves. And you guys were suffering  
39 and starving on the east side.

40  
41 So I suggested that he start educating  
42 the public, because his job is not just a manager.  
43 He's also an educator. And I passed that information  
44 on to Jim Woolington, that the best thing they could do  
45 is pass out information that's pertinent to what  
46 they're doing. Because if we don't know -- and he  
47 explained to me all that was going on in his office. I  
48 said that, you know, the information is not only  
49 beneficial to the communities that you serve, but also  
50 to the public and the boards we sit on.

1                   Because I was pretty appalled that we  
2 -- I went to my very first Nushagak Advisory Committee  
3 meeting, and they were complaining about the Mulchatna  
4 herd, and Jim Woolington hadn't done a presentation on  
5 his cow to calf ratios, to the age composition of the  
6 Mulchatna herd and how it had got to the point where--  
7 he hadn't done that to that committee. And that's why  
8 I said information is important.

9  
10                   So with this, it kind of concludes my  
11 report. My dual management presentation, I'll like to  
12 pass out to all the villages. I'd like to present  
13 that. Your Staff did a wonderful job of what this  
14 Board is faced with on the Federal side and how we  
15 manage, you know. And that's what I'd like to pass out  
16 to the general public is just a brief outline on how we  
17 are operated, but it looks like to me, at least in my  
18 experience in only three years in this position now is  
19 that there is -- we're so entrenched in what's going on  
20 right here, we don't know what the other side is doing,  
21 and they're so entrenched on their side -- I mean, I  
22 attended an AC meeting, maybe Dan can correct me, and  
23 you guys probably do the same. When we attend AC  
24 meetings, they never hear about RAC proposals. Have we  
25 gone over a RAC proposal?

26  
27                   MR. DUNAWAY: On occasion I've brought  
28 them up.

29  
30                   MR. WOODS: On occasion. Thank you.  
31 And then the same on the AC side. You know, so it's  
32 kind of like the left hand doesn't know what the right  
33 hand's doing, and the right hand doesn't know what the  
34 left hand's doing. And my spiel to everybody and every  
35 committee I work on, we all need to work together, no  
36 matter how tough it is and hard it gets. But, you  
37 know, I get back to I love where I live and I love what  
38 I do. But this is the hardest job right here. It's a  
39 necessary evil. And I appreciate you guys' commitment  
40 to being on this Board.

41  
42                   So thanks.

43  
44                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any --  
45 Dan.

46  
47                   MR. O'HARA: Pete.

48  
49                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, Pete.

50

1 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah. Frank, you know,  
2 it sounds like, you know, when I first started in  
3 Togiak area, they have exact same problem. But, you  
4 know, I've been with U.S. Fish and Wildlife for many  
5 years. There's frustrations coming from every  
6 direction. State, feds, local. Well, I sat back, I  
7 sat down and started about the thing over here. How do  
8 we fix this over here, or how do we work together. You  
9 know, and these Regional Advisory Council over here,  
10 you see anything from Togiak area? None. Only  
11 reports. The major problem is in that direction over  
12 there. Why? Here's how I started.

13  
14 I couldn't form a meeting, so I started  
15 in steambath. I invite an old guys over there, here  
16 and there. Not all of them, but two at a time, three  
17 at a time. I explain to them what the State does, what  
18 the feds does, what all these guys do. I explain to  
19 them as best as I can. And I try to make them  
20 understand. They were opposing me. They were staying,  
21 no, the State's not helping us, fed is not helping us.  
22 We will fight them. I said, no. I started using  
23 examples. Back in 1700s how the Indians used to be  
24 treated. In Africa. Small area. Or small people,  
25 Europe people deplete all our game, and they go start  
26 and move somewhere else and deplete again. I used  
27 examples. Finally they started to understand.

28  
29 So when they started to understand, I  
30 turned around, the people I work with, U.S. Fish and  
31 Wildlife, I talked to them, hey, let's approach the  
32 elders first. Now, you take Andy Aderman right there.  
33 He used to spend a night in Togiak. Mr. Woolington  
34 spent a night over there. They were fighting among  
35 themselves. Today -- well, he's in fact U.S. Fish and  
36 Wildlife, take the uniform off to go to meeting in  
37 Togiak or in Quinhagak or wherever. I was even afraid  
38 to put my uniform on. Today the people from the office  
39 over here goes to Togiak with uniform on, and I put my  
40 uniform on, and we get together, we talk about it.  
41 We've got a big problem right there.

42  
43 Approach your elders, see what they  
44 think. Because 9E, 9B wherever you go over there,  
45 those are the people that live there, born there and  
46 use those things right there. Don't let somebody from  
47 outside make a decision for these old guys over here.  
48 Find that solution from that area first and then  
49 approach U.S. Fish and Wildlife and ADF&G. Work  
50 together to find a solution right there, and then work

1 hand-in-hand.

2

3 I'm proud of the people I work with  
4 down there in Dillingham. When I see the report,  
5 sometimes I smile a little to myself. That's one of  
6 the better reports I read down there. And the reports  
7 in the steambath when I'm doing something, here, hey,  
8 we had a report. This is what Andy Aderman reported.  
9 142 moose going towards Goodnews drainage.  
10 Explanation. Got good communication.

11

12 There will be a lot of frustration, a  
13 lot of friction. But if you work together with elders  
14 first, from there on, you know -- don't start from the  
15 top. Start from the bottom where you need to be. It  
16 can be moose, caribou, fish, anything. That's their  
17 land, that's their home, that's who they -- you know,  
18 they depend on the piece of land there. River. Lake.  
19 Anything.

20

21 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
22 other comments. Dan.

23

24 MR. O'HARA: No, go ahead.

25

26 MR. DUNAWAY: Just a question for  
27 Frank. Are you planning to attend the Board of Game  
28 meeting here and push the predator control, Proposal  
29 No. 32? I understand from Lem it's supposed to come  
30 before the Board tomorrow in Fairbanks.

31

32 MR. WOODS: I'll have to refer to my  
33 boss and my travel schedule to be honest with you. I  
34 get tired of sitting -- I've been traveling and on the  
35 clock for my job since -- last Friday, it was from  
36 January 25th until last Friday. Every day. That's  
37 five weeks straight. Two Board of Fish meetings, a  
38 Board of Game meeting, we addressed a Nushagak advisory  
39 proposal for the Board of Game management in 9, and  
40 recommendations. Then I went to Area M meeting. You  
41 were there. And it continued on. I sit a State board,  
42 a Federal oversight board. We read regulations and  
43 volumes of what you guys cover from BLM, you know,  
44 around the State. And it's basically ANILCA board.  
45 I've never had a more educational experience in my  
46 life. But maybe Hans is still in Anchorage, he can  
47 attend for the Nushagak AC and just email me. He's  
48 going to be trying to get here this week, but I think  
49 it might be too late for me to attend that meeting,  
50 plus I'd be reluctant to spend any more time away from

1 home. I've got a lot of catching up at the office and  
2 then -- yeah. But I'd love to support the -- any  
3 predator management plan.

4

5 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

6

7 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Frank, this is a  
8 really good report. You said something in there, and  
9 I missed it or I didn't get it quite clear, excuse me.  
10 You wanted this Board to act on -- this Council to act  
11 on something? What was that that you're thinking  
12 about?

13

14 MR. WOODS: You know, in 9B I attended  
15 a meeting as a representative from tribal  
16 organizations, and Kakhonak is our compacting tribe  
17 with BBNA. And we attended an AC meeting up in  
18 Newhalen last year. And they reported everything that  
19 you've got in front of you. They have low density  
20 moose population concerns. They have non-residents  
21 still coming in harvesting, and maybe a low Federal  
22 lands area. It's only 27 percent of the lands up there  
23 are Federal lands. But they have a concern that -- and  
24 I agree. And me and Lem, I talked to him, but then he  
25 resigned at that time, and I think he moved down to  
26 Juneau for about six months.

27

28 But that is the most neglected area in  
29 just about the region. And I say that because, number  
30 1, like our biologist here will go up and pass out  
31 hunting permits, educate the public. You know, they  
32 help, interact with the people. Like you said, we need  
33 to educate our people and also we need to come together  
34 on it. And Togiak's a prime example of that. They've  
35 got the highest density of moose in the region right  
36 now.

37

38 But that area is starving to feed  
39 itself. And I can't say any more than that. They  
40 would, you know, support -- I would push to support  
41 passing 45 just to set precedence that, you know, along  
42 the Alagnak, along Lake Clark area, that the people  
43 have a chance to at least -- for residents only, to  
44 provide food for themselves.

45

46 So with that, yeah.

47

48 MR. O'HARA: One of the things that  
49 we've been working with the Park Service over on our  
50 side, and this Council as well, is trying to get

1 recreational vehicles into the Katmai Preserve up there  
2 at Kakhonak, you know. Our caribous are going up high  
3 along the hills, and it's -- and they're working hard  
4 at doing that. That would be one step of what you're  
5 thinking about doing. And it's a long tedious one, and  
6 you've just got to keep going back there, it gets  
7 boring, and gets set aside, and it doesn't move fast  
8 enough. And so I really appreciate that, because  
9 that's a big concern. And Richard, of course, he spent  
10 a lot of time and lived in Kakhonak.

11

12 Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

13

14 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Anybody  
15 else.

16

17 (No comments)

18

19 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Frank  
20 came on board to BBNA a couple of years ago. Well,  
21 it's going on three. And I remember him attending the  
22 Nushagak Advisory Council, and coming back to -- he was  
23 impressed, but like so many people in our region, I  
24 think our Advisory Council attendance for our region is  
25 the weakest link to our people. Frank at that time  
26 didn't realize how important it was for him to attend  
27 these Advisory Council meetings when they're developing  
28 regulations. And we have four state regional councils  
29 that meet pretty regularly. And even here in  
30 Dillingham, unless there's going to be elections, it's  
31 mostly State agencies attending. And -- except for  
32 Togiak, in the smaller communities, we normally have a  
33 good attendance there.

34

35 But one of the main reasons why I  
36 pushed to have Frank develop this dual management  
37 presentation that he's going to be taking to -- in line  
38 with this enhancement project, moose and caribou  
39 enhancement project, it to make an attempt to do a  
40 presentation regarding the importance of these Regional  
41 Council meetings, because they're developing  
42 regulations, and then the importance of attending  
43 these. Because I think -- well, the major setback I  
44 think is funding. It's always funding. And I think  
45 that's why we have -- when the Regional Councils meet  
46 like this, you turn around, I sit here and look, and  
47 it's all agency except for a couple of public here.  
48 And we should have a lot of our public people here  
49 attending.

50

1                   And so I'm hoping that the dual  
2 management regulation presentations that Frank's going  
3 to be involved in will at least give us a start on the  
4 importance -- in informing our local people of the  
5 importance of this process. And I thank Frank for  
6 being here to give us an update on this.

7  
8                   Okay. Any other questions. Comments.  
9 Richard.

10  
11                   MR. WILSON: I do have one. Thanks,  
12 Frank. Madam Chair.

13  
14                   Frank, dual management. Now who's --  
15 is the funding pretty readily available for you to be  
16 going to the ACs and things or no?

17  
18                   MR. WOODS: For the ACs, yes, again,  
19 and for this meeting they're.....

20  
21                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Mic, Frank.

22  
23                   MR. WOODS: Yes, Richard. For me to  
24 attend this meeting as Staff to report on what we're  
25 doing, and also I was reluctant to join the ACs because  
26 of time constraints and budgets, you're right. But  
27 BBNA has taken the initiative to, since it's so  
28 important to resource -- or subsistence users. And  
29 Ohfi (ph) appointed -- or recommended that I be seated  
30 in the place he left, that I took it on, yeah.

31  
32                   The problem with that is that we're  
33 dealing with -- this year it was Board of Fish, and  
34 you've probably attended that whole process before, and  
35 it's been in both Area M and Bristol Bay, and then the  
36 Board of Game. And it's time. There isn't enough -- I  
37 need about three of me. But, yeah, you're right.

38  
39                   It -- the funding isn't readily  
40 available for the training of dual management, and  
41 that's why I'm asking maybe if this program at some  
42 administrative level and from the State side is somehow  
43 to come up with a -- especially in 9B, because, you  
44 know, they may not be -- might not have much interest  
45 or have much Federal lands, but at least if Lem comes  
46 up and issues, you know, information, and I think the  
47 moose, where you've got the cow and how much one cow  
48 can produce. Those were pretty important.

49  
50                   But the funding issues are -- I live

1 off of carry-over money basically, and then my real job  
2 is to collect surveys, migratory bird and last year it  
3 was the harbor seal. So I end up becoming a filer. No  
4 problem doing that. I can collect information and make  
5 it pertinent to those people that request it. But  
6 there ain't enough time, and we ain't enough staff, and  
7 there ain't enough people involved. It's kind of hard  
8 sell to -- thank goodness we have pretty -- you know,  
9 this group right here, and BBNA has taken the  
10 initiative, Molly has taken the initiative for me to  
11 help educate the public, because that's who I  
12 represent, you know, that's the people that sent me  
13 here, or why I'm here.

14

15 MR. WILSON: Molly.

16

17 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

18

19 MR. WILSON: Molly, if I may. Yeah.  
20 And the reason why I asked is, you know, I appreciate  
21 your report and the input that you have and the, you  
22 know, information you're compiling. And, you know,  
23 talking about communication, you know, down to the  
24 steambath. Okay. That's where you start, and then you  
25 work your way up, you know. And the same way over  
26 there, you know, and if -- you know, if BBNC is funding  
27 your position somewhat, you know, then I would  
28 appreciate, you know, yourself or somebody like you, or  
29 this kind of info also infiltrating those communities  
30 over there, you know, just so that everybody is in  
31 sync, and everybody's knowing what's going on. Just  
32 appreciate it if you -- you're spread thin, but just a  
33 point of interest.

34

35 MR. WOODS: Yeah, I appreciate it.  
36 That's why we had the meeting in King Salmon is to pass  
37 that information and collect all the information there.  
38 The next area of concern is going to be in Chignik  
39 Lake, your area. And it should be in the next month  
40 and a half, we should have a -- and I was talking to  
41 Orville Lind before the -- at the end of the Board of  
42 -- somewhere in Anchorage, it was a forum on  
43 environment I think, is that at some point in time we'd  
44 love to have a wildlife summit, without any labels,  
45 without any predator management, without any moose,  
46 without any caribou, so nobody's fighting. Let's just  
47 to a wildlife summit to figure out what's all the  
48 information that's pertinent. And that's I think what  
49 BBNA is trying to do is trying to collect all the  
50 information to make educated and sound judgments on



1 what's happening right now, so, yeah, you're right. It  
2 needs to continue.  
3  
4 And I appreciate your time.  
5  
6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any more  
7 comments.  
8  
9 (No comments)  
10  
11 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,  
12 Frank. Next up -- do you have a question.  
13  
14 MR. CAMPBELL: Actually it's a follow  
15 up to what Frank just said. Rod Campbell with OSM.  
16  
17 You'd mentioned the challenges not only  
18 of State and Federal systems, and, you know, all the  
19 complex and contentious issues they deal with, but he  
20 also mentioned the challenges of getting young people  
21 involved. And what I wanted to do was just send out a  
22 attaboy and attagirl that came from the recent Bristol  
23 Bay meeting. There were some young people that  
24 attended that meeting from this area. They did an  
25 outstanding job both in public testimony and in the  
26 committee. I think their families, their fisheries,  
27 the entire region should be very proud of those young  
28 people that did go to the meeting and did testify. And  
29 I just wanted to get that on the record. And comments  
30 to me from Board of Fish members as well as other  
31 members of the public and State Fish and Game Staff.  
32  
33 So I just wanted to provide that to the  
34 Council.  
35  
36 Thank you. Madam Chair.  
37  
38 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, thank  
39 you.  
40  
41 Richard.  
42  
43 MR. WILSON: Molly. Thanks, Rod. That  
44 just brings up an interesting point. In some of our  
45 discussion over there in King Salmon here recently  
46 about liaison, about communication, you know, between  
47 the Park Service and locals and stuff, and I've always  
48 wanted to invite entities into our school systems, you  
49 know, to help with programs, you know. We people  
50 graduating every year, people going off and getting

1 degrees, you know, and things, and if you start in  
2 their elementary level and start, you know, gaining  
3 interest and showing what we're all about, our land's  
4 about, and how the system works, and it's -- we could  
5 be much better informed, you know, as -- and more  
6 involved, too. Our younger people can be more involved  
7 that way, so I appreciate any kind of thought that way.

8

9 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We have  
10 Sidney Smith next.

11

12 MR. SMITH: Good morning, Madam  
13 Chairman. Thank you. And Council members.

14

15 We don't have a map of the whole State  
16 of Alaska here, but if you look at it, one of the terms  
17 that we used with the Federal Government is that since  
18 the Federal Government owns 60 percent of the land in  
19 the state of Alaska. And our regional corporations and  
20 village corporations have 11 percent. The State has  
21 approximately 28 percent. And there's one percent  
22 private.

23

24 You have a great friend, which is the  
25 Federal Government. They are concerned about our  
26 renewable resources, just like we are. That 11 percent  
27 is a lot stronger for us if we use it. We all live  
28 around renewable resources. So you do have a friend  
29 who owns 60 percent. No matter where you go in Alaska,  
30 you'll find out that the lands that we selected for  
31 regional and village corporations are very important to  
32 our way of life. And the Federal Government at that  
33 time was well aware of it, and that's before the  
34 subsistence bill was passed, before '79. And after '79  
35 everything went kind of chaos.

36

37 I keep hearing from Richard and Peter  
38 over there and Dan O'Hara what you call regulatory  
39 powers trying to get information out to the villages.  
40 When you work only one pocket, Chignik suffers. When  
41 you work one pocket in our area here in Unit 9B, over  
42 there at King Salmon, Igiugig, and those areas suffer.  
43 With regulatory powers, what we talked about is that we  
44 all get together and we regulate what happens within  
45 that geographical area. When you do that, the Federal  
46 Government and the State of Alaska has to come to you.

