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REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

Naknek Tribal Office  
Naknek, Alaska  
March 14, 2005  
1:00 o'clock p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Andrew Balluta
- Peter M. Abraham - By Telephone
- Virginia Aleck
- Randy Alvarez
- Dan Dunaway
- Boris Kosbruk, Sr.
- Regional Council Coordinator, Clifford Edenshaw

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Naknek, Alaska - 3/14/2005)

(On record)

ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: We will call the meeting to order now at 1:10, and the roll call.....

MR. ALVAREZ: Cliff.

ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: What?

MR. ALVAREZ: Have Cliff do the roll call.

ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Cliff, would you call the roll call.

MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For the record my name is Clifford Edenshaw. I am the Regional Council coordinator for the Bristol Bay Council.

Dan O'Hara, the Chair is absent. Robin Samuelsen is the vice-Chair and he is also away for other related duties. So Mr. Andrew Balluta is our secretary and he will preside over the meeting this afternoon.

We'll go ahead and call roll. Pete Abraham.

MR. ABRAHAM: Yes.

MR. EDENSHAW: Dan O'Hara. Absent. Nanci Morris, absent. Nancy is out of the country. I spoke with her when the Council, when we were rescheduling the meeting, so the original scheduled date which was February 24th and 25th, she would have been able to attend that, and then when the Chair asked me to reschedule the meeting she had conflict and she had other conflicts so I consider that as she was excused.

Boris Kosbruk.

MR. KOSBRUK: Here.

MR. EDENSHAW: Andrew Balluta.

ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Here.

1 MR. EDENSHAW: Robert Heyano. Robert,  
2 due to -- I spoke with him in conversation and his term  
3 expires this year and he was appointed to the Board of  
4 Fish and just too many -- too busy, so after his term  
5 expired this year he wasn't going to reapply so he's not  
6 here today.

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8 Dan Dunaway.

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10 MR. DUNAWAY: Here.

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Virginia Aleck.

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14 MS. ALECK: Here.

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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Robin Samuelson. Absent.  
17 Randy -- I mean Robin called me ahead of time and was not  
18 able to attend the meeting due to prior commitments back  
19 East.

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21 Randy Alvarez.

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23 MR. ALVAREZ: Here.

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: That concludes the roll,  
26 Mr. Chair. There is a quorum.

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28 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: We have a quorum  
29 now so we'll continue with the meeting.

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31 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. I went ahead  
32 and, prior to the meeting, before each of you, if you  
33 look on a single piece of paper we'll start with the  
34 ethics disclosure and I went ahead and put those -- and  
35 we'll start with Dan over here on the right. Just go  
36 ahead, under the dotted lines here, just insert your name  
37 and where you reside and read the contents after that,  
38 and once you've completed that I'll go ahead and do the  
39 portion there. So we'll go ahead and start with Dan.

40  
41 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My  
42 name is Dan Dunaway. I reside in Dillingham. I'm a  
43 subsistence user, subsistence hunt and fish and sportfish  
44 as well on Federal lands and waters under consideration  
45 at this meeting. I don't hold any commercial permits. I  
46 don't conduct any business activities directly affected  
47 by this agenda that we're supposed to be making  
48 recommendations on.

49  
50 Okay, that's it.

1 MR. EDENSHAW: All right, thank you, Mr.  
2 Dunaway. Council member Dan Dunaway does have not any  
3 significant financial interests directly related to the  
4 matters before the Council at this meeting and may fully  
5 participate.

6  
7 Boris.

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9 MR. KOSBRUK: My name is Boris Kosbruk.

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11 REPORTER: Boris.

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13 MR. KOSBRUK: I reside in Perryville.  
14 I'm a subsistence user and I subsist first and hunt on  
15 the Federal lands and waters under consideration at this  
16 meeting. I do not hold any commercial permits or conduct  
17 any business activities directly affected by the agenda  
18 items we are to make considerations as a Council during  
19 this meeting.

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21 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Boris. Council  
22 member Kosbruk does have not any significant financial  
23 interests directly related to the matters before the  
24 Council at this meeting and may fully participate.

25  
26 Andrew.

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28 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: My name is Andrew  
29 Balluta. I'm from Lake Iliamna. I don't have a  
30 commercial permit. I subsistence fish -- subsistence  
31 hunt and fish, and that's it.

32  
33 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Andrew.  
34 Council member Andrew Balluta does have not any  
35 significant financial interests directly related to the  
36 matters before the Council at this meeting and may fully  
37 participate.

38  
39 Randy.

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41 MR. ALVAREZ: My name is Randy Alvarez.  
42 I reside in Igiogik but I spend most of my time in  
43 Naknek. I am a commercial fisherman and I own a  
44 commercial fishing permit. I do not have a vested  
45 business interest in the recommendations this Council  
46 will make in any agenda item during this meeting.

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48 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Randy. Council  
49 member Randy Alvarez does have not any significant  
50 financial interests directly related to the matters

1 before the Council at this meeting and may fully  
2 participate.

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4 Virginia.

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6 MS. ALECK: My name is Virginia Aleck. I  
7 reside in Chignik Lake. I'm a subsistence user and I  
8 subsist fish and hunt on Federal land and waters under  
9 consideration at this meeting. I do not hold any  
10 commercial permits or conduct any business activities  
11 directly affected by the agenda items we are to make  
12 recommendations as Council during this meeting.

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14 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Virginia.  
15 Council member Virginia Aleck does have not any  
16 significant financial interests directly related to the  
17 matters before the Council at this meeting and may fully  
18 participate.

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20 That concludes the ethics portion of the  
21 agenda, Mr. Chair.

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23 (Pause)

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: Excuse me. Pete Abraham.

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27 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes.

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: Were you able to follow  
30 along what the Council members were doing, conducting in  
31 terms of the ethics disclosure?

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33 (Pause)

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35 MR. EDENSHAW: Pete.

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37 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes.

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39 MR. EDENSHAW: Were you able to follow  
40 along what the Council members were disclosing?

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42 MR. ABRAHAM: I can hardly understand  
43 you.

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45 MR. EDENSHAW: Pete are you there?

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47 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, I'm here. I can  
48 hardly understand what's going on on that speaker phone.

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50 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. Well, I'll just get

1 closer here and explain the sheet of paper here and  
2 insert your name and say, my name is Pete Abraham and I  
3 reside in Togiak. I am a subsistence user and I  
4 subsistence fish and hunt on the Federal lands and waters  
5 under consideration at this meeting. I do not hold any  
6 commercial permits or conduct any business activities  
7 directly affected by the agenda items we are to make  
8 recommendations on as a Council during this meeting; is  
9 that correct?

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11 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes, that's correct.

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13 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay, thank you Pete.  
14 This is Cliff Edenshaw, again, and Council member Pete  
15 Abraham does have not any significant financial interests  
16 directly related to the matters before the Council at  
17 this meeting and may fully participate.

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19 And also for the record, could you please  
20 note that Pete Abraham, Council member is in Togiak via  
21 teleconference.

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23 Thank you, Pete.

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25 MR. ABRAHAM: Okay.

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27 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay, Mr. Chair, we're  
28 ready to move along.

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30 (Pause)

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32 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: We got election  
33 here for the Council and we'll table that until the next  
34 meeting.

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: So noted, Mr. Chair. And  
37 I think for the record, Mr. Chair, it will be noted that  
38 Dan O'Hara is the Chair, Robin Samuelsen is the vice-  
39 Chair and Nanci Morris is out of the country, we have a  
40 vacant seat which will soon be vacated by Robert Heyano  
41 and so we'll go ahead and -- and plus, for those of you  
42 in the building here, Andrew Balluta, this will be his  
43 last meeting and he's served on the Council admirably for  
44 the last -- probably as long as I've been serving this  
45 Council for the last six years. So if you get a chance,  
46 in between breaks, you know, come on up here and talk  
47 with Andrew and stuff.

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49 So it is a good thing for us to go ahead,  
50 and so noted that we'll go ahead and table the elections

1 until after this next meeting which will be held in the  
2 fall.

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4 MR. ALVAREZ: Mr. Chair. I move we adopt  
5 this agenda for the meeting, March 14th and 15th of 2005.

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7 MS. ALECK: I second that.

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9 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: It was moved,  
10 seconded, any opposed.

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair.

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14 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Yeah.

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16 MR. EDENSHAW: For discussion purposes on  
17 the agenda, for the Council members and Staff and  
18 visitors here in the room, if we can go ahead and proceed  
19 over to Page 2 in your books, under the agenda, on Page  
20 2, if we'd go down to the bottom of the page because we  
21 have Mr. Abraham on teleconference there is some items  
22 that we need to take action on and if you look down on I  
23 and J under Lake Clark Katmai National Park and Preserve  
24 and Aniakchak National Park and Preserve, I've included  
25 some paper in there, there are some Subsistence Resource  
26 Commission appointments that the Council should take  
27 actions on. Those are on your paperwork, and while we  
28 have Mr. Abraham on teleconference we'd like to be able  
29 to, as part of the quorum, to take action on those so I  
30 would suggest that after wildlife proposal No. 10, we  
31 insert I and J under 14 the Lake Clark and Aniakchak, and  
32 just for those items, for the SRC appointments, and if  
33 there's any reports from the Park Service, those can wait  
34 until we get to that portion of that agenda. But what  
35 we'd like for the Council to do, while we have Mr.  
36 Abraham via teleconference, is for the Council to make  
37 recommendations on the SRCs.

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39 And moving on, I think with Tom Boyd  
40 here, with the agenda items, I'm not sure if the Council,  
41 do you see Tom or Ann Wilkinson, do you see any other  
42 items that the Council needs to make recommendations on  
43 while we have Mr. Abraham on teleconference, because Pete  
44 will leave us after we're done with the three wildlife  
45 proposals and the SRC appointments?

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47 MR. BOYD: (Shakes head negatively)

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49 MR. EDENSHAW: No. Okay, Mr. Chair,  
50 well, those are the recommendations that I have for the

1 changes that we move 14I and J, which is the Lake Clark  
2 and the Aniakchak up to No. 10, right after wildlife  
3 Proposal No. 10.

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5 MR. ALVAREZ: Mr. Chair. I would like to  
6 amend my motion to move ahead I and J of number 14 so  
7 that Pete would be able to participate.

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9 MS. ALECK: I second that motion.

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11 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Now, we have a  
12 motion to make -- anybody make a motion to make agenda  
13 approval.

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15 MR. ALVAREZ: We already did that.

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17 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If  
18 I may add on Item No. 13, if the Council members would  
19 refer to No. 13, which is marine waters jurisdiction  
20 there'll be a presentation by Tom Boyd and Council  
21 comments and recommendations to the Federal Board, so  
22 we'd also like to add that in right after the SRC  
23 appointments and then to insert the marine waters  
24 jurisdiction, which Tom will provide the presentations to  
25 the Council.

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27 So, Mr. Chair, I would just -- Mr.  
28 Alvarez' original motion was to adopt the agenda as  
29 presented before the Council and then he presented an  
30 amendment to include I and J, and I would just ask the  
31 Council to include in that amendment to include moving  
32 No. 13 up after the wildlife proposals and the SRC  
33 appointments and then the marine waters jurisdiction in  
34 Mr. Alvarez' amendment.

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36 MR. ALVAREZ: Mr. Chairman, I so move to  
37 approve that.

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39 MS. ALECK: I second that motion.

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41 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: All in favor on  
42 that motion say aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Any opposed.

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48 (No opposing votes)

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50 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Motion passed.



1 MR. EDENSHAW: All right, Mr. Chair, that  
2 was -- the Council just voted on the amendments for the  
3 agenda so the main motion is to adopt the agenda.  
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5 MR. ALVAREZ: Mr. Chair, I move we accept  
6 the minutes from September 27th and 28th 2004 that were  
7 held in Dillingham.  
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9 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: There's a motion  
10 on the floor.....  
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12 REPORTER: Andrew.  
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14 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: .....to approve  
15 the agenda and we have a.....  
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17 REPORTER: Andrew.  
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19 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: .....second.  
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21 REPORTER: Thank you.  
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23 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: There's a motion  
24 on the floor for approval of the agenda, do we have a  
25 second.  
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27 MS. ALECK: I second that motion.  
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29 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.  
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31 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: All in favor  
32 say.....  
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34 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.  
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36 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Yes.  
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38 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, on the minutes of the  
39 last meeting on Page 12 on the bottom, the name down  
40 there is Tim Dyasuk, not Jim.  
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42 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Abrahan, is that Tim,  
43 you said Tim, not Jim?  
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45 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, Tim, T-I-M.  
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47 MR. EDENSHAW: So noted Pete, thank you.  
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49 MR. ABRAHAM: That's all I have on the  
50 minutes of last meeting.

1                   ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Okay, thank you.  
2 Any more discussion on this vote.  
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4                   MR. DUNAWAY: Point of order, we're  
5 talking still about adopting the agenda as amended right?  
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7                   ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Yes.  
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9                   MR. DUNAWAY: We haven't voted on that  
10 yet; is that correct?  
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12                   ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Yes -- no, we  
13 haven't voted on it.  
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15                   MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. So we haven't taken  
16 up the minutes yet?  
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18                   ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Right.  
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20                   MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, correct.  
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22                   MR. ALVAREZ: The vote we had was just  
23 for the amended agenda and so that wasn't really the vote  
24 on the agenda then, adopting the agenda?  
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26                   MR. EDENSHAW: That's correct, Mr.  
27 Alvarez. The initial motion that you made was to adopt  
28 the agenda as is and then you provided an amendment to  
29 include 14 I and J, which was the SRC appointments under  
30 the Park Service, and then I also asked to include in the  
31 amendment moving No. 13 marine waters jurisdiction up  
32 behind after that, and then the Council went ahead and  
33 voted and passed your amendment and so the main motion on  
34 the floor was to adopt the agenda as amended, which is  
35 what is before us at this minute.  
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37                   MR. ALVAREZ: Okay. So we're ready to  
38 vote now on the.....  
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40                   ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: The vote is on to  
41 adopt the agenda. All in favor say aye.  
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43                   IN UNISON: Aye.  
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45                   ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Opposed.  
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47                   (No opposing votes)  
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49                   ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Motion is passed.  
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1 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And  
2 then we move on to the minutes of September 27th and  
3 28th, which is the fall meeting held in Dillingham. And  
4 Mr. Abraham already -- well, there was already some  
5 discussion -- what we could do from the Council is  
6 entertain a motion to adopt the minutes as is.

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8 MR. ALVAREZ: Mr. Chair, I make a motion  
9 to adopt that with the correction of the minutes of  
10 September 27th and 28th of 2004.

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12 MS. ALECK: I second the motion.

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14 MR. ABRAHAM: I second the motion.

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16 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.

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18 ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Yes.

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20 MR. DUNAWAY: Do we vote or do we discuss  
21 it, I want to make some other comments about the minutes  
22 before we adopt them. Is this the place to do it.

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24 MR. ALVAREZ: Discuss.

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Scrambling here, I  
27 thought I prepared a little piece to provide to Cliff. I  
28 felt that was not quite accurately covered in the minutes  
29 on Page 8, right under where it says motion and I thought  
30 I had a piece of paper that was summarizing -- I said  
31 some comments to Cliff back in January -- oh, here it is.  
32 Can I just provide this written part, I'll read it and  
33 then.....

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35 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, you can read it into  
36 the record.

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Right after it says  
39 motion, it says Robin Samuelsen moved to adopt Proposal  
40 9, Dunaway second. Dunaway expressed concerns about data  
41 collected by Fish and Game Subsistence.

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43 I wanted to add the words subsistence and  
44 sportfish personnel, data collected by subsistence and  
45 sportfish personnel. And then in the next sentence,  
46 those figures collected may impact subsistence users and  
47 I wanted to insert another sentence saying he, meaning  
48 myself, expressed his concern that dropping subsistence  
49 harvest permit requirements may result in less data.

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1                   And then the last sentence it says,  
2 there's also been harvest restrictions that I want to add  
3 the word sportharvest restrictions placed on species such  
4 as grayling and char, which show subsistence data  
5 collecting played an important role.

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7                   I'm sure it's not very clear from me just  
8 reading it. It's pretty minor but I think it more  
9 accurately reflects what I believe I said at the meeting.

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11                   And I can offer this printed version  
12 whoever is in charge of notes, if that sounds acceptable.

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14                   MR. EDENSHAW: Okay.

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16                   ACTING CHAIR BALLUTA: Before we go on  
17 here, I'd like to turn this Chair leader over to Randy  
18 Alvarez if it's all right with everybody.

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20                   (Council nods affirmatively)

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22                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Is it all right  
23 with everyone, Andrew is having trouble reading the  
24 agenda?

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26                   MS. ALECK: It's okay with me.

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28                   MR. DUNAWAY: It's fine with me if it's  
29 within the rules of the RAC, it's fine.

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31                   MR. EDENSHAW: Just let Pete know on  
32 there.

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34                   Pete, can you hear me, this is Cliff.

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36                   MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah. Yeah, I can hear you  
37 but there's a lot of static. Are we done with the  
38 proposals yet?

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40                   MR. EDENSHAW: No. We're going to go  
41 ahead and move along and Andrew's going to go ahead and  
42 Randy's going to go ahead and Chair the meeting and help  
43 push this along with Andrew.

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45                   MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, okay.

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47                   MR. EDENSHAW: Okay.

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49                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, okay, Pete,  
50 can you hear me?

1 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, I can hear you.  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Andrew said  
4 he was having problems reading the agenda so he asked me  
5 to take over for him.  
6  
7 MR. ABRAHAM: Okay.  
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9 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Is there any more  
10 comments on the minutes of September 27th and 28th.  
11  
12 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, I had just only one  
13 correction on that name on Page 12, and the rest of it I  
14 go along with.  
15  
16 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Pete. Dan.  
17  
18 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chairman. Yeah, I'm  
19 glad you caught that Pete, I saw that too. Do I need to  
20 make a motion to offer my amended language or can we just  
21 offer it and -- I'd like to do it the quickest way.  
22  
23 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Cliff.  
24  
25 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Dunaway, there was a  
26 motion, and we went ahead and during that -- the Council  
27 hasn't voted on that, and during that time we're taking  
28 the corrections that you read into the record will be so  
29 noted and Pete's one correction on Page 12, Jim to Tim is  
30 also, so the corrections are on the table for the  
31 Council's discussion and included in the main motion.  
32  
33 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, great.  
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35 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So then we don't  
36 need to move on the changes, they're not changes, they're  
37 just corrections, right?  
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39 MR. EDENSHAW: Correct.  
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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, is that it  
42 for the comments of the last minutes?  
43  
44 (No comments)  
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46 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Seeing none, all  
47 those in favor of accepting the minutes from September  
48 27th and 28th in Dillingham say aye.  
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50 IN UNISON: Aye.

1 MR. ABRAHAM: Aye. Aye.  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Opposed.  
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5 MR. ABRAHAM: Aye.  
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7 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Pete, we got  
8 you down for an aye. Opposed.  
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10 (No opposing votes)  
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12 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Motion carried.  
13 Now, on No. 8, the Chair's report. Cliff, would you take  
14 care of that.  
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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The  
17 Council members, we're going to go through some of this  
18 as informational. The Federal Subsistence Board met  
19 recently in January and they addressed the fisheries  
20 items and most of the Council's proposals, I believe  
21 there was just that one, on the consent agenda, to remove  
22 the char permit and rainbow permit, so that was mainly  
23 for informational.  
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25 The second one is just, if there's any  
26 concerns, information for the Council members, currently  
27 here at this meeting to go ahead and state those for the  
28 record.  
29  
30 (No comments)  
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32 MR. EDENSHAW: If none, the third item,  
33 the 2004 Annual Report, Council at the last meeting, they  
34 didn't submit any issues. I wasn't directed to fill out  
35 a 2004 annual report.  
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37 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So there's none  
38 there, too?  
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40 MR. EDENSHAW: None.  
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42 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.  
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44 MR. EDENSHAW: And then the last item, if  
45 you'll recall, for fall of this year we were going to  
46 hold the meeting in Togiak but due to budget reasons  
47 we're going to go ahead and move that back to Dillingham.  
48 So if you look at the back of the book on your calendars,  
49 we've scheduled October 6th and 7th, we were going to go  
50 ahead and meet in Togiak but because of budget and travel

1 concerns for the Council members and Staff, we're going  
2 to go ahead and move the meeting back to Dillingham. So  
3 we'll go ahead and retain those dates, October 6th and  
4 7th in Dillingham, not Togiak.

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6 And that's all I had for the report  
7 there, Mr. Chair.

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9 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you.  
10 No. 9 on the agenda is open the floor to public comments  
11 on the Federal Subsistence Program.

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13 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair.

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15 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes.

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17 MR. EDENSHAW: Up here by Dave, perhaps  
18 what he could do is put those back there. If there is  
19 anyone who would like to provide comments to the Council  
20 they can just go ahead and fill out one of those cards  
21 there and go ahead and bring that up to Dave or my  
22 attention and we'll go ahead and pass those on to Randy.  
23 And that was it in regards to public comments, Mr. Chair.

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25 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Well, I've got a  
26 question on that. Since nobody knew about the cards, how  
27 long do we take public comment?

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. During the  
30 remainder of the meeting, during the time of the Council.

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32 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, so whenever  
33 somebody wants to comment we'll just make time for them  
34 to do so. So that will happen today and tomorrow?

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: That's correct.

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38 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. So anyone  
39 who wants.....

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41 MR. ANDERSON: I'd like to Randy, I'm  
42 taking time off of work to be here so could I make some  
43 comments real quick and fill out a card for you later?

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45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Sure. Can you do  
46 that before you leave then?

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48 MR. ANDERSON: Sure.

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50 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Give her

1 your name when you get here.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.

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5 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.

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7 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair, while he comes  
8 up I want to -- maybe I missed the boat a little bit, but  
9 I was hoping we could have just a little discussion on  
10 mine development sometime during this meeting. Maybe a  
11 little bit about what we know and what we think and  
12 should I have added that under the agenda on new business  
13 or is there a place we could -- I don't know what's  
14 appropriate to say but I was hoping we might draw a  
15 little comment from some of the agency folks here and  
16 also from the rest of the Council.

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18 Would that be like an agenda change item  
19 for new business.

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21 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair.

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23 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Cliff.

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, in regards to  
26 Mr. Dunaway's comments. Jeff Denton's here from BLM and  
27 perhaps when we get into agency reports when Jeff  
28 provides his presentation you could certainly ask Mr.  
29 Denton, you could bring up your concerns, comments that  
30 you have regarding mining, as well as directing any  
31 questions or comments you may have for Jeff.

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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, thank you very much.

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35 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Dan.  
36 That's a good comment. I think any time that members --  
37 committee members here have anything to say on subjects  
38 that aren't on -- you know, whenever the appropriate  
39 agency is doing their reports, that we should bring that  
40 up.

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42 Okay, back to open for public comments  
43 and we have Norman Anderson.

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45 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you, Randy. My name  
46 is Norman Anderson. I was born and raised here in Naknek.  
47 My comments are going to be addressing the Northern  
48 Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd. I'm sorry, I'm not really  
49 prepared for this, but I seen that it was on the agenda  
50 and I appreciate having the opportunity to speak to you.



1                   As many of you are well aware, we are in  
2 a crises mode for our subsistence lifestyle here in terms  
3 of the caribou herd. In my lifetime I have seen the  
4 caribou move from the Lower Alaska Peninsula Area up  
5 through Naknek and on north of us. Their identity  
6 seriously changes from the Northern Alaska Peninsula  
7 Caribou Herd to the Mulchatna Herd. I've heard stories  
8 that the caribou mysteriously died off of a hoof and  
9 mouth disease to black helicopters taking them, to --  
10 just imagine just has taken care of anything, they're not  
11 reproducing.

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13                   Yet, the amount of caribou on the Alaska  
14 Peninsula that have disappeared, allowing us to go into a  
15 Tier II scenario here, the caribou herds north of us have  
16 grown mysteriously by the same number. I didn't go to  
17 the same college that the people who come up with those  
18 assumptions did so I can't speak to that, and I'm not  
19 being disrespectful to them. It's just the fact that we  
20 are in a Tier II scenario here. One day this year many  
21 of us received a letter in the mail asking where the  
22 caribou have gone and the next day they showed up, and so  
23 it was kind of a nice invitation, I feel.

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25                   But on the same token it's turning many  
26 of our local people into criminals and all we're doing is  
27 practicing our subsistence lifestyle and a subsistence  
28 lifestyle is to meet your take to sustain, and that's it.  
29 That's all we want to do is to practice what we have.

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31                   Many of you know that over the years in  
32 our travels, we've had to go down towards Egegik to  
33 intercept the herd over the last 20, 30 years and then we  
34 were doing no more than driving across our front yards to  
35 harvest caribou.

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37                   People in the villages north of us had to  
38 migrate from the Togiaks all the way down past Egegik by  
39 dog team years ago, later by snowmachine so that they  
40 could participate in their subsistence activities. Now,  
41 they need to go no further than up to the Wood River or  
42 up on the Nushagak area.

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44                   I'm glad this gentleman brought up the  
45 idea of the mining thing because that might be some  
46 method of getting the caribou back to us with 50, 60  
47 years of detonating explosives it just might chase the  
48 caribou back down to us here.

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50                   People over in that area had to travel

1 great distances and now I understand they can fly and  
2 hunt the same day and get five. I hunt up in the  
3 Mulchatna area, I hunt as far down as Port Heiden. I  
4 hunt in Egegik, I hunt up around the Kvichak. My mother  
5 used to call me the last nomadic Aleut because I would  
6 travel everywhere just to go hunting.

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8 This year I did get a Tier II permit so I  
9 was able to go out hunting, but the number of caribou  
10 that are out there are phenomenal. I mean it's a healthy  
11 herd. I didn't see any animals that were, you know,  
12 appeared to be dying from any sort of strange diseases or  
13 anything but I just think that dealing with the Federal  
14 government over the years as a tribal representative and  
15 a tribal leader here, we've been able to deal with the  
16 Federal government a lot easier than we have with the  
17 State, and I hope that we can keep that relationship  
18 ongoing. Whatever we can do on the tribal level to try  
19 to provide information into this board, I think would be  
20 a welcome avenue and we can keep the doors of  
21 communication open always.

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23 So in essence, I think, whatever the  
24 Federal Subsistence Board can do in terms of recognition  
25 of the needs of the people. We have the allowability of  
26 going up into the Federal Game Management Units to hunt  
27 moose and that's often a welcomed method for us. I was  
28 looking over the information here, the numbers of moose  
29 that are taken are increasing significantly. I know  
30 people in the area here who don't want to go moose  
31 hunting but if they don't get a Tier II permit, they have  
32 to go out and get a moose and often times it's just a  
33 single couple, who's children have grown and gone away  
34 where one caribou will do them and not going out and  
35 getting moose, is more than they can handle for just a  
36 single family.

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38 So I'll keep my comments short but I just  
39 want to again, appreciate the opportunity to give you my  
40 views.

41 Do you have any questions or comments.

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43 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, for  
44 your comments. I think a lot of people feel the same way  
45 you do and, although, you know, most of the land right  
46 north of us and right south of us is State, something  
47 might have happened at the Board of Game in Anchorage  
48 this last week, so -- I didn't make -- wasn't there but I  
49 had heard that something might have happened with being  
50 able to harvest Mulchatna when they come down north of

1 the river but I'm not sure. I hope that something  
2 happened.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MR. ANDERSON: All right, thank you.

