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1 BRISTOL BAY SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
2 PUBLIC MEETING
3
4 February 18, 1997 - 1:00 p.m.
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6 Bristol Bay Borough Assembly Chambers
7 Naknek, Alaska
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9 VOLUME I
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11 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
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13 Daniel J. O'Hara, Chairman
14 H. Robin Samuelsen, Vice Chairman
15 Andrew Balluta, Secretary
16 Peter M. Abraham
17 Robert Heyano
18 Alvin Boskofsky
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20 Helga Eakon, Coordinator

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Well, we would like to
4 call the meeting to order today and I show the time to be about
5 five after. Helga, could you establish a quorum for us if you
6 would, please.

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8 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair. Alvin Boskofsky.

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10 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Here.

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12 MS. EAKON: Andrew Balluta.

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14 MR. BALLUTA: Here.

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16 MS. EAKON: Robert Heyano.

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18 MR. HEYANO: Here.

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20 MS. EAKON: Pete Abraham.

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22 MR. ABRAHAM: Here.

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24 MS. EAKON: Dan O'Hara.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Here.

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28 MS. EAKON: Robert Christensen.

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30 (No response)

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32 MS. EAKON: Robin Samuelsen.

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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: Here.

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36 MS. EAKON: A quorum is established, Mr. Chair. I
37 should add that Robert Christensen is not feeling well, that's
38 how come he's not here.

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40 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, good. We'd like to
41 welcome you to the meeting today, we have probably the biggest
42 issues taking place today in our meeting will be the proposals
43 that are before us. And then we have some key reports, those
44 are two key items we're going to be dealing with today. I
45 understand fisheries will be on the table also today and Park
46 Service will be. I'm sure "Mr. Refuge" is going to have
47 something to say to us.

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49 MR. HOOD: (Inaudible - away from microphones)

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No? Wow, things are coming along
2 pretty good. And perhaps we can take a little moment now and
3 go around and introduce ourselves and tell us what department
4 your with, please. Let's start with Pat over here, if you
5 would like to, please, Pat.

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7 (Microphones are voice activated and the following
8 people introduced themselves away from the microphones)

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10 Pat McClenahan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office
11 of Subsistence, anthropologist; Dave Fisher, U.S. Fish and
12 Wildlife, Office of Subsistence; Tom Boyd, U.S. Fish and
13 Wildlife Service, Deputy Assistant Regional Director; Mac
14 Minard, Alaska Department Fish and Wildlife, Division of Sport
15 fish; Warren Hill, student; John Branson, Lake Clark National
16 Park and Preserve; John Bundy, new unit manager of Lake Clark
17 National Park and Preserve; Glen Alsworth, Mayor of Lake and
18 Peninsula.

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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22 (Introductions continue) Lee Fink, Lake Clark National
23 Park and Preserve; Randolph Alvarez, Igiugig; George
24 Constantino, Ronald Hood, Refuge Manager, Becharof National
25 Wildlife Refuge; Bill Pierce, I follow him around, Katmai and
26 Lake Clark National Park; Karen Gustin, Katmai National Park
27 and Aniakchak.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. We have some new people
30 coming in, we're in introduction here, Jim, if you'd like to
31 introduce yourself and give us a little history.

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33 MR. HUMMELL: I'm Jim Hummell, Ranger (inaudible)
34 National Park.

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36 MS. SAVAGE: Susan Savage (inaudible)

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38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: If that's all we have we'll start
39 with the Council members up here with Andy.

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41 MR. BALLUTA: I'm Andrew Balluta from Lake Iliamna.

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43 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Alvin Boskofsky from Chignik Lake.

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45 MR. ABRAHAM: Peter Abraham from Diowack (ph).

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Dan O'Hara, Naknek.

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49 MR. SAMUELSEN: Robin Samuelson, Dillingham.

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1 MR. HEYANO: Robert Heyano, Dillingham.

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3 MR. KOLASINSKI: Joe Kolasinski, Anchorage.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Joe.

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7 MS. EAKON: Helga Eakon, Regional Coordinator from
8 Anchorage.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, good enough. Since we're in
11 introductions, we might as well start with Sue and then
12 continue on. If you'd like to give us your name and continue
13 on.

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15 MS. SAVAGE: Susan Savage, Katmai National Park.

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17 (Inaudible - and didn't sign in)

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you, Chris. All right. Well, I
20 think probably the people who are here with the various
21 departments know and understand the procedure. Just in case
22 you happen to be a lay person here today we do have these forms
23 you can fill out if you want to testify. And several issues
24 that might be of importance to us, the leghold trap, which is
25 going to be on Federal lands. The brown bear issue is one
26 we're going to discuss, so maybe there's other things that we
27 don't know about that might be brought to our attention.

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29 It's nice to have Randy here today, he knows about the
30 trails up there in the area of Nonvianuk and that place where
31 Jim was flying. These things are all important to us so you
32 might keep those in mind as we go along. I'd ask the Council
33 members if we get a phone call, put them on a speaker phone, I
34 know some people who said they might call in and comment on
35 thing, if that would be okay. We may have to interrupt the
36 meeting to get their input, if we do, that would be fine with
37 me.

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39 Okay. We need to look at number 4 Council members.
40 Before we do, though, Smiley just walked in, you want to
41 introduce yourself to us today?

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43 MR. KNUTSEN: Sure, I'm John Knutsen with Paug-Vik
44 Inc., Limited.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Oh, that's the hat today is Paug-Vik.

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48 MR. KNUTSEN: Yeah.

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Good, nice to have you,

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1 Smiley. Need to look at the adoption of the minutes if --
2 excuse me, number 4, the agenda.

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4 MR. SAMUELSEN: I move, Mr. Chairman, to adopt the
5 agenda.

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7 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, Robin moves. Second?

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9 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Second.

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any more questions?

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13 MR. HEYANO: What does that mean, there's no other
14 business under New Business?

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's usually the case.

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18 MR. SAMUELSEN: Somebody needs to bring up new business
19 now.

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Is there any -- I mean, that's a
22 serious agenda item because you kind of lock yourself in on
23 what's on the program here.

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25 MR. HEYANO: I got a couple of issues I'd like this
26 body to discuss, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if they would fit
27 under the call for proposals, but they have to deal with game
28 and fish. Maybe we could put them under new business or.....

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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32 MR. HEYANO: New business, I guess.

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34 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Did you want to list them
35 now or bring them up later on?

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37 MR. HEYANO: Well, one is we're looking for support,
38 the Nushagak Advisory Committee on proposal before the State
39 Game Board in an attempt to reduce wanton waste in the field
40 and that would be to prohibit the boning of meat in the field.
41 And the other one is I received a phone call from a resident in
42 Pedro Bay and he had some concerns about the catch and release
43 fishery that's taking place on Iliamna River and no provisions
44 for a subsistence fishery.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Catch and release, huh? Any other
47 concerns that Council members might have on the agenda today?

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49 MR. ABRAHAM: What about moose on 17(A), maybe when I

50 give a report on Proposal 49, I can explain that right there.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That would be fine. That's okay,
2 Council members? All right. Good.

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4 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman, on the trapping
5 regulations, I know public comment period, I think, closed on
6 the 15th of this month, but I'd like to enter -- if this
7 Council will entertain late comments banning trapping in some
8 of the conservation units.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That okay, Council members? We can
11 pass that on to the Federal Board and to the powers that be.
12 Okay. Good enough. And we have a letter, too, you know that
13 we got off on a timely basis from this Council.

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah.

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other items? (Pause) Okay.
18 Call for the question.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Question.

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All those in favor say aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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28 (No opposing responses)

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: We have one dignitary that just came
31 in today, the Mayor of the Bristol Bay Borough is here and I'd
32 like to have him introduce himself.

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34 MR. ANDERSON: Edwin Anderson, Bristol Bay Borough
35 Mayor (inaudible - away from microphone).

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37 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What are we going to do with all
38 these powerful mayors here today, I guess we got to be nice,
39 huh?

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41 All right. Okay. Then next item is the minutes of our
42 November 12-13 meeting. I'll entertain a motion. Have you
43 had an opportunity to look at them? Okay. Motion to do the
44 minutes, please.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: So moved.

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48 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Second?

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any corrections or deletions on these
2 minutes?

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4 MR. HEYANO: I got one question, Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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8 MR. HEYANO: Under the Katie John decision, it says
9 Bristol Bay Regional Council comments on proposed subsistence
10 fishery regulations.....

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12 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What page of the minutes?

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14 MR. HEYANO: Well, actually my comment pertains to Page
15 6, the second paragraph. That last sentence in the second
16 paragraph: Take this opportunity to look at structure and put
17 more focus on tribal representation and have non-Natives come
18 before Native boards to justify their uses.

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20 I don't recall us making that recommendation.

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Helga, would you like to comment?

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24 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair, as you may recall at the last
25 meeting Rosa Meehan did a presentation and we had a recorder
26 there who recorded Rosa's -- these comments. And this is what
27 the recorder put down.

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29 So if you had to change it, how would you change it?
30 This came directly from the easel sheets. I forget who was --
31 oh, Peggy Fox from BLM was recording comments from the Regional
32 Council and from the public. So if you had any correction to
33 that, how would you phrase it, Robert? Just delete it?

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Go ahead, Robert.

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37 MR. HEYANO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I don't recall this
38 discussion taking place. I guess my concern is by sitting on
39 this board representing subsistence users it's my understanding
40 that I represent both Native and non-Native. I represent the
41 rural subsistence users. And I think for use to come out with
42 a statement like this isn't appropriate, based on what our
43 charge is and who we represent.

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45 MS. EAKON: If I may comment, Mr. Chair. Robert
46 Heyano's statement about representing rural Alaskans, whether
47 they be Native or non-Natives is absolutely true under Title
48 VIII. And if you would like that deleted -- as I said, it came
49 directly off the recorder sheets. If you would like that

50 deleted you could do so maybe.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: I think that came from the public, that
2 wasn't from the Council.

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4 MS. EAKON: Right. Or you could clarify that this --
5 in my next minutes, take this statement and clarify that it was
6 a comment from the public and not a Regional Council comment.

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8 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I think that would be a good idea.
9 Would that satisfy you, Robert?

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11 MR. HEYANO: Yes, it would.

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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15 MS. EAKON: I will do that in the next minutes.

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other corrections, additions to
18 the minutes? Call for the question.

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20 MR. HEYANO: Question.

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All those in favor say aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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28 (No opposing responses)

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: We had someone from the public walk
31 in, Charlie, maybe you can introduce yourself, if you would.

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33 MR. KELLY: Charlie Kelly from Egegik.

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. And you know the procedure if
36 you want to comment on some of the issues you can fill out a
37 form and talk to us.

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39 MR. KELLY: Okay.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Thank you, Charlie. With the
42 blessing of the Council members we're going to take public
43 comment at this time, but should other people come in and have
44 a time constraint and we can handle it, would it be okay if we
45 kind of made sure that the public had a comment time period.
46 We've done this a lot and I think it's the appropriate thing to
47 do when people have busy schedules. And we really need the
48 public comment period, so if that's okay we'll do that.

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At this time I'll open the floor to comments on the

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1 Federal Subsistence Management Program and this is the
2 opportunity you have to fill out one of these forms like I have
3 here. Where are they located, the table back there?

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5 MS. EAKON: Um-hum (affirmative).
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7 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. So if anyone would like
8 to have a comment on the leghold trap issues that's coming up
9 on Federal lands, brown bear subsistence issue, other proposals
10 that we have before us or anything that pertains to
11 subsistence, certainly feel free to handle that today. I only
12 have one card with us today and that's Glen Alsworth from Port
13 Alsworth, if you would, please. Would you like to come up and
14 talk to us?

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16 MR. ALSWORTH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Council
17 members. I have several comments. First, I'll speak from the
18 position of the Chairman of the Subsistence Resource Commission
19 for Lake Clark National Park. We've had several good meetings
20 lately and the Commission is still working over ideas,
21 proposals that will come to you later, but one of the issues
22 that came to our attention was certainly not anticipated, I'm
23 sure by the lawmakers and regulators is a glitch in the
24 subsistence program whereas a Native allottee, a private land
25 holder, Native corporation land, any land except Federal land
26 you cannot take an animal for subsistence on it during the
27 subsistence season.

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29 And, in effect, what it does is all the folks that have
30 over the years have chosen and maintained hunting and fishing
31 sites, picked many years ago because of their desirability for
32 subsistence, now if they go and camp on their own land and
33 would shoot a bear or anything else during the subsistence
34 season, if it doesn't happen to coincide with the State's
35 season they have to turn it into the State. And I don't know
36 the solution to the problem, except I think we can all work
37 together on it and it may take some kind of Memorandum of
38 Agreement with the State or somehow this will have to be
39 addressed because all of the land immediately adjacent
40 basically to Lake Clark in our region where all of our people
41 are using for subsistence is basically off limits for
42 subsistence. It's just an ironic twist of something that was
43 not anticipated. That's one area.

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45 We also are going to come out with a short little
46 paper, kind of talking points of issues that we need to define,
47 and we will forward a copy of that to the Chairman of this
48 commission. And that is one of the issues that will be on the
49 talking paper that we'll need to talk to.

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1 As far as Proposal 40, which is the proposal regarding
2 the taking of brown bear for subsistence, I think you have in
3 your packet the recommendation of the Commission and the
4 Commission supported, of course, a longer season. The
5 Commission supported not having to have the head and claws
6 removed in order for the bear to be sealed, to be taken for
7 tanning. That was something the Commission did not support.

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9 We also were in favor of a year around season, but if
10 it's generally for subsistence it is not limited by a season.
11 It was, I think, July 1 to June 30 was the actual time that the
12 Commission recognized as the real subsistence season is when
13 the need occurred and when the game was available. And so the
14 Commission felt really strongly about trying to get this
15 message out to not just this Commission, but to anyone involved
16 in subsistence and game regulation. That for years we have
17 been forced into a sports season in order to do subsistence
18 legally. And that it doesn't reflect really what's happening
19 there and so they was a very, very unified voice that it should
20 be year around.

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22 Some of the concerns that were voiced over potential
23 overharvest or abuse, I think the staff will be able to address
24 in terms of a permit system that we have recommended, so that,
25 at least, within the confines of the park area there won't be
26 an overharvest because there is a limited number of permits, so
27 the biologist can keep their hands on that.

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29 Then I'll switch gears and just make one comment as a
30 representative of our people in the area, not particularly as
31 the Commissioner Chairman but more as a Mayor, as a borough, as
32 an individual. One of the things that we need to be very
33 sensitive to, and I believe the Commission has done a very,
34 very good job in all I've seen in the past, is where we have
35 one ethnic group, or one people group, or one user group, that
36 has a certain tradition to handle a subsistence hunt or a
37 subsistence lifestyle in a certain way, we cannot impose that
38 lifestyle on the other folks who may have totally different
39 cultural ties and different cultural uses for this very same
40 animal.