47

48 A lot of times I see what happens  
49 between the State and the Federal Government. They  
50 must have read the Roman days, how to divide and

1 conquer. Not intentionally, but it happens that way a  
2 lot.

3

4                   The other thing that the Federal  
5 Government and the State of Alaska does not look at the  
6 professors. And you know where they're at? They're in  
7 the villages. Nobody respects them, but our elders  
8 know what's going on within our areas. And Peter is  
9 correct, you need to use them. They are very smart.  
10 They may talk in simple terms, but they know what's  
11 going on.

12

13                   And I'm glad you're looking at  
14 information to work together. It needs to happen.  
15 It's so important. We have left it out for so many  
16 years. And when I talked about 30 years, we're still  
17 in the same thing we've been doing, you know, 50 years  
18 ago.

19

20                   But I really thank you guys for being  
21 on the Council, because -- and trying to attack these  
22 issues of how do we get the information and how we use  
23 it. Surveys are okay, but if it's not done by our  
24 people, by our elders, it don't mean nothing.

25

26                   Let me explain to you one thing what  
27 our elders talk about, and I think some of you elders  
28 might know. Our people believe in a circle. And when  
29 you bring in somebody from outside, they usually carry  
30 a cube. When they bring that cube into our area, and  
31 our people believe in a circle, they know that that  
32 individual knows that cube don't fit. And guess what  
33 happens? They do it anyway. So when you do that,  
34 that's how you cause problems between the Federal  
35 Government and the State of Alaska and also our people.

36

37                   One thing that came up to really mind  
38 what Peter talked about was my glusnuk (ph) talked  
39 about, and I'll ask you, some of you Board members, how  
40 do you kill a bear with a BB gun? Do you know, Dan?  
41 Peter? (In Yup'ik) You must know. Anyway, I was  
42 about nine years old, and I never really understood  
43 what he talked about until I was 20-some years old,  
44 because I used to say I'll shoot him in the eye or  
45 shoot him in the ear. And he says, (in Yup'ik). So I  
46 figured out I'll be smart, I'll shoot him two times in  
47 the eye or the ear or the mouth. (Mic turned off).

48

49                   What he explained to me was, you take  
50 all the BBs and you take the bear. He said, (in

1 Yup'ik). It's just like our village. You need to be  
2 together in order to kill the bear. And it's the same  
3 concept we're working on here. We need to be together.  
4 But it took me, like I said, you know, almost until I  
5 was 20-some years old to understand what he was saying.

6

7

8 And, you know, I want to thank you for  
9 giving me a chance to talk, because, you know, what you  
10 guys are doing is great, that you're trying to look at  
11 ways to solve some of these problems.

12

13 But if you take a look at your map, and  
14 look at the percentage or number of acres that the  
15 Federal Government has, State of Alaska have, you have.  
16 You do have a friend. They have the same concerns you  
17 have. But use our professors in the villages, just  
18 like Peter talked about. You might take them (in  
19 Yup'ik), might take some tea at the house, and it will  
20 work.

21

22 Thank you.

23

24 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
25 you, Sidney. Any comments from the Council.

26

27 (No comments)

28

29 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,  
30 Sidney.

31

32 MR. SMITH: Thank you.

33

34 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Next up  
35 is U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Andy.

36

37 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you. Madam Chair.  
38 Council members. My name is Andy Aderman. I work as a  
39 wildlife biologist for the Togiak National Wildlife  
40 Refuge.

41

42 Towards the back of your Council book  
43 there's a report on a number of projects that the  
44 Togiak Refuge has been involved in. It starts on Page  
45 137. There's contact names in more information on  
46 these projects. I've planned to just talk to three of  
47 them, the first of which begins near the top of Page  
48 139 and on Nushagak Peninsula caribou.

49

50 Just I guess a brief introduction, I

1 see we have some fairly new members on the Council.  
2 The Nushagak Peninsula herd originated from a  
3 transplant of 150 Northern Alaska Peninsula caribou to  
4 the Nushagak Peninsula back in 1988. The first 10  
5 years that herd was down there, it grew really fast.  
6 It peaked at about 1400 animals in 1997, '98. About  
7 the same time the Mulchatna herd peaked. The next 10  
8 years the herd declined, and for the last three or four  
9 years, it's seemed have to stabilized around 550.

10

11 We've had hunting by local users on  
12 this herd since 1995, and that continues to this day.  
13 And that's -- this is just a Federal subsistence hunt  
14 only.

15

16 We monitor this herd through radio  
17 collars and population surveys, composition surveys. I  
18 have some information from this past summer that  
19 indicates that the herd might be on the increase a  
20 little bit. We also do winter population counts. We  
21 haven't have the snow conditions yet this winter. I'm  
22 hopeful that we'll still have them here in the month of  
23 March.

24

25 Towards the end of that report I made  
26 mention of a caribou planning committee meeting in  
27 January. We did do this. That committee is made up of  
28 local village councils, BBNA, the Nushagak Advisory  
29 Committee, Choggiung, Ltd. as well. And from that  
30 meeting we decided to make available 20 permits, 10 to  
31 Manokotak, 5 each to Dillingham and Aleknagik. That  
32 hunt opened on February 15th and will go to the end of  
33 this month.

34

35 That's about it for Nushagak Peninsula  
36 caribou, but related to that is project right  
37 underneath that. And that's wolf predation.

38

39 About two and a half years ago we  
40 started a project collaring wolves in two packs to try  
41 and determine if wolves were having a great influence  
42 on this herd. And we're about half way through this  
43 project. What we've found so far is out of the two  
44 packs that we have collars on, one of the packs uses  
45 the Nushagak Peninsula, but 40 percent of the time or  
46 less. They seem to be down there in the fall. We have  
47 documented that they do take caribou, but we haven't  
48 seen a lot of activity down there during the calving  
49 period when we think caribou would be more vulnerable  
50 with the new calves and that. And they seem to spend a

1 lot of their time off the Peninsula, away from the  
2 caribou feeding on salmon and beaver during the summer  
3 and presumably focusing on moose during the winter  
4 months.

5  
6 Again we're about half way through this  
7 study, so we'll have a couple more years with this.

8  
9 The last project I just wanted to talk  
10 to is moose. And moose have done really well on the  
11 Togiak Refuge over the last 20 years. And it's  
12 continually moving west. You may have heard Council  
13 Member Abraham talk about the Goodnews drainage, which  
14 is outside of the Bristol Bay region. A few years ago  
15 they had essentially no moose and we've worked with the  
16 villages of Goodnews Bay and Platinum, got a strategy  
17 together and in cooperation with Fish and Game. And  
18 folks there sacrificed willingly, closed their own  
19 hunt. And they went from two moose in 2002 to 142  
20 moose here last year.

21  
22 We re-opened hunting there two years  
23 ago and they're now reaping the benefits of that. So  
24 that's a real positive note. And a lot of it, you  
25 know, it ties into the Bristol Bay Region and what  
26 folks in Togiak did, and before that what folks here in  
27 Dillingham and Aleknagik did. So it's a real positive  
28 story.

29  
30 And with that I will end and try to  
31 address any questions you may have.

32  
33 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I want  
34 to commend Togiak Refuge for their work with these  
35 villages. This is one success story for agencies that  
36 work with the communities. When I first started  
37 working for subsistence division in 1980, I used to  
38 dread going to Togiak. The very first meeting I  
39 attended, we had refuge people from -- Togiak Refuge  
40 people from there, and during the break and even during  
41 the process, during the meeting process, the community  
42 members that were in attendance actually told the guy  
43 that came in to make a presentation to walk home. It  
44 was that bad.

45  
46 And as the people started feeling the  
47 respect from the agencies, both the Federal and the  
48 State, they responded. You know, people are very  
49 receiving and they're very giving. And if they sense  
50 that there's opposition, and if they sense that they're

1 not being -- or the agencies or anybody, it doesn't  
2 have to be agencies, it could be me. If I'm not  
3 explaining the request for anything that BBNA or  
4 anybody wants to do, if they don't understand the  
5 purpose, they're going to reject the process.

6  
7 And just from that experience to today,  
8 like Pete said, Togiak has really come around, because  
9 Togiak was the worse community to work with, because of  
10 the Round Island incident that the community  
11 experienced. It took probably a good 30 years to mend  
12 that.

13  
14 And I again want to commend the Togiak  
15 Staff for continuing to work with these communities in  
16 a respectful manner. And so, thank you, Andy.

17  
18 Any questions from the Council. Dan.

19  
20 MR. O'HARA: Andy, appreciate your  
21 report today.

22  
23 And I see you have a report here on the  
24 walrus. So I guess it will be the Peninsula Refuge  
25 that's going to deal with the walrus haul out over at  
26 Cinnamon?

27  
28 MR. ADERMAN: Sorry. Yeah, I think  
29 they may be able to address whether or not they'll be  
30 looking at that.

31  
32 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
33 questions comments for Andy.

34  
35 (No comments)

36  
37 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Seeing  
38 none, thanks, Andy. Good work.

39  
40 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you.

41  
42 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Very good work.

43  
44  
45 Okay. The next one I think we have  
46 Alaska Peninsula.

47  
48 MR. SCHAFF: Good morning, Madam Chair.  
49 Council members. My name is Bill Schaff. I'm the  
50 refuge manager at Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife

1 Refuge and Becharof Refuge from King Salmon.

2

3                   What we've passed out is an update on  
4 the biological program at the Peninsula/Becharof. I  
5 would note, please change the date. That was a  
6 carryover from last fall's meeting.

7

8                   The Federal subsistence brown bear  
9 season in 2009/2010, the fall and winter subsistence  
10 brown bear hunting season in 9E, and that portion  
11 conducted on the refuges, allows harvest of one brown  
12 bear, except cubs or sows with cubs. We have Federal  
13 registration permits in our office. And to date we  
14 have not issued any permits, but we have them  
15 available.

16

17                   Northern Alaska caribou composition  
18 counts, the herd composition survey provided important  
19 information regarding the age and sex composition of  
20 the caribou herds. This information is useful to  
21 managers and is used to evaluate the status and trends  
22 of the caribou herd.

23

24                   The Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
25 and the Refuge Staff cooperated to accomplish a herd  
26 composition survey for the Northern Alaska Peninsula  
27 caribou herd, the NAPCH, during October of '09. The  
28 sample size and distribution of the adequate to  
29 estimate the herd comp.

30

31                   Herd composition surveys estimated 15.7  
32 calves per 100 cows, 18.7 bulls per 100 cows. The  
33 estimated cow/calf ratio, and I'll let you read all the  
34 numbers, 15.7 per 100 during 2009 is a slight  
35 improvement over previous years. It's still considered  
36 low.

37

38                   As to bull/cow count observed during  
39 the 2009, again fairly low. And I believe the State  
40 likes to see 20. Personally I'd like to see 30, 35  
41 bulls per 100.

42

43                   Based on the number of caribou right  
44 now, we have a minimum herd of 2,126 caribou.

45

46                   We'll be doing another comp count  
47 hopefully in October of 2010.

48

49                   Moose trend area surveys provided  
50 information regarding the general status and trends of



1 moose on the Alaska Peninsula. Refuge Staff  
2 periodically checked trend areas whenever there's  
3 appropriate snow cover during November and December.  
4 We prefer to do it in November and December so we can  
5 get age and sex ratios. However a lot of times, as you  
6 realize, during that time frame we don't have the snow  
7 conditions that we'd like. One thing we're pushing for  
8 now is to get -- if we can't get them done in the fall,  
9 is to slop over into the spring and at least get total  
10 numbers. We can't get the comp counts that we like,  
11 but it's the next best thing.

12

13 Trend area surveys were conducted  
14 during November and December in the park border at  
15 Katmai, Black Lake, Blue Mountain and Flats B trend  
16 areas. We really didn't have enough snow conditions.

17

18 A total of 124 moose were observed in  
19 the park boundary. The estimated bull/cow counts were  
20 35 to 100 and 16 to 100 respectively. These data  
21 indicate sex ratios in the park boundary are within the  
22 ecological norms for Alaska moose populations.  
23 Estimated cow/calf ratios were low and were commonly  
24 reported in this area for the Alaska Peninsula.

25

26 A total of 51 moose were observed in  
27 the Black Lake area. Estimate bull/cow and cow/calf  
28 ratios of this trend area were 42 and 35 respectively,  
29 indicating stable but low population. However, the  
30 small sample size and distribution of moose may have  
31 been biased -- may have biased the composition. The  
32 Black Lake area this area when we was down there, we  
33 didn't see the animals that we thought we should have.  
34 We're not sure if because of changes in weather  
35 conditions or whatever, that the moose hadn't moved out  
36 of the hills down to the survey area yet. That's  
37 something we're looking into.

38

39 Moose trend surveys were scheduled to  
40 be conducted during November. Again we cooperate with  
41 Fish and Game and Refuge Staff. We're looking at again  
42 sliding those surveys into the summer -- or the spring  
43 months if we can't get complete counts during the fall.  
44 I feel it's important to at least have some  
45 indications.

46

47 So that concludes our biological  
48 report.

49

50 One of the other things that -- as a

1 biologist, we get hung up sometimes on numbers and  
2 looking at today, but one of the other things that I  
3 get to do as a manager includes some other things. And  
4 one of the things that I like that I'm excited about  
5 that I'd like to talk about is this summer we're going  
6 to re-institute the youth conservation corps on Alaska  
7 Peninsula/Becharof Refuge. We're going to start small.  
8 We're going to try three enrollees.

9  
10 And I'd like to ask this group,  
11 especially anyone from King Salmon/Naknek or the  
12 Peninsula area, that if you know of any young people  
13 who would be interested in working with Fish and  
14 Wildlife Service, it's a summer program. It lasts for  
15 a couple of months long. It's for high school aged  
16 kids. And Orville will be able to tell -- he's going  
17 to the schools and trying to look into getting  
18 enrollees. But it's a great opportunity for young  
19 people to become active within Fish and Wildlife  
20 Service, working for the Refuge. An opportunity for  
21 them to maybe decide they might like to do this type of  
22 work at some point in time. Combine that with our  
23 science camps that we host every year, we're hoping to  
24 develop some interest in some young people, local young  
25 people in the area to look at the Fish and Wildlife  
26 Service as a viable occupation. And one way to get it  
27 started is hitting the kids young and getting them  
28 interested.

29  
30 Some of the other projects that we have  
31 going, we're still going to be conducting swan surveys  
32 to look for avian influenza this spring and summer,  
33 monitoring for influenza. We've been pretty successful  
34 in capturing adequate numbers of swan, and have been  
35 pretty lucky in the fact that we have not had any  
36 problems with avian influenza. And hopefully that's  
37 just a monitoring program and we'll continue that way  
38 and not have -- we won't have found any avian  
39 influenza.

40  
41 So that pretty much concludes my  
42 report. If there are any questions.

43  
44 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. With  
45 this youth, it's like an internship for wildlife and  
46 not fisheries?

47  
48 MR. SCHAFF: The youth conservation  
49 corps is a program, and I'd have to -- I don't have the  
50 information right in front of me, but I believe it's 14

1 to 18 years old. The young people get to work with the  
2 Refuge. Orville has the information here. I'll give  
3 it to you. But the enrollees -- okay. Let's see.  
4 They were paid enrollees. The typical work day begins  
5 at 8:30, ends at 2:30. And the requirements are 15, no  
6 older than 19 years old. They must be able to work the  
7 entire nine weeks of the summer. We usually give them  
8 a uniform. They're expected to show up, you know, on a  
9 daily basis, ready to work. Be prepared to work  
10 outdoors on rainy days and sunny days.

11  
12 We're trying to work out something with  
13 some of the local communities also, so if we don't --  
14 if they're not from King Salmon area, we'd be able to  
15 host them somehow, especially if they're from Chignik  
16 or somewhere other than King Salmon. We don't want to  
17 -- you know, we really don't have the capacity to  
18 provide oversight to young people that age for all  
19 summer long, but if there's a way, we'd love to work  
20 with them.

21  
22 But anyways, the program is designed  
23 for young -- to give a student in high school a summer  
24 job opportunity and to work with the professional  
25 biologist, work with the professional staff. We try to  
26 include everything we do from maintenance operations to  
27 biological operations. We have some limitations, of  
28 course, working with young people on what they then can  
29 operate as far as equipment and where we can have them.  
30 Of course, we can't have them doing some of the more  
31 dangerous things for obvious reasons, but it's a great  
32 opportunity.

33  
34 I know other places I've worked, we've  
35 developed interest in young people and they've actually  
36 gone on to college and a couple of people I know, a  
37 couple of managers within Fish and Wildlife Service now  
38 came through some of these programs.

39  
40 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. The  
41 reason why I asked was our fisheries monitoring  
42 program, BBNA has an internship, probably similar to  
43 this, but they work mainly with agency groups. So it  
44 sounds like this project is just whatever work comes  
45 on, including biological and scientific process or work  
46 for the kids.

47  
48 Richard, do you have a comment.

49  
50 MR. WILSON: Yes. Madam Chair.

1 Thanks.

2

3 Bill, I'm very much in favor of the  
4 program. I do have a success story. I have a nephew  
5 that joined in late high school years into the Park  
6 Service and has now got a career wit them. And he's --  
7 you know, he's been with them, oh, gee, probably six  
8 years now. And now he's based out of Homer. So it  
9 does work. And that's a great way to influence young  
10 people.

11

12 One question. You mentioned on your  
13 moose survey that you do in the park border survey  
14 area. Now, help me out there. I mean, the border, is  
15 that we're just surveying along the border, or what's  
16 this about, please?

17

18 MR. SCHAFF: Basically that is just the  
19 name of the area, and it's on Becharof Refuge, and, of  
20 course, Becharof Refuge shares a common border with  
21 Katmai National Park, so we're surveying on the  
22 Becharof side of the border, and we just call it the  
23 border unit as a lack of anything else. It's that area  
24 that is on Becharof National Wildlife Refuge right  
25 opposite the border with Katmai.

26

27 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

28

29 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

30

31 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

32

33 MR. O'HARA: This is going to be a long  
34 one, Bill. You had 51 moose observed in the Black Lake  
35 area. First of all, what is your definition of a  
36 trend?