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8 MS. ALECK: I have a question for you,  
9 Norman.

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11 MR. ANDERSON: Sure.

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13 MS. ALECK: Are you guys able to hunt  
14 caribou when the Mulchatna Herd comes through here?

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16 MR. ANDERSON: During the Tier II, during  
17 the open period, whether they're Mulchatna or Northern  
18 Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd, I mean that's still a  
19 matter of debate.

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21 MS. ALECK: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. ANDERSON: But, yes, the caribou that  
24 do come into the area here it -- from what I've seen in  
25 the past, and being up in the Upper Mulchatna area  
26 hunting those caribou up there were of a different herd.  
27 I always heard that they were a highland caribou, which  
28 were a bigger caribou, bigger animal. And the years I've  
29 hunted in Port Heiden and the other villages in between  
30 these are a smaller, these are Alaska Peninsula Caribou  
31 Herd, I mean they're -- but with their new identity, they  
32 may have adapted to -- with that long migration they may  
33 have shrunk in stature, I don't know.

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35 I'm being facetious now. So thank you  
36 very much again.

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38 MS. ALECK: Thank you.

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40 MR. ANDERSON: Any other questions.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.

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44 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Mr. Anderson, I was  
47 trying to write down some of what you said. I want to  
48 make sure I understand. You feel that the herd is  
49 healthy on the Alaska Peninsula as well as up towards the  
50 Mulchatna -- or you said something about there's a lot of

1 animals but I wasn't clear where you were talking about?

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3 MR. ANDERSON: Well, you know, I'm just a  
4 little confused about the identity of these caribou.  
5 Over the years I have seen the caribou migrate from the  
6 Alaska Peninsula up to the Egegik area. When we first  
7 got three-wheelers, back 34 years ago, whenever it was,  
8 we would migrate down that far and that's as far as they  
9 would come, and then over the years it got to Johnson  
10 Hill and then right behind South Naknek and then over the  
11 years they've just kind of migrated up this way. A few  
12 years ago they didn't go back and so there was reports  
13 that they had died of a hoof and mouth disease or some  
14 strange disease and I asked Georgie about it and he said  
15 he saw probably nine caribou but the next year when I was  
16 up in Ekwok, I was talking with the boys up there and  
17 they said there was so many caribou up there that they  
18 had to get kids to chase them off the runway so they can  
19 come back and forth.

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21 I don't know if these -- I suspect, but  
22 that's just because I suspect, but that's just because  
23 I've lived for 50 years and I've hunted the caribou and I  
24 know my cousins in Port Heiden don't have caribou down  
25 there and my buddies up in Ekwok have got to chase them  
26 off the runway now, so when you have 11,000 caribou  
27 missing down here and 11,000 caribou growing up here all  
28 of a sudden, you know, of course I didn't -- well,  
29 anyway, just to me it seems as though these are the same  
30 caribou. I would suspect. If they're going over there  
31 and they're tagging them and they're putting radio  
32 collars and things on them now over in that area then I  
33 guess they would be considered Mulchatna caribou and when  
34 they come over this direction here it's Mulchatna caribou  
35 that are entering the door in Peninsula district, who  
36 knows.

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38 DNA.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, thank you.

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42 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
43 Dan. Thank you, Mr. Anderson.

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45 MR. ANDERSON: You bet.

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47 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Pete is that you  
48 trying to come on?

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50 (No comments)

1                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Pete, can you hear  
2 me?

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4                                   (No comments)

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6                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: He must be busy.

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8                                   (Laughing)

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10                                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, back to  
11 public comments, and anybody can do so until the end of  
12 the meeting, I understand. So now we'll go over to No.  
13 10 on the agenda, wildlife proposal review and Regional  
14 Council recommendation.

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16                                  Cliff, would you take care of that.

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18                                  MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
19 Council members. We'll go ahead and begin with, the  
20 Council has three proposals here, these are wildlife  
21 proposals. Two are statewide proposals 1 and statewide  
22 proposal 2, and WP05-10. And Dave Fisher, our wildlife  
23 biologist is going to provide the analysis on all three  
24 of these for the Council.

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26                                  And before Dave kicks off with statewide  
27 proposal 1, I would just defer to Page No. 1 here on our  
28 agenda. We're going to go ahead and follow the protocol  
29 here which is number 1 which is the introduction of the  
30 proposal and analysis, and as I said, Dave will go ahead  
31 and do those. If Lem Butler or any other ADF&G employee  
32 here wishes to provide comments, that will be so noted  
33 under number 2. Number 3, other Federal, State and tribal  
34 agency comments. Number 4, Interagency Staff Committee  
35 comments. Five, Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
36 comments. Six, summary of written public comments.  
37 Seven, public testimony. For those of you who just saw  
38 Mr. Anderson come up here and provide some comments to  
39 the Council, if there's anyone who would like to provide  
40 public testimony may do so at that time. And lastly we'll  
41 go ahead and move into the Regional Council deliberation  
42 and recommendation and justification and we'll go ahead  
43 and kick off with statewide Proposal No. 1.

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45                                  Go ahead, Dave.

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47                                  MR. FISHER: Thank you, Cliff. Mr.  
48 Chair, I have a couple handouts I want to hand out  
49 regarding Proposal No. 1.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 go ahead.  
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4                   MR. EDENSHAW: Are you there Pete?  
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6                   MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah. Hey Cliff?  
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8                   MR. EDENSHAW: Yes.  
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10                  MR. ABRAHAM: Are you there?  
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12                  MR. EDENSHAW: We're here Pete.  
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14                  MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, okay, we're moving on  
15 to WP05.....  
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17                  MR. EDENSHAW: No, number 1, the first  
18 one.  
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20                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: One.  
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22                  MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah.  
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24                  MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah.  
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26                  MR. FISHER: WP05-01, Pete.  
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28                  MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, okay, brown bear  
29 handicraft and all that good stuff?  
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31                  MR. FISHER: That's correct.  
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33                  MR. ABRAHAM: Okay.  
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35                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Go ahead.  
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37                  MR. FISHER: Mr. Chairman. Members of  
38 the Regional Council. This proposal was submitted by the  
39 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. And what the Service  
40 wanted to do here was to address a need for clearer  
41 definitions and regulatory language the sale of  
42 handicrafts made from bear fur.  
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44                  If you'll look at the errata sheet that I  
45 handed out, that gives the new definitions and the  
46 proposed new regulatory language. These changes are not  
47 intended to provide for any new subsistence harvest  
48 opportunities or to provide additional opportunities to  
49 sell handicrafts. It just provides language to clarify  
50 the current understanding of the Board's -- the Federal

1 Subsistence Board's previous decisions.

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3 In 2002, the Federal Subsistence Board  
4 approved the sale of handicrafts made from black bear  
5 fur. In 2004, the Board approved the sale of handicrafts  
6 made from brown bear fur in Southeast Alaska, Bristol Bay  
7 and Eastern Interior. Also in 2004, the Board clarified  
8 that Federal Subsistence regulations include claws. In  
9 other words, claws can be made or used in the crafting of  
10 handicrafts and they can be sold.

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12 This is different from current State  
13 regulations. The State does not allow the sale of  
14 handicrafts that contain claws so we have a difference  
15 there. The State appealed this decision to include claws  
16 this last summer in a request for reconsideration,  
17 however, the Board rejected this request and maintained  
18 the regulation to allow the sale of handicrafts that  
19 include bear claws. Black bears statewide and brown  
20 bears in Southeast, Bristol Bay and Eastern Interior.

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22 There's been several questions that have  
23 come up from our law enforcement people and the State and  
24 other people regarding this, what qualifies as a  
25 handicraft is one of the questions. Can handicrafts be  
26 sold in urban gift shops or just by rural residents? Can  
27 handicrafts be manufactured outside the state of Alaska?  
28 Can handicrafts be made from the skin or just the hair,  
29 and what's the difference between skin, hide, pelt and  
30 fur?

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32 And if you take a look at your -- this  
33 little handout here that has the picture of the bear on  
34 it, that information sheet will answer all those  
35 questions.

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37 As I stated earlier, this proposal  
38 intends to address these questions with new and modified  
39 regulatory language. It provides a more complete  
40 definition of handicraft. It fixes the definition for  
41 skin, hide, pelt and fur. And it also states in  
42 regulatory language that claws can be used in handicrafts  
43 for sale. It also clarifies that handicrafts must be  
44 made in Alaska by rural Alaskans and it states clearly  
45 that sales are not allowed by anyone operating as a  
46 business, i.e., commercial sales.

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48 So the new language is contained in the  
49 errata sheet. And we believe that this proposal  
50 clarifies the understanding in our existing regulations

1 and we have made a minor modification to it and that is  
2 in the shaded area on the errata sheet. We did add a  
3 little -- some more wording there to better clarify it.  
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5 That's basically all I have, thank you,  
6 Mr. Chair.  
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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you.  
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10 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.  
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12 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
13 Pete.  
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15 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, is that Dave Fisher  
16 there speaking?  
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18 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I didn't  
19 understand.  
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21 MR. FISHER: Yeah, it's me Pete.  
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23 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, okay. You mentioned  
24 some changes just now on this regulation here, can you  
25 fax me a copy of those to my office over here, is it  
26 possible sometime during a break?  
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28 MR. FISHER: Yeah, I'd be happy to do  
29 that, Pete, give me your fax number?  
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31 MR. ABRAHAM: It's 493-5834.  
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33 MR. FISHER: 493.....  
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35 MR. ABRAHAM: I can't quite make out some  
36 of your lines, there's some static off and on on the  
37 telephone here.  
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39 MR. FISHER: Okay. Let me run this  
40 number back by you, Pete. I have 493-5834.  
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42 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes, that's right.  
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44 MR. FISHER: Okay, we'll get right to  
45 that as soon as we finish this proposal. Thank you,  
46 Pete.  
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48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Cliff,  
49 would you continue with this then.  
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1 MR. EDENSHAW: I guess -- go ahead Dan.  
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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Do we need a motion?  
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5 MR. EDENSHAW: I think the Council can go  
6 ahead -- Dave just completed his analysis and stuff and  
7 if the Council so chooses we can move into any questions  
8 or discussions they have of Dave. Perhaps what we could  
9 do, is if we could just go down, approach number 2 and I  
10 think what Dan was reaching for is a motion afterwards  
11 but perhaps what we can do Dan is to go ahead and go down  
12 through this protocol we have here and then move into  
13 Council discussion afterwards, or if there's anyone from  
14 the public who wishes to provide testimony regarding  
15 statewide Proposal No. 1, when we get down to number 7,  
16 we can go ahead and do that.  
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18 But with the Council's indulgence I would  
19 just move on to number 2 here.  
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21 (No comments)  
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23 MR. EDENSHAW: At this time, Mr. Chair  
24 and Council, was there a representative from the Alaska  
25 Department of Fish and Game who would like to provide  
26 comments regarding Proposal No. 1, the statewide  
27 proposal?  
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29 (No comments)  
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31 MR. EDENSHAW: Ted?  
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33 MR. KRIEG: (Shakes head negatively)  
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35 MR. EDENSHAW: No. Okay. Were there any  
36 other State or tribal agencies who wish to provide  
37 comments regarding statewide Proposal No. 1.  
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39 (No comments)  
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41 MR. EDENSHAW: Seeing none, we'll go  
42 ahead and move on to Interagency Staff Committee.  
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44 (No comments)  
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46 MR. EDENSHAW: None. I know Randy's on  
47 the Fish and Game Advisory Committee, but he's a Council  
48 member today. Were there any individuals from the Fish  
49 and Game Advisory Committee who would like to provide  
50 comments on statewide Proposal No. 1.

1 (No comments)

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(No comments)

MR. EDENSHAW: Any written public comments. I don't -- hold on, for the Council if they refer to Page 57, here are written public comments we had regarding WP05-01.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game on up to the printing of this book provided written public comments. This is theirs.

This proposal does not address concerns raised by the Department in a request for reconsideration submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board in 2004 regarding the Federal regulation authorizing the sale of handicrafts items made from the skin and claws of brown and black bears. It is unclear how the proposed changes would address conservation concerns associated with the sale of handicrafts made from bear fur and claws in the absence of a tracking system that documents how many bears are being harvested for the purpose of making handicrafts items for sale.

Don Quarberg from Delta Junction states that oppose or modify to exclude the claws. Including claws is only encouraging poaching in which the claws are quickly removed and the carcass left to rot in the field. The claws are the most economically desirable part for handicrafts.

The AHTNA Subsistence Committee supports. We support Proposal WP05-01 to clarify the definition of handicrafts and prevent the commercialization of bear handicrafts. We support rural subsistence users being able to make handicrafts out of the skin, hide, pelt, including the claws, for black and brown bears. We support efforts to prohibit commercialization of the skin, hide, pelt or fur of a black or brown bear, including claws.

And the last comment from:

The Department of Public Safety, Alaska State Troopers oppose. We believe that allowing the sale of bear parts will increase illegal take and waste of bears, will exacerbate the black market issues, will go against a North American trend that is more restrictive concerning sale and is not consistent with customary and traditional practices.

1                               That concludes the public comments, Mr.  
2 Chair.

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4                               And the last item, Mr. Chair, is  
5 discussion and Council recommendation.

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7                               ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Cliff.  
8 Okay, I guess we'll start down on the end there with Mr.  
9 Dunaway, if he's got any comment on the proposal.

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11                              MR. DUNAWAY: I originally started to ask  
12 if we need to move to adopt to get the discussion on the  
13 floor or if we discuss and then move to adopt. I'm  
14 willing to make a motion to get it on the floor.

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16                              ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, that would  
17 be proper to bring it up on the floor.

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19                              MR. DUNAWAY: So I'll move to adopt WP05-  
20 01 to include the language recommended in the book as  
21 well as this additional language presented to us by Mr.  
22 Fisher on the errata sheet. And I guess I'll wait for a  
23 second.

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25                              MR. BALLUTA: I second the motion.

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27                              ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Then the  
28 motion's been made to bring it on the floor, the  
29 proposal, and been seconded by Mr. Balluta. So now we  
30 are ready for comment.

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32                              Mr. Dunaway.

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34                              MR. DUNAWAY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. I  
35 haven't followed this real close. I did talk to Refuge  
36 managers that said they were concerned about some bear  
37 poaching going on up in the Bethel area or the poached  
38 parts were starting to show up in Bethel, but I don't  
39 know if there's any of the agency folks that could speak  
40 to enforcement issues that they've seen or maybe they're  
41 confident with this language they'll close those loop  
42 holes. If there's any more agency comment I'd welcome  
43 it.

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45                              (No comments)

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47                              ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I don't see  
48 anybody coming forward. Anything else on that, Dan?

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50                              MR. DUNAWAY: That's all for me, thanks.

1 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Cliff.

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. Just for the  
4 record, Pete -- not, Pete, but Dave, on Page 25, the  
5 wildlife, in our book here, so Page 29 and 30 where you  
6 have the Staff recommendation and errata sheet are pretty  
7 much the same except for what you've included in the  
8 shaded part for the corrections, correct?

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10 MR. FISHER: That's correct, Cliff.

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. Mr. Chair, and  
13 Council members, just for the record then, because we're  
14 unable to -- normally our book here -- but I'd just like  
15 to read into the record what Dave has presented to the  
16 Council because Dan's motion and the second, which is --  
17 this is on the original -- on this errata sheet here, the  
18 preliminary Staff conclusion is to support with  
19 modification to add additional language to further  
20 clarify the definition of handicraft as well as to add  
21 language that clarifies the exemption of those operating  
22 as a business.

23

24 The modified proposed regulation should  
25 read:

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27 Handicraft means a finished product made  
28 in Alaska by a rural Alaskan resident  
29 from non-edible by-products of fish and  
30 wildlife which is composed wholly or in  
31 some significant respect of natural  
32 materials.

33

34 The shape and appearance of natural  
35 material must be substantially changed by  
36 the skillful use of hands by sewing,  
37 weaving, lacing, beading, carving,  
38 etching, scrimshawing, painting or other  
39 means and incorporated into a work of  
40 art, regalia, clothing or other creative  
41 expression and can be either traditional  
42 or contemporary in design.

43

44 The handicraft must have substantially  
45 greater monetary and aesthetic value than  
46 the unaltered natural material alone.

47

48 Skin, hide, pelt or fur means any tanned  
49 or untanned external covering of an  
50 animals body, however, for bear, the

1 skin, hide, pelt means the external  
2 covering with claws attached.

3  
4 If you are a Federally-qualified  
5 subsistence user you may sell handicraft  
6 articles made from the skin, hide, pelt  
7 or fur of a black bear, including claws.

8  
9 If you are a Federally-qualified  
10 subsistence user you may sell handicraft  
11 articles made from the skin, hide, pelt  
12 or fur of a brown bear, including claws  
13 taken from Units 1 through 5, 9(A)  
14 through (C), 9(E), 12, 17, 20 and 25.

15  
16 If you are a business as defined under  
17 Alaska Statute 43.70.110(1), you may not  
18 purchase, receive or sell handicrafts  
19 made from the skin, hide, pelt or fur of  
20 a black or brown bear including claws as  
21 part of your business transaction.

22  
23 So, Mr. Chair, that was the errata sheet  
24 that Mr. Fisher provided to the Council and I just felt  
25 that we should add that to the record because normally  
26 the way the Council has done business is that we went  
27 ahead -- just because we had a separate errata sheet I  
28 felt it was important to read it into the record because  
29 normally if we didn't have an errata sheet we'd have just  
30 adopted, as you see on Page 29 and 30 as Dave has included  
31 in his analysis, so I wanted to include that into the  
32 record.

33  
34 So that completes that, Mr. Chair.

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36 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
37 Cliff. Moving on to Boris, do you have any comment on  
38 this proposal?

39  
40 MR. KOSBRUK: No.

41  
42 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you.

43  
44 MR. EDENSHAW: No, no, excuse me, Mr.  
45 Chair, and if the Council members wish to look also on --  
46 I provided copies, there were six other Councils that  
47 met prior to our meeting and I've included some of the  
48 Council's recommendations that they've already made,  
49 which are in some of the papers that I've given to you.

50

1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Cliff. So you said some of the members have written  
3 comments before us on this proposal?  
4  
5                   MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, that's correct, Mr.  
6 Chair.  
7  
8                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Then we --  
9 Boris has no comment. Andrew.  
10  
11                  MR. BALLUTA: No.  
12  
13                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Andrew has none.  
14 The only comment I had on it was, does the State and the  
15 Federal government have to be in alignment for the  
16 proposal to be legal -- I mean if we would pass it, I  
17 know this would be bear taken on Federal land, but if it  
18 was sold on State land would that be allowed?  
19  
20                  MR. FISHER: No, it wouldn't be allowed.  
21  
22                  REPORTER: Dave.  
23  
24                  MR. FISHER: We have our regulations that  
25 apply to our.....  
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27                  REPORTER: Dave.  
28  
29                  MR. FISHER: .....Federal public lands.  
30  
31                  MR. BOYD: Turn your mike on.  
32  
33                  MR. FISHER: What?  
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35                  REPORTER: Turn it on, Dave, please.  
36  
37                  MR. FISHER: Oh, sorry, I thought I did.  
38  
39                  REPORTER: Okay, thank you.  
40  
41                  MR. FISHER: No, these regulations apply  
42 only to Federal public lands and for brown bear they only  
43 apply in those three regions.  
44  
45                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, I realize  
46 that, the bear would be taken on Federal land, but could  
47 the claws be sold on State land even if the State didn't  
48 pass this?  
49  
50                  I see a bunch of nods, so I guess.....

1 MR. FISHER: Yes.  
2  
3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: .....that was kind  
4 of what I was.....  
5  
6 MR. FISHER: If the bear was taken on  
7 Federal public lands.....  
8  
9 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes.  
10  
11 MR. FISHER: .....and made into a  
12 handicraft by somebody in those three regions.....  
13  
14 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Then it could  
15 still be sold in State jurisdiction without -- and be  
16 legal?  
17  
18 MR. FISHER: Go ahead.  
19  
20 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Go ahead.  
21  
22 MR. BOYD: I think Dave is correct. The  
23 Federal -- excuse me, this is Tom Boyd, I'm the assistant  
24 regional director for subsistence management with the  
25 Fish and Wildlife Service.  
26  
27 Dave is correct. The Federal regulations  
28 will allow the bear to be harvested on Federal lands but  
29 then to be then crafted into a handicraft item and sold  
30 elsewhere.  
31  
32 However, in saying that, this is somewhat  
33 similar to the customary trade regulations we dealt with  
34 in past years. We don't know how the State would view  
35 that. So there could be some conflict in regulations  
36 where the State would not recognize the Federal  
37 regulation and may choose to prosecute those individuals,  
38 but that remains to be seen.  
39  
40 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. And that's  
41 kind of what I was thinking about, so, thank you. So I  
42 suppose if they really wanted to prosecute you, since we  
43 did that under Federal regulations, we'd have you behind  
44 us if this passed?  
45  
46 MR. BOYD: That's correct.  
47  
48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you.  
49 Virginia, do you have any comment on this?  
50

1 MS. ALECK: No, I have no comment.  
2  
3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Hearing  
4 none, I guess we're ready to vote on the proposal at this  
5 time unless there's somebody else that wants to make  
6 public comment.  
7  
8 (No comments)  
9  
10 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: No public comment  
11 that I see. Okay, Proposal WP05-01, all in favor of the  
12 proposal signify by saying aye.  
13  
14 IN UNISON: Aye.  
15  
16 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Opposed to the  
17 proposal.  
18  
19 (No opposing votes)  
20  
21 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: The motion is  
22 passed. Is it five -- 6/0 -- I didn't -- is Pete on?  
23  
24 Pete, do you hear me?  
25  
26 MR. FISHER: Pete.  
27  
28 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes, I can hear you, yeah.  
29  
30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Did you vote, I  
31 didn't hear? Did you hear us, we were voting on the  
32 proposal all in favor and did you vote?  
33  
34 MR. ABRAHAM: Are you talking to me?  
35  
36 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes. Are you in  
37 favor of the proposal?  
38  
39 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes.  
40  
41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. So you  
42 would go down as an aye for support on the proposal,  
43 right?  
44  
45 MR. ABRAHAM: Aye.  
46  
47 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. The vote  
48 was unanimous then.  
49  
50 Okay, the next one, Cliff, would you take



1 that one again, or Dave -- go ahead Dave, you can do that  
2 one.

3

4 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
5 This is Proposal WP05-02. And it's another, pretty much  
6 a statewide proposal, I think it covers the whole state  
7 with exception of about four or five units. And it was  
8 submitted by Karen Deatherage from the Defender's of  
9 Wildlife. And this proposal is proposing to change the  
10 hunting dates for wolf hunting from the current dates,  
11 when the season starts to September 15th.

12

13 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Excuse me, Dave.  
14 Some of us are having a problem finding the page this is  
15 on.

16

17 MR. FISHER: 58, I believe.

18

19 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. 58 Andrew.

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21 MR. BALLUTA: 58, okay.

22

23 MS. ALECK: Yes.

24

25 MR. BALLUTA: Okay.

26

27 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, go ahead.

28

29 MR. FISHER: Yes, if you'll look on Page  
30 58 right there at the top, the proposed regulation it has  
31 the units specified and as you can see it covers pretty  
32 much the entire state.

33

34 So they want to change the August 1st  
35 start of the hunting season to September 15th, the ending  
36 season on April 30th, that would remain the same.

37

38 The proponents, they're claiming that  
39 wolf pelts hold no value during August and early  
40 September so, therefore, they want to eliminate this  
41 early harvest on this Federal public lands. Any  
42 alignment with State regulations would not be justified  
43 for liberalized wolf seasons. And, additionally, hunting  
44 wolves in August and early September on Federal public  
45 lands conflicts with other non-consumptive uses such as  
46 hiking, wildlife, photography, wildlife observation and  
47 so on.

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49 However, as I mentioned earlier, this  
50 proposal does not affect Units 2, Unit 8, Unit 22 and

1 Unit 23, other than that it's pretty much the remainder  
2 units of the state.

3  
4 The Federal wolf hunting season was  
5 adopted from State regulations in 1990, and since 1990  
6 the State has made some changes for seasons and harvest  
7 limits. In 1994 the Federal Subsistence Board adopted  
8 changes to align the Federal season and harvest limits  
9 with those of the State. So the State harvest regulation  
10 and the Federal harvest regulations for wolves are pretty  
11 much the same. Since 1994, the Federal Subsistence Board  
12 has made some minor changes in seasons and harvest  
13 limits, but for the most part they do align.

14  
15 Wolves are found on about 85 percent of  
16 the State. The densities range from one wolf per 25  
17 square miles in good habitat to as low as one wolf per  
18 150 square miles. So the density varies quite a bit  
19 throughout the state. And as we all know the population  
20 of wolves is dependent on prey species, caribou, moose,  
21 so on.

22  
23 The current population in the state, in  
24 most of the state is considered to be healthy and the  
25 population numbers somewhere between seven and 10,000  
26 animals.

27  
28 Most of the harvest takes place during  
29 the winter months when the pelts are prime and travel  
30 conditions are more suitable. However, wolves are  
31 harvested traditionally during the early fall primarily  
32 on an opportunistic basis before the pelts are prime.  
33 Now, this fur is not used for sale but it is used on a  
34 personal basis for hats, gloves, parkas and other fur  
35 handicrafts. This fur is considered less than prime but  
36 still functional.

37  
38 Table 1 on Page 63 shows reported  
39 statewide hunting harvest records. These are only the  
40 reported findings, it doesn't consider the unreported  
41 harvest. And also if you look at Page 64, it shows that  
42 statewide hunting harvest on the reported harvest on a  
43 monthly basis. And as you can see there's very few  
44 animals are reported to have been harvested in August.

45  
46 This proposal would shorten up the wolf  
47 hunting season by 45 days in four units and 36 days in 17  
48 units. All seasons in these units would start on  
49 September 15th. If this proposal is adopted, the Federal  
50 regulations and the State regulations would be alignment

1 and this could cause confusion and potential law  
2 enforcement problems. It would also eliminate the  
3 opportunity for subsistence users to harvest wolves  
4 during the early fall while they're out hunting for  
5 moose, caribou and so on.

6  
7 The proposal doesn't really address any  
8 specific biological problems regarding wolves in the  
9 state. As we all know there's a lot of wolves around and  
10 they seem to be plentiful.

11  
12 The other thing is, hunters would still  
13 be able to hunt wolves on Federal public lands during  
14 August and early September under current regulations,  
15 current State regulations unless the Federal Subsistence  
16 Board specifically closes Federal public lands. So the  
17 Board would have to close Federal public lands, if they  
18 don't then the hunters could still hunt under State  
19 regulations.

20  
21 That's about all I have, thank you, Mr.  
22 Chair.

23  
24 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Dave --  
25 Mr. Fisher. Any ADF&G comment on this proposal.

26  
27 (No comments)

28  
29 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Seeing nobody  
30 standing up to come forward.

31  
32 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair, I think they  
33 provided some written provided on Page 57.

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35 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: What page is that  
36 Dan?

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: Page 67, there's an ADF&G  
39 at the top there, I think.

40  
41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, I see that.  
42 Page 67, comments.

43  
44 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. We'll get to  
45 those as we go into the protocol.