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42 So we need to be very broad in our approach to allow
43 for the traditions of all of the people groups that are doing
44 subsistence. We cannot, for instance, impose regulations that
45 may work up in the Bethel country on people who live in Iliamna
46 country, and vice versa. We have to be real sensitive that
47 there is a great diversity and we need to have the regulations
48 reflect the diverse use of that, we cannot limit it to one
49 person's or one group's traditional way of handling an animal

50 if that imposes something that's different from the other

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1 groups. So we have to be real open as far as what restrictions
2 go on there.

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4 And that personal reference is made to the fact of in
5 some cultures and some traditions it is important perhaps to
6 remove a head and claws from an animal. In other cultures and
7 traditions it is not. And to require somebody to do that that
8 it's not their tradition and culture would be doing disservice
9 to that whole culture and tradition. By the same way, the
10 regulation needs to be in such a way that it would allow any
11 type of subsistence use that is traditional there in order to
12 genuinely provide for that tradition.

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14 So that's just my personal comment on that issue. Is
15 there any questions anyone has on what I've said? Or is there
16 any questions particularly for the Subsistence Resource
17 Commission?

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Robin, do you have a comment?

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Glen,
22 I'm full aware of the problem that you first stated, not being
23 able to subsist on your allotment lands as well as corporation
24 lands, but that's an ANILCA problem and I don't think there's
25 any -- I know for a fact there's nothing that we can do as a
26 body. That's a Federal law, there's talk of opening ANILCA, I
27 just came from three days of subsistence meetings in Anchorage
28 and that is one of the major bone of contention amongst Native
29 people throughout the state of Alaska exactly what you were
30 stating.

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32 And if ANILCA is opened the Native community that was
33 present, and there was roughly about 250 from all the regions
34 across the state, they were going to -- they developed a list
35 and this was real high on their priority list.

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37 MR. ALSWORTH: Great. Well thanks for that
38 information.

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40 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other questions you might have?
41 Robert.

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43 MR. HEYANO: Question. You're concerned with the
44 requirement of having the claws removed if the hide is going to
45 be removed out of the area. Do I understand correctly that
46 there's some people who would like to ship that hide out to get
47 it tanned and then come back to the community? Is that the
48 problem?

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MR. ALSWORTH: Yeah, the inequity only is in the sense

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1 that there is no tanners within the unit, for instance. If
2 this was to happen in a unit where there was a tanner it
3 wouldn't be an issue. And it used to be that people tanned
4 them themselves, but it used to be that people speared the bear
5 and we don't do that anymore. Or I don't at least. And so we
6 have to take into account all of these things and we cannot
7 unduly deny the opportunity, I believe, by some regulation.

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9 Now if that regulation exists to keep the bear out of a
10 commercial market I fully respect that. And perhaps there's a
11 Federal way to seal this bear so that it's always identified as
12 that subsistence animal. In my opinion, and I'm not too smart
13 about it, the only way that I've ever seen people sell bear is
14 the State of Alaska sells them for -- like at the auction in
15 Anchorage at the fur auction because they take defense of life
16 and property hides that they have tanned and then sell them.
17 But I don't believe it's legal to sell bear hides. You know,
18 maybe I'm wrong, but if they need a way to protect that so that
19 that bear is tied to the subsistence user somehow, maybe a
20 Federal tag of some kind would be necessary to make sure it
21 comes back to that region perhaps.

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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25 MR. HEYANO: Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other questions of Glen? Glen, a
28 couple of questions I had was, you have a petition here, you
29 gave me a petition that's available to this body on your
30 comments?

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32 MR. ALSWORTH: Signatures with people from Port
33 Alsworth and I think it was regarding some comments on the
34 proposal.

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36 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That was on cutting off the head and
37 feet of that animal?

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39 MR. ALSWORTH: Right.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. And you guys are definitely
42 going on record as opposing that the way we have the proposal
43 written?

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45 MR. ALSWORTH: Yeah. We -- I believe the Subsistence
46 Resource Commission has the proposal that you got to save --
47 well, it's written in there, you have to save the meat and you
48 have to save the hide. I believe the way that the Subsistence
49 Resource Commission proposal reads.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, the proposal was submitted by
2 me.

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4 MR. ALSWORTH: Yeah, but the recommendation on the
5 Subsistence Resource Commission looked that over and said it's
6 very universal that the meat and the hide need to be saved.

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8 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. The - pardon? Oh, yeah,
9 excuse me.

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11 MR. GREENWOOD: (Inaudible)

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: You want to sit at the mic and talk
14 and give us your name for Joe.

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16 MR. GREENWOOD: Mr. Chair, Council, Bruce Greenwood,
17 I'm going to -- I have the background on this proposal. We
18 kind of got into it right now, I could hand this little table
19 out here the might help clarify for the Council the difference
20 between the existing regulation, proposed regulation, SRC
21 recommendation, the preliminary staff conclusion. It might
22 clarify that a little bit what Glen's talking about.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: After we're done with Glen, if the
25 Council so desires we'll let you do that.

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27 So you have a petition here submitted to us that you do
28 not support the cutting off the head and feet then, yeah.

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30 MR. ALSWORTH: That's what the petition signatures.....

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I guess you're aware of the fact that
33 years ago when bears were used for subsistence use they did not
34 cut head and claws off at that time either. Another question I
35 was going to ask you is, are you aware of the number of bears
36 that -- are you familiar with the numbers of bears that are
37 taken in the villages on Lake Iliamna that are just killed and
38 thrown in the lake?

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40 MR. ALSWORTH: Well, I guess I would have to say in
41 fairness, we're aware that there is a fair number of them, but
42 I would never be able to quantify that. How do I know? I know
43 that -- I believe that there were eight bears killed in Port
44 Alsworth this last year, which is an all time record for bears.
45 And folks that had a lot of time on the ground, I think, said
46 there was something like 20 bears, you know, right in town
47 there almost, so.....

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49 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, there's a good number of bears

50 that are killed in a lot of villages and they weren't skinned

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1 or anything, they were just taken to the dump or thrown in the
2 lake. And that's a very important point.

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4 MR. ALSWORTH: Yeah, and unfortunately we couldn't even
5 use the bears for subsistence purposes because of the law that
6 says they got to be on Federal land under a Federal season to
7 do that. But that's not -- I understand we can't solve that
8 here, but if we could get that glitch solved it would answer a
9 lot of subsistence need question.

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any other questions of Glen?
12 Thank you, appreciate you coming before us.

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14 MR. ALSWORTH: And this chart that they have, I -- we
15 had this at our meeting and it was very -- it's very concise,
16 it's real helpful in seeing the difference -- that Bruce had,
17 it's a very, very good chart.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Oh, okay. All right. We'll keep
20 this -- if you want to comment on other proposal that come
21 before us you can do so, too.

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23 MR. ALSWORTH: Thank you for letting me talk.

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. Thank you, Glen.

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27 MR. HEYANO: One quick question. Going over this I see
28 the Subsistence Resource recommendation on the salvage
29 requirement says it edible meat only, and I thought earlier you
30 stated that the meat and the hide needs to be salvaged, was
31 that the Subsistence Commission's recommendation?

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33 MR. ALSWORTH: Yeah, I have to go back into our
34 minutes, but I recollect that we were not to leave anything in
35 the field. That was my understanding, and I'd have to go back
36 in and look at that. Perhaps -- I know that we had a lot of
37 discussion about it, but as I recall, but perhaps they've taken
38 it right out of the record here though.

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40 MR. HEYANO: Yeah. I see we have a copy of your
41 meeting.

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43 MR. ALSWORTH: Of the minutes?

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45 MR. HEYANO: Yeah.

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47 MR. ALSWORTH: Good, okay. Thank you, Robert.

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49 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And this is the petition here, by the

50 way, too, if any Council members want to examine that.

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1 Thank you, appreciate that.

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3 MR. HEYANO: Thank you.

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5 MR. ALSWORTH: Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Representing Paug-Vik here
8 today is Smiley Knutsen. Like to come and talk to us?

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10 MR. KNUTSEN: Thank you. My name is John Knutson, but
11 listening to Glen made me realize I wanted to make a personal
12 comment about traditional hunting and fishing and what we are
13 actually doing as a Federal Board, State Board, et cetera.

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15 Traditionally, and when I say that I guess I'm
16 referring to the way I grew up here with my grandpappy and --
17 excuse me, we just lost him here a couple of years ago and it's
18 still hard for me to talk about him without getting emotional,
19 but I'll get over it. Anyway, with him, you know, it was a
20 full time job providing for a family. I mean he had no
21 restrictions on where he went, what he did, what he hunted,
22 what he fished, all seasons of the year. And he provided for
23 us that way, but as years go on and the impact and the pressure
24 on the resource increases we have to put regulations on things.
25 And a lot of these regulations aren't done with the true
26 subsistence user in mind. We put seasons on things, on hunting
27 seasons and we limited when you can -- how many fish you can
28 catch and where you can fish and all this affects what the real
29 traditional user is.

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31 I know that you're all familiar with that and sometimes
32 it just irritates me that we cannot just eliminate rules and
33 regulations for the traditional user. The problem, of course,
34 is how do we, you know, classify a traditional -- real
35 traditional persons, someone who doesn't ever work or who
36 doesn't ever fish to have monetary income are not, but I just
37 had to bring that up and say that although I appreciate
38 everything you're doing with the rules and regulations it's
39 really hindering the traditional person out there who has to do
40 this for a living.

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42 Okay. Back to Paug-Vik. We have a couple of
43 resolutions that we drafted up in support of several of the
44 subsistence proposals and I have copies here I can give to
45 Helga. And I'll just briefly go over them in case you have any
46 questions. And I was glad that Robert brought up the fact that
47 -- maybe it was Robin about the deadline for comments on the
48 leghold trapping.

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We did draft up a resolution and it was support for

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1 continued use of national wildlife refuge land for trapping the
2 various furbearing animals for food, clothing and traditional
3 uses. And it goes on to say why. And it's signed by the board
4 of directors. And we did this as a board for the purpose of
5 supporting our shareholders.

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7 Therefore, be it resolved we support on behalf of our
8 shareholders, their indigenous right for continued trapping on
9 the National Wildlife Refuge System. Passed this 28th day of
10 January 1975 (sic). That's the first resolution.

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12 Do you have any comments or questions on it?

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any questions on the trapping
15 resolution that's come before you from Paug-Vik Village
16 Corporation? (Pause) Okay. Did you have another one?

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18 MR. KNUTSEN: And the other one was Resolution 97-01,
19 Support for Federal Subsistence Proposals Number 38, 41A, 41B,
20 42 and 45. And I'm sure you're familiar with them, but:

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22 Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of
23 Paug-Vik Inc., Limited that we support the passages of Federal
24 Subsistence Board Proposals Number 38, 41A, 41B, 42 and 45.
25 This we do to support, on behalf of our shareholders, the
26 traditional and customary lifestyles of our shareholders.
27 Passed this 28th day of January 1997.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any other comment?

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31 MR. KNUTSEN: No.

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33 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any questions, Council
34 members, of John Knutsen, the representative of Paug-Vik,
35 today. Yeah, go ahead.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman, a question for you.
38 Smiley, I assume you're going to be around when we're
39 deliberating those proposals?

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41 MR. KNUTSEN: Yeah.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: And I guess we can call him up then or
44 any member of the public.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah.

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48 MR. KNUTSEN: What time will that be?

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: As soon as -- well, let's see.....

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: This afternoon.

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, this afternoon we're going to
4 do that. If you want to leave a phone number where we can get
5 ahold of you or something.....

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7 MR. KNUTSEN: Okay. I have my cell phone, I have
8 another meeting at 1:30, so.....

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, we're going to start it right
11 after public comments we're going to -- yeah, we're going to
12 start it right after public comments.

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14 MR. KNUTSEN: Okay. Maybe I can go and check in and
15 come right back.

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What's your cell number; 439?

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19 MR. KNUTSEN: 439-5531.

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. If we don't see you we'll
22 certainly give you a call.

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24 MR. KNUTSEN: Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: If I could ask one question.
27 Paug-Vik -- a number of shareholders represented in the village
28 corporation supported the leghold trap on Federal land, huh?

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30 MR. KNUTSEN: Yes.

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Did you talk about -- I think
33 one of the things that's important for us as a Council to keep
34 in mind is that when we talk about the leghold trapper we're
35 not talking about somebody who works five days a week and sets
36 his traps out on Saturday and comes back a week later. I think
37 it's a very important issue when we deal with that, so we
38 certainly would like to have some comment, maybe as we go on
39 through the meeting on that, general public comment on that as
40 we go along.

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42 Thank you very much, appreciate it.

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44 MR. KNUTSEN: Yeah.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. I had two yellow cards, any
47 other individuals out there want to -- okay. Would you like to
48 come up Randy and talk to us now if you would, please. And if
49 you could just for the recorder there, Randy, for Joe's

50 benefit, give us your name and where you're from.

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1 MR. ALVAREZ: Okay. My name is Randy Alvarez, I live
2 in Igiugig. I wasn't planning on speaking, but I thought since
3 I was here I should testify on the use of leghold traps in the
4 refuges. I'm on the Iliamna Fish and Game Advisory Committee
5 and received a letter from the State concerning requests for
6 comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about use of
7 leghold traps in the Federal refuges and I was directed by the
8 Iliamna Advisory Committee to draft a letter to the U.S. Fish
9 and Wildlife in Virginia, so I -- we -- I drafted up and we
10 sent it out and the consensus was unanimous by our advisory
11 committee, which represents eight villages that we send it out
12 because we feel strongly that we need to have these leghold
13 traps in these refuges because, you know, snares is another way
14 of trapping and some of these refuges there aren't any trees
15 around. So it would make it almost impossible to catch any
16 animals for use of subsistence or any other means.

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18 And I also sent a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
19 on behalf of myself because I trap also and in one of my areas
20 that I trap is in the Katmai National Refuge, behind Igiugig.
21 And I know that in our area there are other refuges besides --
22 Federal refuges besides the one right behind us. And if we
23 lose the use of leghold traps it'll be more hardship on the
24 local people, especially in the outer villages where people
25 depend on trapping so much. I know probably everybody here has
26 a fur hat and if we lost that it would make it harder to catch
27 animals. And shooting, you know, you can only shoot about half
28 of the furbearing animals, it's against the law to shoot some
29 of them. And we feel strongly that we need to have this. And
30 I don't know what I should ask for you guys to do, but I just
31 wanted you to know what we decided to do and how we feel about
32 this issue.

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34 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any comment, any question for
35 Randy today? (Pause) Randy, I have one. When you sent this
36 letter in from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Advisory
37 Board, you're advisor to the Game Board and Fish Board. Was it
38 before the 15th of February?

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40 MR. ALVAREZ: Yes, I sent it in about -- it was about
41 the end of January. I received it probably about the middle of
42 January and we had a meeting in Iliamna and I gave a copy to
43 Mr. Balluta of the letter I received and I had the draft
44 already filled out and I had the Chairman of our committee sign
45 it and we mailed it right there, so that was about the -- it
46 must have been about the beginning of February, something like
47 that.