37

38 MR. SCHAFF: The trend areas is what we  
39 call the -- is the trend count, what we're looking at  
40 is we're not doing a complete count of the animals in  
41 the area. And it's the same survey methods that the  
42 State uses, so we pick small areas and then they're  
43 randomly selected, and we just count all the animals.  
44 And it involves a preselection of an area and  
45 predetermination if those areas are determined to be  
46 high -- or should be high, medium or low population  
47 densities. And so when -- it's unlike a survey which  
48 would be actually trying to get a number of the total  
49 animals. In this case we're just trying to get a trend  
50 of the population. Are they stable, increasing,

1 decreasing.

2

3 MR. O'HARA: Thank you. Madam Chair.  
4 I have another question.

5

6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

7

8 MR. O'HARA: Now, you observed 51 moose  
9 in this area, and you use the term trend there. But  
10 this was obviously an aerial survey. How many moose  
11 did you have last year in the Black Lake area in your  
12 survey?

13

14 MR. SCHAFF: Unfortunately last -- this  
15 is the first year we've even had enough snow to get  
16 down there and look at this area. And, Ron, you can  
17 correct me if I'm wrong, but we haven't had the  
18 opportunity to get down to Black Lake due to snow  
19 conditions for the last several years, and this is the  
20 first one. So that -- in addition to the information  
21 that that population looks awful low to us going back  
22 three or four years was the last time we've had the  
23 conditions to survey that area, we're wondering if  
24 there's something else happening, those animals are  
25 just not moving to where they used to four, five, six  
26 years ago. You know, we're talking to people from the  
27 Chigniks and they're seeing less animals, they're  
28 seeing them in different areas. So we may be looking  
29 at changing that trend count area to somewhere that's  
30 either where we can find the animals or where they  
31 appear to be. And we'd love any information from folks  
32 down there, if you know where the animals are at, so we  
33 can get down there and include those animals into our  
34 counts.

35

36 MR. O'HARA: Okay. That's fine. How  
37 do you determine the bull/cow ratio if you went down  
38 there after the bulls have dropped their horns?

39

40 MR. SCHAFF: Well, like I said, that's  
41 our primary time to count would be in the fall, October  
42 through December. And that would be our preferred  
43 date. However, due to snow conditions -- this is what  
44 I was kind of getting to earlier, due to snow  
45 conditions in that area, a lot of times we don't have  
46 the snow conditions we need and it's really hard to  
47 count without it. So what we'd be doing then is  
48 dropping back as an alternative, second best method, of  
49 going down in the spring if we had snow conditions, and  
50 at least looking for total numbers as opposed to -- we

1 would not be able to determine bull/cow ratios during  
2 the spring, but we'd have a total number count.

3

4 MR. O'HARA: Okay. With the lower  
5 numbers, did you go back and do a second survey?

6

7 MR. SCHAFF: We didn't this year. We  
8 -- until just a couple of days ago, we didn't have the  
9 snow conditions.

10

11 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Alvin, is there  
12 snow down there now?

13

14 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah. There's snow  
15 cover all the way from Chignik all the way up it was  
16 white.

17

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

19

20 MR. BOSKOFISKY: And in, was it  
21 November, there was a lot of snow in Chignik. There  
22 was probably -- we probably had a good two feet.

23

24 MR. O'HARA: So how about the total  
25 count and why haven't you done a total count on moose?

26

27 MR. SCHAFF: Yeah. We just have not  
28 had the opportunity to get down there due to  
29 commitments with other -- with airplanes and pilots and  
30 biologists being pulled off in many different  
31 directions, including helping down at Izembek and some  
32 of the counts further down the Peninsula. We've been  
33 requested to assist other refuges. You know, we need  
34 to get on to our own areas, but we've been pulled off  
35 on many different things in the last month or so.

36

37 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Bill, I think that  
38 probably when we had a gathering in Naknek in which we  
39 put together a research -- a search program with the  
40 fire chief heading it up, your department came down  
41 there and talked to us. And the guy that you have  
42 flying for you is probably not going to get the job  
43 done. I think you're going to have to be pushed,  
44 because the Black Lake area is the hottest thing on the  
45 plate right now, and we're not going to -- we can't  
46 back away from it. We're going to have to go after it.

47

48

49 And so I think if you can't -- if the  
50 guy can't do the counts, and you don't -- right now,

1 this is March, there's a lot of snow down there now.  
2 And weather has been a problem. It's a tough problem.  
3 And if you have to contract with somebody else who can  
4 do the job, I think we need to hold your toes to the  
5 fire and find out, especially in the Black Lake area  
6 with the huge increase of bears and the amount of moose  
7 they've killed that the local people have seen them  
8 kill.

9

10 Roger Elliott Lind told us of a bear  
11 that stripped the ligaments off the top of a moose and  
12 then when he ran down in the water, he couldn't hold  
13 his head up, because his strength wasn't there and the  
14 ligaments weren't there, and he drowned, just because a  
15 bear chewed him up. And I come around a corner there  
16 one day with Pen Air and there was nine wolves sitting  
17 there about two miles from town.

18

19 I mean, if you're not counting the  
20 moose and you don't know where they're at, there's a  
21 good possibility with the bear and moose -- and wolf  
22 population something is happening to animals and we  
23 really need to find out what they are. I think that's  
24 the biggest concern this Council has right now.

25

26 Thank you very much.

27

28 MR. BOSKOFISKY: There was one instances  
29 this fall I think it was that Pen Air came in and right  
30 along the river going up to Black Lake there was a  
31 moose right out in the middle of the river, and there  
32 was like seven, eight wolves on the bank waiting for  
33 him. Never moved even when the plane flew over. So a  
34 lot of predators down there.

35

36 MR. SCHAFF: Okay. Duly noted. Thank  
37 you.

38

39 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, do you  
40 have.....

41

42 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madam  
43 Chair.

44

45 Bill, you weren't here yesterday. We  
46 had a pretty long discussion about moose and the  
47 regulations and all of that. And I think a lot of us  
48 really see a key to this whole Unit 9 moose and caribou  
49 problem is predator levels. And I understand that  
50 tomorrow the Board of Game in Fairbanks will be

1 addressing a predator control program proposal for  
2 State regulations for 9E and C. And I'm just curious  
3 what the Becharof Refuge position is, and I understand  
4 it to be a pretty involved process, but are you ready  
5 to ramp up and coordinate predator control if that  
6 regulation passes?

7

8 Thank you.

9

10 MR. SCHAFF: I have no personal  
11 objections to it, and it's -- you know, there has been  
12 communications between -- within Fish and Wildlife  
13 Service, including subsistence departments and really  
14 at this point in time, you know, there's a lot of  
15 issues going on that we're trying to straighten out  
16 within the Service ourselves. I really can't go into a  
17 lot of the detail at this point in time, other than say  
18 personally I have no objections to -- you know, I've  
19 been a hunter all my life and a fisherman, so I have no  
20 objections to, you know, killing an animal. Personally  
21 I like to see them utilized for something, whether it's  
22 a skin, a fur or meat, but, you know, I have no  
23 objections to anything like that. So there's no issue  
24 on that account.

25

26 You know, it is something that would  
27 require a lot of documentation, because whenever an  
28 action like this occurs on Federal grounds, especially  
29 the first one in many years or the first one in, you  
30 know. Fish and Wildlife I know did a lot of predator  
31 control prior to statehood in the early years. It's  
32 going to take a lot of environmental compliance  
33 regulation, documentation to make sure that we've  
34 covered all our angles.

35

36 But I guess that's about all I could  
37 say right now, other than personally I have no  
38 objections to issues like that.

39

40 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

41

42 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Just a little  
43 follow up. Then, yeah, this is a refreshing attitude  
44 from in the past where I think -- I think since I've  
45 been on this Council, predator problem in the upper  
46 Peninsula has been a real concern I know of Mr.  
47 O'Hara's and others. I got the sense as a bureaucratic  
48 group Fish and Wildlife Service was reluctant. They  
49 didn't seem to even want to talk about it. It sounds  
50 like they're a lot more willing to talk about it now.



1 And I guess I'd sure encourage you to do what you can  
2 to get the wheels grinding that this is coming and it  
3 seriously needs to be considered, and I think, you  
4 know, bureaucratic oil to do something or not do  
5 something could make a big difference. Sure could use  
6 your help on it.

7

8 Thank you.

9

10 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

11

12 MR. O'HARA: There has been many times  
13 in the Federal Government program where they have done  
14 predator control on the Alaska Peninsula, so this is  
15 nothing new. It's just like maybe you've got to  
16 remember again what you used to do a long time ago, and  
17 we'll help you to remember. And this Council right now  
18 is marching forward on basic human issues that we're  
19 going to not to turn away from. And so there will a  
20 resolution at the end of this meeting today on the very  
21 issue. And I know the Federal people don't like it,  
22 and we've just got to keep going on it until we get  
23 that moose population back for Alvin and his people and  
24 the caribou.

25

26 And then I'm glad to see a little bit  
27 of increase in the caribou. They've come back from  
28 1600 to 21. And Lem said they seem pretty healthy, and  
29 you probably know that, too.

30

31 One of the questions I wanted to ask  
32 you, have you had a chance to go down to Cinnamon, Cape  
33 Cinnamon and look at the haul out on the walrus at all?

34

35 MR. SCHAFF: I was down there last  
36 fall. Of course, that is on the Bristol Bay side,  
37 which is not on the Refuge property per se, but we are  
38 working, and we as a refuge are cooperating with marine  
39 mammals people on that even though it's not on the  
40 Refuge. We provide any support we can for those people  
41 for the marine mammal group. However, as I said, all  
42 of the Refuge property that we actually own is on the  
43 north Pacific side.

44

45 MR. O'HARA: What did you see when you  
46 went over there?

47

48 MR. SCHAFF: There was -- I don't  
49 remember the count number, but there was a large number  
50 of walrus hauled out there at the time. And this was

1 during the end of the fishing season. There were still  
2 a few boats around.

3

4 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. Dale and I  
5 fly over there all the time. We fly a long ways over  
6 there -- off to the side. Okay. We're on record. And  
7 there are minimums and things you have to observe on a  
8 135 or Part 91, you know. We don't buzz them or  
9 anything like that and make them run into the water,  
10 stuff like that, you know, you might think some people  
11 might do. But we've always figured about 500 animals  
12 and they're mostly -- I believe they're males that haul  
13 out there.

14

15 So thank you very much. Appreciate it.  
16 Yeah, I really appreciate your report today.

17

18 And also I appreciate your connection  
19 with the community in Naknek, and I think that helps  
20 out a lot. Just exactly what you talked about, Pete,  
21 where we start talking to each other. And so it's just  
22 great to work with you guys. And we're glad to have  
23 Orville back. It's a great connection. So, Bill, we  
24 might ask you the hard questions, but we really do  
25 appreciate your work.

26

27 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Pete,  
28 did you have.....

29

30 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah. This is sort of  
31 the area. I think predators is going to again be a  
32 problem everywhere. I mean, no matter where you go,  
33 even Togiak Refuge, even further, you know, further  
34 north. I think soon we're going to have -- you know,  
35 someone's going to push for the predator control  
36 seriously. But like I said before, before you make a  
37 move or make a decision or somebody make the decision,  
38 work with the local people how to go about it, because  
39 these old folks sometimes have important information  
40 that the refuge or biologists can use. It will  
41 surprise you.

42

43 Sometimes, like for instance, an old  
44 lady over there told us that Dolly Varden never use the  
45 same river. I mean, so a couple years later we put  
46 tags on 250 Dolly Varden in Togiak River. You'd be  
47 surprised how far them Dolly Vardens travel. The old  
48 lady know something they didn't know.

49

50 So there's some information out there

1 that the old folks can share to help, you know, among  
2 us, you know, to each other. So keep in mind, you  
3 know, even a guy thinks it's a simple thing, there is  
4 some information out there all the time.

5  
6                   Quyana. Madam Chairman.

7  
8                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any.....

9  
10                  MR. MYERS: Yeah, I've got.....

11  
12                  MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dale.

13  
14                  MR. MYERS: Yeah. I'd just like to  
15 comment. You know, there's a lot of State and Federal  
16 people out here. You know, they are -- it's not so  
17 much just predator control, but they are renewable  
18 resources, you know, and you can't take down and manage  
19 one and not do anything with the other. Like he was  
20 talking earlier -- oh, he left here, but full circle.  
21 You can't, you know, just ignore one group, you know,  
22 like the caribou and moose. You just sit there and  
23 watch them, and their numbers are falling and the  
24 predators are rising. And you know it, you can see it.  
25 And, you know, sometimes just to maintain a healthy  
26 herd, you've got to cull -- sometimes you may have to  
27 cull the moose and the caribou, which they did for the  
28 Mulchatna herd. They opened everything up to get the  
29 groups down, to try to get them to a manageable number.  
30 But you also have to do that with predators. You can't  
31 just do it with one species in order to keep the full  
32 thing.

33  
34                   Like the fish, they do the same thing  
35 with the fish. They see an over-abundance come in. If  
36 you let them go in, everything ends up dying.

37  
38                   In this case we're watching everything  
39 go down, and it's getting to the scary point for most  
40 of the people in the villages.

41  
42                   So just keep that in mind. Keep an  
43 open mind for -- maybe tell your -- the managers can  
44 tell their managers and try to get a message across  
45 that we're not out there trying to kill everything, we  
46 just want to maintain a harvestable, usable level for  
47 everyone, not just at a certain point you can go select  
48 a caribou. The only thing that's using them right now  
49 is the predators, the wolves and the bears. And we're  
50 watching their numbers fall and falter and not come

1 back. And, you know, they just need a little bit of  
2 help. And we're not wanting to go in and wipe  
3 everything out, but, you know, like what they did down  
4 in Cold Bay, just by doing that little bit around where  
5 the calving grounds were helped out immensely.

6

7                   You know, our area as we come up  
8 further, well, they have the same problem, you know,  
9 pretty much. It looks like it's starting to happen  
10 statewide, and I think their eyes are being opened down  
11 in the states now with the re-introduction of wolves  
12 into Yellowstone, and they're jumping into all the  
13 different states, moving at a much rapider pace than  
14 what they thought. And, you know, when they let them  
15 go, I hope they kept in mind that they're going to have  
16 to do something with them before, you know, all the  
17 available -- the hunting stuff that the people have  
18 enjoyed down in the states for years -- you know, there  
19 was a reason our forefathers chased most of them out of  
20 there.

21

22                   Thank you, you guys, for your support  
23 with all of this.

24

25                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Alvin.

26

27                   MR. BOSKOFISKY: Bill, when was the last  
28 survey done for the Aniakchak area for moose? I know  
29 there's a lot of drop-off hunters taken out there.

30

31                   MR. SCHAFF: Aniakchak is Park Service,  
32 so I really can't -- you know, I don't know if the Park  
33 Service biologist that are here can could address that  
34 or not. I really don't know on that precise area,  
35 because that would be the Park Service, the same as,  
36 you know, the Katmai. We call it the park boundary,  
37 but it's actually on Becharof Refuge. So I'm not sure  
38 on that.

39

40                   MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah. Our SRC meetings  
41 that we've been having for the past few years we've  
42 been asking to have surveys done in Aniakchak for moose  
43 and never get nothing going on it.

44

45                   MR. SCHAFF: Yeah. We do have, of  
46 course, Alaska Peninsula Refuge is on either side of  
47 Aniakchak, and some of our survey units are close by,  
48 but not right there.

49

50                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thanks,

1 Bill. I've got -- with the numbers that you presented  
2 to us on the moose, what's your take on the moose  
3 population conservation concern for this area.

4  
5 MR. SCHAFF: My general concerns is,  
6 and only having been here for a year, having come down  
7 from Interior, I have some concerns about where the  
8 moose are. And one of my biggest things that I want to  
9 find out and have our biologists find out is if there's  
10 really been, you know -- and I totally believe that the  
11 moose numbers are down, are they down that much or are  
12 they changing some the areas they use and we're just  
13 not finding. Like I said, I don't doubt at all that  
14 the numbers -- I don't doubt for a minute that the  
15 numbers are down, but are they also -- is there  
16 something else happening in conjunction with that. Are  
17 they moving and are they in somewhere else that we're  
18 not looking? And especially in that one area around  
19 Black Lake. And, yeah, maybe they are down that much,  
20 and, you know, I don't know. That's what I would  
21 really like to find out.

22  
23 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Well, most of the ones  
24 down there, we used to have moose come right through  
25 the village in the springtime. We don't see them for  
26 the last three, four years. There's been nothing. And  
27 even in the falltime they used to come all the way down  
28 by the weir. You'd see them in the river down there,  
29 but this year, nothing. So we see more wolves than we  
30 do moose.

31  
32 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Richard.

33  
34 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. Bill, you  
35 just mentioned that one of your biggest priorities  
36 yourself is to look at why you think the moose are  
37 down. You just mentioned are they going elsewhere, or,  
38 because you also or, are they being predatorized. Is  
39 that part of your language also? Or were you just  
40 going to look to see if they had moved somewhere else?

41  
42 MR. SCHAFF: No, all of the above, you  
43 know. Are they moving, is -- I mean, we're all hearing  
44 about global climate change. Predation is an issue.  
45 You know, predation by both bears and by wolves. You  
46 know, predation. You know, we can't always ignore, you  
47 know, bear predation, too. You know, we have all the  
48 global climate change that's changing vegetation,  
49 changing the vegetation along rivers. So there's a  
50 whole multitude of things that's affecting these

1 populations and I'm including all of them.

2

3 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

4

5 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

6

7 MR. WILSON: So in your wishes to  
8 accomplish this, is this something that you're going to  
9 be -- is it pretty hot on your list? Is it a target  
10 item for this season or can you give us a date of some  
11 sort?

12

13 MR. SCHAFF: Yeah. It's as we can find  
14 out the information. Some of this information in huge,  
15 the undertakings to find it out. But, yeah, we've  
16 already started, and we're starting to work on it.  
17 Unfortunately we can't do everything at once, but it is  
18 high on the list to find out what's happening.