46  
47 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

48  
49 MR. EDENSHAW: You were on the right  
50 track, Mr. Chair.

1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, then it  
2 would be on to number 3, other Federal, State and tribal  
3 agency comments.

4  
5                   (No comments)

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7                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Number 4,  
8 Interagency Staff Committee comments.

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10                  (No comments)

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12                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Number 5, Fish and  
13 Game Advisory Committee comments.

14  
15                  (No comments)

16  
17                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Six, is summary of  
18 written public comments.

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20                  MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair. For the  
21 record on Page 67 of the analysis here we have written  
22 public comments.

23  
24                  The first one is submitted by the Alaska  
25 Department of Fish and Game which is do not support.  
26 Adoption of this proposal would reduce opportunity for  
27 Federally-qualified subsistence users and eliminate their  
28 opportunity to harvest wolves opportunistically during  
29 moose and caribou seasons that begin before September  
30 15th in many areas of the state. Consistency with State  
31 regulations also is important in areas with mixed land  
32 ownership patterns. Finally, adoption of this proposal  
33 would not have the effect sought by the proponent unless  
34 Federal public lands were also closed to wolf hunting by  
35 non-Federally-qualified subsistence users. No evidence  
36 of a conservation issue is indicated that would support  
37 implementation of such closures.

38  
39                  The next one is by Don Quarberg also from  
40 Delta Junction. He opposes the proposal. There is no  
41 biological reason for this reason. Value is in the eyes  
42 of the beholder.

43  
44                  Robert Jahnke from Ward Cove opposes.  
45 Please do not pass this proposal.

46  
47                  And lastly the AHTNA Subsistence  
48 Committee opposes the proposal. We do not support  
49 Proposal WP05-02 to reduce wolf hunting seasons from  
50 August 1st to April 30th to September 15th to April 30th.

1 We do not support aligning State of Alaska and Federal  
2 seasons for hunting wolves just for the sake of aligning  
3 hunting seasons under the two management systems. We  
4 support the more liberal hunting season so that more  
5 wolves can be taken to reduce the wolf population.  
6 Reducing the number of wolves will prevent them from  
7 killing calves of caribou and moose in Units 11-13.

8  
9 That concludes the written public  
10 comments, Mr. Chair.

11  
12 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Cliff.  
13 Looking at.....

14  
15 REPORTER: Randy.

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17 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Looking at one of  
18 the handouts we got on this proposal, it has Page 3 on  
19 the bottom and the Eastern Interior region, Western  
20 Interior region, and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region,  
21 all three of those Councils oppose this proposal also.

22  
23 And I just wanted to state that, too.

24  
25 Okay. Public testimony.

26  
27 (No comments)

28  
29 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Regional Council  
30 deliberation, recommendation and justification. Any  
31 comment.

32  
33 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.

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35 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.

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37 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm still getting the hang  
38 of the protocol here do we move to adopt at this point?

39  
40 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah.

41  
42 MR. DUNAWAY: Move to adopt this  
43 proposal.

44  
45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: All right. Mr.  
46 Dunaway moves to adopt this proposal WP05-02. Any  
47 second.

48  
49 MS. ALECK: I second that.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Virginia seconds.  
2 Now, we'll go on to discussion and comment.  
3  
4                   MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.  
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6                   MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair.  
7  
8                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.  
9  
10                  MR. DUNAWAY: I'll defer to Cliff, he  
11 wants something.  
12  
13                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Cliff.  
14  
15                  MR. EDENSHAW: I was just going to  
16 clarify, Mr. Chair, on Page 65, perhaps what Dan could do  
17 is to clarify his motion which is, I think, would be  
18 easier, if we went and say that the Council -- or there's  
19 a motion to adopt the Staff analysis, because under  
20 Dave's Staff analysis his justification, the conclusion  
21 is to oppose the proposal. So just for clarity.  
22  
23                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, yeah, thank  
24 you, Cliff. So the Staff's recommendation is to oppose.  
25 Should we move to oppose it or should we move to go with  
26 the -- did you say follow the recommendation?  
27  
28                  MR. EDENSHAW: Go ahead, Dave.  
29  
30                  MR. FISHER: Well, you can move to oppose  
31 it or you can move to support it and then vote it down,  
32 there's two ways that I see and some of the other  
33 Councils have moved to adopt and then the motion has  
34 failed when they vote on it. So you can go either way.  
35 I'm not sure what the correct protocol would be, Cliff?  
36  
37                  MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. That's  
38 probably the best way to do it. The original proposal  
39 was to shorten the wolf hunting season and that was  
40 included in Dave's analysis. And his conclusion was to  
41 oppose the proposal. So it would probably be easier just  
42 to -- just as -- well, you heard what Dave's comment is.  
43  
44                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.  
45  
46                  MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. In my original  
47 comments in regards to Dan's motion was to adopt the  
48 Staff analysis, you know, as presented by Mr. Fisher in  
49 the Staff analysis, which is to oppose the proposal. I'm  
50 just saying you can just forget the oppose and just say

1 adopt the Staff analysis.

2

3

ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.

4

5 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Mr. Chair. It would  
6 be my intent is to be opposed to the proposal. I agree  
7 with the analysis. I've also recently talked to some  
8 folks in the Lake Clark area that are complaining about  
9 wolves over there. I don't think there's any less  
10 concern in the Dillingham area or the Togiak area that  
11 wolves need any more protection. I think people like  
12 more freedom to take them when the opportunity presents.

13

14 I do agree essentially with what Cliff  
15 said, I was going to clarify my statements. If we move  
16 to adopt, I was going to encourage folks, if you don't  
17 want this proposal, vote to oppose it. At this point,  
18 I'll agree to amend my motion to line up with what Cliff  
19 suggested, to make my motion to adopt the analysis of the  
20 Federal Staff that this proposal should be opposed.

21

22 Now, are we getting so tangled -- that's  
23 how -- I'm used to doing everything in the affirmative,  
24 but if it works better.....

25

26 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes, so am I so  
27 that's fine with me.

28

29 MR. DUNAWAY: I just want to make sure  
30 everybody understands.

31

32 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Virginia, you  
33 seconded it.....

34

35 MS. ALECK: Yeah.

36

37 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: .....would you  
38 support that? Okay.

39

40 MS. ALECK: Yeah, i did.

41

42 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So then we have  
43 the motion then. And so now we're back to the public  
44 comment, and then I suppose when it comes time to vote  
45 all we would have to do is -- I'll ask if we support the  
46 -- you know, those of us that, you know, support the  
47 motion, which would be to oppose the initial proposal.

48

49 Okay, now, that we're all confused.

50

1 MS. ALECK: He had his hand up, one of  
2 the guys back there.  
3  
4 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Did somebody have  
5 their hand up?  
6  
7 MR. WILSON: I just had a question  
8 on.....  
9  
10 REPORTER: Wait, why don't you come on  
11 up.  
12  
13 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Come on up,  
14 thanks.  
15  
16 MR. WILSON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I don't  
17 know if this is the right time to do this but I was just  
18 looking at the.....  
19  
20 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: State your name.  
21  
22 MR. WILSON: My name is Kenny Wilson.  
23 And I was looking at some of the old data, you know, 2002  
24 -- or it was 2001 and I'm kind of -- my quest -- I don't  
25 know if this is the right time or the last or when is  
26 going to be the next or if there is going to be a wolf  
27 count between the State and the Feds or I don't know  
28 exactly how you guys normally do that?  
29  
30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you.  
31  
32 MR. WILSON: I don't know if this is the  
33 wrong time to ask this question or after this, you guys  
34 adopt this proposal or put it down or.....  
35  
36 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, this is  
37 probably the wrong time but since you brought the  
38 question I'll make sure that I bring it up, or if it  
39 doesn't come up, I'm sure you'll probably be here today  
40 or tomorrow and we can bring it up again.  
41  
42 MR. WILSON: Okay. Because I know this  
43 is a -- I just came from the Game Board meeting in  
44 Anchorage and I know there's a lot of concern about wolf  
45 predator control over, you know, around the state.  
46  
47 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Mr.  
48 Wilson. Any more comment.  
49  
50 (No comments)



1 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Board. Council.  
2  
3 (No comments)  
4  
5 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Cliff.  
6  
7 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chairman, and Council  
8 members. Just to clear things up here, the motion on the  
9 table by Mr. Dunaway is to adopt the Staff analysis which  
10 is to oppose Proposal WP05-02. And the Staff analysis to  
11 oppose the modification of shortening the wolf hunting  
12 season in the units as stated on Page 58.  
13  
14 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, yes.  
15 Virginia, do you have anything?  
16  
17 MS. ALECK: No, I have no questions.  
18  
19 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. I've got a  
20 small comment on that. I don't support shortening the  
21 wolf season because, you know, I fly around and I see how  
22 many wolves there are and what they're doing to the moose  
23 and caribou population. And in my opinion they are quite  
24 abundant.  
25  
26 MS. ALECK: Too many.  
27  
28 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: And, you know,  
29 people that do take them, not very many of them,  
30 according to the figures in the tables back there but it  
31 might be -- there was a few people that do and I don't  
32 want to restrict their opportunity. So I would be  
33 supporting leaving it the way it is.  
34  
35 Okay, any more comment.  
36  
37 (No comments)  
38  
39 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Seeing none, I  
40 call for the vote. All in favor of supporting our  
41 recommendation which would be to oppose the proposal say  
42 aye.  
43  
44 IN UNISON: Aye.  
45  
46 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Pete, do you hear  
47 that?  
48  
49 MR. ABRAHAM: Aye.  
50

1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Pete.  
3  
4                   MR. ABRAHAM: Do you hear me?  
5  
6                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes, I sure do.  
7  
8                   MR. ABRAHAM: Okay.  
9  
10                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: All opposed, same  
11 sign.  
12  
13                   (No opposing votes)  
14  
15                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, seeing none,  
16 the motion carries. Where are we at, Cliff, No. 10?  
17  
18                  MR. EDENSHAW: (Nods affirmatively)  
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20                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Dave,  
21 Wildlife Proposal No. 10.  
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23                  MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
24 Wildlife Proposal No. 10 was submitted by Phillip  
25 Shoemaker from King Salmon. He wants Federal subsistence  
26 hunters to remove one antler from or separate the skull  
27 plate before a moose is removed from the kill site in  
28 Unit 9(E). So this proposal only addresses Unit 9(E).  
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30                  Yes?  
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32                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Sorry, Dave. What  
33 page is that on again.  
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35                  MR. FISHER: 68. This proposal is on  
36 Page 68 in your Council book.  
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38                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you.  
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40                  MR. FISHER: This proposal would require  
41 that subsistence hunters remove one antler from or  
42 separate the skull plate before the animal is removed  
43 from the kill site in Unit 9(E) and this pertains to the  
44 hunting of moose.  
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46                  Mr. Shoemaker wants to reduce the harvest  
47 of trophy bulls by trophy and sport hunters from the  
48 outside area. He also wants to reduce the hunting  
49 pressure on breeding age bulls and to provide additional  
50 subsistence hunting opportunities for subsistence users.

1                   Cliff did correspond with Mr. Shoemaker  
2 early on, I believe, in early October regarding this  
3 proposal and Cliff said that this proposal would put an  
4 additional burden on the subsistence hunter. He also  
5 explained that most subsistence hunters leave the antlers  
6 in the field and at this time we don't have a real  
7 conservation concern with the moose population in 9(E).  
8 It would also cause confusion with State and Federal  
9 regulations.

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11                   Mr. Shoemaker said that he wanted to  
12 leave the proposal as is and go along with it.

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14                   The current Federal hunting seasons and  
15 the State hunting seasons are somewhat similar, however,  
16 the Federal season does start 21 days before the State  
17 season. The Federal season is one bull August 20th  
18 through September 20th, and one bull December 1st through  
19 January 20th. The State season is one bull, spike-fork  
20 50 and their season starts on September 10th and goes  
21 through the 20th. And then they have a one bull season  
22 in the late winter, December 1st through January 20th.  
23 So that the Federal season and the State season are  
24 somewhat similar.

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26                   The regulatory history regarding moose in  
27 9(E) has been fairly consistent over the years. There  
28 was some concern to close Federal public lands to non-  
29 qualified users because of low moose populations, I  
30 believe in the late '90s, '99/2000/2001, however, there  
31 were some additional surveys conducted which indicated a  
32 fairly healthy population so that proposal did not go  
33 through.

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35                   Surveys conducted in the late '90s and  
36 late 2003 and 2004 indicates a fairly healthy moose  
37 population in 9(E), however, cow/calf ratios have  
38 declined some. And I talked to the Refuge people and  
39 they are aware of this and they're going to continue  
40 their surveys in that area.

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42                   (Pause)

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44                   (Plane flying over building - Laughter)

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46                   MR. FISHER: During the last 15 to 20  
47 years, the average harvest has been about 91 moose out of  
48 9(E). Bristol Bay side residents take up to about a  
49 quarter of their moose on Federal public lands and the  
50 Pacific Coast residents take most of their moose from

1 Federal public lands.

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3 What this proposal would do is make  
4 Federal subsistence regulations more restrictive than  
5 State regulations and they would only affect subsistence  
6 hunters during the early Federal August 20th through  
7 September -- early September season.

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9 Large bulls with a 50-inch or spike-fork,  
10 three brow tines, taken between September 10th and  
11 September 20th could be harvested under State  
12 regulations, as well as any bull harvest during the  
13 winter season. It would also be difficult to enforce  
14 these new Federal regulations as we have no antler  
15 restriction where the hunters aren't required to bring  
16 the antlers in from the field. It could cause confusion  
17 for most of the hunters.

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19 Our initial conclusion on this was to  
20 oppose this proposal.

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22 Most hunters leave the antlers in the  
23 field and it puts an unnecessary restriction on  
24 subsistence hunters and hunters could hunt under State  
25 regulations except for the early Federal season.

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27 That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

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29 Thank you.

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31 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Dave.  
32 Number 2, ADF&G Fish and Game comments. I guess, Cliff,  
33 you want to take care of that one, it's on Page 67, I  
34 believe.

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. We can just go  
37 ahead and tie those up on -- on Page 74 there's written  
38 public comments and I'll incorporate those when we get  
39 down to the bottom portion. But mainly with number 2  
40 with ADF&G comments, that's for State representatives, if  
41 they were here to provide any comments to the Council.  
42 And I don't see Lem or -- specifically, Lem, for the  
43 region here so -- unless there's some other ADF&G -- Ted?

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45 MR. KRIEG: (Shakes head negatively)

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47 MR. EDENSHAW: No. So we can just go  
48 ahead and move on to number 3 then, Mr. Chair.

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50 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Other

1 Federal, State and tribal agency comments.

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3 (No comments)

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5 MR. WILSON: Randy, I have a question.

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7 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Mr. Wilson, up to  
8 the microphone.

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10 MR. WILSON: I got a question. What's the  
11 survival rate percentage for your moose calves, you know,  
12 you talked about that -- you got a -- moose calves, but  
13 you didn't give a percentage on the survival rate?

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15 MR. FISHER: I'd have to get Ron Squibb  
16 up to answer that specific question. I don't have that  
17 information with me right now. Ron, can you -- are you  
18 talking specifically 9(E)?

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20 MR. WILSON: Yeah, 9(E).

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22 MR. FISHER: Okay. Ron.

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24 MR. SQUIBB: Ron Squibb with Alaska  
25 Peninsula Becharof National Wildlife Refuge. And we have  
26 very little direct data on moose calf survival. Off the  
27 top of my head, in 2003, when in the Ugashik area, we  
28 had, I believe, 18 collared cow moose, we had a total of  
29 only two calves survive through September, and we did not  
30 monitor all the way through the winter so I tell you what  
31 happened thereafter, except that I know one was still  
32 around as a yearling, but we didn't monitor the other  
33 one. We didn't do the same survey quality on that.

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35 The next year, in that same group of cow  
36 moose that were collared, I believe we were down to 16  
37 collared cows, 2004, and of those 16 three calves  
38 survived to September, and that's the only direct data we  
39 have.

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41 I know one other angle on that is looking  
42 at the trend areas, we have the -- the State has set up  
43 over the years, for the past several decades trend areas  
44 that monitor the composition of moose, that is to say,  
45 you know, proportion of bulls, cows and calves in early  
46 winter before the antlers start to fall off of the cow --  
47 excuse me, off of the bulls, and the data there show a  
48 slight drift towards poorer calf survival in recent  
49 years. In other words, the composition of calf moose in  
50 the period from November 1st to about December 10th, you

1 know, if anything it's either stable or drifting down  
2 slightly. So we don't have -- I guess I'd say our calf  
3 survival for moose is one of the things we worry about.

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5 But, you know, we don't really have an  
6 overwhelming trend and it's sort of a slow decrease over  
7 years, but we don't have a -- it's not like we have a  
8 huge amount of data on that.

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10 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Ron.  
11 What percentage per 100 cows -- calves does it take to be  
12 sustainable and what is it now? You said it's been going  
13 down.

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15 MR. SQUIBB: Yeah, it is. Again, I  
16 didn't come prepared to address that very -- let me.....

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18 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: You can report  
19 that to us later.

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21 MR. SQUIBB: I'll look at it and perhaps  
22 try and break that up during our agency report, I can  
23 talk about that more.

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25 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I'm on the  
26 Advisory Committee for Lake Iliamna and we asked our  
27 State biologist, Lem Butler, about that last time and  
28 it's -- the last good numbers was when Dick Sellers was  
29 doing aerial surveys. Because of their budget they  
30 haven't been doing very much flying to really get a good  
31 number. But Dick had said we were down to about 10 per  
32 100 cows in some areas for calves, and, you know, with  
33 that -- and it needs to be about 25 or 30 to be  
34 sustainable for hunting and, you know, harvesting.

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36 And, you know, with that kind of numbers  
37 it's not going to take long before we're in dire straits.  
38 And I think it's already starting in some areas.  
39 Because, you know, if you look at some of the harvest  
40 reports of the villages, how much they're really  
41 catching.

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43 So, yeah, if you could come up with that  
44 so we have an idea how the moose recruitment is doing  
45 down in that area or any area that you monitor.

46  
47 All right, thank you.

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49 MR. SQUIBB: Okay, thank you.

50 You're.....

1 MS. ALECK: I have a question for him.  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Virginia.  
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5 MS. ALECK: I was wondering how far down  
6 the Peninsula do you go on 9(E) to do the moose counts  
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8 MR. SQUIBB: We have two types of moose  
9 counts going on in recent years. The one is the real  
10 long-term trend areas that Fish and Game, over the  
11 decades set up and we added a couple, perhaps five years,  
12 we added some farther down Peninsula and I don't have a  
13 map handy.  
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15 But the traditional ones, the farthest --  
16 thanks -- I was actually thinking of a map of our moose  
17 trend areas -- thank you.  
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19 (Laughter)  
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21 MR. SQUIBB: I think the farthest down  
22 Peninsula trend area that the State has and is a long-  
23 term trend area is the Meshik River trend area. We added  
24 -- there were proposals regarding moose hunting, it's a  
25 few years back and I believe it was '98 or so we  
26 established another one at Black Lake and another one,  
27 basically Red Bluff Creek area and, you know, near  
28 Perryville.  
29  
30 And what limits us most is snow cover.  
31 You know, ideally you want to fly your surveys when  
32 there's good snow cover so the moose stand out and you  
33 get a good count of how many moose are in the area and  
34 then you get a good sense of composition. So our biggest  
35 limiting factor this winter was just dramatically that  
36 brought that out, is that we can't do a whole lot,  
37 particularly down south without good snow cover, and this  
38 year the only trend areas that were doable during that  
39 period when the antlers are still on, from about November  
40 1st to December 10th or so, we could do the Park border  
41 area which last year and the year, I think we did it  
42 three times in one year, so we decided what's the point  
43 in spending the money on that again one year later, and  
44 the Park flew the Angle-Takayofu area, which is very  
45 close to the Park border area. The Park border area is,  
46 you know, like Naknek Lake down to Grant Peak, about  
47 there. So that's the limited data we have on that that's  
48 long-term.  
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50 Last year we were able to start a density

1 estimate for moose and we had good snow cover and we  
2 worked down from the Park order and Angle-Takayofu area  
3 and we worked south down to Ugashik Narrows and we were  
4 able to complete that. We were hoping to make further  
5 progress this winter but we just didn't have any snow  
6 south of Ugashik so we couldn't make any further  
7 progress.

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9                   What we'd really like to, at least,  
10 accomplish, maybe next winter or the winter after is  
11 there was an intensive survey of moose density in 1983  
12 that Dick Sellers was involved with and it has a good  
13 estimate for moose densities there from those dates and  
14 we were hoping to cover those areas. And those areas  
15 would be like Pumice Creek and drainages and Yosinda (ph)  
16 River drainages on the flats and King Salmon River and  
17 Ugashik River, that zone, and if we could get that done  
18 we'd have a nice comparison from '83 to now and I think  
19 that'd be meaningful, so that's what we're hoping for.

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21                   But unfortunately that's all the data we  
22 have.

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24                   MS. ALECK: I have another question.

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26                   MR. SQUIBB: Okay, go ahead.

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28                   MS. ALECK: I'm from the Chignik region  
29 and my husband and I go up and down the river very often  
30 and the moose isn't around like in areas where they  
31 usually are. And are we going to pull the red flag up  
32 when it's too late like our caribou or when are you guys  
33 going to do something about the moose?

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35                   I guess I'm worried because that's our  
36 last source for subsisting. We can't get any caribou  
37 anymore. And if we're going to wait around until they're  
38 not there anymore then what are we going to do?

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40                   MR. SQUIBB: I wish I had a simple answer  
41 and I don't. I appreciate your argument.

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43                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Ron.  
44 Yeah, maybe you can come back on your report and finish  
45 up what you had to say.

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47                   MR. SQUIBB: Thank you.

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49                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. We're  
50 on.....



1 MR. EDENSHAW: Number 4, Mr. Chair, any  
2 Interagency Staff Committee comments.

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4 (No comments)

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6 MR. EDENSHAW: None, Mr. Chair.

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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Number 5.  
9 Advisory Committee.

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11 (No comments)

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13 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Seeing none.  
14 Summary of written public comments, Cliff.

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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, on Page 74  
17 regarding Proposal 10 there were two public comments.

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19 The first was with the Alaska Department  
20 of Fish and Game. They do not support Proposal 10. This  
21 proposal appears to address a concern associated with  
22 hunting by trophy and sport hunters from outside the area  
23 and not by Federally-qualified subsistence users who hunt  
24 moose in Unit 9(E). Consequently the proponent's concern  
25 may be better suited for consideration by the Alaska  
26 Board of Game.

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28 Don Quarberg from Delta Junction opposes  
29 the proposal. There is no biological justification for  
30 this proposal. Public land belongs to just that, the  
31 public. If someone wants to shoot a trophy bull, in  
32 their judgment, they should be able to.

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34 And that concludes the written public  
35 comments, Mr. Chair.

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37 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
38 Cliff.

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40 Public testimony -- well, one more before  
41 we get to that, I see that the Aniakchak National  
42 Subsistence Resource Commission opposed Proposal No. 10  
43 for the harvest requirements for bull moose in Unit 9(E).

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45 Number 7, public testimony.

46  
47 (No comments)

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49 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Seeing none. Now,  
50 we get back to the deliberation of the Council. Anybody

1 move to bring forth the Proposal before us.  
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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, Mr. Chair, I will.  
4 Boris was after me for making a muddle of the last one.  
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6 (Laughter)  
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8 MR. DUNAWAY: I will move.  
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10 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, the motion  
11 is by Dan to bring forth Proposal No. 10. Any second.  
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13 MR. BALLUTA: Second.  
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15 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Andrew seconds.  
16 Okay, comment from the committee.  
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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.  
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20 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.  
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22 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, I'll start at this  
23 end, I guess. It seems like the analysis that's been  
24 provided by the Staff and by other agencies and even a  
25 number of the public, and folks living close to the area,  
26 other than the proposer, everybody seems opposed, I'm  
27 going to go with what seems to be the prevailing opinion.  
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29 When I realize that somebody might be  
30 required to bring a big old antler out to prove he cut it  
31 off, I sympathize with them. So that's when I go moose  
32 hunting, I hope I never see a monster, and I've been real  
33 successful that way so far.  
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35 (Laughter)  
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37 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Boris, anything.  
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39 MR. KOSBRUK: No comment, I oppose.  
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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Andrew.  
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43 MR. BALLUTA: No.  
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45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: No comment, okay.  
46 Virginia.  
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48 MS. ALECK: No comment.  
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50 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. I don't

1 have anything either. I'm going to oppose the proposal,  
2 so I guess we're ready to vote on the matter.  
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4 MR. EDENSHAW: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.  
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6 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, Cliff.  
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8 MR. EDENSHAW: Can you just check and see  
9 if Pete's still on line.  
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11 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, okay, Pete,  
12 forgot all about you, you were getting too quiet there.  
13 You have any comment on the proposal.  
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15 MR. ABRAHAM: No comment.  
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17 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thanks,  
18 Pete. We're getting ready to vote now, and we're going  
19 to vote on the.....  
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21 MR. ABRAHAM: Okay.  
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23 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: The motion before  
24 us was to oppose the proposal. All in favor.....  
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26 MR. ABRAHAM: Uh-huh.  
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28 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: .....of opposing  
29 the proposal signify by saying aye.  
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31 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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33 MR. ABRAHAM: Aye.  
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35 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, those  
36 opposed, same sign.  
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38 (No opposing votes)  
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40 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Motion carried.  
41 All right. So I guess that's it then for the proposals.  
42 I guess before we move on, Cliff, then let's take a  
43 break.  
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45 (Off record)  
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47 (On record)  
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49 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Did you have your  
50 cup of coffee, Pete, we're ready to go again here.

1 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah.  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, we'll come  
4 back to order here.  
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6 (Pause)  
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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you. At the  
9 end of 10 we moved up I and J from agency reports, we'll  
10 do those now. Cliff, would you take care of those, too.  
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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
13 Council. I also provided the Council, there's two  
14 handouts on here, one from the Aniakchak National  
15 Monument, the SRC, and the other one is from the Lake  
16 Clark SRC.  
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18 I'll go ahead and begin with the  
19 Aniakchak. This was brought over to me by Mary McBurney  
20 from the National Park Service. And this letter here is  
21 signed by Harry Kalmakoff, Jr., the Chairman for the  
22 Aniakchak SRC. The letter is addressed to Mr. Dan  
23 O'Hara, Chair of the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory  
24 Council.  
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26 Dear Mr. O'Hara.  
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28 The Bristol Bay RAC serves as the  
29 appointing source for three seats on the  
30 Aniakchak SRC, Subsistence Resource  
31 Commission. Two seats currently held by  
32 Johnny Lean and Afoni Takak (ph) are up  
33 for reappointment and both incumbents  
34 have expressed their continued interest  
35 and willingness to serve as RAC  
36 appointees to the SRC. Mr. Lean and Mr.  
37 Takak are long-time members of the SRC  
38 and we rely on their wealth of experience  
39 and their combined institutional memory  
40 in our discussions and deliberations.  
41  
42 The Aniakchak SRC fully supports the  
43 RAC's reappointment of Johnny Lean and  
44 Afoni Takak to the SRC and looks forward  
45 to working with them on subsistence  
46 issues affecting Aniakchak National  
47 Monument.  
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49 And that's, again, signed Sincerely Harry  
50 Kalmakoff, Jr., Chairman of the Aniakchak Subsistence

1 Resource Commission.  
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3 And with that, Mr. Chair, when I spoke  
4 with Clarence -- forgive me, I forgot Clarence's last  
5 name.  
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7 REPORTER: Summers.  
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9 MR. EDENSHAW: Summers.  
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11 (Laughter)  
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13 MR. EDENSHAW: He brought these to my  
14 attention, and what we need from the Council is that the  
15 Aniakchak SRC would like both these individuals  
16 reappointed to the SRC, and the Council in a form of a  
17 motion if they support these two individuals being  
18 reappointed to the SRC, please go ahead and do that in  
19 the form of a motion and I'll go ahead and forward back  
20 to Clarence that that's from the Bristol Bay Council.  
21  
22 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Does  
23 anybody want to move for support of these two guys,  
24 gentlemen on the Aniakchak SRC.  
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26 MS. ALECK: I so move to reappoint.  
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28 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Virginia  
29 moves to reappoint these two guys.  
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31 MR. KOSBRUK: (Raises hand)  
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33 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, and Boris  
34 seconds it.  
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36 MR. BALLUTA: I second it.  
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38 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Boris seconded it  
39 already, thank you, Andrew.  
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41 MR. BALLUTA: Okay.  
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43 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Any comment on it.  
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45 (No comments)  
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47 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, hearing and  
48 seeing none.  
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50 MR. ABRAHAM: No comment.