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49 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. No other questions?

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Just a comment, Mr. Chairman. Randy,
2 as you're well aware of I work for the Natural Resource
3 Department at Bristol Bay Native Association. When we were
4 made aware of I faxed out to all 30 tribal councils the
5 statement by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and proposal and
6 never have I received so many calls and faxes back generated
7 from the villages. So I think the villages are pretty well in
8 tuned, they have concerns just like you expressed. Have some
9 real reservations with the Federal management coming in and
10 taking over Federal management on management lands and this is
11 the scenario that they feared the worst is that trapping,
12 hunting regulations by the forces from Outside will start
13 controlling the state of Alaska through the Federal system and
14 really upset them. And like I said, this one issue, banning
15 leghold traps, Mr. Chairman, was -- if I had to give an award
16 for anything that stirred the people up that certainly did it.

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18 MR. ALVAREZ: Well, you know, there's a bigger
19 percentage of people that live out in the villages that live
20 like here or Dillingham or some areas that do trap because
21 there's not that many jobs so they have to do something, you
22 know, for some income and that's one way of doing it.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I think, Randy, it's really
25 unfortunate but I'm glad that traditional councils and local
26 governments responded. I would certainly hope that -- you
27 know, you only have a half a dozen people here at the most
28 maybe can support this proposal today from the general public,
29 when there's massive amount of support throughout the whole
30 region for it in the village that we live in, in the small
31 communities. Paug-Vik, alone, must have 700 members in
32 Paug-Vik Village Corporation alone, you know. And then look at
33 the number of people represented by the Fish and Game Advisory
34 Committees.

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36 Truly maybe some people don't support it, too. but --
37 and even some of our Native people don't support it, they've
38 called me and told me so, but they haven't come here to testify
39 on it. There's a lot of voices that haven't been heard on
40 that.

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42 MR. ALVAREZ: Well, on our Advisory Committee it was
43 unanimous that we send this letter out because we felt it was
44 real important.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Was your individual letter timely -
47 getting it in before the -- 15th was the deadline.

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49 MR. ALVAREZ: Yes, I already sent that in also.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Good. Any other questions?

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3 (No audible responses)

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you, Randy, appreciate you
6 coming.

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8 MR. ALVAREZ: All right. Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Have we missed anyone on public
11 comment at all on this leghold issue trap or any other
12 proposals you might want to address here before we start today?
13 (Pause) Okay. No more individuals to testify. We'll go on to
14 proposals from here at this time.

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16 Helga, would you take us to the next step?

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18 MS. EAKON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And just as a
19 reminder for the Regional Council and for the public to follow
20 the procedure as set forth under Agenda Item 7A. We will be
21 okay procedurally if we follow those steps, A through F.

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23 That being said, I will introduce the first proposal.
24 Proposal 38 was proposed to revise customary and traditional
25 use determinations on brown bear in Unit 9 and Pat McClenahan,
26 our anthropologist has the lead on the report, Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. And this is A?

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30 MS. EAKON: Proposal 38.

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, we're following the formula of
33 A, B, C?

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35 MS. EAKON: Yes, as set forth under Agenda 7.

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37 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And you are introducing the proposal?

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39 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, Pat. Give us your name, if you
42 would, for the recorder.

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44 MS. McCLENAHAN: Mr. Chairman, I'm Pat McClenahan,
45 staff anthropologist, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Nice to be home?

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49 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Good. Glad to have you back here.

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3 MS. McCLENAHAN: As Helga said, Proposal 38 proposes to
4 find for a positive customary and traditional use determination
5 for the rural residents of Unit 9 for Unit 9 brown bear. And
6 this is a backlog proposal.

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8 The existing regulation provided no Federal subsistence
9 priority in Units 9(A), 9(C) and 9(D). Rural resident of Unit
10 9(B) have priority in Unit 9(B) and the rural residents of
11 Chignik Lake, Ivanof Bay and Perryville have priority in Unit
12 9(E).

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14 In May 1996 the Federal Subsistence Board in agreement
15 with the recommendations of this Council deferred action on
16 this proposal. And it was to await the results of the Bristol
17 Bay Native Association community large mammal study that was
18 being carried out, harvest study. That study was completed and
19 the results were included in the analysis that I did this past
20 six months. And so along with available information from the
21 ADF&G community profile database, sealing records, ADF&G
22 subsistence use studies, subsistence use area maps and
23 ethnographic studies I completed that analysis.

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25 I found that the information from these written sources
26 is uneven and is not -- there's not information available for
27 all areas in writing. The analysis that I prepared was done by
28 subregion, there's good evidence from a variety of sources that
29 brown bear has been an important supplementary resource and the
30 subsistence use of brown bear continues today.

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32 For the upper Alaska Peninsula subregion, and that
33 include Naknek, King Salmon and South Naknek, the 1994-1995
34 large mammal survey that I just mentioned to you reported that
35 at least one household in each community reported either using
36 or attempting to take brown bear during that period. Sealing
37 records show several brown bear taken per year between 1980 and
38 1996. None of the other usual written source that we rely on,
39 however, give us information about brown bear use in this area.

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41 For the mid-Alaska Peninsula, Bristol Bay drainages,
42 ethnographic reports and the most recent harvest survey shows
43 that residents hunt and use brown bear. For the mid-Alaska
44 Peninsula Region, Pacific Ocean drainages ethnographic
45 resources, harvest surveys, harvest use area maps and sealing
46 records show that for Chignik Lake, Perryville, Ivanof Bay,
47 Port Heiden and Meshik and Egigik subsistence taking and use of
48 brown bear in Unit 9(E) was and continues to be an important
49 secondary resource.

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1 For the lower Alaska Peninsula Subregion little written
2 information was found describing subsistence uses of brown
3 bear. Based on current evidence, staff recommends that the
4 proposal be modified to read Unit 9(A, C and D) brown bear, no
5 Federal subsistence priority. Unit 9(B) brown bear, rural
6 residents of Unit 9(B). Unit 9(E) brown bear, rural residents
7 of Chignik Lake, Ivanof Bay, Perryville, Egigik and Port Heiden
8 and Meshik. That would be adding Egigik and Port Heiden,
9 Meshik, who meet all of the eight criteria for determining the
10 customary and traditional use of brown bear in the subunit.

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12 For other communities, staff has heard general comments
13 that brown bear is used as a subsistence resource, but we have
14 no written specifics. We request that traditional knowledge
15 and the sensitivity surrounding the topic of brown bears for at
16 least one culture in this are be taken into consideration here.

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18 We seek the guidance of the Regional Council in this
19 matter.

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Can you repeat that again, please.
22 Go back and just -- what are you seeking on that?

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24 MS. McCLENAHAN: We seek guidance of this Council.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: For what?

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28 MS. McCLENAHAN: In the matter of traditional knowledge
29 of brown bears in this region.

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum. And region, are you talking
32 about (C) and (D)?

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34 MS. McCLENAHAN: In Region 9.

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36 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: In Region 9 period?

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38 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yeah. In other words, it's possible
39 that our information is incomplete and we're seeking input.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes, that's true, okay.

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43 MS. McCLENAHAN: Any questions?

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Is that it?

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47 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any questions of

50 Ms. McClenahan, Pat? Yes, Robin.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pat, under
2 Justification, the first paragraph, it says: these communities
3 meet all eight of the criteria for determining use of brown
4 bear in these subunits. How do you rate your criteria? I know
5 there handling, preserve and intergenerational transmission of
6 knowledge and all of this, but did a community have to meet all
7 eight criteria or did a community have to meet five of the
8 eight or.....

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10 MS. McCLENAHAN: We looked for something under all
11 eight criteria and the information was not always the same for
12 every community, for every criteria. It's just very difficult
13 to balance and to make a judgment about and that's why I looked
14 to our Staff Committee to assist me in determining this. But
15 generally speaking, you know, each of the eight criteria appear
16 in the analysis. And we look for the ADF&G harvest data, we
17 look for the other ADF&G studies, for general ethnographic
18 studies. Some communities may have a ethnographic study but no
19 ADF&G data at all. It's a difficult call.

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. So if I'm from a community in
22 9(A), if we adopt this proposal, I will not have a subsistence
23 priority. However, I could have met six of the eight criteria
24 and in your eyes I would have failed, if I didn't meet all
25 eight, right? Or in staff's eyes, I shouldn't say your eyes.

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27 MS. McCLENAHAN: There aren't any communities in 9(A),
28 are there?

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: No, that's why I picked 9(A).

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32 MS. McCLENAHAN: Could I ask Tom?

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34 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah.

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36 MR. BOYD: Tom Boyd, in trying to answer your question,
37 Mr. Samuelsen, I think generally we look for a preponderance of
38 evidence in all eight categories, but it's not necessarily
39 automatic that if they don't meet them all, that we would
40 recommend no c&t. I think because of what Ms. McClenahan said
41 about the data not being equal in all communities it's going to
42 be difficult for us when we're doing our analysis to maybe find
43 the information that would apply in all eight criteria or eight
44 factors. But we try to look for a preponderance of evidence in
45 all and it's sometimes a subjective call looking at all the
46 information together and applying it and looking at the
47 community's use.

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49 Generally there are one or two factors that weigh a

50 little heavier than others. I don't have them in front of me

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1 but certainly, for instance, long term consistent pattern use
2 is one of those factors that we look for. That certainly
3 carries a good deal of weight. There are probably four to six
4 categories that almost all subsistence communities meet, as you
5 may be well aware of, the use and preservation of the
6 resources, the preponderance of use of a lot of different
7 resources. Handing down skills and knowledge from generation
8 to generation. I'm running off the top of my head here, but
9 generally those kinds of categories most communities will meet.

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11 But we look specifically at one or two of them, those
12 first two, I think, and I can't remember one of them off the
13 top of my head, but we generally will look at those and they
14 carry a little heavier weight than some of the others, but it
15 doesn't require that they meet all eight factors necessarily.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other questions, Council members?

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: No, that was -- preponderance of
22 evidence, I think that was the key, Mr. Chairman. The way it
23 was written here, to me, staff was saying that they had to meet
24 all eight criteria and I don't know of one instance where all
25 eight criteria had to be met to get a c&t on anything.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Any other questions of
28 Mrs. McClenahan?

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30 (No audible responses)

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Let's go to the next
33 level which is C, biological, social, cultural analysis. And
34 who's the team member leading that?

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36 MS. EAKON: That was given by Pat McClenahan.

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38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Oh, that was also introduction and --
39 okay. How about public comments, written comments?

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41 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair, the Alaska Department of
42 Fish and Game has deferred comments on Proposal 38. More than
43 likely their spokesperson will come before the Federal
44 Subsistence Board during that week long meeting from April 7
45 through April 11 to make their comments.

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum.

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49 MS. EAKON: And that's all we have on Proposal 38.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. The next level then will be
2 open the floor to any public comments on the c&t finding of
3 brown bear. Any members of the public who would like to
4 comment on this Proposal Number 38? (Pause) Okay. Hearing
5 none that wanted to make a comment on that and we'll continue
6 on with the proposal.

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8 Agency comments, Federal and State, is there anyone
9 here to deal with the Federal side or State side of this
10 proposal? (Pause) All right. Then we don't have any, we'll
11 fall down to the last area that deals with this proposal and
12 this would be the comments of the Council, deliberation or
13 recommendation, either a motion to amend it, a desired motion
14 to adopt the proposal. What's the wishes of the Council?

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16 (Pause)

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: We're pretty silent guys. Do you
19 want to just defer it, accept it, reject it, modify it, what
20 would you like to do? Robert.

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22 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman, I think we need to discuss
23 it somewhat.

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Give us a page number on
26 the proposal that you might want to talk about.

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28 MR. HEYANO: It's actually the first one under Tab D.

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Under D, and then there's many pages
31 to do with that proposal, so if you'd like to comment on it,
32 kind of give us an idea where you're at, if you would, please.
33 What are your thoughts?

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35 MR. HEYANO: Good question. I'm not sure,
36 Mr. Chairman, the proposal asks for all rural residents of Unit
37 9 have c&t findings for brown bear and, apparently, according
38 to the report we just heard is that some of those communities
39 don't have -- or there wasn't enough information on some of
40 those communities to make a positive c&t determination.

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42 MR. BOSKOFISKY: We have to listen to, in a way, like
43 Glen stated that things have changed a lot in the from the
44 past, you know, from a long time ago. We have ancestors that
45 did these things in these areas and a lot of the younger guys
46 ain't doing it right now, but who's to say they're not going to
47 start? I really feel, you know, by not going through with it
48 then we're just hurting our subsistence users.

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any other comments, Council

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1 members? Yeah, Robin.

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman, I request a five minute
4 break to get my thoughts together on this proposal.

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. We'll take about a 10 minute
7 break then. We've been going for an hour, that'll be fine.

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9 (Off record)

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11 (On record)

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Ready to call the meeting back
14 to order. We have Proposal Number 38 on the floor, we finished
15 with introduction, information, State of Alaska, Feds, no
16 further public comment. I believe the Council at this time
17 will address this proposal. What's the wish of the Council?
18 Yes.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to
21 delay action on Units 9(A), 9(C) and 9(D) for one year and see
22 if I get a second and then I'll speak to it.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Is there a second to the motion?

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26 MR. ABRAHAM: I second the motion.

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28 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, Pete seconded the motion.

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman, BBNA entered into a
31 contract to do large mammal surveys and it's clearly evident to
32 us that in the King Salmon/Naknek/South Naknek area people were
33 reluctant to talk. Most of the subsistence take was done under
34 darkness, that's kind of the unofficial comments that we got.
35 People were very reluctant to talk about it. And I think if
36 you go into the discussion here and justification and look
37 under page, I believe it was, eight on Krieg's report, that it
38 clearly showed up, so I ask the delay. BBNA will be coming
39 back through this area and interviewing more people and I think
40 we'll probably get ahold of Paug-Vik and maybe do a little more
41 advertising over here to get a truer picture on what is really
42 happening over here.

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Any other Council member
45 want to address the motion before us on the floor? If not,
46 call for the question.

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48 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Question.

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All those in favor say aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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5 (No opposing responses)

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7 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Ayes have it. Thank you.
8 Would you give us the next proposal, Helga, please.

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10 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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12 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes.

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14 MR. SAMUELSEN: Do we have to move on Units 9(B)
15 and.....

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Oh, yes, yes. 9(B) and (E). Would
18 that be 9(B) and (E)?

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: 9(B) and 9(E), yes.

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. What is the wish of the
23 Council? Do we have a motion on the 9(B), 9(E) area where we
24 do have some information on this proposal, what's the wish of
25 the Council?

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27 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman, I'll move for adoption of
28 9(E), preliminary conclusions are that the residents of Chignik
29 Lake, Egigik, Ivanof Bay, Perryville and Port Heiden. And I
30 think along with the same statements that were made earlier I,
31 you know, my limited knowledge is is that as there more
32 information or more of an in depth informational gathering that
33 would come forth you would find probably the communities of
34 Egigik, Pilot Point and Ugashik also coming out positive on the
35 c&t findings. So with that understanding, Mr. Chairman, I'll
36 move for 9(E), those residents of those previous mentioned
37 communities?