19

20 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

21

22 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And one  
23 of the proposals regarding Unit 9, there was a mention  
24 of one of the probabilities of low population was  
25 illegal cow harvest. Do you have any information on  
26 that?

27

28 MR. SCHAFF: One of the things that we  
29 do, we have increased our law enforcement capacity on  
30 the refuges, and we are attempting to get and do much  
31 more law enforcement. You know, we've doubled our law  
32 enforcement from one person to two people, but there's  
33 still a lot of country. But we do intend to get out  
34 and monitor for cow take, you know, work with the local  
35 people, of course, but also with any of the guides that  
36 we authorize, and any guides that are illegally in  
37 there, too. Kind of make sure that that is not having  
38 an effect.

39

40 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So that illegal  
41 cow take is maybe just hearsay, and you don't have any  
42 hard evidence?

43

44 MR. SCHAFF: I don't have any hard  
45 evidence of it happening to any large number. I'm sure  
46 it probably does occur at some level. And again, you  
47 know, that's some of the things that we're looking at,  
48 and having our law enforcement folks go in and monitor  
49 for that.

50

1 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any more  
2 comments.

3  
4 (No comments)

5  
6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,  
7 Bill.

8  
9 MR. SCHAFF: Thank you.  
10

11 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Next up  
12 is, I think it's ADF&G.

13  
14 MR. KRIEG: Ted Krieg with the  
15 Subsistence Division at the Alaska Department of Fish  
16 and Game. And I'm here in the Dillingham office  
17 Subsistence Division. We also have people that work  
18 out of the Anchorage office and there are some of my  
19 coworkers that do work in Bristol Bay also, but I guess  
20 I'm kind of the main person out here. There's also  
21 Lisa Scarborough that works down in the Chignik area.

22  
23 But, anyway, the mandate of the  
24 Subsistence Division is to document customary and  
25 traditional use. And part of that is harvest numbers.  
26 And one of the things that we do to document harvest  
27 numbers is our baseline subsistence harvest surveys.  
28 And baselines are comprehensive surveys for all  
29 subsistence foods, and we don't do those very often.  
30 It's usually contingent on funding. But they're pretty  
31 important, because they document the use of some of the  
32 species that aren't documented, you know, through other  
33 means.

34  
35 We have, like Frank Woods mentioned,  
36 the marine mammal surveys, migratory bird surveys.  
37 Those are ongoing kind of on a yearly basis. We also  
38 have our subsistence salmon permit system that  
39 documents subsistence harvest also. And those are all  
40 -- you know, they're very important to document those  
41 numbers.

42  
43 But, anyway, getting back to the  
44 baselines, I'm giving you a little background on that.  
45 You know, I realize sometimes for me, you know, I do  
46 this work and I kind of forget, you know, the process.  
47 I mean, it's just part of what we always do. So I was  
48 going to outline -- and I think I probably mentioned  
49 that to this Council before, but before we do any work  
50 in any of the communities, we always contact and get

1 approval of the tribal council. We have a tribal  
2 council and combined community meeting before we start  
3 the work. You know, and sometimes we have more success  
4 than others at getting people together for those  
5 meetings. I mean, you know, I think people usually are  
6 pretty meeting'd out and to come to another meeting  
7 isn't always a fun thing to do. But we try to give  
8 people as much information as we can before we start  
9 any of our projects.

10

11 And then once we start the surveys, you  
12 know, it's always kind of an informational process to  
13 explain to people, you know, what we're doing, why  
14 we're doing it, and the importance of it. And along  
15 with that, I always try to remind people, you know,  
16 there's things like the moose harvest tickets and the  
17 caribou, and it's important for people to fill out  
18 those also, even though that's not a Subsistence  
19 Division run thing. You know, it's wildlife  
20 conservation, but it's really important to do that. So  
21 we always try to remind people to do that, plus fill  
22 out their subsistence salmon reports.

23

24 Once we're done with the surveys, we  
25 always have a community review meeting with the  
26 information that we've collected. And then along with  
27 that, the communities, the tribal councils get to  
28 review the draft report before we come out with the  
29 final report.

30

31 And so that leads me up to we had a  
32 couple of community meetings. Well, we got -- in  
33 December we had community meetings to present the  
34 baseline harvest information and the mapping that goes  
35 along with those surveys. We always map for the  
36 harvest that took place for that one year. But we had  
37 community meetings in Naknek, King Salmon and South  
38 Naknek in December. And those were for surveys that we  
39 did. We did those surveys in 2008 and they were for  
40 the 2007 calendar year. And so we're in the process of  
41 working on the report and that will become public  
42 information here at some point, but like I said, I  
43 mean, we'll still have to send the draft back to those  
44 communities for review.

45

46 The other thing, we did surveys last  
47 year for the 2008 year. In 2009 we did surveys in  
48 Clark's Point, Aleknagik, and Manokotak. We have some  
49 meetings planned -- we had them planned for February,  
50 but that didn't work out, so we're going to have --



1 coming up here in April we're going to have community  
2 meetings in those communities.

3

4                   The other project that's been ongoing,  
5 and I've mentioned it a few times here, and it's the  
6 Bering Sea integrated ecosystem research program. I  
7 have just this one pamphlet, but it kind of, you know,  
8 gives an overview of that work. The North Pacific  
9 Research Board and the National Science Foundation are  
10 the groups that are doing this research. It's a multi-  
11 year program. It runs for a couple more years, I think  
12 through 2012. But I just was, you know, looking at it.  
13 There's pictures here of all the principal -- well, not  
14 all of them, but it says 94 principal investigators and  
15 their collaborators who hail from 10 states and two  
16 countries. So it's a pretty big deal.

17

18                   But there are scientists that are doing  
19 research in the Bering Sea, and along with that they  
20 wanted to include local traditional knowledge from  
21 communities on the Bering Sea, and there were five  
22 communities were selected. Togiak was one of them,  
23 Emmonak, Savoonga, St. Paul and Akutan.

24

25                   To start out, last year we did -- we  
26 spent time doing -- we did the baseline surveys in  
27 Togiak to document, you know, the harvests over there.  
28 That was part of this to start out with. Along with  
29 that, this last February Josh Wisnewski and myself,  
30 he's another researcher that's -- actually he's working  
31 on his Ph.D., but he's a part-time employee with Fish  
32 and Game, we were in Togiak for 12 days, and we  
33 conducted some local traditional knowledge interviews  
34 with elders and knowledgeable people there that are  
35 going to be a part of this whole project.

36

37                   And I kind of jumped. I was going to  
38 give a little more background on the way this whole  
39 thing was set up with NPRB and the National Science  
40 Foundation was with the principal investigators, there  
41 was a local traditional knowledge which I was a part  
42 of. There's a number of other people. And we had a  
43 meeting in Girdwood along with the bigger group back in  
44 October, but part of that, the way that is all set up,  
45 too, is there's the Regional Advisory Council, then  
46 there's the community -- or regional advisory board I  
47 guess it is, and then the community advisory board. So  
48 within Togiak we worked real closely with the Togiak  
49 Traditional Council. In fact, we're partners with the  
50 Togiak Traditional Council on this project. And we

1 developed a community advisory board which is mainly  
2 like a lot of the tribal council members over there  
3 also. But we try to have meetings with them before we  
4 do any of the work. We didn't have success getting a  
5 group meeting together before we started the last work,  
6 but we were able to talk to each one, you know,  
7 everybody individually and, you know, have their input  
8 on this whole project.

9

10 And I guess the one thing that I have  
11 said here before, and that was really pretty, you know,  
12 gratifying and interesting about this whole thing is  
13 it's the first time -- I mean, since I've been working  
14 in this field and documenting customary and traditional  
15 use, you know, there's been talk of local and  
16 traditional knowledge, and how important that is, and  
17 that those people, like we heard others here say, I  
18 mean they're -- the people with knowledge in the  
19 communities, you know, they're like scientists also,  
20 and they should sit side-by-side with these other  
21 scientists. So this is the first project that I've  
22 ever been involved where they're actually having a  
23 local having local and traditional knowledge component  
24 working along with the scientists. And these  
25 scientists are interested in what people have to say  
26 about what's happening in the Bering Sea right now,  
27 mostly based on climate change and how that's  
28 affecting, you know, things that are going on in the  
29 Bering Sea.

30

31 When we were over there in February, I  
32 guess one of the interesting things was that one of  
33 these scientists, his name was Nick Bond, he works with  
34 the University of Washington, also for NOAA, he  
35 committed to come out to Togiak and actually made it  
36 out there. He's interested in weather and ice change  
37 in the Bering Sea, and he really wanted to know what  
38 local people had to say, and he committed to coming out  
39 there and came out to Togiak, spent the better part of  
40 a day in the school working with the kids, and then was  
41 involved in some of the community meetings that we had.  
42 We had a community meeting to present our baseline  
43 harvest data also when we were in Togiak.

44

45 So that's about it for the so-called  
46 BSIERP project. That's the acronym for Bering Sea  
47 Integrated Ecosystem Research Program. B-S-I-E-R-P.

48

49 And the only other thing I'm going to  
50 say, I know it's getting late in the morning here, but

1 just a head's up, and I'm not involved in these  
2 projects, and I might be jumping the gun a little bit,  
3 but we've got funding for some ethnographic work which  
4 basically it's participant observation with subsistence  
5 salmon fishing in the summer. And it's just, you know,  
6 working with people, learning what's going on, and then  
7 writing up a report to describe that, you know, and if  
8 there's things that have changed over the years in the  
9 way people are fishing, or what's going on. It's  
10 basically as I see it kind of wide open. Whatever is  
11 happening at that time, you know, we're going to be  
12 interested in that. But there's funding, and I'm  
13 pretty sure it's going to happen this summer in Iliamna  
14 Lake and I think mainly focused on Kakhonak and then  
15 down in the Chigniks. And some of that work's still  
16 being developed, and so you'll hear a little more about  
17 it.

18

19 That's all I've got. Thanks.

20

21 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Richard.

22

23 MR. WILSON: Ted, how is this science  
24 project being funded, please?

25

26 MR. KRIEG: Well, it's through those  
27 two, the North Pacific Research Board and the National  
28 Science Foundation. And I really don't. I mean, I  
29 can't give you an exact answer, but I mean, it's  
30 through -- they're pretty powerful groups, and the  
31 funding, you know, was there, and they wanted to get  
32 all these different scientists together, you know,  
33 working on -- you know, working together to find out  
34 what's going on. So I could find out more information  
35 and get back to you. It might even be in here.

36

37 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

38

39 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Hey, Ted, it's nice  
40 to see you today, and appreciate your report.

41

42 Every year we get our salmon permit  
43 from State of Alaska to do subsistence fishing or  
44 whatever they call it. And usually take it and then  
45 just pin it up by the computer and leave it there.  
46 This fall it went away. I got a call from Dillingham  
47 saying, hey, get us a report on what you did in the way  
48 of subsistence use on State of Alaska, Fish and Game,  
49 and I couldn't find it. But I remembered how many fish  
50 I had caught within probably two or three. Only two

1 kings. And then I gave the reds, and then she said,  
2 well, where did you catch them, and I told her where I  
3 caught them. And then what days did you fish, and so I  
4 tried to remember back. It was mainly around the 4th  
5 of July. Pretty thorough. So they know exactly the  
6 number of subsistence fish being taken in the whole  
7 southwest Alaska because of that.

8

9 Now, you do a separate survey, and can  
10 you do a lot of your surveys on what people do in the  
11 way of subsistence by phone or computer? Because this  
12 last year at the BBNC annual shareholders meeting, we  
13 went I think 27 different places had video conferencing  
14 and they just looked at the annual meeting in their  
15 living room from their TV. So if you -- you know, and  
16 what's the purpose of getting people together?

17

18 MR. KRIEG: Yeah. Well, for our  
19 surveys, yeah, there are a couple -- I'll try to  
20 remember the points you brought up. You know, I guess  
21 when we do our baseline surveys, those face-to-face,  
22 you know, that's the best way to do it. You know, it's  
23 a voluntary survey, and if somebody doesn't feel  
24 comfortable answering any part of it, we don't -- you  
25 know, it's totally voluntary, we don't hold it against  
26 anybody. But the best way to do it is face-to-face.  
27 And so doing those types of things, they're kind of --  
28 over the phone just, you know, that wouldn't work.

29

30 And I guess with the subsistence salmon  
31 permits, those -- you know, it's good that, you know,  
32 you could remember your information, but I always  
33 encourage people to fill out the back side of that  
34 report. That gives the daily catch information, where  
35 they fished, you know, and how many were caught.

36

37 And I'm sorry, I didn't quite  
38 understand the question you had about bringing people  
39 together.

40

41 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. Why do you  
42 have to have a meeting? Why have you got to get on a  
43 plane and go over to King Salmon, Naknek and sit down  
44 and then call a meeting? Why can't it be done by phone  
45 or -- you said you had a meeting in Naknek.

46

47 MR. KRIEG: Yeah. That's a good point.  
48 I mean, we could try something like that, yeah, for  
49 those community meetings, that would work. I mean, you  
50 know, it's just our commitment that people come forward

1 and are, you know, really good about giving us this  
2 information, so, you know, we have to give something  
3 back, and so that's why we have the meetings. But  
4 that's a good point. Thanks.  
5  
6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
7 more.  
8  
9 (No comments)  
10  
11 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess -- I  
12 lost it.  
13  
14 MR. O'HARA: That's for me to do, not  
15 you.  
16  
17 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I completely  
18 lost it. I can't remember what -- I guess from working  
19 about the same job as you before, I guess the most  
20 successful surveys that have been accomplished,  
21 baseline or any other survey, is the one-on-one contact  
22 with people, making sure that the Council members  
23 understand exact what you're doing beforehand. And the  
24 best component of any surveys that occur is training.  
25 Training your local research assistants on from filling  
26 out the forms to the historical information as to why  
27 this survey is being done, because if the surveyors  
28 don't understand why they're doing this, and if they  
29 get conflicts from the households that they are in  
30 their house for to do the survey, they'll shrink back.  
31 But if they know exactly why they're doing the survey,  
32 they're able to come forth with explanation and as soon  
33 as the community understand why these surveys are being  
34 done, they're readily accepted. So, thank you.  
35  
36 Any?  
37  
38 (No comments)  
39  
40 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
41 you, Ted.  
42  
43 MR. KRIEG: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
44  
45 MR. WOODS: Madam Chair. Members of  
46 the Board. Just a quick statement.  
47  
48 I'd like to recommend that -- Dan  
49 O'Hara was talking about a resolution at the end of the  
50 meeting, and before the closure of this meeting, that

1 it include -- I don't know if it's appropriate for this  
2 Board to request an environmental impact statement for  
3 predator management on Federal lands, but also, you  
4 know, not just in 9E and C like the Board of Game has  
5 got before them, but include, you know, the full range  
6 of -- and we have predator issues here. I would start  
7 out in 9E and C, but I also would like to include  
8 Togiak at some point in time. Because we're on the  
9 border of the Refuge, that the villages in Nushagak are  
10 highly impacted by wolves also right now. And I'm  
11 afraid we're heading down the same road as the lower  
12 Peninsula and upper Peninsula.

13

14                   The second recommendation is that you  
15 -- Dan asked me why would I want you guys to act on  
16 something, is in 9B, Proposal 46 says the closure of  
17 non-Federally-recognized subsistence users. And maybe  
18 I'm a little bit ahead of the game, but the Clark's  
19 going to do a report here and I've been dealing with  
20 the lake villages of Nondalton, Newhalen, Kakhonak and  
21 Iliamna. Kakhonak reported that they have low density  
22 moose, but I think if you act on -- if you look at  
23 their report and the responses, there's people, the  
24 Professional Hunters Outdoors Association and somebody  
25 -- there's two other nonsubsistence users reporting or  
26 have written comment to you guys. And if only 30  
27 percent of the Federally-recognized subsistence users  
28 are harvesting and we only use 20 -- we only have 27  
29 percent of Federal lands, then it would be in our favor  
30 to make a statement to say that we want that 27 percent  
31 of land the Federal lands, to be utilized for  
32 subsistence users only.

33

34                   The only -- the other thing is, is that  
35 when Togiak was in a decline, I remember as a kid, you  
36 know, that you guys were hurting for moose, hurting for  
37 game. No caribou. No moose. So they closed the  
38 Sunshine Valley, and that region was for that density  
39 of moose to breed, and then proliferate from that  
40 population. You know, I see, I guess, there's benefits  
41 to this, but, you know, what I hate to see is to have  
42 two more years of non-action if we belay this until the  
43 Board of Game cycle. It ain't going to happen until  
44 '012. If we get an '011 resolution or proposal passed,  
45 it ain't going to be in effect until '012.

46

47                   So kind of just a quick point. I  
48 didn't want to complicate it. You guys had a long day,  
49 and I'll make it shorter. Thanks.

50

1 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any questions.  
2 Comments.  
3  
4 (No comments)  
5  
6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No. Thank you,  
7 Frank.  
8  
9 Okay. The next up is National Park  
10 Service.  
11  
12 MR. HAMMOND: Madam Chairman and  
13 members of the Council. I'm Troy Hammond and I work  
14 for the National Park Service in King Salmon. And in  
15 that office we administer Katmai National Park and  
16 Preserve, and the Alagnak Wild River and Aniakchak  
17 National Monument and Preserve.  
18  
19 And Mary McBurney -- and I am the  
20 natural resource manager for those parks. And Mary  
21 McBurney is here with me, and she is the subsistence  
22 coordinator for our park units as well as Lake Clark  
23 National Park and Preserve.  
24  
25 I don't have a written summary for you,  
26 I'm sorry about that. The park superintendent was  
27 called away on family business and so I'm here to  
28 answer questions, and I'll give you a quick update on  
29 what I do know. But there's a lot of things that I  
30 would have expected to talk to him about if he had been  
31 available, or if he had been here that I don't have an  
32 absolute current status on.  
33  
34 One of those is the Katmai Preserve ATV  
35 report, which Council member O'Hara mentioned earlier.  
36 That report has been drafted and gone through Council  
37 review here. It's gone through National Park Service  
38 and academic review. I think it's on the verge of  
39 being a final document, but I don't remember seeing it  
40 as final. As soon as that's in a final form, or if  
41 there's any other iteration, we'll provide you with  
42 that document or with whatever update there is. But I  
43 think as far as the -- that report is a history of the  
44 ATV use in the preserve region of the park, and it  
45 should be nearing its published phase now.  
46  
47 One of the issues that we've been  
48 trying to address over a few years now is the ATV use  
49 on Pike Ridge on the western boundary of Katmai  
50 National Park. The simplest appearing method to deal

1 with that problem or with that use is a boundary  
2 change. The National Interest Lands Conservation Act  
3 of 1980 actually gave the Park Service the authority to  
4 do a boundary adjustment to address local issues like  
5 that. The Park Service has never done a boundary  
6 adjustment, and so negotiating the process within our  
7 agency for how to accomplish that is something that has  
8 been challenging.