1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Pete.  
2 Seeing no further comment I call for the vote. All in  
3 favor of support of these two guys to be reappointed on  
4 the Aniakchak National Monument SRC say aye.

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6                   IN UNISON: Aye.

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8                   MR. ABRAHAM: Aye.

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10                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Opposed.

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12                  (No opposing votes)

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14                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Motion carried.  
15 Thank you. All right, Cliff, next one.

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17                  MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The  
18 second one, this here is from the Lake Clark Subsistence  
19 Resource Commission. And the letter is, again, addressed  
20 to Mr. Dan O'Hara, the Chair for the Bristol Bay Regional  
21 Advisory Council, the letter is signed by Glenn Alsworth  
22 Sr., the Chairman for the Lake Clark Subsistence Resource  
23 Commission.

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25                  Dear Mr. O'Hara. The Bristol Bay RAC  
26 serves as the appointing source for three  
27 seats on the Lake Clark Subsistence  
28 Resource Commission. The seat currently  
29 held by Harvey Aneland (ph) expired in  
30 November 2002 and is up for  
31 reappointment. We had not received any  
32 communication from Mr. Aneland until our  
33 most recent meeting on February 16th when  
34 he indicated his interest in being  
35 reappointed to the SRC. In the interim,  
36 the SRC received an application from Rick  
37 DelKitty of Nondalton expressing his  
38 interest in being appointed to the  
39 expired seat.

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41                  We have reviewed the qualifications of  
42 each applicant and find that both that  
43 Mr. Aneland and Mr. DelKitty are  
44 currently members of the Lake Iliamna  
45 ADF&G Advisory Committee and eligible for  
46 appointment to the SRC by the RAC.

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48                  They are both extremely knowledgeable of  
49 the regions fish and game resources and  
50 how they are utilized by local

1 subsistence users.

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While Mr. Aneland has been a RAC appointee to the Lake Clark SRC for many years he has been able to attend only one of his last six SRC meetings due to his critical maintenance and safety position at the Iliamna airport. We bring this to your attention as a possible consideration in making a decision to reappoint him to the RAC SRC seat.

The Lake Clark SRC appreciates your consideration of these two nominees and looks forward to working with your appointee to the Commission.

Sincerely, Glenn Alsworth, Sr., Chairman of the Lake Clark SRC.

So on this one here, Mr. Chair, they're asking the Council to make a recommendation on the one seat which the Council makes appointments of.

ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, from the way it looks is they leave it up to us to decide which one to nominate. I know both of these guys serve on the Lake Iliamna Fish and Game Advisory Committee and they're both qualified to do so. And I guess I can't move being the acting Chairman, but I guess I would support Mr. DelKitty because of Mr. Aneland's record of attending of the past ones hasn't been very good because of his position. So my recommendation would be for Mr. DelKitty.

MR. BALLUTA: I recommend Ricky DelKitty.

ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, does anybody want to move -- any more comment on the recommendations first.

MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.

ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.

MR. DUNAWAY: If Andrew's comment is a motion to appoint Mr. DelKitty I will second that. In my experience the SRC has had a difficult time getting quorums in the past, and Mr. DelKitty has shown an active interest in applying with a written comment. I'll be supporting Mr. DelKitty.

1 MS. ALECK: I will too be supporting  
2 DelKitty.  
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4 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. All right,  
5 so then Andrew did you want to make a motion on that.  
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7 MR. BALLUTA: I make a motion to support  
8 Mr. DelKitty to the board.  
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10 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, and then  
11 Dan, do you second that motion?  
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13 MR. DUNAWAY: (Nods affirmatively)  
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15 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Any more  
16 comment on the appointment.  
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18 (No comments)  
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20 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, then.....  
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22 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, could you.....  
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24 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Cliff.  
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26 MR. EDENSHAW: .....could you -- Pete,  
27 can you hear us, Andrew's motion.....  
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29 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes.  
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31 MR. EDENSHAW: .....to appoint Rick  
32 DelKitty to the Lake Clark SRC?  
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34 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.  
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36 MR. EDENSHAW: That's all, Mr. Chair,  
37 just to ensure that Mr. Abraham's following us.  
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39 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, thanks, I  
40 keep forgetting about Pete, he's too quiet. Pete, did  
41 you hear the motion to support Rick DelKitty for the Lake  
42 Clark SRC, and Dan had seconded it?  
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44 MR. ABRAHAM: There's too much static for  
45 me to hear.  
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47 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. We're on  
48 the appointment for the Lake Clark SRC, and Andrew moved  
49 to support Rick DelKitty and Dan Dunaway seconded and  
50 we're in discussion.



1 MR. ABRAHAM: Okay.  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Did you have any  
4 comment on that.  
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6 MR. ABRAHAM: Okay, support.  
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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: All right. All in  
9 favor of Mr. DelKitty for the Lake Clark SRC, National  
10 Park, say aye.  
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12 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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14 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Opposed.  
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16 (No opposing votes)  
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18 MR. ABRAHAM: Aye.  
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20 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Was that for the  
21 support, Pete?  
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23 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, aye.  
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25 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. That's what  
26 I thought. All right, motion carried. And we're on to  
27 -- Cliff, does that take care of those?  
28  
29 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, that does, Mr. Chair,  
30 thank you.  
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32 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So are we on 11  
33 now?  
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35 MR. EDENSHAW: No, Mr. Chair, we're going  
36 to go ahead and move on to No. 13 marine waters  
37 jurisdiction and Tom Boyd.....  
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39 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.  
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41 MR. EDENSHAW: .....our Assistant  
42 Regional Director from OSM is going to provide the  
43 Council a presentation on the marine waters.  
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45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: All right, Mr.  
46 Boyd, you have the floor.  
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48 MR. BOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll  
49 direct the Council to Page 77 in your book. The first  
50 page is a paper, a one page paper that we prepared on

1 this issue that tries to summarize it. I'll also be  
2 making a presentation to summarize as well. The  
3 remaining pages, from Page 78 through Page 82, you'll see  
4 three columns of print actually contain the rulemaking  
5 itself, the proposed rulemaking, I should say, it's not a  
6 final rule yet, final regulation. From Page 78 through  
7 most of Page 81 is preamble material with some required  
8 information as well as some preliminary information that  
9 helps explain why this rulemaking is taking place. The  
10 actual proposed rule begins in the third column on Page  
11 81 and goes through the end of 82. And I'm just pointing  
12 all of this out to you and then I'm going to come back  
13 and provide my briefing.

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15 Also, I don't know, Cliff, do they have  
16 these maps?

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18 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes.

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20 MR. BOYD: Okay. You also have three  
21 sets of maps that will aid in understanding this issue  
22 and so I want to point those out to you as well, and they  
23 look like this. And I will refer to them during my  
24 presentation.

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26 (Pause)

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28 MR. BOYD: Okay. Let me begin with just  
29 a few talking points. Proposed rule to revise and  
30 clarify jurisdiction in coastal waters was published in  
31 the Federal Register on December 8th, 2004, and that's  
32 the proposed rule I referenced a minute ago that's found  
33 on Page 78 to 82.

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35 The rule would amend Federal subsistence  
36 management regulations to clarify that the jurisdiction  
37 is confined to inland waters, prestatehood withdrawals  
38 and this amendment would primarily impact coastal areas  
39 within the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta region, the Bristol Bay  
40 region, which is your region, and the Kodiak/Aleutians,  
41 which probably overlaps a bit with your region. So  
42 mostly in Western Alaska this rule applies.

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44 In the Katie John Decision in 1995, that  
45 many of us are familiar with, the Ninth Circuit Court of  
46 Appeals concluded that the Federal Subsistence Program  
47 must include, and I'll quote, "waters in which the United  
48 States has an interest by virtue of the Reserved Water  
49 Rights Doctrine." Subsequently regulations were  
50 published, those are the regulations we're currently

1 operating by, those were published in 1999, which  
2 extended subsistence management jurisdiction to all, and,  
3 again, this is a quote, all navigable and non-navigable  
4 waters within the exterior boundaries of Federal  
5 reservation such as Refuges, Parks, Preserves, et cetera,  
6 in Alaska. As a result the Federal subsistence  
7 management regulation now cover hundreds of thousands of  
8 acres of saltwater marine embayments, bays, within Refuge  
9 boundaries that were not withdrawn prior to statehood.

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11           The Federal Subsistence Board, and I  
12 should say the Secretaries never intended that its  
13 regulations be construed to include marine waters other  
14 than prestatehood withdrawals, those waters that were  
15 withdrawn prior to statehood. It's entire focus was  
16 primarily on inland waters. And by inland waters,  
17 there's a definition in the proposed regulations which  
18 clarifies that, but it largely means freshwaters, rivers,  
19 creeks, streams that are landward, if you will, of either  
20 the mean high tide or a line drawn from headland to  
21 headland across the mouth of a stream, river, et cetera.  
22 So it's primarily fresh water when I talk about inland  
23 waters.

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25           The proposed amendment would remove the  
26 saltwater bays by clearly defining the demarcation or the  
27 line between marine and inland waters for the Federal  
28 subsistence management program. The proposed amendment  
29 would also specifically identify those prestatehood  
30 withdrawals of submerged lands underlying marine waters  
31 in which the Federal Subsistence Board still exercises  
32 jurisdiction by virtue of owning title to the submerged  
33 lands.

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35           The Federal Subsistence Board is now  
36 asking for comments from Regional Councils during these  
37 winter meetings. The comment period on this proposed  
38 rule has been extended through April 1. The Final Rule  
39 will be published by the Secretaries after consideration  
40 of public and Regional Council comments.

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42           So right now the Council can review this  
43 and make a comment on it, either as individuals or as a  
44 Council or may, through a motion make a recommendation.  
45 There's no requirement that you do so but this is an  
46 opportunity for you to do that if you so choose.

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48           I sort of simplify this a bit and go to  
49 the maps, and maybe show you the practical effect of  
50 these changes.

1                   And I would first go to the one showing  
2 Bristol Bay and it's this one here. And what you see, if  
3 you look in the Bristol Bay area, there's a bay in the  
4 Togiak region, if you will, that's titled Kolukook (ph)  
5 Bay, most of you.....

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7                   MR. DUNAWAY: Kolukook.

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9                   MR. BOYD: Kolukook, thank you. Anyway,  
10 I was going to say most of you are probably more familiar  
11 with that than I am, and the way I pronounced it I was  
12 right.

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14                   So that bay, which is currently included  
15 in our current regulations as part of Federal  
16 jurisdiction under this change would be eliminated  
17 essentially. So that's one of the practical effects, and  
18 that's directly within your region.

19  
20                   The second thing I would point to is this  
21 map which shows the Alaska Peninsula and there are a  
22 number of bays that are listed here and maybe one or two  
23 that aren't that would also be eliminated by these  
24 regulations. And, again, these bays are being eliminated  
25 because it was never intended for these bays, these  
26 saltwater areas to be set aside by virtue of this Federal  
27 Reserve Water Rights, if you will, to be included in  
28 Federal jurisdiction, and what we're doing is trying to  
29 correct what we thought was an error, essentially a legal  
30 error in including these bays initially. So there's  
31 quite a few on the Peninsula that we would be  
32 eliminating.

33  
34                   The other map that I'd point to because I  
35 mentioned it in my briefing is this map here, it has some  
36 red areas on it, if you will, those are the areas of  
37 marine jurisdiction that would remain within Federal  
38 jurisdiction for purposes of administering Title VIII.  
39 And the reason that they would remain is because those  
40 areas were reserved prior to statehood. Those were  
41 reserved because the Federal government had asserted a  
42 reservation on the submerged lands so those areas would  
43 remain in Federal jurisdiction.

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45                   I've tried to kind of boil this down to  
46 the basics for you and I hope I haven't done it so much  
47 that I haven't been clear, but if you have any questions  
48 I'd be happy to respond.

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50                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, I do. I

1 haven't seen this before, but I'm still not clear on why  
2 is this being brought about that they're excluding these  
3 waters, this is Federal land, isn't it, right?

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5 MR. BOYD: That's a very good question.  
6 It's probably the most basic question one could ask and I  
7 wish there were a simple answer but I'll try to make it  
8 as clear as I can.

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10 When we described the jurisdiction  
11 initially, there was an approach taken that was striving,  
12 if you will, to simplify the definition of Federal  
13 jurisdiction for purposes of fulfilling the charge given  
14 to us by the Court, the Ninth Circuit, in the Katie John  
15 Decision. And basically the Court left it up to the  
16 Federal agencies to define where the Federal government  
17 has a reserved water rights exist. And initially the  
18 simple answer was to use the exterior boundaries of the  
19 Federal reservations, like the National Wildlife Refuges,  
20 or the National Parks, et cetera. And on the Refuges, in  
21 particular, those exterior boundaries cut across the  
22 mouths of those bays. However, when one looks at the  
23 legal doctrine, sort of unpinning this idea of Federal  
24 reserved waters, marine waters have never been -- the  
25 Federal government has never asserted a reservation for  
26 marine waters on the basis of a reserved water right, and  
27 so it defied basically sort of the legal doctrine  
28 associated with marine water rights, or reserved water  
29 rights, that it would only include freshwater, if you  
30 will, or inland waters. And so what we're doing here is  
31 trying to correct our regulations by taking that line  
32 back from the mouth of those bays basically to the mouth  
33 of any freshwater systems.

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35 If I could boil that down again,  
36 essentially marine waters legally should be off the table  
37 for establishing reserved water rights, but we had  
38 included some in there mistakenly.

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40 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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42 MR. BOYD: And so we're.....

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44 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you.

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46 MR. BOYD: .....proposing a rulemaking to  
47 change that.

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49 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Go ahead, Pete.  
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3                   MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, Tom.  
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5                   MR. BOYD: Yes, Pete.  
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7                   MR. ABRAHAM: Pete here.  
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9                   MR. BOYD: Yes, Pete.  
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11                  MR. ABRAHAM: I got a question on this  
12 jurisdiction right there, would this affect the  
13 commercial fishery on this proposal -- on these  
14 regulations here?  
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16                  MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair. Mr. Abraham. No,  
17 it will not. The State will continue to regulate  
18 commercial fisheries within those areas if commercial  
19 fisheries exist in those areas.  
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21                  Mr. Chair.  
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23                  MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, the reason I'm asking  
24 is that if becomes Federal waters out there, because of  
25 protection purposes the State has provided protection in  
26 the waters over here that pay for commercial fishing and  
27 herring fishery and all that stuff over there, that  
28 question pertains to the Federal waters.  
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30                  That's all I got, Mr. Chair.  
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32                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thanks,  
33 Pete. Tom.  
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35                  MR. BOYD: If I could add to that. Also  
36 if there are any existing subsistence uses in those  
37 marine areas, they would still continue but under State  
38 regulations, just not under Federal regulations.  
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40                  Mr. Chair.  
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42                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. So this  
43 area with the lines through it would not be in -- or the  
44 Feds would not governing those areas anymore, even though  
45 it's Federal lands, right, if this were to pass?  
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47                  MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, that's correct.  
48 The areas -- the bays indicated on these maps would no  
49 longer be in Federal jurisdiction for purposes of  
50 implementing Title VIII, that's correct.

1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, it's not the  
2 land, it's just the bays up to where the line drawn  
3 across someplace at the mouth of the rivers or creeks?  
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5                   MR. BOYD: That's correct, Mr. Chair.  
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7                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Were you done then  
8 Tom with that?  
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10                  MR. BOYD: I am, Mr. Chair. I can sit  
11 here if you have any additional questions.  
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13                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.  
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15                  MR. BOYD: And, again, the Council may  
16 choose to comment or not comment, it's up to you.  
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18                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Any -- Dan.  
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20                  MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
21 have a few questions. First one, have you had a chance  
22 to really go through this and do any sort of analysis,  
23 are there any particular areas or locations of concern,  
24 you know, particular bays or somewhere within this whole  
25 system that would concern you more about it or can that  
26 matter at this point?  
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28                  MR. BOYD: Well, I think for some time  
29 we've been aware that when we drew those lines initially  
30 that we were in error. And it wasn't so much looking at  
31 -- and I'm not sure what you're getting at, Mr. Dunaway,  
32 it's not so much looking at and trying to prioritize  
33 these areas, it's just looking at where we did this and  
34 realizing that we made an error essentially.  
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36                  We haven't tried to do any kind of  
37 assessment other than that.  
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39                  MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. I didn't know if  
40 there was some areas, say, we didn't really want to turn  
41 loose of this piece. Okay, so that kind of answers a lot  
42 of my questions.  
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44                  One thing I would hope is, I know this  
45 has been a concern on the State, if I can recall from my  
46 State days, that they just wanted to make sure they get  
47 jurisdiction over what they said they were given at state  
48 -- what with what they thought they were given at  
49 statehood. It would be my hope that if this gets ironed  
50 out, that maybe it would be one wrinkle between the State

1 and Feds that would go away and towards a more amenable  
2 relationship throughout.  
3  
4 I don't think I have any other questions.  
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6 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
7 Dan. Virginia was just mentioning that this public  
8 comment period has been extended through April 1st, which  
9 is next month, for us or anybody to comment before action  
10 is taken. So do we need to comment on this, Boris?  
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12 MR. KOSBRUK: I'd like to ask a question  
13 here.  
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15 REPORTER: Boris.  
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17 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Turn your mike on.  
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19 REPORTER: Thank you, Boris.  
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21 MR. KOSBRUK: I'm a little concern about  
22 Metrafanian Island, it's under Maritime Law currently, I  
23 think, it's that horseshoe shaped Island outside of --  
24 and they don't have Perryville on there, but it's  
25 southeast of Perryville. It's right there by the -- to  
26 the left of it.  
27  
28 MR. BOYD: Right.  
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30 MR. KOSBRUK: It shows on the map that  
31 it's under Maritime Reserve or whatever you call it.  
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33 MR. ABRAHAM: Hello.  
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35 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, Pete.  
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37 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, I thought I got  
38 disconnected.  
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40 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Boris is  
41 asking a question to Tom Boyd, can you hear him?  
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43 MR. ABRAHAM: Go ahead.  
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45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Boris, go ahead.  
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47 MR. KOSBRUK: I wonder if Tom got my  
48 question.  
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50 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair. I'm looking at the



1 map trying to understand the question and if I may, I'd  
2 like to bring the map up and have Mr. Kosbruk point to  
3 where he's talking about and I'm still not sure that I  
4 can answer the question but.....

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6 MR. KOSBRUK: I've been talking about  
7 this island quite a while, it's right here.

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9 MR. BOYD: Okay, this island here?

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11 MR. KOSBRUK: There's a lighthouse there,  
12 I think it's under Maritime Law -- Maritime jurisdiction,  
13 I think, which is Fed's I'm sure.

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15 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair. If I could ask,  
16 Mr. Kosbruk, are you asking whether Metrafania Island is  
17 under Federal jurisdiction, is that the question?

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19 MR. KOSBRUK: (Nods affirmatively)

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21 MR. BOYD: I'll pause for a second and  
22 look in this map, and I'm still not sure that I'll have  
23 an answer.

24  
25 (Pause)

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27 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair. I'm sorry, but I  
28 just don't have the information here to answer that  
29 question. And I'm not sure whether it is or it isn't,  
30 it's not affected by this proposed rule that we have in  
31 front of us.

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33 MR. KOSBRUK: I was just curious.

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35 MR. BOYD: Okay, thank you.

36  
37 (Pause)

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39 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair.

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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, Tom, go  
42 ahead.

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44 MR. BOYD: In answering Mr. Kosbruk's  
45 question, I think we have an answer and that is part of  
46 the island is part of the Maritime National Wildlife  
47 Refuge. But there are no -- there's no jurisdiction in  
48 the waters around the island that we're asserting. But  
49 part of the island itself is part of the Maritime  
50 National Wildlife Refuge.

1 MR. KOSBRUK: Okay.  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thanks,  
4 Boris. And any more questions to Mr. Boyd on the  
5 proposal?  
6  
7 (No comments)  
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9 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I don't know  
10 whether we should -- if we need to -- if we're going to  
11 comment we need to comment right away, by the first of  
12 the month, so I suppose if anybody deems it necessary  
13 that we do so we probably should do it now.  
14  
15 And I'm still trying to digest, because I  
16 haven't seen this before, but I suppose it -- it will  
17 probably come back -- is it -- after April 15th, the  
18 deadline, the Federal Subsistence Board will move on that  
19 and then it will be over with, is that the way it's going  
20 to work?  
21  
22 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, after April 1st the  
23 public comment period closes on the proposed rule. And  
24 then the Federal Subsistence Board will develop a  
25 recommendation and it will go forward to the Secretaries  
26 of the Interior and Agriculture, and they will make the  
27 final decision on the rulemaking itself.  
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29 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you.  
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31 MR. KOSBRUK: Who is they?  
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33 MR. BOYD: The Secretaries of the  
34 Interior and Agriculture.  
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36 MR. KOSBRUK: Okay.  
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38 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Does  
39 anybody want to move on this or just let it go as  
40 informational?  
41  
42 (No comments)  
43  
44 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I don't see -- I  
45 don't have any position on it either way, I suppose,  
46 because of the short notice I've had. I'm trying to  
47 think about it but although they could, if they had to,  
48 come back and take extra-territorial jurisdiction, at  
49 some other point, if they -- how would you go about that?  
50

1 MR. BOYD: You're not asking easy  
2 questions, Mr. Chair. The concept of extra-territorial  
3 jurisdiction is an existing authority that the  
4 Secretaries have reserved to themselves but not -- it had  
5 not been delegated to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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7 And essentially what that concept means  
8 is if there's an activity going on, such as commercial  
9 fishing, for example, outside of Federal jurisdiction  
10 that is affecting say subsistence fishing within Federal  
11 jurisdiction to the extent that it results in a failure  
12 to provide the Federal subsistence priority, then the  
13 Secretaries have the authority to extend jurisdiction to  
14 remedy that situation. However, it's a very high  
15 threshold, and something that has rarely been done, that  
16 authority has rarely been exercised ever.

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18 And I'll stress the words, failure to  
19 provide the subsistence priority. Title VIII doesn't  
20 necessarily mean that if something is affecting the  
21 subsistence resources that you're -- that it's illegal or  
22 anything like that, but only to the extent that it's  
23 affecting our ability to implement the law and priority  
24 under the law.

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26 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So basically it  
27 would have to go about the same way about a year ago when  
28 this Council asked the Secretary to take extra-  
29 territorial jurisdiction on, I think it was South  
30 Peninsula?

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32 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, that's correct.  
33 We'd use the same process. But at that time, if you'll  
34 recall, the Secretaries did not exert that jurisdiction.

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36 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes, I remember.  
37 Okay, thanks, Tom. I don't even see anybody moving to  
38 support or oppose this and I don't have a feeling either  
39 way myself, so I guess we're not going to act on it  
40 unless somebody wants to.

41  
42 (No comments)

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44 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So thank you.

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46 MR. BOYD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, we're up to  
49 No. 11. Request for subsistence fisheries proposals.  
50 Who's going to take that one?

1 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. Council  
2 members. Number 11, we have until March 25th for the  
3 Council to submit any proposals to change subsistence  
4 harvest limits, seasons or submit any requests or changes  
5 for customary and traditional use determinations.

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7 So that's all I have.

8  
9 And when I go back to Anchorage, if the  
10 Council has anything flips their switch that they'd like  
11 to submit a proposal, they can go ahead and contact me  
12 and I would draw up the proposal and fax it to all of you  
13 to make sure you had a chance to review and look at the  
14 proposal for clarity and sign off on it and it would be  
15 submitted for the cycle for analysis, and we would take  
16 that up in the fall meeting.

17  
18 But anyway, we have until March 25th to  
19 submit proposals. And that's to anyone in the public as  
20 well as the Council.

21  
22 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: That's for the  
23 next year then, Cliff?

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair. That's  
26 for 2006. And also -- well, I'll get to it afterwards,  
27 but the Board of Fish met recently, and I was sent an  
28 email from our Board of Fish liaison and I thought I  
29 passed those out to you and I was going through my  
30 suitcase, but there was some -- they wanted the Council  
31 to look at some changes that they made to the Chigniks,  
32 and I thought I passed those out to you, but -- and  
33 perhaps what we can do is you look in your paperwork and  
34 I'll look over here again, but I provided copies that --  
35 and Mike Edwards could help me on that also. Perhaps  
36 while I'm digging through my papers he could give you a  
37 briefing in terms of what the Board of Fish did for the  
38 Chigniks and perhaps if the Council would like to submit  
39 a proposal they, you know, could consider doing that.

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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Go ahead.

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43 MR. EDWARDS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mike  
44 Edwards with the Fish and Wildlife Service, King Salmon  
45 Field Office.

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47 As Cliff alluded to, there were recently  
48 changes in the Chignik area adopted by the Board of Fish  
49 and the two that would affect subsistence users down  
50 there, currently with the changes the Board enacted,

1 Federal regs and State regs are no longer in alignment  
2 down there. And in a nutshell, what the Board approved  
3 was subsistence fishing in the Chignik River from June up  
4 until July 1. So now subsistence users can fish above  
5 the weir in the Chigniks in the Chignik River. Still not  
6 permitted to fish in any of the tributaries in Chignik  
7 Lake or in Black Lake. So there's one place where the  
8 Federal regs are out of alignment with State regs, so I  
9 submitted some stuff to Cliff suggesting that maybe the  
10 Council would like to submit a proposal to realign both  
11 Federal regulations and State regulations.

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13 That's one.

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15 The other change that affects the  
16 subsistence users down there, current Federal regs for  
17 commercial fishing license holders in the Chignik area,  
18 if you hold a commercial fishing license you may not  
19 subsistence fish 48 hours prior to the first opening and  
20 then at any other time when there's an opening in the  
21 Chignik area. If you're a subsistence fisher and a  
22 commercial fisher permit holder, you cannot fish.