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39 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Is there a second to that
40 motion?

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42 MR. BOSKOFKY: Second it.

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Alvin seconded it. Would you
45 like to speak to the motion since you made it? Farther?

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47 MR. HEYANO: No, I think I did that, Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Any comments from Council

50 members? Here again we are able to take action on what

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1 information we have, not totally closing the door on everything
2 else if -- any further questions? Call for the question.

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4 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Question.

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All those in favor say aye.

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8 IN UNISON: Aye.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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12 (No opposing responses)

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Ayes have it. And, Helga, if you'll
15 introduce us to the next proposal, please.

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17 MS. EAKON: Just a note on Proposal 39 which had
18 proffered by Dan O'Hara, it would have reduced horsepower on
19 the Tazimina River, however, when the Park Service conferred
20 with Mr. O'Hara he agreed to withdraw the proposal and instead
21 write a letter to the National Park Service and also the Alaska
22 Department of Fish and Game. It would have been timely except
23 the post office lost the letter that Dan had signed. Your
24 Chairman had signed, so we mailed another letter off on January
25 17 and we are still awaiting word from Park Service and Fish
26 and Game on that particular withdrawn proposal. This is for
27 your information.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes, that's exactly right. We met at
30 Anchorage when the Council Presidents met with the Federal
31 Board and at that time it was the best thing to withdraw that
32 proposal, however, we are still going to pursue it and it's a
33 good one.

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35 Okay. The next proposal then, I guess, would be.....

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37 MS. EAKON: Proposal 40 would revise brown bear
38 regulations for Unit 9(B) and Bruce Greenwood of National Park
39 Service will make the presentation.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Bruce Greenwood.

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43 MR. GREENWOOD: Mr. Chair, Council, Lee's passing out a
44 map that might help us get a little background into where the
45 bear are normally harvested within this area.

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. You're on.

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49 MR. GREENWOOD: I want to let -- Lee is here, I may

50 defer to Lee for some specific questions and also I'm glad that

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1 Glen Alsworth was here, he did a good job thing morning giving
2 you a background on some issues that you're going to face when
3 you deliberate this proposal.

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5 But I'll provide a background to begin with. This
6 Proposal 40 would change the brown bear season for Iliamna,
7 Newhalen, Nondalton, Pedro Bay and Port Alsworth from October 1
8 -- the present season is split, it's October 1 to October 21,
9 May 10 to May 25th. It would change it to a September 1 to a
10 May 30 season.

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12 The skin requirement would also be changed, and that is
13 if the skin or skull of a bear taken in 9(B) is removed from
14 the area and sealed, representatives shall not be required to
15 remove and retain the skin of the skull and the front claws of
16 the bear.

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18 And three, salvaging requirements. A person harvesting
19 a bear shall salvage edible meat, hide or fat, or all three.
20 Now those are the three issues that the Council is going to
21 have to make its decision on and its recommendation on.

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23 The background and the land status is really important.
24 If you refer to your map, most of the land surrounding these
25 communities are lands that are not -- are selected by Kijik
26 Corporation and Cook Inlet Regional, Incorporated. And that's
27 mostly coastline on the southwest part of Lake Clark Park and
28 Preserve. The regulations for the subsistence program do not
29 apply on these lands, as Glen mentioned to you earlier.

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31 Most of the lands open for harvesting brown bear within
32 9(B) are the Federal lands that are along the north shores --
33 along the shores of Lake Clark on the north and they're
34 concentrated relatively in a small area by Tlikilila River,
35 Chokotonk, Current and Tanalian Rivers. So if you have any
36 questions regarding access Lee could cover some of the
37 questions regarding access.

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39 I think it's important to note there's previous Board
40 action on this same bear population. In 1994 the Subsistence
41 Board changed the regulations for Unit 9(B) for the residents
42 of Nondalton. Now, prior to that time there was one bear every
43 four years. The Board adopted the recommendation of the
44 Regional Council and they changed the season to an October 1 to
45 October 21 and May 10 to May 25 season, which would allow a
46 person to harvest one bear every year.

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48 In 1996 the Board approved the same season for the
49 communities of Iliamna, Newhalen, Pedro Bay and Port Alsworth.

50 At that time the Board also set an annual harvest quote of no

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1 more than 10 bear of which of the 10 bear no more than four
2 could be sows. And this was based also on Regional Council
3 recommendation.

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5 And the harvest quota was established based on a study
6 that was completed in 1989. And I can provide more details on
7 the biology if you would care to have that information. Right
8 now where the hunt is there's 10 Federal registration permits
9 available to hunters within this area. Now, these are given
10 out on an as needed basis. And the permit for an unsuccessful
11 hunt is, therefore, returned to the park for reissuance after
12 the hunt.

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14 Glen also mentioned this, and I think it's important
15 for the record, to note that in 1996 eight brown bears were
16 killed for defense of life and property within this area. And
17 none of these were killed on Federal lands, however. And at
18 least two of these bears were females.

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20 The bears are most prevalent along the Tlikilila River
21 and it's during the fall of the year, so that's where most of
22 the harvest will most likely occur.

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24 I think probably the easiest way to proceed from here
25 would be to take this little chart when Glen was talking. This
26 little chart outlines the existing regulation, proposed
27 regulation, SRC recommendation and the staff preliminary
28 conclusion. What I'll do is we could start with the SRC
29 recommendation and I'll present that and give you some of the
30 staff rationale under each one of those points.

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32 Under the season, the season recommendation is from
33 July 1 to June 30. The members of the Commission base this on
34 their traditional knowledge and accordingly brown bear are
35 harvested with respect, as needed and when available.

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37 Under the skinning requirement, the SRC recommendation
38 is that the skin of the skull and the claws shall not be
39 required to be removed if the bear is sent out of the area.
40 The reason they wanted to leave it this way is they felt there
41 was no reason to devalue the hide or make it not available to
42 be tanned and used in that manner.

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44 The salvage requirement, the existing regulation
45 requires only salvaging edible meat for human consumption. And
46 the SRC concurred with the existing regulation regarding that.
47 They felt that it was important that bear meat be used for
48 food. They also recommend that within existing regulations
49 they suggested deleting the reference to location where bear is

50 sealed. And this isn't necessary to have the location because

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1 ADF&G representative where he resides changes periodically.
2 They also recommend and annual harvest quota established by the
3 Subsistence Board in 1996 remain intact.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's 10 bears?

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7 MR. GREENWOOD: That's 10 bears with no more than four
8 being sows.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Right.

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12 MR. GREENWOOD: And more details on that. Once four
13 sows are harvested the season would be closed or if 10 bear
14 harvested the season would be closed.

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16 The SRC also recommended that an allocation process be
17 set up whereby all the communities would have an equal
18 opportunity to harvest brown bear. So what they recommended is
19 that the 10 permits be allocated between the resident zone
20 communities, with only 10 permits issued at one time. Each of
21 the five resident zone communities with Lake Clark National
22 Park would be issued one permit. Of the remaining five permits
23 that are available no more than five permits would be issued to
24 one community. Therefore, each community cannot have any more
25 than five permits. That would leave all the other communities
26 having one permit each with an additional permit that could go
27 to any of the other communities.

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29 And I think it's important to note, too, it wouldn't go
30 to the community at large, it would go to a qualified
31 subsistence user within that community.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Question, Mr. Chairman .

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes, sir, speak up.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: So how many permits will be issued
38 total?

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40 MR. GREENWOOD: The total number of permits that would
41 be issued at any one time would be 10 permits.

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43 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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45 MR. SAMUELSEN: Per year?

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47 MR. GREENWOOD: Per year. I'll go over the preliminary
48 conclusions and a little bit of the rationale why staff is
49 recommending this. The preliminary conclusion would be to

50 adopt the September 1 to May 30 season for Iliamna, Newhalen,

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1 Nondalton, Pedro Bay and Port Alsworth, with a restriction on
2 the harvest of female bear within the den within the
3 wintertime. The season here generally corresponds with the
4 time of year when brown bear were traditionally harvested and
5 is more reflective of a traditional harvest pattern than what
6 the existing season is.

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8 And our references that were used to develop this
9 information, the fall hunts it said, as you probably all very
10 well know, the bear were traditionally harvested when people
11 were in fish camps during October through the time they denned.
12 And this is the most opportune time to take bear since they
13 have the most amount of fat reserves.

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15 The winter hunts, bears were harvested in their dens
16 and a concern that staff had that if harvested while in their
17 dens in the wintertime that they could inadvertently harvest a
18 sow or a sow with cubs. And as you probably all well know,
19 under the regulation it is illegal to harvest a sow that has
20 cubs or a cub bear.

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22 The spring hunts, our information shows that bears are
23 hunted in the spring after the bear leave their den. There's
24 less information available regarding the spring hunt -- the
25 specific timing of the spring hunt, but it is known that bears
26 were harvested that time of year.

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28 Now for the summer harvesting of bear we found very
29 little information regarding the summer harvesting of bear.
30 And it is thought that the summer period for harvesting would
31 be very minimal because the people were using fish at that time
32 of the year and bear would be on fish and that would be
33 unlikely that they would be harvesting bear during this time
34 around, since the meat most likely would not be edible.

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36 The staff did come to the conclusion that an extended
37 season as proposed, September 1 to May 20 with the harvest
38 quota intact would allow us to maintain a natural and healthy
39 bear population within the national park.

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41 To maintain the existing regulation that requires the
42 removal of the skin of the skull and the front claws of the
43 bear from hides that have been removed from the unit, and I
44 think that's important to note, that as long as the bears left
45 within the unit are within the area that no sealing is required
46 and the person can do whatever they want with the bear hide.
47 But if a bear hide is being removed from a unit then it would
48 have to be sealed and at the time of sealing the claws would be
49 removed and the skin of the skull would be removed.

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1 I think it's important at this time to look at the
2 overall statewide regulation for harvesting brown bear under
3 subsistence purposes. Right now the general statewide brown
4 bear regulation requires that when a bear is harvest -- any
5 bear that is harvested before it is transported it must be
6 sealed and at the time of sealing the skin of the skull and the
7 claws are removed. It also requires that the hide and the meat
8 be salvaged.

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10 So these regulations are more restrictive on
11 subsistence users. So within the Western Brown Bear Management
12 Area and the Northwest Brown Bear Management Area the
13 regulations were changed to be more modified to be more
14 suitable to subsistence harvest. And within these areas the
15 change that was made is, one, only the meat has to be salvaged,
16 the hide does not have to be salvage. And, two, that if it's
17 left within the unit then no sealing is required, but if it is
18 removed from the unit then again the claws are removed and the
19 skin of the skull is removed.

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21 So, in summary, right now within 9(B) the regulations
22 allow the residents not to seal brown bear that are not removed
23 from the unit, they can leave the skull at the site of the
24 harvest if they choose to, they don't have to salvage the hide
25 if the bear is taken for meat or fat. Only if the hide is
26 removed from the unit is it necessary to remove and retain the
27 skin of the skull and the claws of the bear.

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29 Three, we would recommend maintain an existing
30 regulation requirement and salvage of edible meat. This is
31 similar to statewide regulations, animal meat must always be
32 salvaged for brown bear harvested in 9(B). And this would
33 discourage the non-subsistence use of brown bear. And I think
34 it's important to note, too, that for -- that there an emphasis
35 for harvesting brown bear under subsistence regulations, it's
36 important to note that even though it's recognized the hide is
37 used for other purposes but the main purpose of subsistence is
38 to put meat on the table, therefore, the salvage of the meat is
39 very important.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Excuse me. Whose idea was that?

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43 MR. GREENWOOD: That's.....

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's your idea?

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47 MR. GREENWOOD: No, that's the regulations, that
48 existing regulations.

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: State or Federal?

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1 MR. GREENWOOD: It's the Federal. I could actually --
2 if you just -- I could -- it says under subsistence
3 regulations, intent and purpose for human consumption.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum. Okay.

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7 MR. GREENWOOD: And that's the Federal regulations and
8 the intent of that.

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10 And the final point would be, we also recommend
11 adopting the Lake Clark Subsistence Resource Commission's
12 recommendation regarding allocation of permits between the
13 communities. And also the section of the regulation that
14 specifies were the bear to be sealed. And by adopting this it
15 would assure that -- if there is an increased demand for
16 permits that all communities within this are would have an
17 equal opportunity to harvest brown bear during the subsistence
18 hunt.

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20 Are there any questions?

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any questions, Council members?
23 Yeah, Robert.

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25 MR. HEYANO: I guess what impacts do the bear
26 population could occur if you allowed a year-round season when
27 you're going to be targeting a total of 10 bears only of which
28 four can be female?

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30 MR. GREENWOOD: We would anticipate that even it's with
31 a year-round season that there would -- with only 10 bears
32 being allowed to be harvested every year that there would be no
33 change in the number of bear harvested. It may -- the factor
34 that we were coming -- the factor important to consider that if
35 a bear is harvested during the middle of the summer that, you
36 know, generally the hide is not going to be as in good as shape
37 for that, nor is the meat. The meat is most likely not edible
38 during that time of year. And we believe it's important to
39 stay with what is the commonly time when bears were normally or
40 commonly harvested.

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42 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any questions, Council members.

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44 MR. HEYANO: I guess I got several here.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Sure.

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48 MR. HEYANO: Can you tell me what the importance is of
49 bringing the skull out with the hide?

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1 MR. GREENWOOD: I think maybe, if I could clarify that
2 point. Is that the reasons why the regulations were changed in
3 the Western Brown Bear Management Area and the Northwestern
4 Brown Bear Management Area and within 9(B) and one other unit,
5 is that it allows the subsistence users, they could leave the
6 head at the site of the kill if they so choose.

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8 MR. HEYANO: I understand that, but I think that what
9 you're recommending is that if the hide is going to be shipped
10 outside the unit then you're requiring the skull come to the
11 F&G office along with the hide to get tagged or sealed.

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13 MR. GREENWOOD: Yes, correct. What the existing
14 regulation, if you note on you -- this little flow chart here,
15 the existing regulations as of right now -- states right now
16 that it is to be removed if it's shipped from the unit. What
17 this does is this -- the reason for this regulation and why it
18 was adopted within these brown bear management areas was to
19 ensure that the bear that are harvested in those areas that are
20 used for subsistence purposes and not for trophy purposes or
21 sport type purposes. And I believe the thought is, is that if
22 it's left intact and the hide leaves the unit intact that
23 people could be essentially sport hunting under subsistence
24 type regulations.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Go ahead, Robert, you have more
27 questions?

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29 MR. HEYANO: What's the significance of the skull along
30 with the hide, I guess, is my original question? Why do you
31 have to bring the skull along with the hide?

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33 MR. GREENWOOD: You wouldn't have to do that. Yeah,
34 that's not necessary, a person can leave the skull on the site
35 of the kill or do whatever they want with it.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: As long as the hide remains in.....