9

10 And currently we're expecting to  
11 basically survey the area this summer. We have to be  
12 able to certify to our lands office's satisfaction that  
13 there's not some unique attribute of the lands that we  
14 would be giving up in a boundary adjustment that would  
15 compromise the purpose of the park. As a person who's  
16 been around there, I think it's reasonable to make that  
17 statement, but we have to do the survey and go from  
18 there. So that's something we'll be doing this summer  
19 to try to move forward on that.

20

21 We attended and had the redfish meeting  
22 in our office, which you've already heard about. We  
23 thought that was a really productive meeting. As the  
24 folks at the meeting noted, it's a little challenging  
25 in our agency sometimes to keep the familiarity with  
26 our own regulations in some of the things up to where  
27 it should be when the turnover is as frequent as it is.  
28 And hopefully we can move forward with a little better  
29 way to do that. And we'll follow up with that  
30 committee and the recommendations as we can.

31

32 We have subsistence bear hunt  
33 authorized in Katmai Preserve now which was from a  
34 proposal developed at this RAC, and put the Federal  
35 subsistence process. I'm not aware of actual requests  
36 for permits or harvest that occurred in the last cycle  
37 on that, but we have set that hunt up and it is on the  
38 books as something that's available for subsistence  
39 users.

40

41 We've also been getting a lot of  
42 outside pressure on the management of the sport hunt in  
43 that area. And like with many of the other things, we  
44 haven't had a good set of data to address it. We did  
45 obtain funding to do a survey of that region just to  
46 have an actual bear count in the Katmai Preserve. The  
47 raw data has been collected. We're shuffling it to  
48 statisticians to give us results from it, and so we  
49 don't have any update on that yet, but that survey was  
50 conducted last May.



1                   Alvin asked earlier about moose  
2 surveys. And we have -- two years ago the Aniakchak  
3 SRC made a formal recommendation to the superintendent  
4 to put an increased focus on moose surveys, and that's  
5 been very helpful for me. We don't have a recent or  
6 current survey at Aniakchak or Katmai that was done  
7 beyond the level of what you've heard from the State or  
8 from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

9  
10                   The bureaucratic process being what it  
11 is, it's -- well, it's always slower than you want, but  
12 what the current status is, is that in order to -- I've  
13 been trying to focus on how to make a sustainable  
14 survey program, and that's taken us quite a while, but  
15 we have a monitoring program based in Anchorage which  
16 is really only just getting up to speed. And they've  
17 been doing -- the way that that program oversight  
18 works, we have to get protocols that can be approved by  
19 peer review, statistical peer review at the regional  
20 and national office levels. And that can be  
21 challenging where we're doing something like the moose  
22 surveys in this region where we'd like to be part of a  
23 larger effort with Fish and Game and the Fish and  
24 Wildlife Service, because the scale of the moose  
25 population that we're needing information on is a lot  
26 more than just on Park Service lands. But getting them  
27 to review a multi-agency effort as opposed to what's  
28 just in our house is a little bit challenging.

29  
30                   The upshot of it is that we have actual  
31 -- we have two actual survey methods that they're  
32 designing. They're trying to figure out which one  
33 we're going to use, partly because it depends on  
34 whether we're going to have snow cover or not. But  
35 we're hoping to coordinate with the State and the  
36 Refuge and use the same protocol so that we'll have a  
37 standard going forward.

38  
39                   And the purpose, like you heard from  
40 Bill with the Fish and Wildlife Service, is to go ahead  
41 and fly these trend areas in the fall to get  
42 composition information so that we have the bull/cow  
43 and the cow/calf ratios. And then if those numbers --  
44 or if those surveys aren't flown in conditions that are  
45 suitable for a good actual population or density type  
46 estimate, that we expect to have a February or March  
47 time frame where we're trying to fly just for numbers.  
48 And so then it would be a two-part effort instead of a  
49 single time. But that's what we're hoping.

50

1                   In order to make that happen, we've  
2 been trying to get additional -- just an allocation of  
3 staff for survey time and flight time. Our winter  
4 flight staff is pretty limited.  
5  
6                   I think that is the extent of what I  
7 had scribbled down that I know that people were  
8 interested in. I'd be happy to take questions, and I'm  
9 not sure whether Mary might have additional report.  
10  
11                  MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Do we  
12 want to question?  
13  
14                  MR. O'HARA: Yeah, let's ask him.  
15  
16                  MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.  
17  
18                  MR. O'HARA: Do you want a predator  
19 control program in the park? Don't even answer that.  
20  
21                  (Laughter)  
22  
23                  MR. O'HARA: I mean in the Preserve. I  
24 understand the park system on a national basis is just  
25 a totally different thing.  
26  
27                  I would think a moose and a bear on the  
28 preserve, since, you know, that is a big subsistence  
29 area, and you also have the public using it, which are  
30 non-qualified users, which is find. That's standard  
31 set up. When we get to Mary McBurney's of course,  
32 there's a whole different thing, because five villages  
33 can go in there and, you know, do something in a park  
34 that's part of new regulations.  
35  
36                  You know, here a while back I saw  
37 something. Quite a while back, and I'm sure it's more  
38 updated now, but they have off of the satellite where  
39 they can come down, and they caught a guy down in Ohio  
40 killing a deer out of season. You know, they can tell  
41 the size of the trees out there in the land. they can  
42 pick up your license plate. They can almost figure out  
43 if you've paid your taxes or not, but maybe not quite.  
44 Why don't you guys just get a big picture and start  
45 looking down and start doing an inventory on those  
46 bears.  
47  
48                  The methods we're using is just -- boy,  
49 it just depends upon what -- is Alan Gilmore still  
50 flying for you?

1 MR. HAMMOND: Alan flies for the  
2 National Park Service. Alan's position is the only  
3 flight position we have. There's a fair amount of  
4 required training, and his position is not funded for a  
5 full 12 months, and we're working on addressing those  
6 situations. I think that that will probably be  
7 something we'll see.

8  
9 But really for the kind of operation we  
10 have and, you know, the other, Lake Clark and the  
11 Refuge Staff probably already know this, but you need  
12 more than one pilot to provide the kind of availability  
13 that you need when you're looking for that one shot to  
14 get out. And when required training or other  
15 commitments take them away for an entire month in the  
16 November time frame, it gets very challenging for us.

17  
18 As far as the satellite, we call that  
19 remote sensing, we have started a number of monitoring  
20 efforts on things that are mostly climate related, but  
21 also vegetation related that are based on remote  
22 sensing. I don't know what satellites they're using to  
23 catch a guy in Ohio, but we don't have access to that  
24 one, I'll tell you that.

25  
26 MR. O'HARA: They saw a deer hanging  
27 out of his.....

28  
29 (Laughter)

30  
31 MR. HAMMOND: The satellite imagery  
32 that we have access to draws one meter pixels, so you  
33 couldn't read a license plate. And so far in three  
34 years of trying we've got about 10 percent of the park  
35 on a single pass, so that's all we've got. Aniakchak,  
36 we have almost the entire unit at that one meter  
37 resolution, but it's -- even just to get the first  
38 layer, it's not as straight forward. And cloudy days  
39 are pretty challenging.

40  
41 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

42  
43 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. Troy, Mary,  
44 thanks. So in the beginning of your presentation you  
45 mentioned a park extension, and I'd like to know  
46 possibly if you have a map to know where these park  
47 extension boundaries. I mean, are you talking about  
48 some boundaries, correcting boundaries or an extension,  
49 and is this in connection with the Katmai National Park  
50 or is it with the preserve or what's -- and what's the

1 intentions of this extension of these boundaries,  
2 please.

3

4 MR. HAMMOND: The intention is not to  
5 extend any boundaries. The boundaries were extended in  
6 1980 by ANILCA. And it's the Pike Ridge area, so when  
7 you start at around Pike Lake and you go north on the  
8 Pike Ridge Trail, you're within the boundary of the  
9 park as extended by ANILCA, but it's on private land  
10 for about six miles. After about six miles on that  
11 trail you go into national park owned land within the  
12 boundary, and then the trail goes in and out of the  
13 boundary for the next 10 or 12, or I'm not sure how  
14 many miles.

15

16 And historically the park has tried to  
17 just address that by not doing anything. And I know an  
18 informal request was made to the local folks I believe  
19 at the Fish and Game Advisory Council level many years  
20 back to focus any hunting effort on the west -- to the  
21 west of that trail and not to the east. That works as  
22 a practical matter, but it doesn't really solve our  
23 problem legally.

24

25 So what we'd like to do is redraw our  
26 boundary to exclude the Pike Ridge Trail so that people  
27 don't have to be rolling the dice on whether they're in  
28 violation of law when they're up there hunting.

29

30 And then at this point as long as we  
31 don't have a big enforcement effort that gets ramped  
32 up, it's probably more a matter of legal detail than  
33 practical change, because as far as what we're trying  
34 to do -- we're trying to make legal the way we've been  
35 managing the area.

36

37 MR. WILSON: May I?

38

39 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

40

41 MR. WILSON: I'm very familiar with  
42 this area you're talking about, and in the private  
43 lands that you talk about is the Paug-Vik Corporation  
44 lands. That goes in and out of -- I mean, the trail  
45 enters into the edge of the park, it comes into Paug-  
46 Vik. It weaves itself through this ridge line.

47

48 Now so your intentions are to  
49 straighten it and perhaps -- is there a land exchange  
50 or is there -- it's just encompassing, or how are you

1 going to go about wiping out the entire trail when it's  
2 on private lands?

3

4 MR. HAMMOND: No, I'm sorry, I don't  
5 think I've been very clear. We have no intention of  
6 wiping out the trail. We intend to move our boundary  
7 to not include the trail.

8

9 And the Paug-Vik lands continue up for  
10 the first six miles. After that it's actually on park  
11 lands and going in and out of park and State lands.  
12 And so what we would be doing is doing a land exchange  
13 with the State of Alaska. And so the areas that  
14 include the trail and to the west of the trail would  
15 become State land.

16

17 The regional office has had a hard time  
18 wrapping their head around exactly how to draw a  
19 boundary that's not straight lines and corners, and so  
20 I don't know what they will end up with, but that's at  
21 a level that I am not qualified to speak to. But the  
22 intention is that it won't include the trail.

23

24 MR. WILSON: Thanks. Yes, we as Paug-  
25 Vik Corporation sat down with the park. We had one  
26 meeting that they addressed this problem area for them,  
27 this boundary line. And I would hope that being a land  
28 owner that we can sit down again, you know, as Paug-Vik  
29 and as park, you know, to help come up with the  
30 solution if possible.

31

32 That's all I had. Thanks.

33

34 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

35

36 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

37

38 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Troy, I think you  
39 used the word adjustment to that, and that might mean  
40 shrinking the park a little bit, which possibly could  
41 happen.

42

43 MR. HAMMOND: Yeah. The ANILCA gave us  
44 the authority to make boundary adjustments, and it  
45 defined what a minor boundary adjustment was, and I  
46 think it was either 20 or 25,000 acres is the limit to  
47 which we can make an adjustment that takes land out of  
48 our boundary. And this adjustment would definitely  
49 fall within that, depending on what the actual --  
50 there's areas that are to the east of the trail that

1 are state land, and there's areas to the west of the  
2 trail that are Park Service land. And depending on how  
3 that line is drawn, it could be a fairly negligible  
4 change in acreage. But if the Park Service gave up  
5 land and didn't acquire any, then it could be on the  
6 order of 12,000 acres, but it does fit within the  
7 definition of ANILCA's minor boundary adjustment.

8

9 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

10

11 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

12

13 MR. O'HARA: Well, we're really sorry  
14 your park service couldn't make it, because he's been  
15 really great to work with. He's been one of the  
16 superintendents that just on that ATV alone thing that  
17 we started a long, long time ago, and made some  
18 progress. I don't know what we're doing with Igiugig  
19 and Levelock, if that's dropped out of the scope or  
20 we're still working on it. But I'm really sorry he  
21 couldn't make it here today, because I think it would  
22 have been good to talk with him.

23

24 MR. HAMMOND: Madam Chairman. If I may  
25 just to follow up on that. After we came to the point  
26 where we had draft reports that addressed use from  
27 these different areas, we combined those. The ATV  
28 report for the Katmai Preserve that I last saw in draft  
29 included all village use. So I'm making that  
30 statement. I don't remember, I think it included  
31 Levelock as well, because I think they were all three  
32 there. So anyway the one that we're working on now  
33 includes everything that we have.

34

35 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The  
36 comment that I have, I kind of cringed when I heard  
37 that maybe you're going to be coordinating with the  
38 State of Alaska for aerial surveys. The last day and a  
39 half there's been comments made about aerial surveys,  
40 that people aren't trusting, or there needs to be some  
41 adjustments. So in that case, I hope that you won't --  
42 you'll take into consideration the concerns that the  
43 people have, you know, when they're doing aerial  
44 surveys. And this might be one of the topics that the  
45 working group could work, you know, to discuss if  
46 there's concerns about the aerial surveys not being  
47 perfect, or that need to be improvised so that they can  
48 -- the people can start trusting the aerial survey  
49 numbers.

50

1                   And on another note, and this is not  
2 negative, but with the parks and preserves, my  
3 observations have been, and maybe it's because I don't  
4 live in that area. It might be different for the  
5 people that live over there. My observation has been  
6 that the park and preserve are in that box, and they  
7 work within that box. And I'm sure that -- and you  
8 folks are improving to include the people that live  
9 around you that use. Although the park and preserve  
10 are reserved for whatever purpose, and they're more  
11 restrictive than the other lands surrounding that I'm  
12 sure that you folks are working to improve your  
13 information and your contact with people around you.

14  
15                   Thanks.

16  
17                   MR. HAMMOND: Madam Chairman. Just  
18 one, or maybe two follow-ups. One is that as far as  
19 the coordination of survey data, our goal is to try to  
20 make sure that we're on the same page going into  
21 surveys, so that we don't have questions about whether  
22 we did it right coming out of the survey. My other  
23 feeling about survey data is that if you do it well and  
24 you do it repeatedly, then the value of the numbers is  
25 independent of whether everybody agrees with them. So  
26 I'd rather get started and hopefully with some buy-in  
27 from Fish and Game, but hopefully we'll get started  
28 regardless of that.

29  
30                   The other thing, it is true that the  
31 National Park Service mandate is a little bit  
32 different. We have been trying to make a real effort  
33 to do what we can. We have quite a few specific  
34 regulations in the State of Alaska that allow us to  
35 provide for local opportunities that are different than  
36 what people would have in the Lower 48. And we've been  
37 working to try to educate our Staff about those local  
38 opportunities which is sometimes a challenge, because  
39 they often come from those Lower 48 parks where it's  
40 different. But that is something we've been making  
41 more of an effort on.

42  
43                   Thank you.

44  
45                   MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, you know,  
46 all the agencies, be it State and Federal, I have --  
47 the 30 years that I've been involved, they have come  
48 along way in working with the local people, and the  
49 local people do trust and respect a majority of the  
50 agencies, and it's just we're here to work together.

1 And I sure appreciate you being here today.

2

3 Any more for Troy.

4

5 MR. O'HARA: Yes, just one more. Madam  
6 Chair. You know, putting in place this harvest of  
7 brown bears, no one may use it, but it's there if  
8 someone wants to use it, and so I think that's really a  
9 good thing if somebody wants to go out and get a brown  
10 in springtime, go for it.

11

12 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank  
13 you, Troy. And, Mary.

14

15 MS. MCBURNEY: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
16 For the record my name is Mary McBurney, and I'm the  
17 subsistence program manager for Lake Clark, Katmai  
18 National Preserve and the Aniakchak National Monument  
19 and Preserve, but I'm here to report for Lake Clark. I  
20 think Troy did an excellent job covering everything in  
21 the southern end of our realm.

22

23 There are just a few informational  
24 items that I wanted to share with you this morning.  
25 And the first one is that the Lake Clark Subsistence  
26 Resource Commission met last month, and this is germane  
27 to your discussion about a resolution regarding  
28 predator control. And Mr. Hedlund isn't here today,  
29 but he is also a member of the Lake Clark SRC.

30

31 And there was quite a bit of discussion  
32 about predator control and particularly predator  
33 control in the Unit 9 area, and 9B, 9C primarily. And  
34 the SRC decided that what they would like to do is  
35 they're drafting a letter and this is to the Federal  
36 Subsistence Board, to convey their feeling that too  
37 much emphasis is being put on predator control as that  
38 first thing to do, and that the whole idea of the  
39 subsistence priority is being number 1 in terms of the  
40 management priorities, that that's being a little bit  
41 lost. And that predator control is kind of being seen  
42 as a bit of an easy fix, and that people are not going  
43 to where we really are mandated to go, which is to  
44 start cutting back say on the non-subsistence uses of  
45 moose, caribou.

46

47 And I'm not exactly sure when their  
48 letter is going to be available. That's something that  
49 the chair, Glen Alsworth, is working on, but I did want  
50 to share that with you knowing that had Mr. Hedland



1 been here today, he probably would have mentioned it.