23

24 The recent changes the Board enacted,  
25 basically you can -- once the commercial fishery opens,  
26 if you hold a commercial permit in the Chigniks and  
27 you're in the co-op, you can fish when the competitive  
28 fleet is fishing. If you're in the competitive fleet,  
29 you can subsistence fish when the co-op is fishing.

30

31 Is that clear? That one is a little  
32 confusing.

33

34 The way it was, previous to the change,  
35 if you held a commercial fishing permit you could not  
36 subsistence fish in the Chigniks after the commercial  
37 fisheries opened. The way it is now, if you're in the  
38 co-op you can fish when the competitive fleet is fishing.  
39 If you're in the competitive fleet, you can subsistence  
40 fish when the co-op is fishing.

41

42 And then there's a third layer. If  
43 you're in the co-op but not registered to actively fish  
44 you can fish at any time.

45

46 So I've submitted all the stuff to Cliff  
47 which has what the new State regulations are and what I  
48 would suggest the proposed Federal changes be, but our  
49 office thought it would be better if the proposal to  
50 change the regs came from the RAC instead of our office.

1 Because right now there's potential for confusion because  
2 now we're under two separate regs again.

3

4 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you, Mike.  
5 So what you're asking is we should align the Federal  
6 regulations to the State ones, and the State ones make it  
7 easier to subsistence fish, it all depends what fisheries  
8 you happen to be in at the same time?

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10 MR. EDWARDS: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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12 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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14 MR. EDWARDS: That's one of the regs.

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16 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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18 MR. EDWARDS: And the other one was  
19 opening up the Chignik River above the weir to  
20 subsistence fishing. Because currently Federal regs,  
21 you're not permitted to subsistence fish in the Chignik  
22 River above the weir.

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24 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. And the  
25 State.....

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27 MR. EDWARDS: But you can with State regs  
28 due to these new changes.

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30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, the State  
31 passed this so it would.....

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33 MR. EDWARDS: Yes.

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35 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: .....make it more  
36 liberal?

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38 MR. EDWARDS: Yeah, it would basically  
39 make it easier for people that hold a commercial fishing  
40 permit to subsistence fish and it also increases the area  
41 available to subsistence fish in the Chignik River.

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43 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you.

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45 MS. ALECK: I have a question.

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47 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Go ahead,  
48 Virginia.

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50 MS. ALECK: I have a question for you,

1 Mike. Were you saying if you're a permit holder and  
2 you're not actually fishing, you're on the beach, when  
3 you're on the co-op, you can go out and subsist; is that  
4 what you just said?

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6 MR. EDWARDS: Yes, Virginia.

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8 MS. ALECK: Right.

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10 MR. EDWARDS: Right.

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12 MS. ALECK: Right.

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14 MR. EDWARDS: But still under Federal  
15 regs, you're not allowed to. The current Federal regs  
16 are that you may only fish -- you may not subsistence  
17 fish for 48 hours before the first opening through  
18 September 30th. So under the current Federal regs, you  
19 cannot subsistence fish if you're a commercial fish  
20 permit holder in the Chigniks after the first opener.

21  
22 MS. ALECK: Got it, thank you.

23  
24 MR. EDWARDS: Okay. I tried to explain  
25 it, it's three layers and it is convoluted.

26  
27 MS. ALECK: Yeah.

28  
29 MR. EDWARDS: But I think it's a good  
30 thing what the Board of Fish did.

31  
32 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: It sounds like it  
33 makes it easier to subsistence fish if you happen to be  
34 doing commercial fishing in one of the co-ops or not in  
35 the co-ops or if you're not fishing at all, just part of  
36 the co-op. Okay.

37  
38 MR. EDWARDS: And, Mr. Chair, I should  
39 add, too, one caveat with that is the State requires the  
40 commercial fishers to register with the Department there  
41 at the weir which is what they've done.

42  
43 I mean this is the same thing the State's  
44 done for the last couple of years in the Chignik under  
45 emergency order, so now it's official, they don't have to  
46 do it by emergency order every year.

47  
48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
49 Mike. Any more comment on the -- Dan, are you guys  
50 straight with this?

1 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, I just seem to  
2 remember last fall we got kind of a flurry of letters  
3 come to us and we didn't quite know what to do with, but  
4 my sense was that there's a lot of frustration, of, I  
5 think the lake folks weren't getting fish and they  
6 couldn't go down river to get fish and if.....

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8 MR. KOSBRUK: That's not true.  
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10 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, that's why I look to  
11 the folks that live down there, but, overall, what I'm  
12 understanding is what Randy did, is it just makes it  
13 easier for the subsistence folks to get their fish and  
14 that sure sounds appealing to me. Is there any wrinkles  
15 that this causes from you folks that live down there?

16  
17 MS. ALECK: I have another comment, maybe  
18 what you're really getting at, is a lot of the people,  
19 including us, always got our salmon from the outlet below  
20 Pillar Rock there on the beach and they told us that we  
21 could get fish from the boats, but traditionally we've  
22 always gotten it off of the beach there and because  
23 there's no tide there and no grass and we always split  
24 our fish right there and we took care of our spring catch  
25 that way, we don't have a permit, we just subsist -- we  
26 used to subsist off of that beach there where the lead  
27 is.

28  
29 But would we have a problem with fishing  
30 there, subsisting, not in the river, but right there  
31 where we traditionally subsisted when the salmon season  
32 opens?

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34 MR. EDWARDS: If I'm correct, that's  
35 downstream of the weir, right, Pillar Rock.....

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37 MS. ALECK: Uh-huh, yeah.

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39 MR. EDWARDS: .....and that.....

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41 MS. ALECK: Yeah. Yeah.

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43 MR. EDWARDS: .....and I think the  
44 problem is that's where the co-op has set their fixed  
45 leads and that's the tension, the subsistence users can't  
46 set their nets because the lead is there, that's the  
47 problem?

48  
49 MS. ALECK: Yeah. And I'm.....  
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1 MR. EDWARDS: And I know that was.....  
2  
3 MS. ALECK: .....just wondering if it's  
4 going to be okay, can we subsist there anyway during  
5 fishing?  
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7 MR. EDWARDS: Yeah, I don't know what the  
8 State regs are about how close you could set a net to the  
9 leads or anything but I could sure look into that and  
10 find out for you.  
11  
12 MS. ALECK: Yeah. Yeah, if you would,  
13 because, yeah, we had a hard time getting our subsistence  
14 fish.  
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16 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Boris.  
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18 MR. KOSBRUK: Mr. Chairman, I want to  
19 clarify something.....  
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21 REPORTER: Boris. Boris.  
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23 MR. KOSBRUK: .....the commercial  
24 fish.....  
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26 REPORTER: Thank you, really.  
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28 MR. KOSBRUK: I commercial fish in  
29 Chignik there, I run a boat since 1962, '63, in there  
30 some place, and no way at that time, during that time or  
31 during this time, that they subsistence fish while we  
32 were fishing. They never had a net out like that, they  
33 never. It's always when it was closed they did it, not  
34 when it was open.  
35  
36 I just want to clarify that to you guys  
37 because she said it the wrong way. They did not.....  
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39 MS. ALECK: Oh, I think I may have said  
40 it the wrong way.  
41  
42 MR. KOSBRUK: You did say it the wrong  
43 way.  
44  
45 MS. ALECK: Yeah.  
46  
47 MR. KOSBRUK: It's just that there was no  
48 fishing allowed during fishing, you know, but now they  
49 can, and they can even get them from the co-op if you  
50 want, irregardless if of where you're at, you can get

1 it.....

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3 MS. ALECK: Uh-huh. Yeah.

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5 MR. KOSBRUK: .....just ask. I just  
6 wanted to clarify that to the Board here.

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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, that's a  
9 good comment. Because I know commercial fishing here in  
10 the Naknek River, if there's a subsistence net out within  
11 10 feet of the boundary line, it could be outside of the  
12 boundary but it could right next to the boundary line in  
13 river, you have to say 100 feet away from that, so it's  
14 pretty important that, you know, that -- in that conflict  
15 -- and I'm not -- is that an open area to subsistence --  
16 would.....

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18 MR. EDWARDS: It would actually -- that  
19 would be a question for Fish and Game, because it's  
20 outside of our jurisdiction, but I can check into it and  
21 find out the answer for Virginia. I can talk to the  
22 folks in Kodiak and find out what -- how that's going to  
23 affect, you know, letting people subsistence fish when  
24 they didn't used to allow it, how that's going to affect  
25 a rule like that? Are they going to have to -- are the  
26 commercial fishers going to have remain a 100 meters away  
27 from a subsistence net or something, that would actually  
28 be a Fish and Game regulation.

29

30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, you know,  
31 I'm in favor of making it easier for subsistence fishers  
32 to catch their fish but if they're going to be in  
33 conflict with the commercial fishing then there's going  
34 to be a lot of tension so Boris said they didn't do that  
35 before so I'm not sure exactly what's going to happen or  
36 what's been done so.....

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38 MS. ALECK: I'd like to make a comment on  
39 that one.

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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Go ahead.

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43 MS. ALECK: I just as soon not touch it,  
44 just leave it as is. We can work around the co-op, and  
45 it's -- that's all I have, thanks.

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47 MR. EDWARDS: Yeah, our main reason for  
48 even bringing this up was just to alleviate some of the  
49 seemingly never ending confusion between Federal regs and  
50 State regs, and now that they're out of line we thought

1 it would be good to bring them back into alignment.

2

3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, I think that  
4 we should do that. But the part where there could be a  
5 conflict between the subsistence and the commercial needs  
6 to be taken up separately. But I think we should align  
7 the regulations to make it easier -- it sounds like the  
8 State has made it easier for the subsistence fisherman  
9 down there. And to leave the Federal regulations the  
10 same, I don't think is in our best interest.

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12 Anybody got any comment on that.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.

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16 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.

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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, I just agree with you  
19 but then I'm kind of curious, I'm not sure I understand  
20 what Virginia's concern is and I was also going to ask  
21 Boris, have you followed this Board regulation, and  
22 overall do you think it's a better?

23

24 MR. KOSBRUK: Oh, yeah, it's simpler.

25

26 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Well, I'm inclined to  
27 make it simpler and easier for subsistence users wherever  
28 we can and if alignment fulfills that goal I'm in favor  
29 of alignment.

30

31 MR. EDWARDS: If I may offer, Mr. Chair,  
32 to maybe make this a lot easier, we have until the 25th  
33 before the proposal needs to be submitted. I can contact  
34 the Fish and Game folks and see if there's going to be a  
35 conflict issue. Because I'm not -- I think the  
36 subsistence area is out of our jurisdiction, the Federal  
37 jurisdiction, but they would be able to tell me and I can  
38 get back to Cliff and he can pass the information on to  
39 the RAC members to see if you want to submit the proposal  
40 to change the Federal regs.

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42 I'd be more than happy to do that for  
43 you.

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45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: All right. Do you  
46 guys have any suggestions on this.

47

48 MR. KOSBRUK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
49 comment on that.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Boris.  
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3                   MR. KOSBRUK: I got informed by -- and I  
4 seen the proposals in for the regulation that the Fish  
5 and Game did write these proposals. They're the ones  
6 that did this, just recently. And it's a heck of a lot  
7 easier for anybody to get subsistence now. I don't see  
8 no problems. You're going to hear the same, I'm sure.  
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10                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Any more  
11 comment.  
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13                  MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.  
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15                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.  
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17                  MR. DUNAWAY: Do we need to make a motion  
18 for Mike to develop a proposal or can we just ask him to  
19 go ahead.  
20  
21                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Just to align the  
22 Federal regs with the State regs. I see Cliff shaking  
23 his head, what do you mean?  
24  
25                  MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
26 Council members. Dan, to probably answer some of your  
27 questions Dan and Virginia, if you look at his one page  
28 deal I gave to you, under the -- for instance, under  
29 Proposal 42, the modified language, the regulations that  
30 the Board of Fish recently passed under the 5 AAC 01-475  
31 waters closed to subsistence fishing. Now, what Mike and  
32 -- you know, what I can do for the Council is, if you  
33 look at the modified language in there for one and two  
34 and then you look under the current Federal regulations,  
35 what we're proposing, what would be written up in the  
36 proposal, is if you take under the current Federal  
37 regulations, you would just throw that language out and  
38 paste in one and two and that's how the new proposal  
39 would read, which would be the proposed regulations,  
40 which would be pretty much the same as the State's.  
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42                  And under Proposal 43, all of this  
43 language in here is on restrictions on commercial  
44 fishermen, under the proposal I would do -- on the back  
45 page if you read under the Federal regulations, if you  
46 hold a commercial fishing license, you may not  
47 subsistence fish for salmon for 48 hours before the first  
48 day of commercial salmon fishing opening in the Chignik  
49 area through September 30th. So I would do the same  
50 thing, Virginia and Dan, for those of you who are trying

1 to understand, I would delete all of that out and paste  
2 in what the State has already modified under their recent  
3 meeting.

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5 And then that would go through the  
6 analysis and the Council would take this up at their fall  
7 meeting in Dillingham.

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9 Is that correct, Mike?

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11 MR. EDWARDS: Uh-huh.

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13 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, that's basically  
14 what they're asking the Council to look at and say, is  
15 that -- and it's a proposal, and the fish biologist for  
16 our region, Jerry Berg, when we go back after the  
17 proposals have been all -- after all 10 Councils have met  
18 and the proposal period closes, then this would be doled  
19 out and Jerry would do the analysis for this proposal.

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21 And if the Council would like to go ahead  
22 and do that then -- I've already explained to you what I  
23 would do when I get back to Anchorage in terms of  
24 submitting a proposal and then if the Council agrees to  
25 that then I can go back and I can fax that back, because  
26 Randy was serving as Chair in this capacity, I would fax  
27 it to all of you and then ask Randy to just sign off on  
28 it and go ahead and submit it to our office.

29  
30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, then does  
31 anybody want to move on this -- on that, the way that  
32 Cliff had stated we would work it?

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: I would understand it  
35 clearer, if I say, yes, I would like to have emphatically  
36 have the Council vote and say, yes, please submit a  
37 proposal clarifying and aligning the regulations to align  
38 with the Board of Fish recent regulations adopted, and  
39 call that a motion, if we need it. If we don't need a  
40 motion.....

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42 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I think we do.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay.

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46 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: And our proposal,  
47 Cliff would draw it up to use this stuff in here to cover  
48 over the current State regs that got passed, right?

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50 MR. DUNAWAY: Right.

1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.  
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3                   MR. DUNAWAY: Basically would reflect  
4 what Mike has provided or, Cliff, whichever provided.  
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6                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, that sounds  
7 good.  
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9                   MR. KOSBRUK: Second.  
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11                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. A motion by  
12 Dan to draw up a proposal that is the same as the State  
13 one and then Cliff would write it up as he stated how it  
14 would be and it has been seconded by Boris. Any more  
15 comment on the proposal.  
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17                  (No comments)  
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19                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, seeing  
20 none.....  
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22                  MR. ABRAHAM: No comment here.  
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24                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Pete. Hey,  
25 good thing you spoke up Pete, keep forgetting about you.  
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27                  (Laughter)  
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29                  MR. DUNAWAY: How can you forget Pete.  
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31                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, you're  
32 listening. All right, then, I guess we're going to vote  
33 on this now, Pete, Dan had moved to support aligning the  
34 Federal regulations to the State ones and seconded by  
35 Boris.  
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37                  All in favor signify by saying aye.  
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39                  IN UNISON: Aye.  
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41                  MR. ABRAHAM: Aye.  
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43                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Opposed, same  
44 sign.  
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46                  (No opposing votes)  
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48                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Motion carried. I  
49 had to wait for you that time, Pete. All right, No. 12,  
50 is that what we're on, Cliff?

1 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Rural  
4 determination briefing.  
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6 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.  
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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes, Pete.  
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10 MR. ABRAHAM: How many more action items  
11 do we have to go?  
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13 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Cliff, how many do  
14 we got?  
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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Really, Pete.....  
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18 REPORTER: Cliff. Cliff.  
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20 MR. EDENSHAW: .....I think that pretty  
21 much wraps it up in terms of.....  
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23 REPORTER: Cliff, your microphone.  
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25 MR. EDENSHAW: .....Council action items.  
26 I'll give you a call tomorrow morning, is that okay or  
27 will you be home this evening?  
28  
29 MR. ABRAHAM: Call me at the house.  
30  
31 MR. EDENSHAW: I'll call you this evening  
32 if we need you available for tomorrow for any action  
33 items, okay.  
34  
35 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, okay. All right,  
36 call me and see what's happening. Are you there, Cliff?  
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38 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes.  
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40 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Pete.....  
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42 MR. ABRAHAM: Am I done now?  
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44 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Is he done?  
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46 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes.  
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48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, I guess if  
49 you want to sign off, you can, and we're going to  
50 continue on with No. 12, rural determination. Are you

1 going to sign off then, Pete, we'll see you later.

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3 MR. ABRAHAM: Okay, bye.

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5 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, we have Ann  
6 Wilkinson.

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8 MS. WILKINSON: Good afternoon, Mr.  
9 Chairman. Members of the Council. My name is Ann  
10 Wilkinson. I work with the Office of Subsistence  
11 Management. And I'm here to talk about the rural  
12 determination process.

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14 ANILCA gives priority to subsistence uses  
15 of fish and wildlife resources by rural residences on  
16 Federal public lands, and determining which communities  
17 are rural sets the eligibility for the Federal  
18 subsistence priority.

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20 The Board initially determined which  
21 communities would be considered rural when the program  
22 first started in 1990. The regulations require the Board  
23 to review this rural determinations every 10 years or  
24 after the census, when the census information is  
25 available. So we're getting ready now to do the process  
26 for the 2000 census, we have most of the information  
27 available to us.

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29 The Council's and the public are invited  
30 to offer comments on the review process now. This  
31 comment period is open to April 1st. But as we move  
32 through the entire determination process over the next  
33 two years, there will be additional opportunities for the  
34 Council to comment and to make more formal  
35 recommendations.

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37 If you would look at the news release on  
38 Page 75 in your book, it's on 75 and 76, that news  
39 release describes the approach the Board will use to  
40 review the status of communities statewide and it shows  
41 the schedule for key steps in the review and explains how  
42 to get more detailed information.

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44 Right now I'm going to go through that  
45 more detailed information with you just to make sure that  
46 you have heard it clearly.

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48 The first step of the review is to  
49 consider the communities that were previously grouped  
50 together when the Board did the 1990 determinations, and



1 they grouped on -- based on whether they were  
2 economically, socially and communally integrated. And if  
3 we now have reason to reevaluate a grouping, then that  
4 group of communities will be considered for further  
5 analysis. And if there are communities that were not  
6 grouped previously but we now have some reason to think  
7 that perhaps they should be, those communities will be  
8 considered for analysis. The criteria the Board  
9 previously used to determine whether communities are  
10 integrated included three questions.

11  
12 The first one was do 15 percent or more  
13 of the working people commute from one  
14 community to another?

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16 Do they share a common school district?

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18 Are there daily or semi-daily shopping  
19 trips made between communities?

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21 The Board has decided to use some  
22 slightly different criteria this time.

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24 The new questions are, do 30 percent or  
25 more of the working people commute?

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27 Do the communities share a high school?

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29 And are the communities or places in  
30 proximity and road accessible to one  
31 another?

32  
33 These criteria might be further developed  
34 as we begin to apply them and see how they might more  
35 suit the situation. Also the criteria will not be  
36 considered separately but assessed collectively.

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38 The recommendation to group communities  
39 will be dependent on the collective assessment.

40  
41 The review process will also focus on  
42 changes in population. And that is outlined pretty  
43 clearly on Page 75 about community populations. We'll  
44 examine whether the population of a community has  
45 increased above, or further above 7,000 between 1990 and  
46 the 2000 census. If it has the community will be  
47 considered for further analysis. For a community  
48 currently considered non-rural we will examine whether  
49 the population decreased below 2,500 between the 1990 and  
50 2000 census. If it has the community will be considered

1 for further analysis. And then for a community with a  
2 population between 2,400 and 7,000, based on either the  
3 1990 or 2000 census, we'll look at that community and ask  
4 whether there have been changes in community  
5 characteristics that would warrant a change in status,  
6 and then if there are, the community will be considered  
7 for further analysis.

8

9 The Board will review the list of  
10 communities under consideration and decide which ones  
11 should be given further analysis.

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13 One thing I should mention, that the  
14 further analysis that we're talking about may include  
15 population density as an additional community  
16 characteristic.

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18 Now, public comment and Council comment  
19 and recommendations will be sought at various stages of  
20 the review process. There will be more detail for you to  
21 consider when the first Staff report comes out in August  
22 of this year. And at this time the Board would  
23 appreciate your comments about the review process itself.

24

25 If you look on Page 76, there's a  
26 schedule there that shows the timeline that we're hoping  
27 to follow. And you'll see that between February and  
28 August of this year, we're doing the initial review. So  
29 the Board has said that they will take comments from the  
30 Councils and the public at any point during this whole  
31 process.

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33 So this is your first opportunity to do  
34 so. It's going to take at least a year, it's going to  
35 end December 2006, that's our goal.

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37 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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39 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: That's almost two  
40 years. So this rural and non-rural status, it has to do  
41 with being eligible for C&T in that certain area; is that  
42 what this determines?

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44 Go ahead.

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46 MS. WILKINSON: Mr. Chairman, rural and  
47 non-rural status is a different determination than C&T.

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49 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, but

50 it's.....

1 MS. WILKINSON: This is just very  
2 basically who qualifies in the first place as a  
3 subsistence user on Federal public lands, and customary  
4 and traditional is generally more specific as to  
5 particular uses and persons involved.

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7 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, so if they  
8 had this status would they be able to subsist anywhere in  
9 the state so for this -- if Anchorage, for some reason  
10 they got it, they would be able to go anywhere in the  
11 state and do what people out in rural Alaska do, that's  
12 what that would mean, right?

13  
14 MS. WILKINSON: Right. Unless there is a  
15 customary and traditional determination made for a  
16 species or resource, yes any qualified Federal rural  
17 Alaskan subsistence user could use that resource. So if,  
18 you know, to use a very stretched example, Anchorage  
19 people were given a determination of being rural  
20 residents under the Federal determination then, yes, they  
21 could go anywhere that there was not a specific customary  
22 and traditional determination. However, Anchorage is so  
23 far above 7,000 that, yes.

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25 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: But, you know,  
26 Anchorage people do come out to Newhalen and they can  
27 subsistence for salmon because the State doesn't  
28 recognize the same standards that the Federal government  
29 does.

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31 MS. WILKINSON: Right.

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33 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: And a lot of  
34 people out -- because of the shortage, a lot of people up  
35 there don't like that, you know, because they do that.

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37 I was just wondering if how this was  
38 going to work.

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40 Any questions for Ms. Wilkinson.

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42 MS. ALECK: I have nothing.

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44 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Questions. none,

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46 (No comments)

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48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, seeing none,  
49 thank you.

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1 MS. WILKINSON: You're welcome.  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, we're down  
4 to Number 14, agency reports, number A is U.S. Fish and  
5 Wildlife Service, Subsistence Management; is that where  
6 we are then Cliff?  
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8 MR. EDENSHAW: That's correct, Mr. Chair.  
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10 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Who's going  
11 to report on that?  
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13 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, if you look on  
14 your books on what page that the agency reports starting  
15 with subsistence use amounts protocol, and that's a  
16 written briefing and that's on Page 83.  
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18 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, so that's  
19 number 1 under A.  
20  
21 MR. EDENSHAW: That's correct, Mr. Chair,  
22 and this is mainly, it's a written briefing and it's  
23 informational. Just an update on how this protocol work  
24 group has progressed on subsistence use amounts.  
25  
26 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. So then  
27 number 2 is Council comments and recommendations  
28 regarding the Regional Council operations manual; are we  
29 going to comment on that?  
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31 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. At our last  
32 meeting I brought over books and I missed -- I want to  
33 say Ann has a copy of that, but I brought out the  
34 regional operations manual at the last meeting and there  
35 wasn't any comments on that but we wanted to put it on  
36 the agenda again for the Council just to take a look at  
37 but I don't have a copy of that before me so -- so  
38 unless, you know, when you go back home unless you guys  
39 had some big concern about some issues that were included  
40 in that, I'll follow up with you when I get back to the  
41 office.  
42  
43 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.  
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45 MR. EDENSHAW: And I'd be willing to take  
46 any comments that you have right now regarding when we  
47 looked at it at the last meeting.  
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49 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anybody have any  
50 comments.

1 MS. ALECK: I have no comments.

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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Seeing none. I  
4 guess we'll move on down then. You can keep that on the  
5 agenda, maybe somebody will have something at the next  
6 meeting. So we'll skip by B, I guess those guys  
7 aren't.....

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9 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, excuse me, Mr. Chair  
10 and Council members, under B, the FIS, the Fisheries  
11 Information Services, they were scheduled to fly out this  
12 evening but I spoke with them and -- oh, who was that,  
13 Dan -- Dan Dunaway, Pete Abraham and Dan O'Hara recently  
14 attended a fisheries planning session that we held in  
15 Anchorage and we expect that to get finalized here, the  
16 draft anyway, the results from that planning session and  
17 that will be presented at the fall Council meeting in  
18 Dillingham.

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20 And the Council just recently approved  
21 FIS projects for the '06 field season and so there  
22 wasn't much for them to come out aside from presenting  
23 information so we let them off the hook, so they'll just  
24 report to the Council in the fall. So there wasn't much  
25 -- we'll go ahead and bypass it as you said, Mr. Chair,  
26 the FIS portion, and move on to the Alaska Department of  
27 Fish and Game.

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29 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. That would  
30 be number C, and.....

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32 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.

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34 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: Can I make just a couple of  
37 comments. I was looking for a place to mention on that  
38 strategic planning, since Pete and Dan O'Hara was there  
39 for part of the time and Pete and I were there for most  
40 of the time, or all of the time, and also other folks  
41 that attended and Ralph Andersen and Robert Levine and  
42 Cliff was an active participant.

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44 And I just wanted to say I hope if any of  
45 the other Council wonders about the priorities, I welcome  
46 any questions. I might have a hard time remembering how  
47 we got there, it was a little confusing how we did it  
48 all, but I was really excited that some of us could be  
49 included in helping set those priorities and we did grind  
50 through what all the studies had been, what hadn't been

1 done and they're going to come out with a priority list.  
2 Because I remember last fall when they first showed us a  
3 priority list, it's like how can they do all this without  
4 Council folks, at least some of us kind of sitting in on  
5 it. But it for a long part of it, we were sure wishing  
6 Boris was there, because we started working on Chignik  
7 stuff and it was, oh, what would Boris say, what would  
8 Virginia say because we were missing a little there.

9  
10 But I think in the end we did a -- got a  
11 pretty good list of priorities. And I feel a lot more  
12 comfortable having that list by having more local folks  
13 and especially, Ralph, would try to keep in mind all  
14 areas encompassed by BBNA.

15  
16 Hopefully, we have a good product and I'm  
17 sure curious to see what the final report is or the next  
18 draft of the report is.

19  
20 I just wanted to mention that to the  
21 Council.

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23 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thanks, Dan.  
24 So that would bring us down to C, Alaska Department of  
25 Fish and Game, so I don't see any -- oh, there's Lem.

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27 MS. ALECK: About time.

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29 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: It's good to see  
30 you, we were talking about you earlier Lem and everybody  
31 thought you were still in Anchorage at Board of Game.

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33 MR. BUTLER: No, I just got back.