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39 MR. GREENWOOD: As long as the hide remains within the
40 unit. Of if you want to ship the hide out, if you remove the
41 claws and the head, you can ship the hide out.

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43 MR. HEYANO: But the skull could still remain in the
44 field?

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46 MR. GREENWOOD: Yes, definitely.

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48 MR. HEYANO: One last question I guess, Mr. Chairman,
49 since I'm not much of a bear hunter. How do you determine a

50 female bear that's in a den?

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1 MR. GREENWOOD: Well, I think that's the concern.....

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's real tricky, isn't it?

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5 MR. GREENWOOD: That's the concern of the winter hunt,
6 is that if a person was harvesting a bear in the den they would
7 not be able to determine if it was a female with cubs. And
8 that's why the staff recommends that denning not occur in the
9 wintertime.

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: You send a park ranger in to look
12 around, a guy name Jim Hummell.

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14 MR. BALLUTA: It's -- if a person knows what they're
15 hunting for you can tell if it's a female bear den or a male
16 bear den. I'm familiar with it so I can tell.

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other questions of Bruce?

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20 (No audible responses)

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, Bruce, how do you determine
23 that the hunt should go from May until September?

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25 MR. GREENWOOD: What.....

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's the recommendation by your --
28 that's your recommendation from September 1 to May 30.

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30 MR. GREENWOOD: As you note that's the same as the
31 proposed regulation which is proposed by the proponent. We
32 concur with that, that that time period is more closely
33 resembles the customary and traditional period when bears were
34 harvested than the existing season, therefore, we recommend
35 adopting that.

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37 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: It sounds like the Alaska Department
38 of Fish and Game sport hunting regulation. Wouldn't you think?

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40 MR. GREENWOOD: I would say the existing regulation we
41 have now, if you note the top chart, if you note the top line
42 there, October 1 to October 21, May 10 to May 25 is the
43 existing regulation as it stands now which is.....

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: But you're recommending September 1
46 to May 30th?

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48 MR. GREENWOOD: Yes. Yeah, we're recommending
49 concurring with the proponent's proposed season.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I think this would be better for the
2 subsistence user if you decided maybe January and February
3 might be the months that you didn't hunt them, maybe even
4 December. They saw a brown bear in Hook Bay walking along the
5 beach, they're still out down in Chignik. We see it come out
6 in this time of the year. You can ask anybody who's flown the
7 area of any length of time at all and you'll see them out in
8 February. They may go back in.

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10 So actually it looked to me like it's more favoring the
11 sport hunter than you are the subsistence user. An April bear
12 when I grew up in the lake country, would go to the salt water
13 side which you have sectioned off here, there's not even any
14 villages, and get a brown bear. Not me but my folks, the
15 generation above me did that and it was in April. October, you
16 know, I think the people in Nondalton requested a bear in
17 October because that's when it was the fattest. I mean, we all
18 hunted bear in October.

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20 And then you have 10 bears that's going to be
21 permitted?

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23 MR. GREENWOOD: Correct.

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum. Does the State of Alaska
26 require that the meat and everything be brought out and the guy
27 that kills the brown bear for \$10,000.00 get the take the head
28 home and claws and the meat too?

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30 MR. GREENWOOD: I don't think in the sport regulations
31 it necessary to do that.

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33 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum. And yet you put a
34 restriction on a subsistence user to do that, huh? If he takes
35 it out of region he's got to take the head and claws off?
36 That's your proposal?

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38 MR. GREENWOOD: I -- yes.

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40 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Of course, that's the reason I
41 submitted the proposal because I don't agree with that
42 obviously.

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44 MR. GREENWOOD: I'd like to clarify one thing on the
45 season. The season that the staff recommends is September 1 to
46 May 30, which is the same as what you recommended.

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48 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I know that's what was recommended,
49 but I think you -- that might be fine for us to recommend it,

50 but then you got an SRC over here that says, there's probably a

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1 better time for that. Who are we to say and who are you to
2 say? I mean these are the user of the animal, not you or not
3 this Council. And you need to take that into consideration,
4 too, is what the people have to say. I think that's really
5 important.

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7 MR. GREENWOOD: Yes, I think that's acknowledged in the
8 staff analysis that SRC's recommendation must be considered.

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10 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman.

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12 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum.

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14 MR. HEYANO: Clarification, September 1 to May 30, so
15 the only months that the subsistence season would be prohibited
16 would be June, July and August?

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18 MR. GREENWOOD: Correct.

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I mean, you know, a brown bear is a
21 good animal to kill in June. Granted July we have fish and
22 they're pretty fishy at that time and August, you know, and the
23 animal is good in October. And yet I think that's an important
24 issue.

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26 I think one of the things that we're going to have to
27 take into consideration that I hear hue and cry about in the
28 region is the fact that the new welfare reform bill says
29 there's going to be a lot of cut backs on what people do. And
30 we're talking here about economic factor also involved in the
31 subsistence issue of Title VIII.

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33 In fact, if you remember September we were asked when
34 the fishery situation came into being, how much of this fish do
35 you want to be used on a subsistence basis for commercial use,
36 you know. That's an economic factor in the subsistence issue.
37 I sit on the corporation of the Bristol Bay New Corporation
38 Board of Directors and we were wrestling with this welfare
39 issue and I asked them, well, why don't you start thinking
40 about what's going to happen in subsistence as far as the use
41 of subsistence as far as the economic benefactor of this
42 region. And that is going to become an issue. As you see
43 welfare going away, which I'm glad it is, I wouldn't support it
44 anyway, but then what do you bring back from the region to
45 support the people. And I think you're going to have to look
46 seriously, I don't think the Park Service will do this, but
47 we're going to have to look seriously at the fact that
48 subsistence is going to be something that's going be an
49 economic benefactor to the region.

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1 State of Alaska doesn't require -- you know, it's a
2 \$10,000.00 animal for the State of Alaska and it's strictly a
3 money issue, it's not a -- it's a factor, the biologists of the
4 State of Alaska, I know them really well, and I think they do a
5 wonderful job, and they work for the State and the only thing
6 that -- the interest they have in a brown bear is conserving
7 the animal, but it's an economic factor to them, you know. And
8 yet you take our people who use a brown bear, they eat it,
9 they're required to bring it out, and then they got to chop it
10 up if they ever want to do anything different with it. And
11 that's where the really, you know, kind of galls me that we're
12 at that issue. And since you're the one making the proposal,
13 you're the one that's going to have to hear it.

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15 MR. GREENWOOD: I think one -- I know one reason --
16 this isn't being contrary, but one reason why the -- in these
17 brown bear management areas and also 9(B) where they have that
18 requirement is they're allowed to harvest a bear every year in
19 these areas versus everywhere else statewide it's one bear
20 every four years. So I think there was a biological concern
21 that without that type of -- without a more stringent
22 requirement that people could harvest a bear every year and may
23 be detrimental to the population.

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, but you got a limit on that,
26 right?

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28 MR. GREENWOOD: Within 9(B) we have a limit of 10
29 bears, so this is a moot point for 9(B), this deliberation.

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, I'm talking about 9(B), this is
32 what this proposal is addressing. And, you know, I can't
33 imagine putting those kind of restrictions on 10 bear coming
34 out of the area when I don't know how many the State of Alaska
35 kills in the whole region at \$10,000.00 a whack. It's a
36 strange, strange system.

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38 MR. GREENWOOD: I have that information if you want to
39 know what it is.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What is it?

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43 MR. BOSKOFISKY: About 15,000 a bear.

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. They don't eat any of them
46 either or do anything with them.

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48 MR. BOSKOFISKY: No.

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MR. GREENWOOD: Let's see there were -- since between

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1 1960 and 1995 there were 374 brown bears sealed within 9(B). Of
2 these brown bear, approximately 8 percent were taken by
3 residents of 9(B); 32 percent were taken by other Alaska
4 residents; and about 60 percent were taking by non-residents.

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other questions of Bruce today?

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8 (No audible response)

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, thank you very much, we
11 appreciate you giving us the information.

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13 MR. GREENWOOD: Your welcome.

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15 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: You know when we talk tough to you
16 it's not personal, it's.....

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18 MR. GREENWOOD: I know it isn't.

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Who is the next
21 individual to come up here before us?

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23 MS. EAKON: I am with the public comments. We just got
24 one public comment on this and that was from the Alaska
25 Department of Fish and Game. It's lengthy but what they have
26 say is important, so I'm going to read it, okay?

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28 They say: Do not support. The Department does not
29 support this proposal for several reasons. First, we do not
30 support the sealing requirements being deleted from the Unit
31 9(B) brown bear regulations. The purpose of requiring that the
32 skin of the skull and front claws be removed before a brown
33 bear hide is taken from the area is to discourage trophy
34 hunting under the Federal subsistence regulations.

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36 Second, the Department does not support the provision
37 requiring salvage of "the edible meat, hide, or fat, or all
38 three." The proposal itself notes hat brown bears have
39 nutritional and economic value. If so, salvaging some or all
40 of the edible meat and fat and the hide should not be optional
41 under the Federal subsistence regulations.

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43 Third, we do not support the provision requiring the
44 Department to seal brown bears then under this proposed Federal
45 subsistence regulation. The Department has no representative
46 in Port Alsworth at this time and, therefore, has no staff
47 stationed in Unit 9(B).

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49 The Department would entertain a proposal for Federal

50 agency representatives to seal brown bears taken under this

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1 regulation, if adopted, as long as appropriate consultation
2 occurred with our staff. If the goal of this proposal is to
3 make it easier for local residents to harvest brown bears as
4 trophy animals rather than to use for subsistence purposes, the
5 Board should reject it.

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7 End of comment.

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9 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And you got that petition that came
10 in from Port Alsworth and the Lake Country on supporting.

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12 MS. EAKON: No, I have never heard of it. What we can
13 do.....

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15 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I gave it to you, you got it there, I
16 gave it to Joe.

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18 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Right there it is. Glen packed that
21 down. Did anybody have any comment to the written comment
22 here, Council members?

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24 (No audible response)

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Let's go then to the Federal
27 and State agency comments. Do we have anything from the
28 Federal side or the State side on this particular proposal
29 today?

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31 (No audible response)

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33 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. That was in the written
34 comments also. Public comments on this proposal, anybody, did
35 anybody sign up or have any comment on this brown bear issue?

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37 MR. ALVAREZ: I didn't sign up but I'd like to
38 (inaudible)

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40 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Randy. We still have you
41 right here and for Joe, if you wouldn't mind just giving him
42 your name again, Randy.

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44 MR. ALVAREZ: Randy Alvarez, I live in Igiugig.
45 Mr. Greenwood had said that about 60 percent of the brown bears
46 were harvested by non-residents and I believe that is so,
47 because the season that the State, as it's regulated to and
48 which is in our area I think it's October 7th. And I've held
49 -- bought two bear tags but I was unable to get one when it

50 opened because they were gone from around the villages. And I

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1 think the villages around Lake Iliamna there, we have bears all
2 through August and September, but comes bear season they're
3 gone, they're back up in the mountains and from what I've been
4 hearing other people talk about, you know, there are quite a
5 number of bears that have been shot that -- out of protect of
6 property and life and these bears are just discarded, you know,
7 so that they won't -- people won't get caught with them and
8 prosecuted.

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10 But, you know, if we can get an earlier season, you
11 know, which the Iliamna Advisory Committee is planning on,
12 trying to get an earlier season, like the district down here is
13 opened up September 1st, but ours is so late that it's almost
14 impossible to get a bear unless you go into the mountains where
15 all the big game bear hunters are flown in and, you know, it --
16 I'll just -- my statement was, it's a reason why so many of the
17 bears are shot by outsiders, non-residents, is because of the
18 seasons, of the day it opens, and if we could get it changed I
19 think it probably it's make -- it would change the percentage
20 of bears that are taken, probably considerably.

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any questions you might have
23 of Randy?

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25 (No audible response)

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you, I appreciate that. Any
28 other public comment that we might have overlooked today?
29 (No audible response)

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. We'll bring it up then to the
32 -- losing my little spot here. I guess the next was agency
33 comments, Federal and State. There's no more comments from
34 those people?

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36 (No audible response)

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38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Council members, what's your
39 deliberation on this proposal?

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman, if Andrew would, tell me
42 the difference, how he can tell a male -- I think the whole
43 room would like to know.

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45 MR. BALLUTA: You got to be there to know. It's a lot
46 different (inaudible) a female bear has a den more covered than
47 a male. You know, they'll really plug up the hole inside of
48 there where a male bear, a big one, probably wouldn't even do
49 that. It walks in and sleeps there in his den but a sow bear

50 would fix up her den. She's probably going to have cubs the

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1 next spring, probably. Then maybe she's got some small ones
2 also. It's more like a home, you know, where a male bear not
3 even work on his den as much as female would.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: If we don't have any other Council
6 comments, I would like to at this time relinquish the Chair to
7 the Vice Chair to conduct this part of the meeting.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Looking for a motion.

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a
12 motion that this Council support this proposal, number what is
13 it, 40?

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15 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Forty. I'll second it.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Made and seconded it. Are there any
18 additions, deletions? Are you the preliminary conclusions?
19 Dan, does that modified the proposal, that statement there?

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What page is that?

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23 MR. SAMUELSEN: That is on Page 34.

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, I would like to amend that to
26 at least from April through October. I don't know if we get
27 away with the whole year, I think it's great for the SRA (sic)
28 to give that but I think in light of what we heard from other
29 areas, Mr. Chairman, that we probably would go ahead and maybe,
30 if the second would allow me to amend that from April 1 to
31 November 1. And that's an amendment to the motion.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Lee.

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35 MR. FINK: Mr. Chair, Council members, Lee Fink from
36 Lake Clark National Park. I guess I'd just like to speak a
37 little bit to the amendment you were making, Dan. I think the
38 intent, and Andrew is probably the resident bear expert here,
39 so I would certainly defer to him if he had any different
40 opinion. But I think the intent was to leave the winter season
41 open because bears have traditionally been harvested in the
42 winter.

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44 And, actually, though the staff did not recommend
45 taking bears from their den, the literature does indicate that
46 that is indeed how traditionally they were hunted. But they
47 certainly were harvested some in the winter. Because of the
48 conflict with maybe not everybody having the knowledge of
49 knowing -- being able to differentiate between a male and a

50 female den site, the staff recommended when bears do come out

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1 of the winter in the den, they would be available for harvest,
2 so if a person did, indeed, need bear meat or want bear meat
3 during the winter season, as we all know they do occasionally
4 come out, and occasionally they even come through the villages,
5 or they are close to their dens and at that point in time they
6 could be harvested.

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8 And that is the time of year when resources are less
9 plentiful, certainly there are no fish around at that time,
10 you're eating the fish you put up or maybe a little ice
11 fishing, but during the summertime and in June being the month
12 when they are breeding then the June, July and August would be
13 the only three months of the year when you would not be able to
14 harvest bear for subsistence purposes.

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What time?