2

3 And with that, I'm really heartened to  
4 hear that the working group might just kind of get off  
5 the ground again. I think that's a really productive  
6 direction to go, and I would encourage that we have a  
7 member of each one of our SRCs, both the Aniakchak SRC  
8 and the Lake Clark SRC involved directly with the  
9 working group as well. Those are also local folks that  
10 can bring some good background information to the table  
11 that would be very helpful to the discussion.

12

13 And looking ahead to this fall's RAC  
14 meeting, knowing that there won't necessarily be a  
15 whole docket of proposals before you, I would like to  
16 make the offer of having our Lake Clark wildlife  
17 biologist attend and give you formal presentations on  
18 moose surveys in the area and also preliminary results  
19 that they have on some of the wolf collaring activity  
20 that they've been working on for the past couple of  
21 years. I think both of those might be helpful bits of  
22 information to give you at least a sense of how things  
23 are looking in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve  
24 with respect to moose and to wolves.

25

26 And finally there is going to be an  
27 additional statewide wolf project that is being headed  
28 up by Lake Clark National Park, but it's a statewide  
29 effort where biologists are going to be soliciting from  
30 every possible trapper, fur buyer, whoever they can get  
31 wolf guard hairs from, but they're very interested in  
32 getting a sense of how much fish is a part of wolves'  
33 diets. I think it was -- I can't recall who it was  
34 that mentioned -- Dan -- yesterday that studies were  
35 showing that some wolf populations throughout the state  
36 utilize salmon as a food source. And so one of the  
37 questions that the biologists in Lake Clark have, since  
38 we're very much a salmon-based park in many respects,  
39 is what percentage -- if they could figure this out,  
40 what percentage of their diet really is, you know,  
41 dependent on fish. And they would like to extend that  
42 though to statewide to take a look so that they can  
43 also compare and contrast how fish might be important  
44 to say, you know, wolves on the North Slope or in  
45 Northwest Arctic or, you know, farther out west. So  
46 that will be a project that will be about three years  
47 in the offing. They're hoping to get that started this  
48 summer.

49

50 And, Madam Chair, that concludes my

1 report.

2

3 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Richard.

4

5 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

6 Mary, thanks. You mentioned that the Lake Clark  
7 subsistence committee there is recommending -- is  
8 drafting a letter and recommending that their form of  
9 action be instead of looking predation to be looking at  
10 downsizing usage; is that correct?

11

12 MS. MCBURNEY: Generally. Excuse me.

13 Madam Chair.

14

15 The concern is that -- I think that to  
16 a member, if you ask them about predator control, they  
17 would say, yes, that there is a need for it, but the  
18 flip side is, is that they feel that the whole issue of  
19 subsistence priority is being lost in the conversation  
20 to a degree. That there hasn't been a great deal of  
21 effort being put toward actually reducing other sources  
22 of, you know, competition, whether it's the commercial,  
23 the sport, recreation. And, you know, they realize  
24 that a lot of that is within the State realm, and  
25 that's not something that necessarily is something that  
26 the Federal program can influence. And they also  
27 realize that the Federal program in many respects has  
28 very liberal seasons and bag limits. And, you know,  
29 brown bears I think is a really good example of, you  
30 know, the State, you still have I think throughout Unit  
31 9 one bear every four years, whereas with subsistence  
32 regulations you can take a bear every year.

33

34 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

35

36 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mary. Yes, I  
37 know Lake Clark has in the past their historians have  
38 done a great job on the people in the areas, you know,  
39 in the Lake Clark, Iliamna, even Bristol Bay now, you  
40 know, they've put out several publications, you know.  
41 And so really appreciate all the, you know, effort that  
42 Lake Clark has put into our area and region, you know,  
43 looking up background information and looking at  
44 history.

45

46 And I don't know if we show as a  
47 priority the same concern as maybe the Lake Clark does.  
48 I think that we've already taken a step to shorten our  
49 seasons and to try to deter people from hunting. And I  
50 think as we have discussed here, that some of our -- we

1 believe that our next real action should be our  
2 predator control side of it, and not was a second, but  
3 as a first priority.

4  
5 And I just wanted to mention that.  
6 Thanks.

7  
8 MS. MCBURNEY: Madam Chair. Excuse me.  
9 And that was part of the discussion as well, that the  
10 subsistence users have been very willing to take on the  
11 burden of conservation to a greater extent than perhaps  
12 other user groups. And, you know, this is just one of  
13 those issues that there -- it's very emotional, you  
14 know. It's tied to people's livelihoods, and their --  
15 it's the way they live. And it's very important to  
16 them.

17  
18 And as I said before, I think that to a  
19 member that if you ask them, they would see value in a  
20 predator control program. However, it's that  
21 subsistence priority that is number one in their mind,  
22 and rather than the subsistence users being the one  
23 that take on willingly the burden of conservation, that  
24 there -- they would like to see more of an emphasis in  
25 working toward keeping that priority and working to  
26 reduce perhaps competition from other users.

27  
28 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

29  
30 MR. O'HARA: Mary, it's good to see  
31 you. Always good to have you, and you've been -- you  
32 and Troy have been around a long time, and seen a lot  
33 of things happen.

34  
35 This letter from Glen Alsworth dated  
36 December 28th, and in it, on the last page he talks  
37 about illegal poaching has occurred on native  
38 allotments, and seemingly the State -- allotment, and  
39 seemingly the State by default has game management  
40 authority on Native lands and yet fails to recognize  
41 and provide for the subsistence user rather than  
42 through the favorable seasons, enforcement on its own  
43 game laws. And he seemed to think it went backwards  
44 because of that.

45  
46 Did you and the SRC talk about --  
47 because we talked with Ron Pourchot, Donald? I made a  
48 comment about, I think you were probably there that  
49 day, that the Federal people should take over  
50 management on Native lands, and, boy, the heads came up

1 like that, and, of course, it's illegal. But did your  
2 SRC think maybe that if they're not satisfied with  
3 State management, that they would make an effort to  
4 have the Park Service do their own management and  
5 enforcement? Not enforcement, but manage those lands.

6

7 MS. MCBURNEY: Madam Chair. Yes, they  
8 did discuss that. And one of the biggest difficulties  
9 for a lot of the local users is the patchwork, you  
10 know. And especially around Lake Clark, 70 percent of  
11 the shoreline is in private holdings, whether it's, you  
12 know, Native allotments or other land owners. And  
13 there have been quite a few trespass issues with people  
14 coming in and hunting on private lands that they  
15 weren't either aware they were private lands. And most  
16 recently there was an incidence this past summer where  
17 there was confusion about, and it's the perennial one,  
18 is the moose's feet wet or are they dry, you know. Is  
19 it standing on Federal land or is it standing on State  
20 land.

21

22 But with respect to the private lands  
23 and the Native allotments, yes, there would be a  
24 preference to having those under Federal management,  
25 mostly to simplify things. And in Lake Clark, it  
26 certainly would simplify things a great deal, because  
27 there are quite a number of Native allotments along the  
28 shoreline of Lake Clark, and having just one set of,  
29 you know -- one regulation book in your back pocket  
30 would be very helpful.

31

32 MR. O'HARA: I can't remember now the  
33 Assistant Secretary of Interior back in D.C., he used  
34 to be a senator down Juneau, maybe somebody will  
35 remember his name. We met with him about a month and a  
36 half ago as a borough. We went back there and met with  
37 the Department of the Interior Secretary, which was  
38 this gentleman. And he said for this to happen, it  
39 would take an act of Congress to change that. So he  
40 seemed to think it's most unlikely that that is a big  
41 issue for the Federal people at this day and age to --  
42 or even Congress to deal with this. He just thought it  
43 was a waste of time, so I guess maybe you discussed  
44 that?

45

46 MS. MCBURNEY: Madam Chair. No, we  
47 didn't exactly discuss it in the context of the  
48 political climate and the likelihood that it could  
49 happen, but definitely discussed it as being a  
50 desirable thing to happen.

1 MR. O'HARA: In other words, Madam  
2 Chair, Title VIII would have to be changed, and it  
3 takes an act of Congress to do that, and that's a long  
4 shot.

5  
6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

7  
8 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madam  
9 Chair.

10  
11 Mary, A couple things. I was thinking  
12 on this wolf study, that it would be very interesting  
13 to see that, you know statewide. I was just again  
14 looking last on line and saw a mention of that wolf  
15 study. I didn't really read it, but that's out of  
16 Denali Park data.

17  
18 Also, just to clarify, this letter here  
19 is not the one you're referring to that the SRC's  
20 talking about as far as subsistence priority and  
21 predator control?

22  
23 MS. MCBURNEY: Madam Chair. That's  
24 correct. Tat letter was written specifically to  
25 Assistant Secretary Pat Pourchot in response to the  
26 Federal request for comments on the Federal Subsistence  
27 Program.

28  
29 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Would that --  
30 could I get on the mailing list for that letter? I  
31 would be very eager to see it as soon as it's  
32 available.

33  
34 MS. MCBURNEY: I believe that the RAC  
35 definitely will be on the cc list.

36  
37 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Because I'm kind  
38 of -- I'm real curious, and before I react, I want to  
39 see what it says, because just being involved with  
40 advisory committees and RACs, we've been wracking our  
41 brains so to speak on other ways to get at some of the  
42 problems, and then I think, too, with the latest Board  
43 of Game cycle, we may see, you know, outlawing non-  
44 resident hunting for some of these species. And I'm  
45 going, what else are you going to be saying should be  
46 done. But I'll wait for the record.

47  
48 And I wanted to make one other point  
49 about the wolf study while I'm thinking about it. I've  
50 mentioned before that I kind of lurk around on some

1 trapping forums. So I guess I'm more of an armchair  
2 trapper than a real one, but there's a lot of concern  
3 in parts of the Interior State that that lice  
4 infestation that first started on the Kenai Peninsula  
5 has spread. And this winter sometime there are people  
6 seeing -- they'll show pictures of wolves they've got  
7 from a variety of areas, and if I'm not mistaken, the  
8 lice causes them to lose their guard hairs, so you have  
9 these fuzzy puppy looking wolves. And I'm just  
10 wondering if in the course of doing a guard hair  
11 analysis you could try to collect incidence of lice  
12 infestation. I think there's some discussion, maybe  
13 there's also a genetic aberrance that might not be lice  
14 infesting, but the pictures they post on there, these  
15 wolves look really unusual. And I just thought I'd  
16 bring that up. Maybe some of the real trappers here  
17 might be able speak more to it.

18

19 Thank you.

20

21 MS. MCBURNEY: Madam Chair. I would be  
22 happy to bring that up with the principal investigator  
23 and see if there might be a way that there could be a  
24 data gathering component if practical.

25

26 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

27

28 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. Dan, all I  
29 know is they don't sell very well.

30

31 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
32 the comment that I've got, or sort of a question. In  
33 regards to both hair, I guess you're going to be coll  
34 -- you're going to be in the process of collecting, and  
35 how about are you going to start that process? And is  
36 it going to be just within the Lake and Preserve, or  
37 throughout the region?

38

39 MS. MCBURNEY: Madam Chair. It is  
40 intended to be a statewide project. And initially I  
41 think the word is going to go out to other wolf  
42 researchers that may have access to hair samples that  
43 they may still have, you know, filed somewhere.

44

45 But we were talking with the biologist  
46 at the last Lake Clark SRC meeting, and one of the  
47 suggestions that came up was also go to the fur buyers  
48 and, you know, see if you can get some, you know, hair  
49 samples from them. All the documentation will be  
50 there, you know, in terms of where the animal was taken

1 and when and so on and so forth. And that that would  
2 be a way perhaps to also get more of a statewide  
3 sample.

4

5 But the idea is that these would be  
6 from wolves throughout the State, so there would be  
7 some from hopefully this part of the country and the  
8 other side in Unit 9, and then all the way throughout  
9 the State.

10

11 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I think  
12 probably one of the most organized way of doing that  
13 would be to collect the hair sample from the taggers.  
14 We have a tagger here that -- and that way if the hair  
15 is collected throughout the communities, that might be  
16 helpful, too, because maybe some wolves don't get  
17 tagged, but I think the most organized way would be to  
18 -- and so that you can get all that information, that  
19 the taggers collect from the harvesters anyway. So --  
20 and I'm sure that each area, including Dillingham, has  
21 a tagger that would probably be willing to ask the  
22 harvesters if they could take a sample when they do  
23 that.

24

25 MS. MCBURNEY: Madam Chair. If you  
26 have a name and way to get in touch with them, I would  
27 be happy to pass that along, because that's exactly I  
28 think what they're looking for is having those  
29 individual contacts within communities and within the  
30 region. The biologists has come up with a very simple  
31 kind of protocol for how to collect the hair so she has  
32 it all summarized on a single sheet of paper, and then  
33 it's just a matter of taking some hairs and slipping  
34 them into these little envelopes and then mailing them  
35 off to her.

36

37 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We have Jim  
38 Woolington that's a game biologist and people probably  
39 right now are bringing their furs down there to be  
40 tagged, and so he'd be a good contact person to start  
41 collecting samples.

42

43 Okay. Any more comments for Mary.

44

45 (No comments)

46

47 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: None. Thank  
48 you, Mary.

49

50 Oh, Dale.

1 MR. MYERS: Yes, Madam Chair. Just one  
2 comment on the -- when you first started out there  
3 saying that we're kind of jumping towards predator  
4 management. First, well, we've -- the North Peninsula  
5 Caribou Herd, we haven't -- I mean, the season has been  
6 totally closed for, and it was Tier II over 10 years  
7 ago. How long has that been closed, Alvin, now?

8

9 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Probably about, what, 8  
10 to 10 years.

11

12 MR. MYERS: So we have basically --  
13 like coming out of the school right now, we have a  
14 whole group of youngsters that are coming out who have  
15 never had the opportunity to hunt caribou. And it's  
16 just, you know, culturally-wise and for the people, you  
17 know, it's how long do we wait? And then once the  
18 caribou are gone, you know, what's next on the menu?  
19 It's the moose, and then we wait until the moose are  
20 gone. You know, so I think that its getting high time  
21 that the Federal agencies do start seriously thinking  
22 about at least putting a responsible game management  
23 program into effect. I mean, not just say predator  
24 control. This is just game management. It's like  
25 managing the game within your areas. I know it will be  
26 coming here soon probably with what's going down in the  
27 Lower 48. I'm sure they're going to be starting to  
28 actively look and change a few rules and regulations  
29 and whatnot, and, you know, it would be nice if we can  
30 get a jump on it and show them a good prototype from  
31 the State of Alaska for what you need to do when it  
32 comes time down there, because it's not if it happens,  
33 it's when it's going to happen.

34

35 That's just a comment I wanted to make.  
36 Thank you.

37

38 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think  
39 we're questioned out. I sure appreciate you guys.

40

41 MR. O'HARA: We're just about meeting'd  
42 out.

43

44 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. North  
45 Pacific Fishery Management Council. They're not here.  
46 So moving on.

47

48 I guess we're down to other business.  
49 And the first one is identifying Council topics for May  
50 1010. And the first one that we had was the resolution



1 letter to Randy.  
2  
3 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. I so move.  
4  
5 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
6 been a motion to accept or adopt the resolution that  
7 was drafted. Did everybody get a copy.  
8  
9 MR. DUNAWAY: I think so.  
10  
11 MR. O'HARA: No, but it's okay.  
12  
13 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair. I've got  
14 copies here.  
15  
16 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Thank you.  
17  
18 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair. I can read the  
19 resolution for the record.  
20  
21 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Donald.  
22 Donald's going to read the resolution.  
23  
24 MR. O'HARA: Was there a second?  
25  
26 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No.  
27  
28 MR. DUNAWAY: I'll second it.  
29  
30 MR. MIKE: Is there a second?  
31  
32 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
33  
34 MR. O'HARA: Dan did. Dan or the other  
35 Dan.  
36  
37 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan-Dan.  
38  
39 MR. MIKE: Thank you. Madam Chair.  
40 This is resolution is to Mr. Randy Alvarez, and I want  
41 to thank Mr. Dan Dunaway. He took the time and effort  
42 to draft this resolution for Randy Alvarez's services.  
43  
44 I'll have to go back to my office and  
45 see exactly when he started and how many years he  
46 served as Chair, but I believe he served as the Chair  
47 for three years if I'm correct. But the resolutions  
48 reads:  
49  
50 In recognition of your many years,

1 we'll have to insert the years there, years of service  
2 and years of Chairman, we the members of Bristol Bay  
3 Regional Advisory Council extend our heartfelt  
4 gratitude to you. As a member and Chairman you ably  
5 represented the constituents of the Bristol Bay  
6 Regional Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence  
7 Board and numerous other government agencies. Equally  
8 important, you maintained close ties and opened doors  
9 for subsistence users of the region as well as other  
10 resource users. The conscientious and even-handed  
11 approach you brought to your duties is highly respected  
12 and enhanced the credibility and effectiveness of this  
13 Council. We appreciate your work and thank you very  
14 much for your service. Signed by Council members Mary  
15 Chythlook, Chair, Dan Dunaway, Vice Chair, Nanci Morris  
16 Lyon, Secretary, Peter Abraham, Alvin Boskofsky, Thomas  
17 Hedlund, Dale Myers, Daniel O'Hara, and Richard Wilson.

18

19 MR. O'HARA: Question.

20

21 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. All in  
22 favor of the resolution appreciating Randy's service to  
23 the RAC, all in favor say aye.

24

25 IN UNISON: Aye.

26

27 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any opposition.

28

29 (No opposing votes)

30

31 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none.

32 Pardon?

33

34 MR. O'HARA: I hope not.

35

36 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Adopted.

37 Pardon?

38

39 MR. DUNAWAY: (Indiscernible, away from  
40 microphone)

41

42 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I went too  
43 fast, sorry.

44

45 MR. DUNAWAY: Just a quite note, this  
46 doesn't mean any less respect for any of the other  
47 members and may not have had a letter quite like this,  
48 but I certainly enjoyed working with Randy, and I've  
49 enjoyed working with all the folks on here, but I was  
50 -- it seemed like a number of times Randy would impress

1 me with how much he knew and the people he had  
2 contacted, and how well he was able to function, and it  
3 just seems like he certain deserves some acknowledge.  
4 For that matter, people like Boris, and Dan's been on  
5 and off and Robin and Robert in the past. I sure  
6 appreciate the work they do.