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35 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, so do you have a  
36 report?

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38 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chair. No, I don't.....

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40 REPORTER: No, wait, wait, can you.....

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42 MR. BUTLER: .....any report, I just came  
43 to listen to discussions and answer any questions that  
44 you might have.

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46 MR. EDENSHAW: Excuse me, Lem. Could you  
47 please come up to the microphone please and state your  
48 name.

49  
50 REPORTER: Thanks.

1 MR. BUTLER: Yeah. Mr. Chair. Members  
2 of the Council. My name is Lem Butler. I'm the wildlife  
3 biologist for Fish and Game based out of King Salmon.  
4 And as I was just saying I didn't prepare any reports for  
5 you, I left that up to my Federal colleagues to provide  
6 you with wildlife information. I came to answer any  
7 questions you might have for Fish and Game.

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9 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you.  
10 One question that was brought up earlier is about the  
11 wolf populations. Do you guys -- I'll ask this to the  
12 National Wildlife -- Ron when he comes up also because he  
13 was going to look at his figures and try to see what they  
14 had. But do you have any kind of wolf population numbers  
15 for Unit 9 and 17?

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17 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chair. No, we don't  
18 have any population estimates. The area is difficult to  
19 survey and to my knowledge formal estimates have ever  
20 been done for the Peninsula, Unit 9.

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22 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Also one of  
23 the locals had testified on North Peninsula Caribou on  
24 population, and what do you guys figure the population is  
25 of the North Peninsula, your best estimate now?

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27 MR. BUTLER: Well, Mr. Chair, we did a  
28 population count last summer. We were unable to locate  
29 quite a few of the collars and we had weather limitations  
30 so it's -- I don't really have a number to point out.  
31 It's unlikely that there are more than 4,000 caribou in  
32 the population at this time. I think the actual count  
33 that we came up with was 3,400 this summer, difficult to  
34 say if we missed caribou or how many we missed. So I  
35 think it's generally in that range, in 3,400 to 4,000 but  
36 I can't tell you.

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38 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: You're doing all  
39 this by aerial survey?

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41 MR. BUTLER: That's correct.

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43 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Are you doing  
44 enough surveys to be confident with the numbers you have  
45 or do you think there might be more or what I'm asking  
46 is, are you doing enough surveys to make a good estimate  
47 on wolf and caribou -- wolf -- or even moose?

48  
49 MR. BUTLER: Well, Mr. Chair, we do quite  
50 a few surveys through the year for caribou. One of the

1 main indices is, of course our fall caribou composition  
2 that we look at where we can get a feel for calf  
3 recruitment and things like that. We do a lot of radio-  
4 tracking so we have estimates of survival. And based on  
5 those figures plugged into a computer model they closely  
6 correspond to the population size of 3,400.

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8 Again, we spend quite a bit of money and  
9 effort trying to get an actual population count, to get a  
10 minimum population count this last summer and weren't  
11 able to come up with one. I think we're in the right  
12 neighborhood with that range of 3,400 to 4,000 animals.

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14 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. So you're  
15 satisfied with the amount of surveys you're being able to  
16 do to come up with these numbers?

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18 MR. BUTLER: Well, Mr. Chair, again, the  
19 real limitation was weather more than anything, I think,  
20 with the population count this summer. We always would  
21 like to be able to do more surveys, especially when you  
22 have a population in decline like this where I think all  
23 parties involved, local residents, U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
24 Service and Fish and Game are very concerned about the  
25 status of this herd and would like as much information on  
26 it as possible. Unfortunately there are other limiting  
27 factors often times when we're trying to do these  
28 surveys.

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30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Did you get  
31 this last -- when are you doing your moose count, pretty  
32 soon, or have you done any this winter?

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34 MR. BUTLER: Well, again, Mr. Chair.  
35 Again, Mr. Chair, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service does do  
36 winter line transect counts in Unit 9(E) and you'd have  
37 to talk to the Federal biologist to find out what they've  
38 accomplished. I think we've had a lot of weather  
39 limitations for the winter moose counts. The main  
40 surveys done by Fish and Game are in fall, we do  
41 composition counts in November, primarily and we did not  
42 have good weather conditions to be able to complete any  
43 trend counts this last winter so no real updates on the  
44 moose populations as far as I know.

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46 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Anybody  
47 have any questions for Lem.

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49 MS. ALECK: I have a comment for you. I  
50 was wondering, we have a lot of bear down Chignik and I



1 know they get the calves from caribou and moose. Are we  
2 going to do -- it seems like we should do something about  
3 predation, not only with bear but with wolf too. We need  
4 to look at both, I think, because we're out of caribou.  
5 We need to do something, I don't know what, but maybe a  
6 bear season every year.

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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I'm not familiar  
9 with that land, is that Federal land or State land?

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11 MS. ALECK: I think it's Federal.

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13 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: We got proposals  
14 coming up if you want to propose something like that.

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16 MS. ALECK: Yeah.

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18 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Because we've got  
19 until what, the end of this month, or the 25th of this  
20 month?

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair and Council  
23 members, that's mainly for fisheries. We're doing our  
24 fisheries cycle this upcoming March 25th is the deadline.  
25 The Board will meet in May to address wildlife proposals  
26 that the Council just took action on this afternoon.

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28 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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30 MR. EDENSHAW: So the proposal period  
31 we're going to address here for the fall will be for  
32 fisheries proposals.

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34 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, so next time  
35 I guess, next cycle.

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37 MS. ALECK: So we're going to have to  
38 wait?

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40 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes, we just got  
41 done with game proposals. I guess the ones coming up are  
42 going to be the fish proposals.

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44 MS. ALECK: Okay.

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46 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anybody got any  
47 more comment for, Lem.

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49 (No comments)

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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Boy, they let you  
2 off easy.  
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4                   MR. BUTLER: I think that was the easiest  
5 one yet.  
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7                   (Laughter)  
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9                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thanks for coming  
10 there, Lem.  
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12                  MR. BUTLER: Good talking to you guys.  
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14                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, now, D.  
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16                  MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair.  
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18                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah.  
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20                  MR. EDENSHAW: Ted.  
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22                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, well, I  
23 guess there's more than one reporter on that one.  
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25                  MR. KRIEG: Ted Krieg with Subsistence  
26 Division, Fish and Game. I have some hand outs, and I  
27 guess I should hang on to one.  
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29                  Thanks, Cliff.  
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31                  I guess since that's the hand out that  
32 you have there, I'll start out with that project.  
33 There's one other project. I guess I'm just going to  
34 update you on two projects that Subsistence Division is  
35 involved with right now, and if you have questions and  
36 you've -- and I think you, at the last meeting you got a  
37 pretty comprehensive overview of this, what we're calling  
38 our Customary Barter and Trade Project, and we had a  
39 PowerPoint presentation. You may have even received  
40 this handout, but I decided to give it to you again so  
41 you would have something that you can read there.  
42  
43                  But anyway, this is a project, it's  
44 funded by Fisheries Information Services, it's one of the  
45 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funded projects. We're  
46 cooperating, Subsistence Division is working with BBNA as  
47 partners in this project. We identified four communities  
48 -- I guess I should back up one second and say that we're  
49 focusing -- for the purpose of this project, we're  
50 focusing on customary barter and trade, and I think the

1 definition -- it explains it there on that information  
2 sheet, but the Federal definition of customary trade is  
3 subsistence caught fish for cash, so basically it's  
4 selling. So trade is -- you know, customary trade is  
5 selling, and that's one of the important things that we  
6 have to explain in this process of doing this survey is  
7 because, you know, trade, for me, and I think most people  
8 -- you know, you give one thing for another and it  
9 doesn't necessarily mean money. And so the barter is  
10 trading subsistence caught fish for something -- it may  
11 be trading it for fish, or it may be trading it for  
12 something other than fish.

13  
14 But anyway, the -- we've identified four  
15 communities that we're going to do this project in.  
16 We've started in two of the communities, Togiak,  
17 Dillingham, Nondalton and then in the Bristol Bay Borough  
18 communities, which are one, which is Naknek, South Naknek  
19 and King Salmon. We've started the surveys in Nondalton  
20 and also here in Naknek. I work with Molly Chythlook and  
21 she was over here working last week with a local surveyor  
22 to do the surveys. So, you know, we're getting along.  
23 We're a little bit behind schedule on that but we should  
24 be able to get done with the surveys here and mostly be  
25 back on schedule.

26  
27 I guess that's all I'm going to say for  
28 this project right now. Kenny, if he has anything to add  
29 later on. But that's the customary barter and trade  
30 project.

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32 The other one is subsistence harvest  
33 surveys. We're almost complete with those in the five  
34 communities in the Iliamna Lake area and funding has come  
35 about for those because of the mine permitting process  
36 there, the Pebble Copper Gold Mine and we've completed --  
37 well, completed or almost completed comprehensive  
38 subsistence harvest surveys which means, you know,  
39 surveys, household surveys in all households to try to  
40 document subsistence harvest for a one year time period,  
41 you know, and that would be 2004. And the five  
42 communities are Port Alsworth, Nondalton, Iliamna,  
43 Newhalen and Pedro Bay.

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45 So that's it right now. That's the  
46 update on the work that we're most involved in right now,  
47 or that I'm most involved in.

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49 Any questions.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.  
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3                   MR. DUNAWAY: Is it.....  
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5                   REPORTER: Dan, Dan, mic.....  
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7                   MR. DUNAWAY: Did I hear Igiogik is not  
8 in that list?  
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10                  MR. KRIEG: Not at this time. And I  
11 guess it's in the work and it sounds like additional  
12 communities will be added to this process. And at least  
13 we're -- you know, it's not a done deal yet but we're  
14 getting geared up to possibly do the other Iliamna Lake  
15 communities and then some of the Nushagak drainage  
16 villages also.  
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18                  But it's not, you know, as far as I know  
19 that's not a done deal yet, the funding isn't available  
20 for that but it's in the works.  
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22                  MR. DUNAWAY: I hope you're successful.  
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24                  MR. KRIEG: Thank you.  
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26                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anybody got any  
27 more or any other comment to Ted.  
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29                  MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, may.....  
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31                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Cliff.  
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33                  MR. EDENSHAW: I wanted to ask Ted a  
34 question because at the last Council meeting I was --  
35 Nanci's not here and a few of the others, but they asked  
36 if I could draft up some -- because of the proposed  
37 development of the Pebble Mine they asked me to draft,  
38 and I began drafting up some community use -- community  
39 by community within the Bristol -- specifically the  
40 Bristol Bay region for caribou, moose, brown bear, and I  
41 saw the draft technical paper that Jim Fall gave to one  
42 of our workers over at the Board of Game meeting  
43 recently, and I was interested in how long it takes for a  
44 technical paper to become final, because I was -- a lot  
45 of the information that's in that technical paper, the  
46 draft, for the large mammals for the Bristol Bay region,  
47 for brown bear and moose, caribou, sheep, is the most  
48 updated information in the last, I think, some of the  
49 information for the communities goes back 23 years, so I  
50 wanted to ask -- because I was going to bring the draft

1 report that I began for -- I think I collected  
2 information for 22 communities but, you know, this draft  
3 report is on the table and it goes back to last year, I  
4 think it was. So my question for Ted is how long will it  
5 be before that becomes final?

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7 MR. KRIEG: I'm not sure what our  
8 timeline is. I may have -- I'm not going to dig around  
9 in my papers right now, but usually -- I mean we try to  
10 get it out as soon as possible. But sometimes there's a  
11 lag of about a year. We always work through BBNA, with  
12 the tribal councils, and I guess one thing I didn't  
13 mention in this last, the project for the mine, that's --  
14 we're not -- we're cooperating with Stephen Braund &  
15 Associates, he was the contractor that was hired by  
16 Northern Dynasty so we're working through them. But we  
17 still work through the tribal councils and so we always  
18 -- we always provide the information back to the tribal  
19 councils for review before we release it, that's always  
20 one of the deals.

21  
22 So usually within a year, and sometimes  
23 longer. This large land mammal report that you're  
24 referring to took a little bit longer, we had to do some  
25 revisions on it so.

26  
27 Yeah, but there is usually a certain  
28 amount of lag time, I think for the Pebble, I think  
29 they're on kind of a fast timeline for the Pebble Mine  
30 project, so they wanted to get some results, I think, by  
31 the end of summer or so for those.

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33 So we don't always have a set -- you  
34 know, I can't always say like within six months we have  
35 the final report, but it does go through the review  
36 process where like I said the villages and then, you  
37 know, other -- well, we usually try to get it to other,  
38 Fish and Game, the biologists, anybody else that's  
39 involved so they can take a look at it and see if the  
40 numbers, you know, the numbers look right within the  
41 range they should be.

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43 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thanks, Ted.  
44 Anybody else.

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46 MS. ALECK: No comment.

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48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Nobody.

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50 (No comments)

1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: All right, thank  
2 you. Anybody else from ADF&G. Okay, we are down to D,  
3 Bristol Bay Native Association.

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5                   MR. WILSON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Ralph  
6 couldn't make it to this meeting because he had a full  
7 board meeting at BBNA. I'm the subsistence coordinator  
8 for BBNA.

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10                   I got a short report. Our relationship  
11 with the Refuges on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife are in  
12 good shape. We filled two positions in February. We  
13 hired Kyle Balik, he's a teacher up at Koliganek at the  
14 present time and he'll be coming to work for us this  
15 coming summer. He's got a degree in micro-biology. So I  
16 think -- he grew up in Dillingham and he knows a lot of  
17 the area real good so he's pretty -- has been a long-time  
18 resident.

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20                   We also hired a social scientist, Robin  
21 Levine. She used to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife.  
22 She worked with the Togiak Refuge on a couple different  
23 projects and she'll be coming to work in the early part  
24 of April so we look forward to working with her.

25  
26                   The customary trade project with ADF&G is  
27 a three year project. That will end in 2006. And in  
28 order for us to start this project, the villages had to  
29 sign a resolution for us to get started.

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31                   That's all I have to report.

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33                   I'd like to make a comment on your -- I  
34 just came back from the Game Board, and we had a proposal  
35 that BBNA submitted, it was to implement a wolf control  
36 plan and that wasn't passed. And that was just a plan,  
37 and I was surprised that it didn't pass. You know, this  
38 area is in Tier II since 1999 and they've gone through  
39 all the steps, you know, for us to -- so I hope we get  
40 some support form this area and this Board for the next  
41 time we go in front of the Board.

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43                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Did the Board of  
44 Game give a reason why they didn't support or pass a  
45 predator management plan for this area?

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47                   MR. WILSON: Well.....

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49                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Maybe our  
50 representative for the State.

1 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. While we're  
2 waiting for Lem, I just wanted to let Kenny know when the  
3 Council met at their last meeting, they voted unanimously  
4 and we submitted a letter of support to the Board of  
5 Game supporting BBNA's request to implement a predator  
6 control program. So the Council did submit a letter of  
7 support.

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9 MR. WILSON: Okay.

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11 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Lem.

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13 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
14 Council. Again, my name is Lem Butler. I'm the wildlife  
15 biologist for Fish and Game in King Salmon.

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17 The primary reason the Board didn't pass  
18 the predator control plan for Units 9(C) and 9(E) is that  
19 we continue to see nutritional limitations with this  
20 population and they felt that wolf control at this time  
21 would be ineffective. They've reviewed many different  
22 intensive management options and the conclusion that we  
23 came to, both as the State agency and Board members, as  
24 well, is that right now we don't have any viable options  
25 that would keep to be effective.

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27 So for now, I think the plan is to keep  
28 looking at this herd, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is  
29 going to do quite a few studies this summer that  
30 hopefully will provide us with some more information. We  
31 want to keep everyone updated, all parties involved with  
32 what we're seeing with our survey results and look for  
33 opportunity at in the future. But unfortunately the  
34 predator control plan was determined to be ineffective at  
35 this time for wolves.

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37 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So you couldn't  
38 come up with a way to justify -- implementing a plan, in  
39 your opinion, wouldn't have done that much good or it's  
40 not the main cause of the problem?

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42 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chair. You know, based  
43 on past studies, we didn't see a large component to  
44 wolves although they were definitely insinuated. We do  
45 see mortality through the course of the winter that, you  
46 know, obviously isn't bear related, unfortunately we  
47 often don't get on the scene in time to determine what  
48 the actual cause of death was.

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50 Again, some of the problems, they vary.

1 There is a large component of Federal land out in the  
2 area and wolf control, simply on State lands isn't  
3 thought to be effective. With the nutritional  
4 limitations, if we take out too many wolves and the  
5 population starts to increase without any recovery in the  
6 range we could be looking at potentially long-term  
7 consequences as a result of further stressing out the  
8 range if the population were to increase.

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10 So there's quite a few different things,  
11 I think that go into why wolf control isn't thought to be  
12 effective at this point for this population.

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14 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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16 MS. ALECK: I have a comment.

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18 MR. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, the objective  
19 that was set by the Board was 12,000 to 15,000, you know,  
20 for the North Peninsula and it's well below that  
21 objective goal that was set by the Board.

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23 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: At the last  
24 meeting or.....

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26 MR. WILSON: This was set back, I think,  
27 in 1999.

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29 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, that was  
30 quite a while ago.

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32 MR. BUTLER: That's right.

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34 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I think what  
35 they're saying is, Mr. Butler, is that their food  
36 probably isn't -- it sounds like they don't want the  
37 population to get too big because the food is not there  
38 and they might have a crash, is that what you were  
39 saying, if the population got too big?

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41 MR. BUTLER: That's correct, yeah.

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43 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Virginia.

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45 MS. ALECK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I know  
46 we've gone the nutritional route. Last summer we got to  
47 observe from our cabin, a mother caribou and her calf,  
48 they went by on the beach and I was all excited because I  
49 seen a calf with the mother, and then she went on down  
50 running towards the point where our cabin is up in Black



1 Lake, and then just not too far behind here comes Mr.  
2 Wolf, he was in pursue of that calf. So, you know, I  
3 visually seen this. And then later on that day we seen  
4 three more caribou out on the lake and they were looking  
5 inland, so this is telling me that there's probably wolf  
6 there that chased them out into the water and they were  
7 just standing there. And I wanted caribou, but we didn't  
8 get anything, we just watched and so predation is one of  
9 the biggest problem.

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11 And another problem with nutritional  
12 problems up at Black Lake, I brought this up in one of  
13 the other meetings and it's with beaver. We never had  
14 any beaver in the early -- late '50s, '60s, they just  
15 moved in and dammed up all them rivers, you know, and the  
16 surrounding -- you know, that feeds into Black Lake and  
17 our lake level is down and the areas where caribou and  
18 moose used to feed is all swamp water now too, amongst  
19 bear and wolves and beaver, we've got a major problem  
20 down there.

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22 And we live down there, we see it, you  
23 know.

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25 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Lem, is there  
26 anything being done to study the feed on what the caribou  
27 is eating or how much is available to them?

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29 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chair. I think Fish and  
30 Wildlife Service had some plots at some point but they  
31 haven't been looked at in quite some time.

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33 The main indices that we're looking at  
34 are looking at body weights of individuals, we're also  
35 look at pregnancy rates. As recently as 2003 we did a  
36 partition survey to look at how many of the females were  
37 pregnant and as few as 62 percent of the cows in the  
38 northern calving area were pregnant when we did that  
39 survey, so that in combination with the low weight still  
40 points to nutritional limitations for the population at  
41 this time.

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43 Again, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is  
44 planning to do more studies and we're hoping to come back  
45 to you with some more positive results, but at this point  
46 we're pretty limited on options.

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48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: When are these  
49 studies going to take place? They wouldn't take place,  
50 studies on how much feed is available in the winter time,

1 probably during the spring or summer time, so maybe at  
2 the next meeting they might have something -- are they  
3 going to do anything between now and next fall, do you  
4 know?

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6 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chair. I don't think --  
7 to my knowledge there's no plans to look at the range  
8 specifically, just to continue looking at the caribou,  
9 which I think is a really good way to look at it. We, as  
10 humans, can go out there and make determinations as to  
11 whether there's sufficient range conditions to support  
12 more or less caribou but I think the best index is how  
13 the caribou perceives its environment, so looking at  
14 these calf weights and other measures to see what they  
15 have available and how well they're doing, I think is a  
16 good way to go about addressing the situation.

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18 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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20 MR. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I got a  
21 question for Lem.

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23 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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25 MR. WILSON: Did they open up this upper  
26 end here of 9, you know, the one that they were  
27 discussing opening up, was it 9, it was right up here, I  
28 guess it must be 9(D)?

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30 MR. BUTLER: Did they open it up for  
31 what?

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33 MR. WILSON: Caribou. Did they open -- I  
34 know they were talking about that.

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36 MR. BUTLER: I know which question he's  
37 referring to right now. The Naknek Advisory Committee  
38 for Fish and Game put in a petition to the Board of Game  
39 to try to create a special registration permit hunt for  
40 Mulchatna caribou just north of the Naknek River with the  
41 idea of providing more opportunity for, at least, some  
42 residents of Alaska to hunt caribou given that the  
43 Northern Peninsula Herd can't meet the harvest objective  
44 set for it at this time, and the Board did pass that  
45 petition.

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47 We're going to have a registration permit  
48 available now between January 20 and March 31st that will  
49 be issued, given when the situations are right. So there  
50 is a set season date but we won't issue permits until we

1 know that the Northern Peninsula Herd is not going to be  
2 a factor -- is not in danger of being harvested during  
3 the hunt. Once they leave the area we'll issue permits,  
4 and hopefully provide people with the maximum opportunity  
5 and predictability for a hunt in the local area at least.  
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7 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, that was  
8 brought up earlier this afternoon. I thought I heard --  
9 I mentioned I thought I heard something about that but  
10 nobody was here to confirm it so it's a good thing you  
11 were able to come and inform us that it happened.  
12

13 So that would be something that the local  
14 people could look forward to is, you know, harvesting  
15 those caribou, Mulchatna Caribou when they're not -- just  
16 a couple miles past the road out here.  
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18 MR. BUTLER: Uh-huh.  
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20 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So is there  
21 anything else that happened at the Board of Game that you  
22 want to report.  
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24 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chair. They modified  
25 wolf trapping seasons and hunting seasons. I don't have  
26 the notes from the meeting to tell you what the exact  
27 dates, the changes were. I believe it essentially  
28 equates to an additional month before and after the  
29 season for people to take wolves. In Units 9(C), 9(E)  
30 and 9(B) the areas that are identified under intensive  
31 management regulation for providing high quality -- high  
32 levels of human consumptive of moose and caribou, they  
33 authorized the use of snowmachines and ORVs to take  
34 wolves. And specifically mentioned was that it still  
35 does not allow for the pursuit of wolves, there's a  
36 subtle distinction. You can position yourself, under  
37 the current regulations, I -- even I have to look into  
38 just what was accomplished with that. But, again, I do  
39 know that, again, there was a slight liberalization in  
40 terms of how you can take wolves.  
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42 So the Board of Game really wants to do  
43 something to help was my impression. That's how they  
44 justified making the changes to the wolf seasons, just  
45 trying to provide whatever methods and means they could  
46 for local residents to try to take more wolves.  
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48 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Any more  
49 comment to BBNA or to ADF&G.  
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1 (No comments)  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Seeing none, thank  
4 you guys.  
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6 MR. WILSON: Thanks.  
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8 MR. BUTLER: Thank you.  
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10 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: We're down to No.  
11 E, Bureau of Land Management, Jeff Denton.  
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13 MR. DENTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My  
14 name is Jeff Denton. I'm a biologist with the Anchorage  
15 Field Office with the Bureau of Land Management out of  
16 Anchorage. And basically in your area here BLM has two  
17 kind of major initiatives going on right now.  
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19 One is the accelerated conveyances  
20 program for, both the State selections and all the Native  
21 Corporation selection lands. This is an accelerated  
22 program, and I've mentioned it in previous meetings that  
23 the target date for completion of all the conveyances is  
24 2009. Now, whether we'll meet that target or not,  
25 probably is yet to be seen. However, the Bristol Bay  
26 region is well ahead of most of the rest of the state in  
27 finalizing most of these, and I suspect within a year the  
28 corporation conveyances will be nearly complete and the  
29 second step of that then is the finalization of all the  
30 State conveyances, which will follow fairly quickly.  
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32 So this program is moving quickly and it  
33 will probably make some differences in the lands  
34 available for Federal subsistence because when all the  
35 conveyances are done, overselections then will be  
36 reverted back to BLM Federal public lands, and so there  
37 will be some lands come back into the Federal subsistence  
38 land mass that's available for folks down here for  
39 subsistence.  
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41 So that's just an update on that, the  
42 conveyance thing.  
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44 And the other major thing that the  
45 Anchorage Field Office has going on and I just gave you a  
46 hand out here, this Bay Area Resource Management Plan.  
47 Currently through the end of March we're in a scoping  
48 process to identify issues. And I think several of you  
49 folks have had either some exposure to this, Pat  
50 McClenahan, our planning coordinator, has actually had

1 some correspondence with all members of the Council here,  
2 I believe.

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4                   Again, we are seeking what you folks  
5 consider to be issue areas. If there's areas that you  
6 feel are very important and need special protection for  
7 either subsistence resources or subsistence use areas,  
8 we'd really like to know those.

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10                   Issues that have come up so far in the  
11 scoping process as some of you are well aware and they're  
12 are issues -- you mentioned the mining situation. This  
13 plan, one of the reasons it's being done is to lift a lot  
14 of the D1 mineral withdrawals that ANILCA actually closed  
15 down areas to mineral development over large land areas  
16 in Bristol Bay and elsewhere in the state and we're  
17 looking at lifting those to make these areas available to  
18 oil and gas exploration and development, hard-rock  
19 mining, and potential coal, although Bristol Bay doesn't  
20 have a lot of coal, it certainly has a lot of potential  
21 for mineral development, gold, silver, and also oil and  
22 gas prospects.

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24                   So if there are particular areas that are  
25 on BLM land that you feel need or warrant an extra degree  
26 of protection, we would like to know about those areas.  
27 We would want to know if the subsistence community has  
28 any issues with BLM guide and outfitter and transporter  
29 potential conflicts in this area. The Bristol Bay area  
30 probably has the highest concentration of outfitters,  
31 guides and transporters than anywhere in the state of  
32 Alaska. We have very large numbers of these folks, and,  
33 you know, they're stepping on each others toes to some  
34 degree as well as potential other conflicts.

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36                   So those are some of the issues that have  
37 come out so far. If you have any other issues or if you  
38 would like to repeat those same issues back to BLM. You  
39 know, the more voices that bring up an issue the greater  
40 degree of attention it will get when we do these land use  
41 plans.

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43                   And there will be a further opportunity  
44 for comment when we write the draft plan. So right now  
45 we're scoping to get the issues we need to analyze and  
46 deal with and then we'll write a draft plan and you'll  
47 have another shot at comments, and make comments to what  
48 we do with those issues.

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50                   So those are the major things we've got

1 going on other than we cooperatively work with all the  
2 other agencies in monitoring Mulchatna Caribou. I don't  
3 see Jim Woolington here, and I know they did a photo  
4 census of the Mulchatna Caribou this summer. I think the  
5 Togiak Refuge, we worked jointly with them on a brown  
6 bear census, density estimate the last couple of years.  
7 I'm assuming that they'll give you some status reports on  
8 those sorts of things.