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18 MR. FINK: June, July and August. And that is, as far
19 as I can tell, looking at, you know, at traditional use that is
20 the time when they were probably least harvested anyways
21 because there was so many other activities going on and they
22 were not at their prime for subsistence use.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Mr. Chair, if I could just.....

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26 MR. SAMUELSEN: Dan.

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28 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: You know, they really do -- I mean, a
29 brown bear is awfully good the first of June. They don't get
30 into the fish until July and August, so maybe I would withdraw
31 that amendment to just leave it July and August that they --
32 where they're not used. I don't even know if they're a problem
33 in the community. You know, if they're going to be a real
34 problem in the community and you want to take one on a
35 subsistence basis then that's more justifiable than killing 30
36 bears or 20 bears and throwing them in Lake Iliamna or Lake
37 Clark.

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39 You know, they drug the bottom of Pedro Bay for a body
40 and they found a lot of bears that were totally wasted for
41 everyone. I mean this is a crying shame that you'd throw a
42 nice animal like that away. You could even justify State of
43 Alaska getting \$15,000.00 a bear if -- you know, for that kind
44 of -- so let's make it as practical as we can for the needs of
45 the people and maybe Alvin had a comment or two, but I know
46 that July and August would be the least amount of time that you
47 want to -- I'm not so hot on killing the bear in its den, I
48 don't like that idea too well. I don't know, but if they
49 certainly came out of their den in the wintertime and you had

50 an opportunity to get one on a snowmachine, it would be a good

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1 animal.

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3 (Tape malfunction)

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5 MR. FINK:has a situation around Lake Clark,
6 these bears are not available for harvest under the guise of
7 these regulations around the villages. The village lands are
8 -- all the villages are either village corporation land or
9 private land of some respect. And so though there are
10 different opinions on the numbers of bears in the area and the
11 problems that they create and people often shoot them in
12 defense of life and property, even if they wished to use
13 subsistence regulations as an avenue to take a bear that was
14 being a nuisance bear the regulations would not apply because
15 the lands surrounding the villages are not Federal public
16 lands.

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Mr. Chairman, I think you have a
19 teleconference at 3:00 o'clock with the Governor. Would it be
20 okay if we just table this until all of us could be here and,
21 like, take the next proposal. Take a break and go on to the
22 next proposal?

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any objection?

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Would that be okay that way? I don't
27 want to hold him up from his and I'm the Chairman and I can't
28 do anything unless I defer the Chair, so could we go ahead and
29 take a break then and come back in about 10 minutes and then
30 we'll go on to the next proposal.

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32 Thank you, Lee.

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34 MR. FINK: Your welcome.

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36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Take a break for 10 minutes.

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38 (Off record)

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40 (On record)

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42 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. We'll call the meeting back to
43 order. I'd like to just for the sake of the minutes, Joe,
44 Robin had to be excused to meet with the Governor on a fish
45 issue, Commissioner, and I'll go ahead and resume the Chair.
46 We'll put Proposal Number 40 on hold until he gets back.

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48 Helga, we'd like to go to 41.

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MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair. Proposals 41A and B would

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1 revise customary and traditional use determinations for beaver
2 in Units 9 and 17 and Pat McClenahan will give the staff
3 report.

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5 MS. McCLENAHAN: Mr. Chairman, my name is Pat
6 McClenahan from Anchorage. As Helga pointed out, Proposals 41A
7 and 41B will be presented together because they address the
8 same topic.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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12 MS. McCLENAHAN: And the staff analysis was done for
13 both of them in one analysis.

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15 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Sure.

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17 MS. McCLENAHAN: Proposal 41A proposes to change the
18 existing customary and traditional finding from all rural
19 residents for Units 9 and 17 beaver, to rural residents of
20 Units 9 and 17.

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, 9 and 17, all right.

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24 MS. McCLENAHAN: Proposal 41B proposes a positive
25 customary and traditional use finding only for rural residents
26 of Units 9(C) and 9(E) for Units 9(C) and 9(E) beaver. And the
27 remaining unit -- the remainder of Unit 9 would continue to be
28 all rural residents.

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30 Both of these proposals were backlogged proposals. The
31 effect of Proposal 41A would be to confirm customary and
32 traditional use practices as reported in the ethnographic
33 record and the ADF&G records and the harvest studies that we
34 looked at.

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36 The effect of Proposal 41B would be the same for Unit
37 9(C) and 9(E) and it would also provide beaver to the residents
38 of those two units in times of resources shortages. For this
39 analysis we got our information from ADF&G records, from
40 harvest records and reports and from ethnographic studies.
41 Except for the lower Alaska Peninsula the information we got
42 indicates that Kakhonak residents take beaver in Units 9(A),
43 9(B) and 9(C); 17(C) residents take beaver in Units 9(B) and
44 9(C) -- I'm sorry, that's wrong.

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46 17(C) residents take beaver in Unit 9(B). Unit 9(C)
47 residents and those from the community of Levelock in 9(B) take
48 beaver in Unit 9(C). Unit 9(C) and 9(E) residents take beaver
49 in Unit 9(E).

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1 There's good evidence for all of Units 9 and 17, except
2 for the Lower Alaska Peninsula Region, that beaver has been an
3 important resource in this region, Region 4, both units, over a
4 long period of time. ADF&G records from 1980 to 1996 show that
5 beaver continues to be an important subsistence resource today.

6
7 Staff recommends confirming Proposal 41A, find for a
8 positive customary and traditional use of Units 9 and 17 for
9 the residents of Unit 9 and 17.

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11 ADF&G records show that the pattern of taking beaver
12 pretty much reflects what is in Proposal 41B, except that there
13 is some historic evidence to show that residents of Levelock
14 also take beaver in those two units. That would be my only
15 concern about 41B.

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: 41B, the Levelock people take it only
18 in what, 9(B) and 9(C)?

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20 MS. McCLENAHAN: They take beaver in unit 9(B) -- I'm
21 sorry, 9(E) and 9(C), according to the records that I have.

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Levelock people take it in 9(B) and
24 9(C)?

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26 MS. McCLENAHAN: Historically.

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28 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, okay. That's right.

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30 MS. McCLENAHAN: At any rate, confirming Proposal 41A
31 we feel will reflect recognition of customary and traditional
32 use practices in Units 9 and 17.

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34 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: 17? And B takes out.....

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36 MS. McCLENAHAN: Except for that one concern -- and
37 also you need to take into consideration whether or not you
38 want to leave the rest of 9 open to all rural residents, 9 and
39 17 or do you want to restrict to residents of Units 9 and 17.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: To all the residents of 9 and 17 and
42 -- or restricted. And restricted would be c&t then?

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44 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yes, for 9 and 17.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: 9 and 17. Do you have anything else,
47 Pat.

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49 MS. McCLENAHAN: That's all.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any questions of
2 Mrs. McClenahan?

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4 (No audible response)

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Thank you very much.

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8 MS. McCLENAHAN: Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. We're down to summary of
11 written public comments here now, Helga.

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13 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair. We received only one
14 comment and that came from the Alaska Department of Fish and
15 Game. And they say that c&t proposal comments deferred. The
16 Department is unaware of beaver populations being present in
17 Unit 9(D).

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: 9(D), that's way down below.....

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21 MS. EAKON: D as in David.

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA:that's below Sand Point area;
24 isn't that right? 9(D) is south.

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26 MR. HEYANO: Right. It's actually outside of our.....

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28 MR. ABRAHAM: 9(B) is.....

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No, D, Delta. Andy, it start where
31 the refuge ends at Moeller, Stepovak Bay and that area and goes
32 on south -- excuse me, Robert, go ahead.

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34 MR. HEYANO: You are correct, Mr. Chairman. Another
35 point I'd make is that it's actually outside of our region.

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37 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, that's not an issue, that's too
38 far away. So what -- did you want to -- any comment on --
39 Helga, is that the only written comment?

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41 MS. EAKON: That was the only comment.

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43 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. And is there anyone on the
44 floor today that wanted to comment on beavers at all in the way
45 of public hearing? At this time we'd like to give the public
46 an opportunity to comment.

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48 (No audible response)

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Hearing none, we'll close the floor

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1 to public comments. Agency comments, that's the Federal side?
2 State of Alaska?

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4 (No audible response)

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Regional Council
7 deliberations, what are your wishes on these two proposals? Do
8 you want to handle them one at a time or together?

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10 MR. HEYANO: Well, I think, Mr. Chairman, I would move
11 to adopt Proposal 41A. And then I guess depending on the vote
12 of the outcome on that vote is whether we take any action on
13 41B or not.

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15 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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17 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I'll second it.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Second the motion. Any
20 discussion? Since you made the motion, do you prefer to
21 address the motion?

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23 MR. HEYANO: Sure, Mr. Chairman, I guess based on the
24 presentation I heard from Pat and in light of actually sitting
25 down and identifying each of the communities in Unit 17 and in
26 Unit 9 to each subunit, I would prefer what Proposal 41A
27 proposes, is that for beaver in Unit 9, all rural residents of
28 9 and 17 and in Unit 17 it's all rural residents of 9 and 17.

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Any other questions you
31 might have, Council members? Everybody understand the
32 proposal? Okay. Call for the question.

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34 All those in favor say aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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40 (No opposing responses)

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42 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Passed. Let's take B. That
43 was 41A. Let's see where we're at here now. Now we're going to
44 deal with B. What's the wishes of the Council?

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46 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman, I guess if there isn't
47 objections, in light of the action we took on 41A, I would
48 recommend we don't take any action on 41B.

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Because it is understood then that if

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1 we did A, B is okay, right. Is that okay? Do I have consensus
2 on that?

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4 (No audible response)

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. We may be done by 5:00
7 o'clock.

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9 Helga, Number 42, black bear.

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11 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair. Proposal 42 would revise
12 customary and traditional use determination for black bear in
13 Units 9 and 17. And again Pat has the lead on the staff
14 report.

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: You're getting to be a regular, huh?

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18 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yes. Pat McClenahan, Anchorage.
19 Proposal 42 proposes a change of regulation and no
20 determination for Unit 9 and Unit 17 black bear to a positive
21 customary and traditional use determination for the residents
22 of Units 9 and 17.

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24 This is another backlog proposal.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes, okay.

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28 MS. McCLENAHAN: Black bears have been an abundant
29 species, they can be found in varying numbers in most parts of
30 Alaska. In this region they are present on the Alaska
31 Peninsula about as far as the Alagnak River, which is generally
32 the extent of the black spruce tree line.

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34 Black bear regulations have been fairly unrestrictive
35 to date, based on a statewide healthy black bear population in
36 the past. Possibly because of the abundance and their lack of
37 universal appeal as food among rural Alaskans black bear use as
38 a subsistence food has not been carefully tracked by the Alaska
39 Department of Fish and Game.

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41 Sealing records are available for black bear for some
42 of our areas, some urban centers, but specific information for
43 the majority of communities in Units 9 and 17 are not
44 available. Relevant to this proposal, something that we might
45 want to keep in our minds as we deliberate is Proposal 43,
46 which will follow. It proposes to shorten the black bear
47 season and the limit on Federal lands in Unit 9 and 17.

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49 Information that I used for this report came from the

50 ADF&G community profile data base and from ethnographic studies

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1 which are only available for some areas. These studies have
2 information showing household subsistence use of black bear for
3 Unit 9(B) residents. Ethnographic studies and subsistence use
4 studies recognize the bears are and have been traditionally
5 hunted in Units 9 and 17, but these studies have lacked the
6 details that we normally include in our analyses.

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8 Bears are recognized by many of the region's residents
9 as a physically and spiritually powerful animal requiring the
10 utmost respect and care and treatment. One aspect of this
11 respect, in at least one culture on the Peninsula here, is an
12 avoidance of speaking about the animal. This may account, in
13 part, for a lack of information on some topics in some areas.

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15 Staff recommends modifying the proposal to find for a
16 positive customary and traditional use determination for the
17 residents of Units 9(A), 9(B) and 9(C), 17(A), 17(B) and 17(C)
18 for customary and traditional use of black bear in Units 9 and
19 17. We seek the guidance of the Council on this issue.

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Pat, 17(A), 17(B) and 17(C)?

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23 MS. McCLENAHAN: Um-hum (affirmative).

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And then 9(A).....

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27 MS. McCLENAHAN: 9(A), 9(B) and 9(C), generally the
28 area where black bears are present.

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. That's good.

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32 MS. McCLENAHAN: Do you have any questions?

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34 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any questions, Council members, on
35 the report?

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37 (No audible response)

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39 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Thank you.

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41 MS. McCLENAHAN: Thank you.

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43 MR. HEYANO: One question, excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Go ahead.

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47 MR. HEYANO: So your recommended preliminary conclusion
48 is that when you went through and applied the eight criteria it
49 came out on the plus side. I'm trying to get a reference on

50 this versus an earlier one with the brown bear.

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1 MS. McCLENAHAN: It's an interesting comparison. A lot
2 more information, overall, was available for the brown bear
3 than for black bear, and a different kind of information. I've
4 been going mostly by ethnographic record for this one. The
5 work of Ellanna and Balluta was an important ethnographic
6 reference. It's very interesting, it's like apples and oranges
7 because of the types of data that are not available. And so
8 that's why I seek the Council's input because the information
9 that we have is not good.

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11 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah.

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15 MR. ABRAHAM: The reason why the information is not
16 very good at the time is because the brown bear hardly exists
17 on 17 area because it's more -- they're more concentration on
18 Kuskokwim drainages.

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20 MS. McCLENAHAN: Black bear or brown?

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22 MR. ABRAHAM: Black bear, yeah. And the brown bear is
23 more on the Bristol Bay side. And the brown bear and black
24 bear they don't understand each other too good, they don't get
25 along with each other too well.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Only if there's a big tree for the
28 black bear to climb that he'd survive. There's not very many
29 trees. You got to really use your imagination to say that
30 those black bear come down to the Alagnak River, you know they
31 could crawl to the top of that tree and their feet would still
32 be on the ground. They'd be in big trouble.

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34 MS. McCLENAHAN: That's true.

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36 MR. HEYANO: I think that and the fact that there was
37 no sealing requirements for black bear, at least in Unit 17,
38 until a couple of years ago, so.....

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40 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: It's really a subsistence animal, you
41 know, it really is. I ate a lot of black bear growing up.

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43 MS. McCLENAHAN: So there's really not much information
44 from ADF&G on this topic.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No, but it really is a subsistence
47 animal.

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49 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I mean, like, they really use it a
2 lot. Is that all? Any other Council members?

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4 (No audible response)

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Thank you, Pat.

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8 MS. McCLENAHAN: Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Summary of written comment, Helga.

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12 MS. EAKON: We received on comment and that was again
13 from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. They're deferring
14 their comments and they say the Department is unaware of black
15 bears being present in Units 9(C), 9(D) or 9(E) and advises
16 that black bear numbers are very low in Unit 17.

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18 End of comment.

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. There's a good question here
21 for the Katmai National Park. I don't know if Dr. Bill Pierce
22 is -- yes. How many black bear do you have in Katmai National
23 Park?