7

8 Thank you.

9

10 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

11

12 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

13

14 MR. O'HARA: In fact he's the only  
15 other chairman that's ever been Chairman. I was  
16 original and then Randy took over, and then last year  
17 they gave me a big plaque, so that was pretty nice.

18

19 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Normally  
20 I respect the harvesters, hunters for any resource  
21 chairs like this, and I normally refuse, because I  
22 think the chairman should be somebody that is a  
23 personal user, experienced personally in harvesting and  
24 hunting the resources. I'm not a hunter, but I'm a  
25 fisher. I harvest fish and then I do process, but I  
26 normally respect the chairmans of any resource councils  
27 and committees to be that person that's duly  
28 experienced in this, so this is - I really humbly  
29 accept the Chair for now, and I'll do my best to  
30 operate with the help of the hunters that are sitting  
31 around me.

32

33 Thank you.

34

35 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

36

37 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

38

39 MR. O'HARA: We just disagree with you  
40 and we made you the Madam Chair.

41

42 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

43

44 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. The  
45 Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, we recognize  
46 the important work that our Regional Advisory Councils  
47 serve for their reasons, and we recognize their service  
48 by recognizing their many years of service by issuing a  
49 certificate of appreciation from our office. But at  
50 our next meeting I'll make sure I have a copy with me

1 and recognizing Randy Alvarez, at the same time  
2 probably Boris Kosbruk for their services on this  
3 council.

4

5 Thank you. Madam Chair.

6

7 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more  
8 comments.

9

10 (No comments)

11

12 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we can  
13 do the voting now, or did we do the -- we voted. Well,  
14 I just skipped over the discussion part. Okay.

15

16 Next on the agenda is the Resolution  
17 recognizing Afonie Takak. Donald.

18

19 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. At  
20 our last meeting Member Mr. Alvin Boskofsky requested  
21 that the Council recognize Afonie Takak's service to  
22 the Subsistence Resource Commission, and as everyone  
23 know, Mr. Takak passed on. But the Council requested  
24 that Mary McBurney, who she serves as the coordinator  
25 for the Subsistence Resource Commission for Aniakchak,  
26 drafted this draft resolution recognizing Afonie Takak  
27 servicing continuously on the Aniakchak National  
28 Monument Subsistence Resource Commission since 1986.  
29 And I'm sure you've read it, but the final resolution  
30 states:

31

32 Be it resolved that the Bristol Bay  
33 Regional Advisory Council expresses its gratitude and  
34 appreciation to the family of Afonie Takak in  
35 recognition of his sound advice, firm guidance, and  
36 wise counsel and service to the Aniakchak Subsistence  
37 Resource Commission and the people of Bristol Bay.

38

39 And I understand the Council would like  
40 to get this resolution finalized and approved, and we  
41 can get this on a plaque or issue it to his family.

42

43 Thank you. Madam Chair.

44

45 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any  
46 discussion. Or we need to make a motion.

47

48 MR. DUNAWAY: Move to adopt the  
49 resolution that Mr. Mike just read to us.

50

1 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We need a  
2 second.  
3  
4 MR. WILSON: I'll second it.  
5  
6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Discussion.  
7  
8 (No comments)  
9  
10 MR. O'HARA: And I call for the  
11 question.  
12  
13 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
14 been a motion, seconded, to adopt the resolution  
15 recognizing Afonie Takak. All in favor say aye.  
16  
17 IN UNISON: Aye.  
18  
19 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any opposition.  
20  
21 (No opposing votes)  
22  
23 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The  
24 resolution is adopted. Thank you.  
25  
26 Okay. The next other business is going  
27 to be on 9E and C, predator control. I think there was  
28 a discussion about either a letter of resolution from  
29 this Council.  
30  
31 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Madam Chair. I  
32 believe I requested that we bring this up. And I've  
33 talked to Mr. Campbell, and before she left, Polly  
34 Wheeler, about the mechanism.  
35  
36 I'd sure like to go on record as -- and  
37 I didn't have time last night to write a draft  
38 resolution, but some sort of resolution or letter  
39 saying that, if we agree, we support this Proposal No.  
40 32 that's coming before the Board of Game today or  
41 tomorrow in Fairbanks. If we agree to that, I could  
42 try to cobble some language quickly, or we could just  
43 keep it real simple and we support it, although I think  
44 some of these other comments -- shoot, I've been taking  
45 so many notes I'm losing track, but somebody asked us  
46 to consider additional areas. And I'm kind of getting  
47 blurred on all the different things, but mainly I was  
48 hoping we could convey a message really quickly to the  
49 Board of Game that we're supportive of it.  
50

1                   And I see Rod waving his hand. I'll  
2 defer, if the Chair will care to recognize him.  
3  
4                   MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. Madam Chair. Polly  
5 had to leave to catch an earlier flight, but she did  
6 leave a note to kind of reiterate discussions you had  
7 earlier in the beginning of the meeting about whatever  
8 you decide, whether a letter or a resolution to the  
9 Board of Game.  
10  
11                  But as Member Dunaway mentioned, she  
12 also noted that she would try to contract our Federal  
13 liaison to the Board of Game who is in Fairbanks so  
14 that he can verbally express to the Board of Game your  
15 support for predator control in these areas, and that  
16 would either be I believe tomorrow or Saturday from her  
17 note. So that's the intent to get that to them. So if  
18 you can get some kind of language that Donald or I can  
19 get back or convey to Polly, that she would certainly  
20 pass that along.  
21  
22                  MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
23  
24                  MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. Yeah, I  
25 think we can either maybe give some verbiage to or a  
26 resolution that you could write and he could take care  
27 of this afternoon and you could sign or we can just  
28 make a very strong with some ideas that Rod had for us  
29 of putting this in his hands, which would be Friday or  
30 Saturday.  
31  
32                  And along with the support, was it 132,  
33 Daniel that.....  
34  
35                  MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair. I believe  
36 it's Proposal No. 32.  
37  
38                  MR. O'HARA: Oh, 32. Okay. So I  
39 guess, Madam Chair, we just need to decide if we want  
40 to do a motion to support a letter from you, or -- you  
41 know, I think we've talked about all of it, and we  
42 could assign Donald to do that, if he had to call us or  
43 email us tomorrow. We really should get something on  
44 record that's a pretty strong message up there.  
45  
46                  And I'm going to Anchorage tonight, and  
47 I may be in Fairbanks on Friday if there's something  
48 that goes up there, if I can get before the Board. I  
49 don't know how the sign-up time is. We may not be able  
50 to get on, you know, so if somebody has some ideas, a

1 suggestion, we need to put something in writing to get  
2 to those guys.

3

4 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

5

6 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, since it started  
7 out my baby, I guess I'd better be ready to back it up  
8 a little bit. I would -- if I had support, I would  
9 suggest some language that a letter to the Board of  
10 Game with language something like, Dear State Board of  
11 Game, on March 4th, 2010 the Bristol Bay Federal  
12 Subsistence Rural Advisory Council supports passage of  
13 Proposal No. 32 to enact predator control in Units 9C  
14 and E, would be the real short version.

15

16 And like I said, I think somebody said  
17 let's not leave out 9B. Oh, Frank it was. Frank Woods  
18 was asking us to include Units 17 and 9B as well. But  
19 if that complicates it, we can defer.

20

21 So I guess I'll make that in the form  
22 of a motion to draft language such as that.

23

24 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. I'll second  
25 that motion.

26

27 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.  
28 Discussion. Dan, did you have.....

29

30 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm just trying to get  
31 things.....

32

33 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, did you  
34 have something.

35

36 MR. MIKE: Yes. Madam Chair. This  
37 Council can write correspondence. Our correspondence  
38 policy, or the Regional Advisory Councils  
39 correspondence policy basically states that we can  
40 write correspondence to the Federal Subsistence Board  
41 or other agencies. Outside the agencies, I think we  
42 have to go through the Federal Subsistence Board. But  
43 I think there's a way to do that. We can draft up the  
44 letter tonight and have it delivered to our Board of  
45 Game liaison in Fairbanks.

46

47 Madam Chair.

48

49 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

50

1 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
2  
3 MR. O'HARA: I'd like to have Frank  
4 come up, and while he's coming up, I think that little  
5 note should add -- you know, this is proceedings that's  
6 going to take place now, or we're going that direction,  
7 proceedings is we're going on notice that we're going  
8 to have -- you said something about an environmental  
9 impact study. That sounded a little complicated.  
10  
11 MR. WOODS: Just to clarify. I think  
12 the letter you're writing to the Board of Game is  
13 separate from what I was talking about. I support any  
14 predator management in 9E and C. Get that done. But  
15 also I think it would be a separate -- maybe have Staff  
16 look into this Board requesting an environmental impact  
17 statement from our partners, parks, refuges in Bristol  
18 Bay. If this Board has the authority to request or  
19 recommend environmental impact statement, and what it  
20 would look like for predator management on Federal  
21 lands, then let's get started on it now. We need it.  
22 I think this Board -- with the letter to the Board of  
23 Game, I think this Board supports that. So it's  
24 separate. I mean, put a simple letter together to  
25 support predator management on Federal -- I mean,  
26 sorry, before the Board of Game, but then kind of  
27 expand that idea to the Federal system, that an  
28 environmental impact statement needs to get done. Let's  
29 start it now.  
30  
31 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. That's good. So,  
32 yeah, we've got on the floor now a resolution, did we?  
33  
34 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah.  
35  
36 MR. O'HARA: Okay. So we'll exclude  
37 what you said, but then as soon as we finish this,  
38 we'll get back to your subject. Environmental impact,  
39 is that the word you used?  
40  
41 MR. WOODS: Yes.  
42  
43 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. And that's  
44 different than an EIS, so that's good.  
45  
46 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.  
47  
48 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair. Given what  
49 Donald Mike had suggested, to keep protocols right. If  
50 it's okay with the second, I would -- I guess it would



1 probably be more appropriate that we address the letter  
2 officially to the Federal Subsistence Board. If that's  
3 correct, and if that's okay with you, we could address  
4 this language a little bit so we're not veering off out  
5 of range.

6

7 MR. O'HARA: Who seconded that?

8

9 MR. DUNAWAY: You did I think.

10

11 MR. O'HARA: I did? Okay.

12

13 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

14

15 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, I certainly find --  
16 that would be fine with me then. And then that just --  
17 it doesn't change the motion, it just -- we don't want  
18 to start off on the wrong foot with this one, because  
19 there's going to be plenty of hand grenades coming our  
20 way.

21

22 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There  
23 was a motion. A second. We just got through  
24 discussing.

25

26 Dale, did you have anything.

27

28 MR. MYERS: No.

29

30 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No. Okay.

31

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

33

34 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're  
35 going to be voting on having this letter drafted, our  
36 letter to Federal Subsistence Board in reference to  
37 predator control. And so all in favor say aye.

38

39 IN UNISON: Aye.

40

41 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any opposition.

42

43 (No opposing votes)

44

45 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,  
46 adopted.

47

48 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

49

50 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

1                   MR. O'HARA: It looks to me like Pete's  
2 going to bolt. Are you going to go?  
3  
4                   MR. ABRAHAM: Uh-huh.  
5  
6                   MR. O'HARA: You've got to catch your  
7 flight. Just look out in the audience, that Federal  
8 side is getting much smaller out there.  
9  
10                  MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Moving on to c  
11 under 16, other business, working group formation. I  
12 need.....  
13  
14                  MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.  
15  
16                  MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.  
17  
18                  MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
19 Before the Councils take action on this, the working  
20 group, this is just some suggestions, but Bristol Bay  
21 Council will appoint one or two members for this moose  
22 working group in Unit 9. An they also can specify  
23 which groups should be there as part of the working  
24 group, either the advisory committees, Department of  
25 Fish and Game, Fish and Wildlife Service Staff,  
26 National Park Service Staff, and the public, one or two  
27 public that may wish to participate. And the other  
28 options we should consider is BBNA or BBNC and village  
29 corporations. As far as the public, you know, I think  
30 our public that may be interested in serving on the  
31 subcommittee would be Mr. Randy Alvarez, he knows the  
32 history very well, and he's a private citizen.  
33  
34                  Thank you. Madam Chair.  
35  
36                  MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan, did  
37 you have a comment.  
38  
39                  MR. O'HARA: Yeah. I think I would  
40 like to see -- I'll talk about this, and we'll fill in  
41 a little and then make a motion, but I would like to  
42 see the RAC members, as they mentioned would be some  
43 possibility of traveling over there. And I don't if  
44 all of them can travel or not, but I know Richard and  
45 Dale and Dan and you as Chair, you can go to any ones  
46 you want. Probably should be on that list. And then  
47 if Frank Wood has a member of the BBNA and I don't know  
48 what department that would be, subsistence or whatever  
49 it might be, be on there, and then Mary McBurney said  
50 the member of the RAC, and I don't know, I guess that

1 would be -- you got one north and one south, so do you  
2 want two? Okay. She nods her head.

3  
4  
5 Donald.

6  
7 MR. MIKE: No, I was just confirming  
8 two SRC members.

9  
10 MR. O'HARA: Okay. All right. Okay.  
11 And then I don't know if that many from the RAC would  
12 be able to go, but at least there should be a couple,  
13 and you can decide among yourselves. And maybe we all  
14 don't have to go, but those two should go. Whatever  
15 wants to be done at large, that's -- I don't have any  
16 say so over there.

17  
18 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

19  
20 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. I think those are  
21 all good. I think, too, knowing that potentials  
22 actions could have significant impact on guides and I  
23 guess, what's the right term, transporters or air  
24 taxis, and we would certainly would want to make this  
25 working group available to some of those folks could  
26 participate. And I think I hear Joey Klutsch said that  
27 he'd like to participate. I don't know if there's  
28 other, you know, well grounded folks over there.  
29 Dale's involved with some of that, who would, you know  
30 -- folks that know how to work together and come to a  
31 solution, that we certainly want to make it open to all  
32 aspects.

33  
34 Thank you.

35  
36 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. Are you  
37 ready for a motion or do we need to talk more about.

38  
39 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do we need to  
40 talk more about it?

41  
42 (No comments)

43  
44 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, the only  
45 suggestion that I would like to make is that once this  
46 working group is established is to just jump in and  
47 start working so that while everything is still fresh  
48 in our minds. I don't want get this working group  
49 established and then sit until half of the information  
50 that have burning in our minds simmer out again.

1 (Whispered conversation)

2

3 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Why don't you  
4 -- I guess -- Sidney.

5

6 MR. SMITH: When you get these working  
7 groups, you know, we had a lot of problems -- I  
8 shouldn't say a lot of problems, but we had problems of  
9 trying to get BBNA to address our tribal councils. And  
10 if you look at Page 4, you know, you keep sending  
11 information to the cities, second class cities and our  
12 villages. When I look at this or somebody else looks  
13 at this from outside, you know, they really feel that,  
14 you know, these villages are a city. Grant you they  
15 are a city by the State of Alaska. What we kept  
16 telling BBNA, you need to contact the tribal councils,  
17 because it makes sense. You're working with the  
18 Federal Government to try to solve some of our problems  
19 we're having, so hopefully that when you do talk about  
20 getting together as a group and working together with  
21 the Federal Government and the State of Alaska that you  
22 address -- you know, it's going to be up to the  
23 villages what they want, but I don't know if they all  
24 have tribal councils.

25

26 But it's so important to address what  
27 you're looking at. You're looking at our way of life.  
28 You're looking at how we try to protect what happens  
29 out there and what the Creator gave us. So I just  
30 wanted to put that in, because we've had problems of  
31 the city stepping in because they are State chartered.

32

33 Thank you for your time.

34

35 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Sidney, I  
36 appreciate that. When I became the mayor of the  
37 Bristol Bay Borough, the first thing we did was we're  
38 not just a Borough government. There's three councils  
39 that are governments, and we were right alongside those  
40 people. We're not above them or below them. I mean,  
41 we're -- you know, the ground is level there. And I  
42 think that is just, of course, a grassroots thing.

43

44 And it's kind of a little deceiving to  
45 see all those lists of cities over there, because 29 of  
46 us in the region, and this group, it's starting --  
47 you're going to go, Pete?

48

49 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah.

50

1 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Well, thank you  
2 very much. I'm not the Chairman.  
3  
4 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Moving  
5 on. Thank you, Sidney. Moving on with our reps. Do  
6 we want to -- the Council need needs to identify a  
7 public person and I heard Randy Alvarez's name to be on  
8 the RAC -- I mean, in this working group. And then  
9 ADF&G.  
10  
11 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, Madam Chair. Sorry  
12 to interrupt. Polly also left some notes on this.  
13 Donald covered most of those, but you mentioned the  
14 Fish and Game, it kind of triggered a note, there's  
15 probably somebody from Fish and Game here, but in  
16 Polly's note it said that ADF&G had offered to head up  
17 this work group. That was one of the things that you  
18 were concerned about, something sitting on the back  
19 burner. I think from discussions they had, if ADF&G  
20 did head up the work group, it would not be subject to  
21 the FACAs rules, which may streamline these things. So  
22 anyway she had a note here that if this came up, to at  
23 least mention it to the Council.  
24  
25 Thank you.  
26  
27 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess what  
28 we're looking for is like for instance under ADF&G, how  
29 many reps you wanted under that, Fish and Wildlife  
30 Service, how many.  
31  
32 MR. KRIEG: Madam Chair. Ted Krieg,  
33 Subsistence Division, Alaska Department of Fish and  
34 Game.  
35  
36 And I'm pretty low on the totem pole,  
37 but I know through my supervisor, I was told to attend  
38 this working group meeting that was supposed to happen.  
39 And I know I was at the meeting like a year ago that  
40 Polly I think referred to. And I think everybody -- I  
41 mean, I'm not -- you know, I'm not in charge of  
42 anything, but I think everybody's still on board for  
43 the working group. So I know Subsistence Division -- I  
44 know I am and I know Subsistence Division is.  
45  
46 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. I think  
47 we're forming -- we're trying to start with a clean  
48 slate. And so we will put one or two. Rod.  
49  
50 MR. KRIEG: Madam Chair. Mark Birch

1 was one of the people that was coordinating that, so he  
2 would be the person as far as I know.