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10 Other than that that's all I've got but  
11 we certainly would like some feedback, if you feel  
12 warranted, on this land use planning thing. This  
13 actually will dictate a lot of the decisions we make for  
14 the next 15 years on these lands, so, you know, it's a  
15 fairly important period to have comments on anything you  
16 have issues with.

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18 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Virginia had  
19 brought up that on.....

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21 MS. ALECK: Old ones.

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23 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: .....land use, I  
24 suppose it would have to deal with the BLM lands, but  
25 graveyards.....

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27 MS. ALECK: The old ones. The old  
28 graveyards.

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30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: .....the old ones  
31 have been there for a long time for around here, you  
32 know, around the villages. Is that part of the plan or  
33 is it in -- or it needs to be part of it, part of the  
34 scoping.

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36 MR. DENTON: Yeah, I'll write that down.  
37 I don't know how many of those are actually sitting on  
38 BLM lands. Most of those have special selections on  
39 them, either historic sites or graveyard sites, either  
40 historic sites or graveyard sites, there's some special  
41 sections of ANILCA that allow Native Corporations to  
42 select those lands for preservation of those sites. And  
43 so I think most of those should be covered through the  
44 conveyance process, rather than through the land use  
45 plans.

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47 Now, if some of those are on current BLM  
48 lands that are not selected and not high priority lands  
49 for conveyance then we certainly need to know about them,  
50 where they are, we may not know where they all are, but

1 they should fall under some special preservation  
2 antiquities act sorts of protections.

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4 MS. ALECK: Okay, thank you.

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6 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Jeff, I see on  
7 some papers that I got from Cliff, emailed, that BLM was  
8 doing -- traveling around to some of the communities on  
9 having meetings to take public comment on the things they  
10 want to change, but have they got done with all of the  
11 communities. I know they were supposed to have one in  
12 Igiogik a couple, about three weeks ago, but they didn't  
13 show up, cancelled out, the weather was bad or for some  
14 reason and they didn't make it. So are you guys done  
15 with doing all that yet, do you know.

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17 MR. DENTON: I'll have to check with Pat  
18 McClenahan specifically with Igiogik. I was aware that  
19 they had cancelled that one due to some conflicts. Most  
20 of the others we've gone to. There's only one or two  
21 left that they have planned to do now. They have visited  
22 Lake Iliamna, King Salmon, Naknek, Koliganek. Most of  
23 the ones we had intended to cover we have, so we had  
24 decided to do it by invitation only because a lot of  
25 villages we'd go to and nobody was there. But these  
26 villages that actually invited us, we made a special  
27 effort to go there and I think Igiogik was one that  
28 invited us.

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30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yes.

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32 MR. DENTON: But there was some conflicts  
33 of various sorts. I'll check with Pat and see what her  
34 plans are for that.

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36 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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38 MR. DENTON: Because I think she intends  
39 to go there still.

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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Because the  
42 village would like to make their comment public because,  
43 you know, there is quite a bit of adjacent land near by.

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45 Okay, anybody else.

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47 Dan.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Jeff, I'm glad to  
50 hear you say Koliganek. I attended the presentation in

1 Dillingham but after that there was some Koliganek folks  
2 that attended the Nushagak Advisory Committee and they  
3 were really, really frustrated with the amount of guiding  
4 and outfitting activity and hopefully you heard that in  
5 Koliganek.

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7 MR. DENTON: We did.

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9 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Because I was  
10 looking, I didn't realize until I looked at this map, how  
11 much of the BLM lands are close there. Of course I  
12 imagine if you restrict how much activity goes on they're  
13 just going to be pushed on to State lands. There were  
14 some proposals, Lem didn't speak to them, that try to  
15 force non-local hunters away from the river and I don't  
16 know where that went. I think that'd be a tough one.  
17 But, okay, I know that's a real growing concern in the  
18 upper -- in Middle Nushagak.

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20 MR. DENTON: Yeah, and it's good if  
21 there's concerns that are wider spread about those issues  
22 then that -- that's one thing that's come up in a lot of  
23 other regions of the state. So the more that that  
24 concern is brought up, the greater attention we may, you  
25 know, have to put on it. I mean we're overrun by  
26 transporters and this kind of activity these days in a  
27 lot of areas so, not only conflicts with subsistence but  
28 with other user groups as well, and even amongst  
29 outfitters, they're stepping on each others toes and  
30 there's quite a bit of conflict within the industry  
31 itself.

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33 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anybody else.

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35 (No comments)

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37 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, seeing none,  
38 thank you, Jeff.

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40 MR. DENTON: Thank you, Jeff.

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42 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Number F, Togiak  
43 National Wildlife Refuge.

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46 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
47 My name is Andy Aderman. I'm a wildlife biologist with  
48 the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge based out of  
49 Dillingham. On Page 85 in your books is a written  
50 report.



1                   And I just would call your attention up  
2 to the top there at the letterhead, there is phone  
3 numbers there and after each of these projects there is a  
4 contact name if you want some more information.  
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6                   I just had a couple things I wanted to  
7 mention in regards to a couple projects on the top of  
8 Page 87, that's with Nushagak Peninsula caribou and  
9 moose. I guess kind of similar to this area over here  
10 we've had winter such that we haven't been able to get  
11 out and do surveys like we'd planned to. And unless we  
12 get a big dump of snow here in the next couple weeks,  
13 it's not likely that we're going to be able to get out  
14 and do our counts.  
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16                   Also with Nushagak Peninsula Caribou,  
17 just an update on the harvest. So far this winter I know  
18 of five caribou that have been taken and it's primarily  
19 due to lack of snow and being able to get down to where  
20 the caribou are at.  
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22                   And also with moose, we had a winter hunt  
23 over in the Togiak area this year starting in early  
24 January. That lasted two weeks. And the last report I  
25 heard there were eight moose harvested during that hunt.  
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27                   Jeff mentioned brown bears, that's also  
28 on Page 87. We've collected the data but we do not yet  
29 have an estimate of the brown bear population size but  
30 hope to have that soon.  
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32                   And that's all I have. If you have any  
33 questions I can try and answer them for you.  
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35                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anybody have any  
36 questions for Andy.  
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38                   (No comments)  
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40                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you,  
41 Andy. Down to G. Alaska Peninsula Becharof National  
42 Wildlife Refuge.  
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44                   MR. SQUIBB: Ron Squibb here and I'll be  
45 presenting the Alaska Peninsula Becharof Refuge report,  
46 and that's on Page 89 in your book.  
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48                   In the first paragraph on the Northern  
49 Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd we discuss our cooperative  
50 composition count of the Northern Alaska Peninsula

1 Caribou Herd with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.  
2 And importantly there I know earlier Lem discussed this  
3 from some angle as well, but you'll see at the bottom of  
4 that paragraph that in 2003 we had composition of 11.3  
5 calves per 100 cows and in 2004 that fell to 6.6 calves  
6 per 100 cow, which is the lowest recorded since 1970. So  
7 that's an issue we are going to try and learn more about.  
8 Justin Goody in our Staff has worked to develop a calf  
9 mortality study, we did two of these in 1988 and 1989 on  
10 the northern and southern herds respectively in  
11 cooperation with Fish and Game, and again we're repeating  
12 this at this time to see if we can get any differences in  
13 calf weights or get a little more handle because it seems  
14 like the calf recruitment issue is one of the major  
15 factors right now in the dynamic of the herd.

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17 And please, feel free if you have  
18 questions as we're on the topic. I know a lot of these  
19 we've discussed already but, you know, please feel free  
20 to interject with questions.

21  
22 I won't go through all the details of the  
23 report, but we have been putting satellite telemetry  
24 collars on caribou for some time now and the hunt that  
25 was had on Mulchatna animals north of the Naknek River  
26 this winter, having the satellite telemetry out there  
27 also helps us give a little more assurances, you know,  
28 another angle, a different type of collar in order to  
29 mainta -- to be sure we're protecting the Northern Alaska  
30 Peninsula Caribou Herd as best we can in these situations  
31 and still provide opportunity to hunters.

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33 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Ron.

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35 MR. SQUIBB: Yes, sir.

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37 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Last year the  
38 calf/cow ratio dropped to 6.6.

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40 MR. SQUIBB: Yes.

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42 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: And do you know --  
43 could you comment on why it dropped that low? What is  
44 it?

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46 MR. SQUIBB: I wish I knew. In general I  
47 agree with Lem, in that, and as with Dick Sellers before,  
48 the -- you know, you can't just say it's this or that,  
49 the calves are coming out light and if they come out  
50 light they're weaker, and if they're weaker then they're

1 more subject to predation. So they go hand in hand. And  
2 so I mean I would presume those are both major factors  
3 and the driving one, I agree with Lem, would be the  
4 nutrition, which in other words, the forage quality, not  
5 just to the calf but of the cow as well, you know, during  
6 gestation and throughout.

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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So what needs to  
9 be done so that the calf to cow ratio will come back up?

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11 MR. SQUIBB: Again, when the nutritional  
12 component improves then the cows will be stronger and the  
13 calves will be stronger and their survival will increase.  
14 But, you know, we don't have control over this phenomena,  
15 you know, if we were a cattle manager we'd take them off  
16 the range and let the range recover. We don't have those  
17 kind of controls, so we're monitoring to try and figure  
18 out, as Lem said, is this proper time to act on the issue  
19 of predation or is it the proper time to act on the issue  
20 of trying to maintain or understand the nutritional  
21 component. Those are the two factors that we can try and  
22 learn about.

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24 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, and that's  
25 what I'm trying to understand myself, you know, the  
26 problem. You know, you're hearing nutritional. And  
27 thinking back, we've had some pretty warm winters the  
28 last 10 years, it would seem that this warm weather would  
29 be helping the food out but maybe it's not. Can you  
30 comment on that?

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32 MR. SQUIBB: We have some general  
33 information on what's out there in terms of plant  
34 composition. We haven't done intensive range surveys,  
35 and even if we had we would not have the before, we would  
36 only have an after, so we're kind of handstrung on that.  
37 So, again, I wish I could but I can't give you a simple  
38 answer to it.

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40 And that's one of the reasons why we're  
41 going to look again, you know, these -- this low calf  
42 composition rate in fall, you know, in other words that  
43 the recruitment is poor -- we're not recruiting many of  
44 them make it to fall, you know, if they make it there  
45 they'll have a good chance, so we're going to try and  
46 investigate that angle further and, you know, perhaps  
47 weights will be fine, and perhaps it will be predation  
48 and, you know, perhaps the weights will still be low and  
49 we won't know that until we can look at it again.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, the State  
2 doesn't recommend predator management so if the problem  
3 is the nutrition, you know, then we just can't let nature  
4 take care of itself, we need to try to figure out what --  
5 my opinion is, what the problem is and try to help fix  
6 that problem, you know, because we could be in this --  
7 you know, otherwise another 20 years before we get out of  
8 Tier II if we don't do anything -- or try to do anything  
9 about it, so, you know, I think we're here to try to find  
10 out what the root of the problem is and see if we can fix  
11 it.

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13                   MR. SQUIBB: Right.

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15                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: And, you know,  
16 that's why I feel I'm sitting here is because of that,  
17 you know, to do that. And so I'd like to see, I'm asking  
18 these questions to try to figure out in my mind what's  
19 the matter and if we can fix the problem. Because, you  
20 know, the way it is right now it's unacceptable and we  
21 need to see what we can do and I'm trying to find out  
22 what the problem is and if we can fix it, so, you know.

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24                   MR. SQUIBB: I appreciate your situation  
25 as well.

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27                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: All right.

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29                   MR. SQUIBB: And this is kind of the best  
30 -- and with the funds we have available.....

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32                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, I know.....

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34                   MR. SQUIBB: .....we thought this was the  
35 best angle to go with.

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37                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, I don't know  
38 anything about what to do, you know, that's your  
39 expertise and.....

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41                   MR. SQUIBB: Hopefully we'll deserve your  
42 trust.

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44                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, you know,  
45 you're all we have.

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47                   All right, you can carry on.

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49                   MR. SQUIBB: Thank you. We also, this  
50 winter, tried to get another angle on the size of the

1 herd and we did a winter count just south of the Naknek  
2 River around the 29th of December, and we counted  
3 approximately 2,700 animals. About that same time,  
4 Orville Lind, reported from hunters out of Port Heiden  
5 that there were few to several hundred caribou down  
6 there. At that time we did not get down there  
7 immediately thereafter and so by the time we got down,  
8 with some weather and equipment delays, we found not all  
9 the collars that should be down there and we only got  
10 about 250 more animals. But, you know, we'll see what  
11 the future brings and see if we can get another index to  
12 the herd as time goes by in the winter as well when  
13 they're close by the river there, there are a lot of  
14 them.

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16                   And in terms of moose, earlier your  
17 question, and I don't have a lot of data but if you turn  
18 to the end of our report you'll see a table, Table 1 that  
19 is our recent moose trend survey data and this is not all  
20 the data that exists. This is the data that the Refuge  
21 Staff was involved in. Sometimes Dick Sellers and I  
22 might have been in the plane together, or sometimes Lem  
23 and I might have been in the plane together, so this is  
24 just the ones that we have that we were involved in and  
25 there's others, you know, that the Park Service does,  
26 there's data that the Fish and Game has done when we were  
27 involved that don't show here. But I guess one thing I  
28 would suggest is sort of, as you're interested in calf  
29 composition among moose as well, which we should be, you  
30 can look on the left column, that's the name of the trend  
31 area and you can look through those and see how through  
32 time these -- some of these data are spread over long  
33 periods of times. You can look at, you know, calf  
34 composition for an area through the amount of surveys we  
35 were involved in, you know, and get some idea of how that  
36 is and how it can vary from place to place.

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38                   So I won't dwell on that but if you want  
39 to look at that and afterwards ask me questions or so we  
40 could talk about that. That's all I have here with me  
41 right now to address Virginia's question.

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43                   And as I did say earlier, with the lack  
44 of snow we didn't make much prog -- we didn't make any  
45 progress on either the moose trend surveys, the areas  
46 covered by that Table 1 or on our density estimate that  
47 we were making progress on last winter.

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49                   Then also in the past the RAC has been  
50 interested in the harvest of brown bear and moose by

1 guided hunters and those data are all on the table after  
2 Table 1. There's -- now, we've got the commercial  
3 operators, those being the guides, the bear hunting  
4 guides and the moose hunting guides report to the Refuge  
5 of their success as well as do the air taxi operators who  
6 operate in the Refuge, likewise, give us a number of  
7 moose that were taken.

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9                   If you look at Table 2 and Table 3 for  
10 moose harvest and bear harvest respectively, you can look  
11 at the bottom line, the combined harvest, which is  
12 combined between the air taxi operator harvest and the  
13 commercial guide harvest and you can kind of see on moose  
14 that over the four years of those data, the left most  
15 column being, you know, two years and the others being  
16 one year each, just to summarize, you're seeing they're  
17 taking 39, 40, 42 bears or so -- I'm sorry, moose, and  
18 their harvest on Refuge lands. And then in the Table 3,  
19 same format but with brown bear, as you know, it's  
20 alternating spring and fall harvest so the numbers don't  
21 average out, you know, to be about the same every year.  
22 But they're taking, on average in the fall hunt, about  
23 60-ish from this table, and on the spring hunt about 75  
24 bear. So those data are there as well.

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26                   And also we are continuing to carry out  
27 the -- or rather have the hunt at Big Creek on Refuge  
28 lands south of the Naknek River and this year we had  
29 about 10 -- or excuse me, we average about 10 hunters  
30 annually. And this year we issued 14 local permits. And  
31 the hunt basically and some of you may know from hunting  
32 it, in years when there's good access, generally several  
33 animals are taken and among those are antlerless permits,  
34 cow permits, and in other years when flow ice or other  
35 conditions limit access then generally nothing's taken.

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37                   So that's, to-date, sort of what's  
38 limited harvest.

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40                   And I know looking at it this year with  
41 the same thoughts that have been brought up earlier, we  
42 have a little bit of apprehension now about going forward  
43 with the -- or continuing to have the cow permit during  
44 this hunt in order to protect potential recruitment. So  
45 we're discussing this issue. And on that we'd certainly  
46 always appreciate any insight or thoughts from the RAC.

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48                   I have nothing specifically more to bring  
49 out on this report unless you have any questions for me.  
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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anybody got any  
2 questions for Ron.  
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4                   (No comments)  
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6                   MR. SQUIBB: If you have anything that  
7 comes up later, feel free to contact us at the office,  
8 that's what we're here for.  
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10                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Yeah, those  
11 are good numbers, all right, thank you, Ron.  
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13                  MR. SQUIBB: Thank you.  
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15                  MR. WILSON: Randy, are we allowed to ask  
16 him some questions?  
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18                  MR. SQUIBB: Sure.  
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20                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah.  
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22                  REPORTER: (Waives)  
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24                  (Laughter)  
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26                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Come on up.  
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28                  MR. WILSON: Okay, for the record this is  
29 Kenny here. My question is I know they were thinking  
30 about counting beluga by satellite up in the northern  
31 part of Alaska, have you thought about doing the same  
32 thing with moose and caribou or is that -- or could you  
33 do that?  
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35                  MR. SQUIBB: Boy, that's a good question,  
36 Kenny, and I -- Ron Squibb here. We have some satellite  
37 telemetry we use to scatter through the herd so we can  
38 kind of get an idea of where the animals are in general  
39 and then we can fly to that area like in the winter count  
40 and have, you know, at least know that there's one  
41 satellite or two satellite collared animals out there and  
42 we can use this to guide and also it kind of gives us a  
43 sense of when the herd's moving into winter range and  
44 when it's moving out of winter range without us having to  
45 fly and listen to the normal collars that send out a  
46 beacon.  
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48                  MR. WILSON: Yeah, but that just sends a  
49 beacon.  
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1 MR. SQUIBB: Right.  
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3 MR. WILSON: I mean if they could take a  
4 picture.....  
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6 MR. SQUIBB: Right.  
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8 MR. WILSON: .....with the -- from the  
9 satellite and how much does it cost for you to run a  
10 collared tracking system for the caribou versus if you  
11 took a picture from the satellite, you know, if you had  
12 -- would it be the same cost?  
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14 MR. SQUIBB: I know nothing about that  
15 technology. I didn't know whether you're talking about  
16 -- don't know which sort of satellite technology you're  
17 talking about and in terms of satellite photography, I  
18 have no idea how that would work or whether it would work  
19 for caribou on tundra. You got me on that, I just don't  
20 know that area at all.  
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22 MR. WILSON: I went to a meeting and they  
23 were talking about that and they were discussing that,  
24 they would probably get a more accurate count from beluga  
25 by taking the picture and just counting the dots, and I  
26 thought maybe you guys could do the same thing. They get  
27 a more accurate count on moose and caribou.  
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29 MR. SQUIBB: The only thing we do like  
30 that and, you know, traditionally the area we count does  
31 not have really big groups in it, we might have 200 is  
32 the biggest group we see at a time, and when the herd is  
33 larger, the area that the Fish and Game counted in our  
34 cooperative count in July and July, you know, Dick would  
35 see herds of 2,000 or 4,000 say, and in which case he  
36 would -- they would -- and we would count and we would  
37 photograph our small group -- or excuse me our larger  
38 groups which are usually less than 200 and in his case he  
39 would fly higher above the entire group so that he could  
40 photograph the higher group and then he would come in low  
41 and sample the -- you know, closer down to get samples so  
42 he could count the calves. You know, he never tried to  
43 count all the calves, but, you know, he'd want to get  
44 better resolution so he'd fly a lower run over them and  
45 take little samples of photographs to get a calf ratio  
46 and then he'd add it all -- you know, extrapolate it and  
47 bring it all together for a final number.  
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49 So I guess that's the closest thing we've  
50 done, to my knowledge of that.



1                   But, again, I do not know enough about  
2 the beluga satellite photography you're talking about,  
3 how it would be any different or applicable. So that's  
4 all I know, I can't really talk about it. Maybe we could  
5 we talk about it, you could tell me where the information  
6 is on that and I can look.

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8                   MR. WILSON: I have another question.  
9 When you anticipate another moose count and I know, all  
10 I've been hearing about is lack of funds, what's  
11 happening with the funds, are we going to get another  
12 moose count sometime or caribou count?

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14                   MR. SQUIBB: Yeah, this year we had  
15 money, our basic, you know, doing the moose trend areas  
16 or moose composition and we're working on a moose density  
17 estimate and the work with the caribou, those were kind  
18 of basic projects that hopefully we won't get any cuts in  
19 those.

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21                   But, you know, that's -- those are our  
22 basic projects so I would imagine we would be doing  
23 those. And, again, if we get snow next winter we're  
24 prepared to continue with the moose data and density  
25 estimate.

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27                   MR. WILSON: So you anticipate a count in  
28 2005, is that what.....

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30                   MR. SQUIBB: Well, you know, unless -- we  
31 need snow to make sure they're consistent with other  
32 years. You know, you see them a lot better. So we'll  
33 continue to do that work whenever conditions are  
34 available, you know, as long as we have funding and we  
35 don't anticipate our funds being cut that much but, you  
36 know, time will tell on that.

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38                   MR. WILSON: Okay. Because I know that  
39 there's a couple of village corporations in our area  
40 around Dillingham and the upper region that are looking  
41 for grants to conduct a moose count because you don't  
42 have any numbers. And I think there's New Stuyahok,  
43 Koliganek, and I think Ekwok, they're looking for grant  
44 money and I'm pretty sure they're going to get it to get  
45 a moose count so we could give the Board accurate numbers  
46 to play with.

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48                   You know, it's real hard to make  
49 decisions when you don't have any numbers.

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1                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thanks,  
2 Kenny.  
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4                                   MR. WILSON: So I thought maybe I'd throw  
5 that out.  
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7                                   MR. SQUIBB: Yeah, I appreciate it,  
8 thanks Kenny.  
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10                                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: You need snow to  
11 do a survey. If you take a survey without much snow,  
12 what kind of confidence level is that, not very, what 50  
13 percent right?  
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15                                  MR. SQUIBB: Well, your confidence level  
16 goes down, but more importantly, you know, we look for  
17 change and if we've always done them with snow and you do  
18 one without snow you're obviously not going to see as  
19 many animals.  
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21                                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, I know that.  
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23                                  MR. SQUIBB: So hopefully we won't run  
24 into a situation where we're just not going to have any  
25 snow anymore because then we'll be kind of back to square  
26 one for a baseline.  
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28                                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. All right.  
29 Anybody else got any questions.  
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31                                  MS. ALECK: No, I don't.  
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33                                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Anything  
34 else.  
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36                                  (No comments)  
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38                                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thanks, Ron.  
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40                                  MR. SQUIBB: Thank you.  
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42                                  ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, we're down  
43 to H. King Salmon Fish and Wildlife Resource Office.  
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45                                  MR. EDWARDS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
46 Council members. Mike Edwards, Fish and Wildlife  
47 Service, King Salmon Fish and Wildlife Field Office.  
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49                                  I just have a real brief update for you  
50 as far as the customary trade recording form. After our

1 last meeting in the fall, the deadline has passed for the  
2 people that received this form to send them in to me and  
3 out of the six that were issued we've gotten three back.  
4 So I sent letters out to the people and have contacted  
5 them. Out of the three I didn't get back, I've spoken to  
6 the two individuals, and they didn't do any sale of  
7 subsistence caught fish. So out of the six permits that  
8 were issued, one individual actually sold fish, they sold  
9 two chinook and three sockeye.

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11 So at this point it appears that the  
12 actual sale of Federal Subsistence Board caught salmon in  
13 Bristol Bay is very minimal. But again we will be out  
14 there again providing these forms again this summer and  
15 we'll see if this was a low year or if we get more people  
16 requesting the forms next year.

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18 And part of that, I'm going to team up  
19 with Ted and Molly from Fish and Game when they go to  
20 Togiak to discuss their C&T recording -- or project that  
21 Ted spoke about and talk to the folks over there and give  
22 out the information again about this recording form. I'm  
23 not sure if a lot of the users out there realize what the  
24 recording form is, and I think -- my feeling is out of  
25 the majority of them that were issued, people just got  
26 them because they were getting their State permit at the  
27 same time and they thought they needed it. And a couple  
28 of the individuals I spoke to said once they realized  
29 that the fish had to be harvested on Federal waters they  
30 forgot all about it because they weren't harvesting on  
31 Federal waters.

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33 So that's the update on the recording  
34 form, if there are any questions on that.

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: Mike, did you know if  
37 those salmon were processed or just whole and gutted?

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39 MR. EDWARDS: I have no idea and that's  
40 not required. The only thing we asked on the form, if  
41 they are processed we ask the people to extrapolate, you  
42 know, if they sold strips, roughly how many whole fish  
43 was it, we don't ask for whether it was processed.

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45 It's our feeling -- my gut feeling is  
46 there's not a lot of this really going on. There may be  
47 a lot of bartering, but it's among rural residents and  
48 it's not being sold outside of the region, you know, but  
49 time will tell. And I'm really glad that Fish and Game  
50 is going to be doing that C&T recording form because it

1 will help answer this question, is this occurring, is it  
2 not occurring.

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4 MR. EDENSHAW: Also, Mr. Chair, I just  
5 wanted to ask Mike, after this past year, have you --  
6 because of the individuals who requested those permits,  
7 have you seen any avenues to reducing the size of the  
8 permit?

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10 MR. EDWARDS: I'm not sure what you mean  
11 by the size of the permits.

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13 MR. EDENSHAW: I think on the permits,  
14 when you sent those over -- and Jim, and you sent those  
15 over, they included all the C&T uses for all the  
16 districts within the Bristol Bay, and I was just curious  
17 if there was.....

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19 MR. EDWARDS: Well, the final version of  
20 the form is a single page, though.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: A single page.

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24 MR. EDWARDS: It's a single page, yes.  
25 We included the C&Ts on the back to help people  
26 understand if they live in Egegik, they cannot go to  
27 Togiak and harvest fish and sell those fish. They've got  
28 to get them in their area where they have C&T for.

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30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. So.....

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32 REPORTER: Randy.

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34 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, Mike that  
35 was it then?

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37 MR. EDWARDS: Yeah, that's it on the C&T.  
38 and I'll just update the Council on the pre-proposals the  
39 office submitted for, hopefully, future funding from OSM.  
40 We submitted a proposal to do some hydro-acoustic survey  
41 in the Chignik Lakes. We're going to have a graduate  
42 student basically learning the hydro-acoustics technology  
43 this summer in the Ugashik Lake.

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45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: What is that,  
46 hydro.....

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48 MR. EDWARDS: Sonar. Basically we're  
49 going to.....