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25 MS. SAVAGE: None that we know of.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I mean there's a lot of timber in the
28 area in the upper section, you'd think that would almost be an
29 area where they could survive, but I've never run across any in
30 there at all. Okay. Thank you.

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32 Any questions on the comment? I think that's a good
33 comment from the Department of Fish and Game.

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35 (No audible response)

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37 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any members of the public want to
38 comment? Open the floor to public comment period.

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40 (No audible response)

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42 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Hearing none. Agency comments,
43 Federal and State?

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45 (No audible response)

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Silence. Regional Council
48 deliberation, recommendation? Motion to amend, accept, reject?
49 Wish of the Council? I think it'd be a pretty easy one myself.

50 Their recommendation is that 9(B) and 9(C) -- excuse me, 17(B)

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1 and 17(C), 9(A, B and the upper limits of C). 17(A, B, C), all
2 right, okay.

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4 MS. McCLENAHAN: The reason that -- I think it's a
5 little broader than perhaps even the brown bear -- I mean the
6 black bear habitat is in the case that the near neighbors might
7 hunt there. Even though there aren't black bear in their area
8 they may go to adjacent area to hunt.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Sure, okay. And then 9(A, B, and C)
11 is the issue? What's the wish of the Council?

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13 MR. BALLUTA: Used to be a lot of black bears in Lake
14 Clark area years ago, but maybe in the last five, six years you
15 don't hardly see any. They got mostly brown bear now, so --
16 the brown bear and the black bear don't use the same language.

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Right. It's for all rural residents
19 of the districts that we're talking about here, Pat?

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21 (No audible response)

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. That's what it says in the
24 proposal, rural residents of Units 9 and 17.

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26 MS. McCLENAHAN: Rural residents of Units 9 and 17 for
27 Unit 9; rural residents of Units 9 and 17 for Unit 17.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Do you want to accept this
30 proposal, Council members or do you want to reject? Got to
31 make a motion.

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33 MR. BALLUTA: I make a motion we adopt it.

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Second?

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37 MR. HEYANO: Second.

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39 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Second to the motion. Any
40 discussion on the motion?

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42 (No audible response)

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Are we all satisfied with the
45 information that's been given to us and that these bears do
46 exist in these area? Residential use for the animals? Okay.
47 Call for the question.

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49 MR. BOSKOFKY: Question.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All those in favor say aye.

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3 IN UNISON: Aye.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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7 (No opposing responses)

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9 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Ayes have it.

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11 MR. BOYD: Dan.

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: yes.

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15 MR. BOYD: May I get a clarification (inaudible)
16 capture, you moved on the proposal itself but not on the staff
17 recommendation?

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes. Okay. Helga.

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21 MS. EAKON: Excuse me, Mr. Chair. I guess I'm a little
22 bit confused. Are you moving to adopt the staff
23 recommendations on the proposal?

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's what I asked for when I asked
26 Pat up here, if we were dealing with rural residents of 17 and
27 19 (sic).

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29 MS. McCLENAHAN: I'm sorry, I misunderstood. The
30 proposal proposes for rural residents of Units 9 and 17.

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum.

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34 MS. McCLENAHAN: The staff recommendation proposes
35 for.....

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37 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Give us that now on what page.

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39 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yeah, I'm sorry.

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41 MR. HEYANO: 71.

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43 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: 71.

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45 MS. McCLENAHAN: Modify the proposal to make a positive
46 customary and traditional use eligibility determination for
47 residents of Units 9(A), 9(B), 9(C), 17(A), 17(B) and 17(C) for
48 subsistence use of black bear in Units 9 and 17.

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. So the staff is recommending a

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1 c&t finding for those units and we just did residents, period.
2 Okay. We better go back and look at this.

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4 MS. McCLENAHAN: I apologize.

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: This is the difference that what Glen
7 talked to us about whether it's going to be for all the
8 residents of the area or is it going to be c&t. Big difference
9 c&t findings versus the residents. I, myself, don't see where
10 the population is in trouble as far as using the animals for
11 everyone, I don't know. Or would you prefer to go to c&t and
12 then go from there?

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14 MR. HEYANO: Well, I guess, Mr. Chairman, I was voting
15 on the recommendation from the staff as far as c&t.

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I was voting on the residential issue
18 for the whole system and that's what we voted on, that's what I
19 asked for in the motion, so if you want to reconsider. Let's
20 see, who made the motion?

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22 MR. BALLUTA: I did.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Who did the second? Robert. Okay.
25 We can certainly, you know, bring it up, it's on the positive
26 side if you prefer to bring it back and look at it again.
27 Let's see, we're on Page 71.

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29 MR. HEYANO: So do I just move for reconsideration,
30 Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I don't know how we stand legally on
33 that, is there a counselor in the house or how do we do that?
34 We usually have, you know, a lawyer in the house when we're at
35 the Federal level.

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37 MR. HEYANO: Well, I guess if I'm the only one who was
38 mistaken, Mr. Chairman, then it's probably no use bringing it
39 back up.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No, we can go back and look at it,
42 it's no problem.

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44 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I understood it as all rural residents
45 of 9 and 17.

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: (A, B and C)?

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49 MR. BOSKOFISKY: It states earlier about (A, B, C).

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, let me ask if there's a Federal
2 agency in the house here today that will give us the difference
3 between -- is it going to be -- who handles this particular
4 issue out there on the floor, which Federal agency handles
5 this? Gives us this answer? Pat, do you handle that? Tom?
6 This is the question. Your staff recommendation is different
7 than what we made the motion on and that's where the question
8 comes from. Have we taken away from c&t by this motion?

9
10 MR. BOYD: If I understand the motion, the motion that
11 was just passed was for all residents of 9 and 17 for c&t for 9
12 and 17 essentially.

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum.

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16 MR. BOYD: Now, that's broader than the staff
17 recommendation.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, your's is c&t.

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21 MR. BOYD: Yeah.

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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25 MR. BOYD: I'm not sure I'm answering your question.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: The question I'm asking is, do you
28 take away from -- come on up, Susan, if you'd like to. Does it
29 take away from the c&t people if we make it just pretty broad
30 with all the rural residents, is the question I have. Do we
31 have a problem with the animals or -- why can't we do it
32 residential, why did you make it just c&t?

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34 MS. SAVAGE: This is Susan Savage from Katmai National
35 Park. I believe the original proposal is a c&t question. I
36 don't -- so I'm really confused as to what I think you think it
37 is. Because I believe they're both c&t proposals, it's just
38 how broad you want to throw your net. Because right now the
39 way the regulations stand is all rural residents in the whole
40 state of Alaska can take brown bear.

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42 MR. BOSKOFISKY: That's just of Units 9 and 17, rural
43 residents.

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45 MS. SAVAGE: Right now any rural resident can take
46 black bear in 9 and 17. The proposal says, we want to limit
47 c&t only to residents of 9 and 17 for black bear and the staff
48 recommendations are to limit c&t to the residents of 9(A, B,
49 C), 17(A, B and C). So it's basically we're just narrowing our

50 net. How narrow do you guys want to go, I think, but it's all

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1 a c&t question, that's my understanding of the proposal.

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3 MR. BOYD: That's correct.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. So the motion that we just
6 passed says that anyone in the state of Alaska can come to 17
7 and 9 and hunt a black bear. All residents.

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9 MS. SAVAGE: I think.....

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Just rural residents, okay, just
12 rural residents with the regions.

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14 MS. SAVAGE: No, that's the way it is now.

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's the way it is now.

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18 MS. SAVAGE: I think what you suggested was to go with
19 the proposal so rural residents of 9 and 17 can come to 9 and
20 17.

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22 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's exactly what I said.

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24 MR. BOYD: That's correct.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And the reason I said that is I
27 didn't think there was a problem with the number of animals in
28 the region to make it any more restrictive. I could be wrong.

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30 MR. BOYD: So is your question, then, about the --
31 well, maybe we need to draw the line between having a season
32 and then finding for eligibility. The question before you now
33 is who uses the animals even if they're available?

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum.

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37 MR. BOYD: Another question later on might be should we
38 -- you know, what do we need to do with regard to the season
39 and harvest limits, but that's not the question before now,
40 it's just a question of eligibility.

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42 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's right. And what we voted on
43 was all residents of those two districts are eligible to take a
44 black bear.

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46 MR. BOYD: That's correct.

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48 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And the question is whether or not
49 you want customary and traditional use to be the only ones to

50 be able to use the animals.

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1 MS. SAVAGE: That's what eligibility is (indiscernible
2 - interrupted).....

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4 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's what eligibility is, okay,
5 c&t. C&t finding says that only the c&t people would be able
6 to do that. Okay. I understand that.

7
8 MR. BOYD: Okay.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: It's certainly more restrictive with
11 a c&t finding. I guess my only question would be and I guess
12 you're going to have to answer that, Susan, is whether or not
13 the resource is going to be able to take all the rural
14 residents of those district that use the animals.

15
16 MS. SAVAGE: I still think we're confused as to what
17 the question is, because in my mind and I believe in all the
18 other Federal representatives here, the proposal is a c&t
19 question, it's an eligibility question. And the staff
20 recommendation is a eligibility or c&t, same thing, so it
21 doesn't really have to do with the biology so much as it has to
22 do with the traditional practice. You know, for mine mind,
23 there are no black bears in 9(C) and so it's kind of a circular
24 question.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Well that would be the only
27 area that there would be any question then would be 9(C)
28 because certainly (B and A), 17(A, B and C) is c&t.

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30 MS. SAVAGE: Yeah, the question is do you want to allow
31 residents of 9(C), residents of 9(D).....

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33 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's the question, okay.

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35 MS. SAVAGE:residents if 9(E) to go up in areas
36 where there are black bear and harvest them.

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38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum. There are black bear in
39 9(A), there are black bear in 9(B) and as far as I know in
40 17(B), 17(C) and I don't know about 17(A).

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42 MR. ABRAHAM: Once in a great while.

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Once in a while. So the only gray
45 area would be those in (C).

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47 MS. SAVAGE: Yeah. So this isn't really asking where
48 you want a season open, this is asking who you want to be
49 eligible.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Eligible, that was the thing, yeah.
2 And I had overlooked the (C) as a little gray. (C) is not very
3 gray when it comes to taking sheep up there from our lower
4 units, we don't do it. You know, we're trying to get Igiugig
5 in because we think they may have some connection, but I don't
6 see where Naknek has any connection, however, taking a sheep in
7 Katmai Natin -- up in your area. I mean, Lake Clark.

8
9 MS. SAVAGE: Lake Clark, yeah.

10
11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. So we got a little fine
12 tune if you want to do it that way, Council members. Do you
13 understand now what we're talking about here? People in 9(C)
14 are -- a lot of c&t finding people in these other units, that's
15 what we're boiling it down to. So do you want to leave the
16 motion like it is or would you prefer to come back and
17 readdress it? We certainly can bring it back up on the floor.

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19 MR. BALLUTA: I move for, you know, rural residents
20 (inaudible)

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22 MR. KOLASINSKI: Mr. Balluta, would you pull the mic a
23 little to you, you're a little soft spoke and I can't quite
24 catch it. Thank you.

25
26 MR. BALLUTA: Yeah, I propose for the rural residents
27 of Unit 9 and 17.

28
29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. We approved the residents of
30 9(A), 9(B) and 9(C) and we did 17(B), 17(A) and 17(C), right?

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32 (No audible response)

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34 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. What we're asking, Andy, is
35 the people in 9(C) really don't qualify up in your neck of the
36 woods, that's what it is. The Naknek people have never hunted
37 black bear up there so they should be excluded.

38
39 MR. HEYANO: No, Mr. Chairman, what we did was say all
40 rural residents that reside in Game Unit 9, all of 9 and all
41 rural residents that reside in Game Management Unit 17 have
42 customary and traditional use of black bear. All. All 9 and
43 all 17, so if you look at your map and all the communities in
44 all the 9s and all the communities in all the 17s have c&t
45 finding. That's what the action.....

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I think we're a little too broad on
48 that. I thought we were doing the (A, B and C) of the two,
49 that's what I thought the proposal read.

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1 MR. HEYANO: That's what I thought we were doing. I
2 thought we were acting on the recommendation of staff.

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4 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No wonder staff raised a flag. We
5 probably should come back and readdress that issue a little
6 bit, huh? What's the wish of the Council? I think that's too
7 broad as far as animals goes.

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9 MR. BOSKOFISKY: 17(A, B, C).

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11 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, that's.....

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13 MR. BOSKOFISKY: 9(C) has black bear in it?

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15 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No.

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17 MR. BOSKOFISKY: No?

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No, no black bear. I don't know
20 anybody from Naknek who has ever gone up to lake country and
21 hunted black bear.

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23 MR. BOSKOFISKY: So 9(A) and 9(B) would be the only
24 ones?

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. And 17(A) and 17(B) and 17(C).

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28 MR. BOSKOFISKY: And 17(A) and 17(B) and 17(C)?

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. I think, Helga, can we bring
31 this back up on the floor and re-vote on it?

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33 MS. EAKON: It's your meeting you can do whatever you
34 want, sir.

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36 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Let's do it. Let's do it.
37 You know, if we all go to jail, we'll only get time off anyway,
38 we've already gone to too many meetings anyway, so let's do
39 that. I think we ought to have a motion at this time to
40 disregard our previous motion and restructure it.

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42 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I make that motion.

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Okay. Alvin moved that
45 we withdraw the present motion that we just passed and
46 restructure it to 17(A, B and C) and 9(A and B); is that right?

47
48 MR. HEYANO: Second.

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CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Everyone understand the motion now?

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1 I can't go up and get Andy's bear. Okay. It's easy to
2 understand. Call for the question.

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4 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Question.

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All those in favor say aye.

7
8 IN UNISON: Aye.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Thank you. Now the next
11 proposal, I believe, we're going to deal with seasons or bag
12 limits, huh?

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14 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair, Proposal 43 would revise
15 harvest limit and open season for black bear in Unit 17, and
16 Dave Fisher has the lead.

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No kidding, we got somebody than
19 ladies ruling the world today? Nothing wrong with that
20 however. Okay, Dave, you're on.

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22 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Does Joe know who you are and
25 everything over here?

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27 MR. KOLASINSKI: Yes, sir, I do, thank you.

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29 MR. FISHER: Joe knows me.

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right.

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33 MR. FISHER: These are the Daves I know. Proposal 43
34 would shorten the current Federal subsistence hunting season
35 from July 1 to June 30 to August 1 to May 31st. And actually
36 what Proposal 43 does is align the Federal subsistence season
37 with the current State season. And Proposal 43 would also
38 reduce the harvest limit from three bears to two bears, that
39 would also align with the State current season.

40
41 Pat touched a little bit about black bears, we don't
42 have a lot of good biological data for black bears in Unit 17.
43 Most of the bears are found in the forested areas of 17(B and
44 C) and, as Pete mentioned, there's not a lot of bears in 17(A),
45 possibly some up in the north end.