3

4 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, Madam Chair.  
5 That's correct. That's who Polly was talking with  
6 earlier.

7

8 And I don't think we can get a list of  
9 all the other department and Federal Staff at this  
10 meeting, but I think this Council has made a note of  
11 who you want represented by the Council and then we can  
12 fill in the rest of this later as far as you've already  
13 noted there be Fish and Wildlife Service Staff,  
14 National Park Service Staff, and all the other related  
15 people, that I think that can get filled in later.

16

17 Thank you. Madam Chair.

18

19 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess  
20 we'll leave it at that, but I want to make sure that  
21 there's no strings hanging so that we need to come back  
22 to this. But it looks like we're pretty well  
23 established on this one.

24

25 And again I'm going to reiterate to  
26 have this working group start as soon as possible.

27

28 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

29

30 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

31

32 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. We can't work with  
33 this meeting in June and July, that's not practical.  
34 This is going to have to happen before May. It's going  
35 to have to happen after the caribou season. We're  
36 going to have moose and caribou and we're not going to  
37 go to any meetings, because that's what we're all  
38 about. So that just has to be concrete.

39

40 Do we need a motion on that?

41

42 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

43

44 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair, if I could go  
45 back. Yeah, we didn't want that to be on the record  
46 anyway, so it didn't matter. We want BBNA, Frank is  
47 still here, and then we want two from the SRC, we named  
48 the people that we want from our Council there, and  
49 then Randy Alvarez was brought up as a member at large.  
50 So that's basically what we want. All these other guys

1 can fall in however they want to be. Maybe some  
2 Federal people don't want to participate in it, that's  
3 up to them. And then along with that motion will be  
4 that it not be interfering with seasonal type things.  
5 And that's a motion.  
6  
7 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And, Dan, do  
8 you want to be kind of responsible for BBNC?  
9  
10 MR. O'HARA: We've got to have a  
11 second.  
12  
13 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You've go it.  
14  
15 MR. O'HARA: Before we can talk about  
16 anything.  
17  
18 MR. WILSON: I'll second it.  
19  
20 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Second by  
21 Richard. Okay. Discussion.  
22  
23 MR. O'HARA: Do you have a concern?  
24  
25 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. I was  
26 just asking Dan O'Hara if you'll be responsible for the  
27 BBNC? We've got BBNC here.  
28  
29 MR. O'HARA: Yes, I can do that.  
30 Contact them.  
31  
32 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thanks.  
33  
34 MR. O'HARA: That's separate from what  
35 we do.  
36  
37 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's  
38 been a motion and second to establish this working  
39 group, which is in the process right now. And  
40 recognizing ADF&G as the lead person to I guess move  
41 forward with this, or be a coordinator once this group  
42 -- find a date to meet. So we're ready to vote.  
43  
44 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Madam Chair. Just  
45 one more thing, make sure it's seasonal so that, you  
46 know, it makes available the people who, the grassroots  
47 people to be there. They're not going to be there in  
48 caribou, moose and salmon, so long as in that motion  
49 it's seasonally done for the best results.  
50

1                               Thank you. And I'd call for the  
2 question.  
3  
4                               MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. All in  
5 favor say aye.  
6  
7                               IN UNISON: Aye.  
8  
9                               MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any opposition.  
10  
11                              (No opposing votes)  
12  
13                              MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,  
14 this is adopted.  
15  
16                              MR. O'HARA: Go to work.  
17  
18                              MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Okay.  
19 The next one -- let's see, a, b, c, d. The next one is  
20 a suggestion, because it's so important for any council  
21 group such as this to be trained to the policies and  
22 anything that involves a committee like this. And  
23 yesterday we pushed to the training of this group. But  
24 another segment was suggested to me which I really  
25 appreciated was to possibly have a RAC Chair conference  
26 where the Chair of the RAC will get together to go over  
27 the policies, procedures and anything that deals with  
28 the working process of the Chairs.  
29  
30                              And so this is my information to the  
31 Council and see what they think.  
32  
33                              MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.  
34  
35                              MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
36  
37                              MR. O'HARA: Yeah, I think that's a  
38 great idea. They used to have it, Donald, and then  
39 they ran out of money, and the Chairs used to meet one  
40 day before -- the RAC Chairs met one day before the  
41 Federal Board and discussed many things like you're  
42 talking about, Molly. And they quit doing that, so we  
43 don't connect with these other -- we don't know what  
44 the guys on the other side of the boundary is doing.  
45  
46                              And so I think what we ought to do is  
47 give Donald Mike a directive to take that to his bosses  
48 and the Federal Board and see if we can't resurrect  
49 that thing again. Okay?  
50



1 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.  
2  
3 MR. MIKE: Thank you. Madam Chair. I  
4 mean, this is another subject item that will be a great  
5 topic for the Federal Subsistence Board at its May 2010  
6 meeting. So you can include that. So the topics for  
7 the 2000 [sic] May Federal Subsistence Board is just  
8 one of the tools that the Council can use to address  
9 subsistence issues that cannot be addressed during our  
10 normal regulatory cycle. So this is just any other  
11 items that the Council would like to bring forward to  
12 the Board's attention. So in addition to the Regional  
13 Advisory Council Chairs conference, you know, if  
14 there's any other issues that the Council wish to have  
15 your current Chair, Molly Chythlook address to the  
16 Federal Subsistence Board in May, now is the  
17 opportunity.  
18  
19 Thank you. Madam Chair.  
20  
21 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan, did  
22 you have a comment.  
23  
24 MR. DUNAWAY: I am trying to do a  
25 couple things at one time so I hope I'm not out of  
26 line, but from what Donald was just saying and in  
27 response to what Frank Woods was saying, I wonder if  
28 one of those would be -- if we could have Molly bring  
29 up to them that we would like to have a letter asking  
30 Federal agencies likely to be involved in game  
31 management in Unit 17 and 9 to begin initiating the  
32 process of environmental impact statements and NEPA  
33 process necessary to be prepared for predator control.  
34  
35 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, we're  
36 addressing the RAC Chair conference. It sounds like  
37 you're addressing something else.  
38  
39 MR. DUNAWAY: Maybe I'm out of line. I  
40 thought that would be a topic to bring up at the  
41 conference.  
42  
43 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.  
44  
45 MR. MIKE: Yeah. Madam Chair. Just to  
46 clarify. The RAC Chair conference is just one of the  
47 Council topics for you to bring forward to the  
48 attention of the Federal Subsistence Board. And I was  
49 suggesting that the Council, if they have any other  
50 issues or items they would like to have the Federal

1 Subsistence Board consider, or you bringing, that those  
2 items for the Chair to consider.

3

4 Thank you. Madam Chair.

5

6 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan, you  
7 were okay. Okay. Any more discussions.

8

9 (No comments)

10

11 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: In this line  
12 I'm really for training, because without any training  
13 for any Councils, again, the production isn't there.  
14 If we're not understanding what we're supposed to be  
15 doing, we'll just be sitting here and not knowing what  
16 to do. So I also don't want to lose the training for  
17 our Council members here that were discussed yesterday.

18

19 So I guess we're ready for a motion, if  
20 there's no more discussion. Dan.

21

22 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm still running around.  
23 So this motion would be for the training or for the  
24 topics to consider.

25

26 MR. MIKE: Topics to be considered.

27

28 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. I think -- I don't  
29 know if I should add this to the topic or if it's  
30 separate. Do we want to kind of compose a short letter  
31 more formally to the Federal Subsistence Board about  
32 this NEPA and EIS process kind of like what Frank was  
33 asking. When I first thought of it as a topic to bring  
34 up is informally, but I was also trying to compose a  
35 possible short letter that would be more formal.

36

37 Maybe Donald will give us an idea.  
38 Should we do both or just one and where does it fit.  
39 I'd appreciate guidance.

40

41 Thank you.

42

43 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair. It won't hurt  
44 at all -- this is my opinion, but I think it would  
45 carry more weight if the Council passed a motion to  
46 address a letter to the Federal Subsistence Board to  
47 address predator management through the NEPA/EIS  
48 process and get the process started. And Molly  
49 Chythlook, your current Chair, she can bring those  
50 issues up to the Board meeting in May just as an

1 additional head's up for the Federal Subsistence Board,  
2 but knowing that, they will -- I think they will  
3 receive the letter prior to the Federal Subsistence  
4 Board meeting in May, so it won't hurt all to address  
5 this in the form of a motion to have the letter drafted  
6 to the Board.

7

8 Thank you. Madam Chair.

9

10 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

11

12 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

13

14 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, before we make a  
15 motion on this, could I ask Frank Woods to come back up  
16 again, and just give us a very, very minimal something  
17 that we can put in this letter that I think would start  
18 the motion, whether the Feds like it or not, towards  
19 this predator control thing.

20

21 MR. WOODS: Madam Chair. Okay. I  
22 think in order to get as clarifying, I'm learning as I  
23 go, clarifying what I was asking was the NEPA process  
24 has to be initiated by an action. So if the Board of  
25 Game passes 9E and C predator management, then this  
26 Board or if this Board is -- I think you ought to send  
27 that same letter that you're sending the Board of Game,  
28 send that to the Federal Subsistence Board supporting  
29 predator management on Federal lands. Whether you need  
30 to attach it to a proposal or ask the Federal  
31 Subsistence Board to amend a proposal or initiate their  
32 own proposal for predator management on lands, maybe --  
33 Donald, are you getting what I'm saying? Kind of?

34

35 MR. MIKE: (Indiscernible, mic not on)

36

37 MR. WOODS: Okay. And I'm trying to  
38 map it out in my head. I think that letter you're  
39 sending the Board of Game is just as important. It  
40 will initiate the action that the NEPA process will be  
41 sparked by.

42

43 So I'm learning as I go, too. Molly,  
44 you're right. Training is real important.

45

46 So I mean, to clarify it, it would be  
47 supporting predator management on Federal lands to the  
48 Federal Board of Fish -- too many boards -- Federal  
49 Subsistence Board that would -- see, there's no action,  
50 so I'm trying to connect it to an action and I can't do

1 that without having -- I haven't done my homework long  
2 enough to -- so if we support an action, if the Board  
3 of Game passes predator management in Fairbanks, and  
4 then the action would be requesting -- I would say on  
5 the request for predator management in 9E and C, this  
6 Board write a letter on the Board of Game action for 9E  
7 and C, the Bristol Bay RAC is requesting that the  
8 Federal Subsistence Board initiate predator management  
9 also in 9E and C.

10

11 So however that looks and whatever  
12 proposal you need to attach that to, the action would  
13 be this Board requesting that action for the predator  
14 management in 9E and C. Then it would kick off.

15

16 And I think it's real important, the  
17 proc -- see, how procedural it is, that's why I'm  
18 trying to get training is in my mind I'm trying to  
19 connect it all to make sense to the people that are  
20 doing the work, and that's going to be Staff. So does  
21 it make sense? If I can -- I'll back off, because I'm  
22 not too versed on this whole process, and if anybody  
23 else has a clearer outline, then I think you guys need  
24 to hear that, too.

25

26 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

27

28 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madam  
29 Chair.

30

31 And thanks for reminding me, Frank.  
32 I've actually been through some NEPA training. It's  
33 getting hazier by the minute, but I think you're right.

34

35 What I've been trying to cobble  
36 together here, if I may run through it pretty quick, is  
37 a letter, draft language to the Federal Subsistence  
38 Board. Kind of roll things together maybe, but to the  
39 Federal Subsistence Board in regard to the State of  
40 Alaska Board of Game meeting currently being held in  
41 Fairbanks February 27 to March 7, 2010. At our March 3  
42 and 4 meeting, the Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence RAC  
43 supports passage of the Alaska Board of Game Proposal  
44 32 to enact predator control in State Game Management  
45 Units 9C and E.

46

47 Further in the letter we could say,  
48 during this same meeting, the Bristol Bay RAC plans to  
49 formally request of the FSB, Federal Subsistence Board,  
50 predator control -- initiating predator control in 9C

1 and E and initiate the processes of the EIS and NEPA in  
2 preparation for controls in these areas.  
3  
4 Something like that.  
5  
6 MR. O'HARA: That's exactly what we  
7 want. Yeah.  
8  
9 MR. DUNAWAY: So hopefully you can.  
10 Well, I guess I'll move that we adopt language similar  
11 to that, and Donald and I can try to hammer it out here  
12 this afternoon or something.  
13  
14 Thank you.  
15  
16 MR. BOSKOFKY: Second.  
17  
18 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair. Second the  
19 motion.  
20  
21 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That was a  
22 motion?  
23  
24 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah.  
25  
26 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And then  
27 he seconded. Discussion.  
28  
29 (No comments)  
30  
31 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: None. Okay.  
32 It's been discussed out.  
33  
34 MR. O'HARA: Call for the question.  
35  
36 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. All in  
37 favor of the letter -- all in favor say aye.  
38  
39 IN UNISON: Aye.  
40  
41 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: In opposition.  
42  
43 (No opposing votes)  
44  
45 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,  
46 it's adopted. And Donald and Dan will be working on  
47 this, to clarify.  
48  
49 Okay. How about the RAC conference.  
50

1 MR. DUNAWAY: We already talked. You  
2 can just bring it up to the Board.  
3  
4 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The what?  
5  
6 MR. DUNAWAY: Bring it up at the May  
7 meeting. We've already discussed it.  
8  
9 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Moving  
10 on. We're down to 17, future meeting dates and  
11 locations. And I've heard back to Dillingham possibly  
12 in the spring. Discussion. Donald.  
13  
14 MR. MIKE: Yeah. For the Council's  
15 reference, our meeting calendars are on Page 143 and  
16 144. And Council members expressed next is to have the  
17 meeting in Dillingham was September 22/September 23 in  
18 Dillingham. Is that correct?  
19  
20 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.  
21  
22 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
23  
24 MR. O'HARA: We don't want to come to  
25 Dillingham in the wintertime, because they don't have  
26 enough adequate restaurants to eat. Come to Naknek in  
27 the wintertime, and come to Dillingham in the  
28 summertime or whatever time it is.  
29  
30 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.  
31  
32 MR. MIKE: Thank you. Madam Chair.  
33 And on Page 144, this is for our winter 2011 meeting  
34 window opportunity winter meeting for the -- I'm sorry.  
35 The meeting window is open from February 15th through  
36 March 24, 2011. And let's see. February 18 Northwest  
37 Regional Advisory Council meeting on that date.  
38 February 23 and 24, that's when the Yukon Regional  
39 Advisory Council meets. March 1 and 2, Western  
40 Interior. March 1, 2, 3, Eastern Interior meeting  
41 dates they selected. March 7th and 8th, North Slope.  
42 And tentatively we have a joint meeting with Southeast  
43 and Southcentral Regional Council meeting March 15th  
44 through the 17th. So if you can avoid meeting during  
45 that week, March 15th to the 17th, that will be great.  
46 I coordinate the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council  
47 also, so we need to avoid those dates.  
48  
49 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.  
50

1 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
2  
3 MR. O'HARA: Give us a date. Now, you  
4 can do this two ways. You can either give us a date  
5 and we'll see if we can fit into it, or else you can  
6 get ahold of the Council and find out what their  
7 schedule is and then put the date down there.  
8  
9 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.  
10  
11 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
12  
13 MR. MIKE: I can suggest -- how soon do  
14 you want to meet? Earlier or later or in the middle of  
15 the time? But I can suggest the first week of February  
16 21st or the week of March 7th or the week of March 21.  
17  
18 Madam Chair.  
19  
20 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.  
21  
22 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.  
23  
24 MR. O'HARA: Can the Council members  
25 meet on March 7th?  
26  
27 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: March 7 and 8,  
28 aren't those covered?  
29  
30 MR. MIKE: Yeah, we can meet March 7th  
31 and 8th, but there's no flights on Sunday, so I would  
32 suggest March 9th and 10th.  
33  
34 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: March 10, 11.  
35  
36 MR. O'HARA: Oh, yeah, that's good.  
37  
38 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Madam Chair.  
39  
40 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
41  
42 MR. BOSKOFISKY: March 7 and 8, that  
43 means I would have to travel on a Sunday, and I'm not  
44 sure if Pen Air will be flying on that day.  
45  
46 MR. O'HARA: May I speak, Madam Chair.  
47  
48 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.  
49  
50 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. If you come up on

1 the 8th, and then we meet 9 and 10, and go home on  
2 Saturday. Are you going home -- going to King Salmon  
3 tonight?  
4  
5 (Microphones off)  
6  
7 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.  
8  
9 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
10  
11 MR. MIKE: March 9th and 10th in  
12 Naknek, right?  
13  
14 MR. O'HARA: Yes.  
15  
16 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. Okay. It  
17 looks like we've completed our agenda. Last closing  
18 comments.  
19  
20 (No comments)  
21  
22 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. I move to  
23 adjourn.  
24  
25 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a  
26 motion to adjourn. Is there a second.  
27  
28 MR. O'HARA: You don't need one.  
29  
30 MADAM CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're  
31 adjourned.  
32  
33 (Off record)  
34  
35 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)



1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34

C E R T I F I C A T E

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA                    )  
  )ss.  
STATE OF ALASKA                                    )

I, Salena A. Hile, Notary Public, State of  
Alaska and reporter for Computer Matrix Court  
Reporters, LLC do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing pages numbered 141 through  
253 contain a full, true and correct Transcript of the  
BRISTOL BAY FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL MEETING, VOLUME II taken electronically by  
Computer Matrix Court Reporters on the 4th day of March  
2010, at Dillingham, Alaska;

THAT the transcript is a true and correct  
transcript requested to be transcribed and thereafter  
transcribed under my direction and reduced to print to  
the best of our knowledge and ability;

THAT I am not an employee, attorney, or party  
interested in any way in this action.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 14th day of  
March 2010.

---

Salena A. Hile  
Notary Public, State of Alaska  
My Commission Expires: 9/16/10