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1                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: They're going to  
2 count.....  
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4                                   MR. EDWARDS: They're using down looking  
5 sonar. They're using it -- the graduate students going  
6 to work this year in Ugashik looking at resident fish.  
7 Hopefully we can get abundance estimates of resident fish  
8 in these big lakes and if it works well enough for  
9 resident fish it should be a slam dunk to work with  
10 sockeye and coho in the Chignik Lakes. So that's one  
11 proposal we've got in.  
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13                                   The other one, we've submitted a coho  
14 salmon population status assessment in the streams near  
15 Perryville. We've been flying the streams adjacent to  
16 it. We've got a model that we can get the linear length  
17 of the stream off of the topo map and run that through a  
18 model which should predict coho carrying capacity so  
19 we're going to measure the streams off of the maps, go  
20 out there on the ground to do some snorkel surveys and  
21 get coho densities of the juvenile and then based on what  
22 the model tells us, how many juvenile coho we should find  
23 by the habitat types, compare that to what we're seeing  
24 with the aerial surveys and see if those systems are  
25 fully seeded or they're under seeded.  
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27                                   And the other project, we've got a pre-  
28 proposal in is to do a Didson sonar project on the  
29 Togiak.  
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31                                   And at this point the TRC is meeting this  
32 week, I believe, so we don't have any idea which of these  
33 have been advanced on or which got squashed at the TRC.  
34 Hopefully they've all made it past the TRC.  
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36                                   And that's really all I have. It's been  
37 off season for us, winter, we don't a lot of work in the  
38 winter, not out in the field.  
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40                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Uh-huh.  
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42                                   MR. EDWARDS: Our field season's coming.  
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44                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Any questions for  
45 Dan.  
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47                                   MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.  
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49                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.  
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1 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thanks, Mr. Chair.  
2 Is this Didson sonar, is it similar to what the new sonar  
3 that they're using over there at Portage Creek on the  
4 Nushagak is?

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6 MR. EDWARDS: I think if I understand  
7 what's going on on the Nushagak, they're using both the  
8 dual split beam and the Didson. And, yeah, the Didson is  
9 the newest thing. We've just been waiting, basically to  
10 let Fish and Game do the trial and error and see if it  
11 works because it's a very expensive unit.

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13 It basically gives you a photo quality.  
14 It's like an underwater camera but it's sonar, so -- and  
15 after talking with Tim Sands and the Fish and Game folks,  
16 they seem to trust it with the Nushagak stuff, so we're  
17 going that avenue to see if we can get it up and running  
18 on the Togiak.

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20 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Well, that's the --  
21 yeah, I've looked at the one, and watched them there at  
22 Nushagak but I couldn't remember, they've gone through a  
23 bunch of brands. But when I heard that there was some  
24 sonar proposal for Togiak, I was like geez, they tried  
25 that several times.

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27 MR. EDWARDS: Yeah, our office actually  
28 had tried it back in the '80s with the Bendix and you can  
29 get counts with but species apportionment was the big  
30 problem, you know, whether you were counting sockeye or  
31 chum or Dolly varden, that was the big limiting factor.  
32 And, hopefully the Didson will help you get around some  
33 of your species apportionment issues with the sonar.

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35 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Yeah. Yeah, you had  
36 chums spawning on the substraits or something over there.

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38 MR. EDWARDS: Uh-huh.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, it would be nice to  
41 have a lower river count, and if it's a technology that  
42 will work it'll be great.

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44 MR. EDWARDS: Well, that's our hope. I  
45 mean like I said it's been working for the State on the  
46 Nushagak, so hopefully it will work for us on the Togiak.

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48 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. And I'll also be  
49 excited to hear what you get out of the Ugashik with your  
50 sonar counts and.....

1 MR. EDWARDS: Yeah, we're -- we're  
2 looking forward to that one. I mean we've got an  
3 agreement with the University of West Virginia, a  
4 professor down there who's done a lot of hydro-acoustic  
5 work and he's bringing a grad student up this summer. We  
6 did the work last year out there just doing some  
7 gillnetting so we kind of have an idea of what the  
8 species are in the lake now, and now if we can actually  
9 get abundance estimates that would be a very useful tool  
10 because we could go around to a lot of these lakes around  
11 here that getting abundance of resident fish in these big  
12 lakes is quite a monumental task and we think the sonar  
13 will do it for us.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. There's been some  
16 concerns expressed in the past for lake trout in those  
17 lakes and then I was involved with that thermal volume  
18 habitat -- or thermal habitat volume or whatever it is  
19 for lake trout.

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21 MR. EDWARDS: Uh-huh.

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23 MR. DUNAWAY: The Ugashiks are really  
24 difficult because they don't always stratify and.....

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26 MR. EDWARDS: Uh-huh.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: .....and so that will be  
29 exciting and I'm eager.....

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31 MR. EDWARDS: Hopefully by the fall  
32 meeting.....

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: .....to see what you come  
35 up with.

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37 MR. EDWARDS: .....I'll be able to tell  
38 you something as to what they found out this year.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, great. Thank you.

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42 MR. EDWARDS: That's all I have, Mr.  
43 Chair.

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45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Anybody  
46 else got any comments.

47  
48 (No comments)

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50 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Questions.

1 (No comments)  
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3 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Seeing none, I  
4 thank you Mike.  
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6 MR. EDWARDS: Thank you.  
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8 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I guess we  
9 finished agency reports and we're down to new business.  
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11 MR. EDENSHAW: I think, Mr. Chair.....  
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13 REPORTER: Cliff. Cliff.  
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15 MR. EDENSHAW: .....perhaps you may ask  
16 Joel if he has any more additional information from the  
17 Park Service.  
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19 MR. HARD: I don't, we're fine.  
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21 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. I was just  
22 going to bring a couple of issues up because I didn't see  
23 Mary, I don't think I met you before, Joel, but I see  
24 that on the Lake Clark Park and Preserve. The last  
25 meeting we -- in Dillingham we voted on some projects  
26 that were supposed to be funded up in Lake Clark last  
27 year and one of them was smolt out migration count that  
28 Dr. Carol Ann Woody was supposed to manage. How is that  
29 coming along? Is it still going to be -- what plan are  
30 they going to -- programs are they going to, is it going  
31 to be the whitefish or the smolt count or can you tell  
32 me?  
33  
34 And then I got another couple more  
35 questions after that.  
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37 MR. HARD: Sure, Mr. Chairman. My name  
38 is Joel Hard, I'm the Superintendent at Lake Clark.  
39 Council members.  
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41 I just spoke with Carol Ann Woody about  
42 her smolt out migration study and she's talking with Fish  
43 and Game about using a Didson sonar for that as well. So  
44 it is partially funded and it is anticipated it will be  
45 done. But because those sonar units are about \$100,000  
46 apiece, we're trying to figure out how best to utilize  
47 that funding to provide for that study. So the smolt out  
48 migration study will occur.  
49  
50 The whitefish study is funding at a



1 different funding source at this particular point in  
2 time.

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4 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. And on the  
5 Alagnak River, I noticed up there, you know, where  
6 there's an operator out there right past the bridge and  
7 he's leasing a Native allotment from a guy and he's got  
8 an operation going but I see he's got a nice four-wheeler  
9 trail that goes all the way back up towards Sugarloaf.  
10 Is that going across Federal land or anything? Does he  
11 have a permit to do that, or do you know?

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13 Can anybody tell me about that?

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15 MR. MILLER: I know.

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17 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Sure.

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19 MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman. Members of the  
20 Council. My name is Joe Miller and I'm a fisheries  
21 biologist for Katmai.

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23 I'm primarily here because Mary wasn't  
24 able to make it and to take any questions you might have  
25 and this sounds like one that I need to take on to the  
26 folks back at Katmai. I'm not aware of the specific  
27 situation you're describing but I'll do my best to find  
28 out.

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30 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, it's right  
31 past the bridge, it's kind of just straight down from  
32 Sugarloaf where there's -- there's an operator right  
33 there on the south side of the river, and he's been -- I  
34 see he's got a four -- he's been outfitting for moose,  
35 and I think maybe even for bear, but he's got a four-  
36 wheeler trail that goes all the way back from the river  
37 straight back towards Sugarloaf up there to access those  
38 moose that hang around up there in that bowl. And, you  
39 know, it's kind of the milling area for the moose around  
40 there, especially the ones that go over towards King  
41 Salmon Creek and down to Branch River but it -- I know  
42 it's -- I was wondering if he had any kind of permit or  
43 anything to go across -- to do that, to put that, because  
44 it's only happened in the last couple of years. Before  
45 that there was no trail there, now he's got a trail, it  
46 looks like a four-wheeler trailer on the tundra about  
47 this deep going straight back that way and, you know, I  
48 was wondering if you guys knew about it or if he had to  
49 have a permit or anything.

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1 MR. MILLER: Yeah, maybe if we get a  
2 chance, maybe I could get a map out and you can show me  
3 specifically where it is and I'll bring it back and make  
4 sure that, you know, we've got a good way of addressing  
5 that.

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7 I'd be happy to do that.

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9 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you.  
10 Yeah, I was flying down from Igiogik a couple weeks ago  
11 and, you know, with the present snow conditions, it stuck  
12 out like a sore thumb, you know, you could see it going  
13 all the way back in there. And, you know, it's prime  
14 moose habitat and with our moose conditions, you know,  
15 that's kind of where they hang out especially in the fall  
16 time, the big ones right out by Sugarloaf there and so it  
17 concerns me. And, you know, I mentioned it to other  
18 people, they said they didn't like that either. Because  
19 that's been inaccessible until that guy started doing  
20 that. And, you know, it was always a place where there  
21 was always a lot of moose and so they were spreading out  
22 and going over to King Salmon Creek in the winter time or  
23 down to the Branch River, and then if you start targeting  
24 that moose in that bowl up there then you're eliminating  
25 moose that's going to be going over to King Salmon Creek  
26 or down to Branch River, you know, for them.

27  
28 So it's something I was concerned about.  
29 So maybe if next time at the meeting or sometime you  
30 could find out if that's -- if he's supposed to be doing  
31 that.

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33 MR. MILLER: Yeah, I'll be happy to do  
34 that.

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36 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, thank you.  
37 That's all the questions I had about the program up in  
38 the Lake Clark and that, that four-wheeler trail up in  
39 Alagnak. Does anybody else got any questions.

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41 (No comments)

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43 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I guess we're down  
44 to new business.

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46 Is there anything else on new business,  
47 Cliff, that we need to bring up.

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49 Thank you, you guys.

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1 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. I just think  
2 what Dan wanted to discuss previously after we had  
3 adopted the agenda.

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5 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.

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7 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I have had  
8 a little chance to talk to Andrew here, so -- and also I  
9 talked to Mr. Denton and I've talked to Cliff about this,  
10 too, I don't know how much jurisdiction the RAC would  
11 have. I'm kind of concerned about this -- well, I'm  
12 quite a bit concerned about Pebble Copper Mine  
13 Development. And there's good things about it and bad  
14 things about it.

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16 And I know from the Nushagak area, given  
17 that the Kaktooli is a major king salmon spawning stream  
18 and kings are so valuable to Nushagak drainage folks for  
19 that spring fishery -- well, you've probably heard, I  
20 think, three of the villages up the river have passed  
21 resolutions opposing it. But now there's also a lot of  
22 folks with no jobs or pretty sparse jobs these days.

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24 I didn't know what the rest of the  
25 Council felt like, if there's anything they want to say  
26 about it or if there's anything we can say. I know  
27 personally I'd appeal to the Federal agencies of where  
28 they have jurisdiction, not necessarily to block this  
29 development, but to make sure that if it happens, it  
30 happens to the highest possible environmental standards.

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32 And I wanted to just kind of throw it out  
33 there and see what the rest of the Council felt like, if  
34 there's any sort of consensus on a comment that we should  
35 or could make.

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37 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, Okay,  
38 thanks, Dan. I know Nondalton, I guess, also has opposed  
39 the development of the mine. And it seems like the  
40 farther it goes, the more people are taking an active  
41 part in either opposing it or supporting it.

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43 But I notice that the U.S. Fish and  
44 Wildlife Service had -- I think it was the Fish and  
45 Wildlife Service had wrote a letter to the agency about  
46 an EIA - environment impact assessment statement with a  
47 whole list of criteria that they wanted addressed when  
48 they did the assessment. And, you know, deal with the  
49 seabirds all the way over to monitoring water year-round  
50 all the way over to Kokhanok. And I think it might have

1 something that you sent, was it, from the Fish and  
2 Wildlife Service to the mine?

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4 MR. EDENSHAW: (Shakes head negatively)

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6 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anyway, it was a  
7 good -- I liked the report that the environmental impact  
8 assessment needs to cover everything if they're going to  
9 do it, you know, not just a vague statement. And for  
10 this to happen so in case something happens, you know, we  
11 would be covered.

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13 You know, what worries me is even if  
14 everybody, even if all the villages oppose it it might  
15 still happen. So I think we need to -- if that does  
16 happen that way we need to try to have it done with all  
17 the recommendations, you know, set in place so it covers  
18 when something happens.

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20 But anybody else have any comment on  
21 that.

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23 (No comments)

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25 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: There's supposed  
26 to be a big, in fact, there is going to be a big meeting  
27 come up in Iliamna April 7th and 8th and 9th on that  
28 mine, and there's going to be a lot of people there, and  
29 it's going to be in Newhalen, so we're heading up there,  
30 Igiogik is going to have some people there. And I  
31 suppose there will be a lot of input on pro's and con's  
32 on that mine so it might be a place to pick up a lot of  
33 information from how they're going to do it and what kind  
34 of plans they got.

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36 So just wanted to inform you guys on  
37 that.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.

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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, Dan.

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43 MR. DUNAWAY: Do you know who's  
44 sponsoring that meeting?

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46 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: University of  
47 Alaska.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, Kim Williams  
2 over in Dillingham has got the agenda and it's a three  
3 day meeting starting on April 7th. And there's going to  
4 be there and they're going to be having some workshops  
5 and stuff on some different things and stuff, and it's  
6 going to be the biggest one so far so there'll probably  
7 be -- everything is going to come out, I hope.

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9                   MR. DUNAWAY: Well, okay, that's good to  
10 know. I'm hoping folks from the Nushagak drainage, most  
11 likely they will get over there if Kim's doing it. Maybe  
12 I'll see if I can figure out a way to get over there.

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14                   So thanks, that's good information I  
15 hadn't heard before. And, I don't know, probably most of  
16 it occurs outside the jurisdiction of the Council, there  
17 might be other avenues to discuss it. Appreciate you  
18 taking the time here.

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20                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Any more new  
21 business -- Cliff?

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23                   MR. EDENSHAW: (Shakes head negatively)

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25                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anybody else.

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27                   MR. EDENSHAW: No, Mr. Chair.

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29                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So then are we  
30 going to go on to 16.

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32                   MR. EDENSHAW: Yes.

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34                   MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chair, may I submit  
35 another comment -- make a comment real quick.

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37                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Go ahead.

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39                   MR. ANDERSON: Again, my name is Norman  
40 Anderson. And before I get off to what I had to speak  
41 about, I appreciate Dan's comments on the mine.  
42 Something else that we should have in the back of our  
43 minds is that in my day to day life I work with the  
44 Friends of Bristol Bay, which is an office under the  
45 Alaska Marine Conservation Council out of Anchorage. We  
46 work under the Alaska Coalition. So I work for basically  
47 an environmental group but what we're doing is just  
48 monitoring -- and I'll get into this in a moment. Some  
49 of the other activities that I've participated in is the  
50 mine activities, and second, that falls right in hand

1 with the other concerns that I have today.

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4 If the mine does come through and the  
5 population increases, moose will also go to Tier II for  
6 the residents of the area here and that's something that  
7 is going to be jeopardizing all of us who live a  
8 subsistence lifestyle in the area, I feel.

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10 As I said I work for the Friends of  
11 Bristol Bay, and I don't know how far your jurisdiction  
12 applies when it comes to Bristol Bay. Right now the  
13 Marine Management Services has released their hold on Oil  
14 Lease 92 which is right off of Nelson Lagoon, and that  
15 area is right -- if you see on the map, it's right  
16 directly above Nelson Lagoon, above Izembek, and the area  
17 right off of there they're talking about opening it up  
18 this summer for bids for oil leasing. That's the area  
19 right where our salmon come through, herring, halibut.  
20 What really scares me is they're method for testing in  
21 that particular area is high intensity sonar for ground-  
22 piercing for doing their studies.

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23 Over, recently, in Australia, it chased a  
24 family of like 78 whales right out of the water.

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27 Over on the East Coast, it -- and I'll  
28 back up a little bit. Years ago when I was with the  
29 Bristol Bay Native Association we had a tribal government  
30 conference, they approached us and it was then Bristol  
31 Bay Oil Lease 92. Well, at that time a lot of the tribes  
32 got together with other tribes up and down the coast and  
33 we passed resolutions and so it became a part of the  
34 moratorium. Later on, in a pursuit to try to get it  
35 reinstated they changed the name of it to the Northern  
36 Aleutians Oil Lease 92. Geographically it's stayed in  
37 the same place and all that did was bring in the Northern  
38 Aleutian groups, the draggers, the trawlers, the crabbers  
39 and everyone else, say, no, that they don't want to do  
40 it. Later on they changed the name which is now the  
41 Outer Continental Shelf, but it's still the same thing  
42 but we're regarding it as Oil Lease 92 until a change is  
43 made.

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45 Back in the '80s when the moratorium was  
46 put into place, it was let, the leases went on that,  
47 President Bush, the father, said they didn't want it.  
48 Clinton gave his stamp of approval until 2012. Well,  
49 with things happening in the Middle East and everything,  
50 Ted Stevens thought it would be in his best interest to  
51 put his stamp of approval again to rescind the moratorium

1 and that's where my office came in to spawn and we are  
2 working hard.

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4                   What we have done, what I have done, is  
5 gone around to a lot of the tribes and organizations and  
6 corporations and talked with them for getting resolutions  
7 signed. We've secured several. We have a petition drive  
8 and there's a lot of things that are happening.

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10                   What I'd like to see is if at all  
11 possible if the Federal Subsistence Board, if -- it's  
12 nebulous for me to ask, I believe, but I think it's  
13 imperative to all of us when it comes to the use of  
14 Federal waters and any of the mammals that pass through  
15 that, us, as subsistence lifestyle people, salmon is the  
16 main target whenever it comes to -- we're always in an  
17 economic reversal in terms of price and so forth, but we  
18 also make -- we eat seals, we eat crab, we eat clams, the  
19 whales that migrate and go all the way up north,  
20 migrating birds are going right through there, it's an  
21 area that would be impacted that would take away a good  
22 part of our subsistence lifestyle.

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24                   And so I just wanted to apprise you of  
25 what was on our plate and what we're doing, and if  
26 there's any at all involvement -- what I have done  
27 additionally is put together an advisory council of  
28 people throughout the Bay. We have a person from the  
29 lower Peninsula, a person from the Nushagak, and a person  
30 up in Iliamna, so we're widespread. We're going to take  
31 our resolutions and our petitions back and meet with Don,  
32 Lisa and Ted and let them know what's happening. This  
33 isn't happening just with us here in the Bristol Bay  
34 region. This month up in the Beaufort Sea, up off of  
35 Kaktovik, they're going to be letting the leases go.

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37                   I was on the teleconference this morning  
38 with the people on the East Coast, Virginia and I believe  
39 it's North Carolina, are having the same battle that  
40 we're having now. And there was a group from Cape  
41 Haterous that were there testifying that they didn't want  
42 to see this happening as well, so we're getting support  
43 from people from the right-hand coast all the way up to  
44 the coast of Alaska, everywhere on the Outer Continental  
45 Shelf.

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47                   So, again, if there's anything that we  
48 can do to get support or anything from you all I'd really  
49 appreciate it.

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1                                   And I know that the hour is late and our  
2 stomach's are growling and so.....  
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4                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: It sounds like  
5 you're asking for extra-territorial jurisdiction.  
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7                                   (Laughter)  
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9                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: All, right, but  
10 yeah, thank you.  
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12                                   MR. ANDERSON: You're welcome.  
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14                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: That's on a lot of  
15 people's mind. In fact BBNA, I've been to the meeting  
16 over there, I was representing Igiogik, and the board --  
17 the full board had opposed offshore drilling, you know,  
18 but they supported the onshore if they were going to do  
19 it, do it at all, do it onshore, but they didn't want to  
20 see offshore. This was a year ago, during that meeting.  
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22                                   MR. ANDERSON: Yes. Thank you very much.  
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24                                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan.  
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26                                   MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I'm just not aware  
27 much of Friends of Bristol Bay, if you had a card you  
28 could share or something that had a web site.  
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30                                   MR. ANDERSON: Oh, yeah, I got all that  
31 stuff.  
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33                                   (Laughter)  
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35                                   MR. DUNAWAY: All right. I'm thinking  
36 from what Mr. Boyd explained to us on some of these  
37 rules, as far as the RAC, we probably don't have much  
38 reach but it's nice to know about these developments.  
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40                                   I've spent a lot of time reviewing the  
41 EIS for that North Aleutian trench.....  
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43                                   MR. ANDERSON: Right.  
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45                                   MR. DUNAWAY: .....back when I was  
46 working for Fish and Game as a shellfish biologist in  
47 Dutch Harbor and, yeah, some of that is right on top of  
48 where, at the time, was prime king crab area, there's  
49 heavy sole fishing and then I've seen huge, huge clouds  
50 of migrating birds along the beach down there in Nelson



1 Lagoon.

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3 MR. ANDERSON: The important part, I was  
4 on a statewide call a while back, and an important --  
5 someone from, I believe it was Anaktuvuk Pass, came up  
6 and said, are they serious about doing that, they fought  
7 a war out there and the weather one, and so that's a very  
8 good point.

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10 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, anybody else  
11 that's got any comment.

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13 (No comments)

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15 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Thank you.

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17 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. You're  
18 welcome.

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20 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Anything else,  
21 Cliff.

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23 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair. Council  
24 members. I've also placed on your table a schedule for  
25 the winter 2006 winter meeting window.

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27 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay.

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: And just keep in mind, Mr.  
30 Chair, for the winter schedule, about two years ago the  
31 Council wanted to go ahead and maintain the fall meeting  
32 in Dillingham because of just a better, you know, at the  
33 time some of the places where the Council members ate  
34 there, they're open, we went through this before, and  
35 then the winter meeting, if you could just pencil in that  
36 the winter 2006 meeting will be held here in Naknek. And  
37 Dave's here, he also does the Kodiak and North Slope, and  
38 they haven't met yet so we just try to avoid holding a  
39 bunch of meetings during the week there.

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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: What date in  
42 Naknek, is that what.....

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44 MR. EDENSHAW: Between February 20th and  
45 March 24th.

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47 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: The 24th, okay.  
48 Why don't you decide that when it gets closer because  
49 when you decide a meeting, by the time it rolls around,  
50 like this one, it had to be changed.

1 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah. Well, that was  
2 probably a freak of nature. I don't think in the last  
3 three or four meetings we've really changed any of them  
4 except for this one here.  
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6 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay, but more of  
7 the other guys should be here at the next fall meeting,  
8 right?  
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10 MR. EDENSHAW: Pardon?  
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12 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Maybe we should do  
13 this in the fall at the next meeting.  
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15 MR. EDENSHAW: Oh, no, we've already got  
16 the fall meeting for 2005 scheduled for October 6th and  
17 7th in Dillingham.  
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19 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: I mean.....  
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21 MR. EDENSHAW: And then the winter for  
22 '06, so we're just asking the Council to pencil in dates  
23 for then.  
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25 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Well, should we  
26 wait until the next meeting to pencil this in when people  
27 are here.  
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29 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah.  
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31 MR. EDENSHAW: I'd rather the Council put  
32 in some dates. You know, if there was a problem then  
33 then we could deal with it then, but it would be easier  
34 to go ahead and pencil in some dates now.  
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36 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Whatever you want  
37 to pencil in because I don't know what I'm going to be  
38 doing then.  
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40 MS. ALECK: Maybe the 20th and then we  
41 could reschedule.  
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43 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Chair.  
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45 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah, Dan.  
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47 MR. DUNAWAY: I can't find my calendar  
48 but just from -- it seems like this time of year right  
49 now, it got harder and harder for -- you know, I would  
50 have felt better if more of the Council could have been

1 here. I know it seems like you have meeting season from  
2 after moose season until Thanksgiving and then it's break  
3 until after Slavi and then it just starts getting crazier  
4 the later you get it, so I'd opt for earlier in the whole  
5 timeframe if possible. It might make it easier.

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7 MS. ALECK: I don't know.

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9 MR. EDENSHAW: Dan, where's your book  
10 there.

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12 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, there's a  
13 calendar.....

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15 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, it's okay, the  
16 calendar in the back of your book is also good, it's just  
17 the ones that I provided had copies of the other  
18 Councils, where they chose dates already. And the dates  
19 you're suggesting, we're just trying to avoid having -- I  
20 think one time we had five meetings in a week so for  
21 Staff that's a little bit too much and so we're just  
22 trying to avoid.

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24 (Off record comments regarding scheduling  
25 - no microphones on)

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27 REPORTER: Cliff, turn on a microphone,  
28 please.

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30 MR. EDENSHAW: And Dave's with us so the  
31 meetings he's -- he also has to go to.....

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33 MS. ALECK: What do you think about  
34 March?

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36 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Dan says that's  
37 too late, how about right here.

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39 MS. ALECK: February 20th.

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41 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: See, if we  
42 schedule for here.....

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44 MS. ALECK: Uh-huh.

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46 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: .....and we can't  
47 do it, we can move it down to here or move it down to  
48 here, but if we move.....

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50 MS. ALECK: Yeah.

1                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ:   .....it down here  
2 we can't move it back up.  
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4                   MS. ALECK:   So we should start from here.  
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6                   MR. EDENSHAW:   So, Dan, you might just  
7 propose that and.....  
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9                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ:   Yeah, Dan, how  
10 about if we propose it when the window opens, around that  
11 time, and for some reason we have to move it back, we  
12 could keep moving it down the line.  If we put it way on  
13 the bottom and it gets close to that date, you can't do  
14 it then, you can't move it back up.  So if we move it --  
15 if we schedule at the beginning, how about if we do that?  
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17                   MR. DUNAWAY:   I think I'm going to vote  
18 for you for Chairman next time, that sounds good to me.  
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20                   (Laughter)  
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22                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ:   Yeah, well,  
23 anyway, that's what Virginia wants.  
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25                   (Laughter)  
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27                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ:   Okay, how about  
28 that, Cliff?  
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30                   MR. EDENSHAW:   February.....  
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32                   REPORTER:   Cliff, your microphone.  
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34                   MR. EDENSHAW:   .....20th and 21st, Monday  
35 and.....  
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37                   REPORTER:   Cliff.  Cliff.  Cliff, please.  
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39                   MR. EDENSHAW:   .....Tuesday and this  
40 meeting.....  
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42                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ:   Your microphone.  
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44                   MR. EDENSHAW:   So it will be February  
45 20th and 21st in Naknek.  And, Mr. Chair, we'll go ahead  
46 and maintain the same starting times that we have in the  
47 past?  
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49                   ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ:   (Nodding  
50 affirmatively)

1 MR. EDENSHAW: The only reason we've done  
2 that is, you know, some of them are able to fly up during  
3 the mornings and it just made it easier. For instance,  
4 Dan and Robin and the others, when they fly from  
5 Dillingham, they're able to catch a morning flight and we  
6 start at -- so we'll just use the same start at 1:00  
7 o'clock.  
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9 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: (Nods  
10 affirmatively)  
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12 MS. ALECK: 1:00 o'clock.  
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14 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Yeah. Is that it  
15 then?  
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17 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair.  
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19 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: So I guess we can  
20 adjourn, uh? Anybody, a motion.  
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22 MR. BALLUTA: I make a motion we adjourn.  
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24 MS. ALECK: I second that motion.  
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26 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: Okay. Andrew  
27 moves we adjourn and.....  
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29 MS. ALECK: I second that motion.  
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31 ACTING CHAIR ALVAREZ: .....Virginia  
32 seconded and we're done.  
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34 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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