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47 There's very little Federal land in 17(B and C) where
48 black bears are found, most of the biological data that we have
49 is obtained when biologists are doing moose or caribou counts

50 or they're taking to people in villages and so on, so we don't

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1 have a lot of good biological data, we haven't done -- to my
2 knowledge we haven't done a lot of studies on black bears, so
3 we just don't have a lot of information.

4
5 The staff recommendation would be to shorten the season
6 and reduce the harvest limit from three bears to two to align
7 with the current staff (sic) regs and the staff felt that very
8 few hunters take black bears during June and July, most of the
9 people are busy with other activities, commercial fishing. And
10 we felt that reducing the season and the bag limit should not
11 really impact subsistence uses. And as mentioned earlier by
12 the comments from Fish and Game on Proposal 42, there is some
13 concern about the decline of black bears in some areas of 17(C)
14 and 17(B), so shortening the season and reducing the bag limit
15 may help that decline.

16
17 That's all I have on 43.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any questions for Dave? Okay,
20 Dave, would you go over again the time changes here. The
21 existing regulation says they can hunt from July -- June 30 to
22 -- oh, that's all the way, all year-round.

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24 MR. FISHER: That's year-round.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. So you're changing it from you
27 can go hunting on the.....

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29 MR. FISHER: August 1st to May 31st, that would be
30 eliminating June and July.

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum.

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34 MR. FISHER: And reducing the limit from three to two.

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36 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum.

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38 MR. FISHER: And I forgot one point. This proposal was
39 submitted by the Bristol Bay Regional Council.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. No further questions?

42
43 (No audible response)

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you, Dave. Written comments,
46 Helga.

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48 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair, that Alaska Department of
49 Fish and Game supports Proposal 43. They say that a similar

50 proposal has been submitted to the Board of Game. We support

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1 consistency in the State and Federal subsistence regulations
2 for black bear hunting season in Unit 9.

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4 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any comments on the written comments?
5 And that's the only one you received, Helga?

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7 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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9 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. I don't know if there's any
10 comment or not from the public on this Proposal Number 43,
11 changing the bag limit and the dates of the black bear season,
12 so we'll close the public comment period. Any comments from
13 the agencies, such as, Federal and State people? Dave, you
14 were the representative? No other comments from the Federal or
15 State?

16

17 MR. FISHER: I have no further comments. Possibly the
18 fellows from the Togiak Wildlife Refuge may have had some
19 comments, but I did check with them earlier and sort of
20 coordinated with them on this proposal and they were in
21 agreement with it.

22

23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Glen, while you were out of the room
24 we had this black bear proposal come before us and Andy -- you
25 guys are the two bear experts when it comes to black bear, and
26 they're proposing that it go from August 1 to May 31st, cutting
27 out June and July on black bear hunting. Is that an issue?
28 That's our proposal. Does that work a hardship on the people
29 up there at all. You were out of the room and if you want to
30 make a public comment you're certainly welcome to do so.

31

32 MR. ALSWORTH: Thank you. Glen Alsworth from Lake
33 Clark. The only black bear I have hanging on my wall was taken
34 in July, the meat was excellent and the hide was in excellent
35 shape. The whole thing was used and it was taken as a matter
36 of convenience because it was close in at that time.

37

38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Could you get them in May and August
39 still and they're still good?

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41 MR. ALSWORTH: Yeah, they're available from May until
42 -- they usually den quite a bit earlier than the black (sic)
43 bears.

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. It would be cutting out two
46 months, that would be June and July.

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48 MR. ALSWORTH: What was the -- I didn't get in on all
49 the rationale for cutting out the two months. This is under

50 subsistence I assume.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum (affirmative).

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3 MR. ALSWORTH: Yeah, I'm still a proponent of July 1 to
4 June 30 for subsistence. I'll go on record again.

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Hey, we all get hung up on some
7 things, you know, that's okay.

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9 MR. ALSWORTH: Yeah, that makes it real simple.

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

12

13 MR. ALSWORTH: Thank you.

14

15 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you. You were out of the room
16 when we addressed this so -- what are the wishes of the -- oh,
17 okay. Yes.

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19 MR. KOLASINSKI: One minute, need to change tape.

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21 (Off record)

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23 (On record)

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25 MR. BALLUTA:just August to hunt them and that's
26 it. I would say July and August is where black bear is hunted
27 most of the time.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um-hum. So you like the July month,
30 huh?

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32 MR. BALLUTA: Yeah.

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34 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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36 MR. HEYANO: I think, Mr. Chairman, that this proposal
37 just deals with Unit 17. And I noticed that there is some park
38 land or preserve land in the upper end of 17 and this proposal
39 was actually -- a similar proposal was actually submitted to
40 the Game Board by the Nushagak Advisory Committee proposing
41 these reductions and, you know, there isn't much Federal land
42 in 17(B) and it's basically -- probably could be viewed
43 basically as a housekeeping proposal to keep both State and
44 Federal regulations in compliance.

45

46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's true, I don't think that's
47 going to bother us at all.

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49 MR. BALLUTA: That's very little land there, too, we

50 can talk about that.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, there not enough on the side of
2 that lake there's not much there at all.

3
4 Okay. Someone make a motion to either accept or reject
5 43. Yes.

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, I move that we shorten the bear
8 season. The season will be from August 1st to May 31st and
9 reduce the harvest limit from three bears to two bears.

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Unit 17, huh? Second?

12
13 MR. HEYANO: Second.

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15 MR. ABRAHAM: Second.

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any further discussion?

18
19 MR. BALLUTA: Question.

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All those in favor say aye.

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23 IN UNISON: Aye.

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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27 (No opposing responses)

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Ayes have it. Let's go back
30 and look at the proposal that we had earlier, and that would be
31 40. And I think we probably all understand that.

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33 And at this particular time I'd like to relinquish the
34 Chair to the Vice Chairman, Robin. And we do have a proposal
35 on the floor.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Dan.

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39 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Mr. Chairman, we made the motion to
40 accept this proposal, which is contrary to staff
41 recommendation, and I think we all understand the issue of 10
42 bears taken. And my motion is that we don't have to cut the
43 heads and feet off in order to take it out of region. So you
44 have before you the discussion.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: So you would like to delete Number 2 on
47 Page 34, Dan?

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49 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Take a look at it here.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Maybe we could just start with Number 1
2 and walk right through it.

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4 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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6 MR. SAMUELSEN: About the September 1st to May 30th
7 season with a restriction on the harvest of female bear within
8 the den, do you agree with them dates or do you want to change
9 them dates?

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No. Let's see, Lee, what was the
12 time that we had that was the best on that?

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14 MR. FINK: Mr. Chairman, Lee Fink. I think from the
15 discussions we've had with the SRC and though they oppose the
16 longer season, it seems like the September 1 to May 30th
17 provides the greatest opportunity to take the bears at the time
18 that they may be needed.

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: September 1 to May 30, okay, that'll
21 be part of the motion. Next.

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23 MR. SAMUELSEN: Maintain the existing regulation that
24 requires the removal of the skin of the skull and front claws
25 of the bear for hides removed from Unit 9(D).

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Oppose that, take that out.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Like to delete that.

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's what my motion is going to
32 read.

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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Number 3, maintain the existing
35 regulation requiring the salvage of edible meat.

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37 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes, by the Commission, I put Lake
38 Clark, yes.

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. And number 4, to permit
41 structure by the Lake Clark SRC; do you agree with that, Dan?

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43 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes. No, didn't they have a
44 different time proposal than -- they say year-round?

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46 MR. GREENWOOD: Mr. Chair, Bruce Greenwood. The SRC
47 had the most broadest season, they recommended a year-round
48 season. Staff concurred with the proposed regulation, which is
49 September 1 to May 30.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: So I guess the SRC with their request,
2 they'd be granted half of their request on the permit
3 structure, on the dates, we don't agree with them on. If this
4 passes it'll be September 1st to May 30th, their recommendation
5 was basically year-round.

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7 MR. GREENWOOD: Yeah, the SRC would like to have
8 harvest of brown bear during June, July and August.

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10 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Dan.

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12 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. I'll have to go out and buy
13 off on that.

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: You want to include June, July and
16 August?

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes. I worked off of this proposal
19 mainly with them on this proposal and if this is the way they
20 read it then that's the way the motion can read. Is that
21 clear, Mr. Chairman?

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23 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes, it will be from July 1 through
24 June 30th.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: The motion will be.

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes. And since it is somewhat of a
31 divisive proposal I certainly would have no objection to a roll
32 call vote, and you can call on me first if you'd like.

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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: Why did you guys oppose this July 1
35 through June 30th dates?

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37 MR. GREENWOOD: The primary reason that the staff
38 conclusion recommended not having during that time is because
39 information we had did not show that there were really any --
40 bear were not commonly harvested during that time of the year
41 based on the information we had.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: When was two-thirds of them shot?

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45 MR. GREENWOOD: Most of the information we used to base
46 the season was historical records and ethnographies within the
47 area and those ethnographies show that during the season around
48 that they were harvested during the fall, winter and spring.
49 And there's no mention of bear harvest during the summer.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. In your estimation if the eight
2 bears that were shot -- how many of them were shot in June,
3 July and August?

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5 MR. GREENWOOD: So far the existing season is only a
6 fall and a spring season, so there are no records of bear
7 harvest during the summer.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: And you told me in 1996 there were
10 eight bear that were shot, that's all I want to know is when
11 they were shot.

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13 MR. GREENWOOD: Oh, excuse me. Okay. I'll clarify
14 that. They have been no bear harvested under this season yet.
15 It's been in existence for two years or three years for
16 Nondalton and one year for all five communities, there are no
17 bear harvested under that season now. The eight bear were
18 harvested under DLP, and Lee could respond to when they were
19 harvested.

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21 MR. FINK: I believe those eight bear that were shot in
22 defense of life and property were probably shot all in
23 September, possibly one or so in late August, but mostly
24 September or early October.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Are you clear on that,
27 Mr. Chairman?

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yep.

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Call for the question.

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33 MR. HEYANO: Oh.

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Excuse me, I'm sorry. We're not in a
36 hurry.

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38 MR. HEYANO: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I guess I need
39 the motion read back first.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well adopt the season July 1 through
42 June 30th.

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44 MR. HEYANO: Okay. And that's the recommendation from
45 the Subsistence Resource Commission?

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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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49 MR. HEYANO: Okay.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: We will delete Number 2 on Page 34,
2 maintain the existing regulation that requires the removal of
3 the skin of the skull and front claws of the hides removed from
4 Unit 9(B). Delete Number 2. Number 3 will remain the same and
5 Number 4 would adopt the Lake Clark SRC recommendation
6 regarding the allocation of permits between the communities.

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8 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Which is 10.

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10 MR. SAMUELSEN: Everybody clear?

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12 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman.

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14 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, go ahead, Robert.

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16 MR. HEYANO: The idea behind removing the claws and the
17 skin of the skull when it was going to be removed from outside
18 the unit was.....

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20 MR. FINK: Well, the idea was adopted from the Western
21 Brown Bear Management Plan and I think the intent was to
22 delineate subsistence harvested bears from sport harvested
23 bears. And to make it so the regulations were more flexible
24 for the subsistence user because in some cases the subsistence
25 user doesn't harvest the whole hide, at times they bury the
26 head on site and they wouldn't bring that in to be sealed in
27 compliance with some of the State sealing requirements.

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29 So the original intent of having no sealing
30 requirements was that if you kept the hide in your unit where
31 you harvested it for traditional reasons, you could do whatever
32 you wanted to do with the hide, it didn't have any regulations
33 over it. If you choose to leave it in the field for a
34 ceremonial purpose that was fine, if you choose to leave part
35 of it in the field for ceremonial purpose that was fine. If
36 you choose to harvest -- bring the whole hide home then you
37 could also do that. But if you choose to take the hide out of
38 the unit, which did not seem to be a traditional practice, send
39 it to California or Anchorage for tanning, then you would have
40 to devalue the hide or change it from having the same
41 appearances as a sport hide. It kind of puts it in a different
42 category and it leaves some greater flexibility in the unit but
43 does put some restrictions on the hide when it is taken outside
44 the unit.

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46 We had no guide in Unit 9(B) for this, there is no
47 management plan that speaks to this directly so this is kind of
48 -- this has been a job security regulation for us, we all been
49 through this several time and the intricacies of it are -- it

50 gets a little complex at times but it's continually being

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1 modified and I think our hopes is to modify it to where it
2 allows the subsistence user the greatest flexibility without
3 having any appearance of being a glorified sport hunt or an
4 avenue for possibly regulating brown bear numbers, you know.
5 It offers the greatest flexibility to the subsistence user who
6 is truly out there and who is going to use the brown bear for
7 subsistence purposes. And I think a lot of work went into the
8 Western Brown Bear Management Plan and I think their intent was
9 that traditionally subsistence harvests were used close to
10 home, they weren't sent away for other purposes and that was
11 the intent of having that restriction applied to these hides.

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13 We have talked a little bit locally and I talked with
14 the SRC at our last meeting about possibly developing an avenue
15 because today there are better tanning methods available, we do
16 not want to put undue burden on the subsistence user or
17 unnecessarily restrict them. And there are better tanning
18 methods available than those that are maybe done at home,
19 better quality hide, longer lasting, but to comply with State
20 regulations if you're going to transport that hide outside of
21 the unit in which you take the bear you must have it sealed.
22 And once that hide is sealed by the Alaska Department of Fish
23 and Game then it becomes no different than any other sport
24 taken hide. If you moved from Lake Clark to California or any
25 other state you could take that hide with you and it would just
26 be -- it would not be identifiable as a subsistence product.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Why can't we, and I agree with Dan on
29 this issue. Why can't the subsistence user who wants to
30 harvest a bear, keep that hide and remain within the unit, they
31 have no problems on that end. If that person wants to ship
32 that bear into Anchorage to get tanned, why can't that
33 subsistence bear hide be tagged and identified through a card
34 or a tagging system that that is a subsistence bear?

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36 MR. FINK: Well, I talked to -- in our last subsistence
37 meeting we spoke to that issue and, you know, I said from my
38 point of view and from the publics' point of view we would look
39 into that, but there is no avenue available at present. There
40 is not a Federal tagging process. I have no authority, the
41 Federal government has no authority to allow these hides to be
42 transported to another part of the state. When that hide
43 showed up in Anchorage or in California without a seal on it
44 the taxidermist who's going to be working on it would say this
45 is an illegal bear hide and somebody would be at risk. You
46 know, we don't want to put any subsistence users -- you know,
47 we don't want them to be, you know, fall under somebody else's
48 regulation where they would be in a violation situation, so we
49 have to be careful if we go there, we have to lay the ground

50 work first, we have to find out what is legal and what would ba

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1 acceptable.

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3 To my knowledge, and maybe Tom would know a little
4 better, but there is no Federal tagging process currently. As
5 we diverge greatly from State regulations, this brings us into
6 the arena of, maybe this is something that is going to have to
7 be looked at in the future.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: I mean, if we were talking about 259
10 bears I'd be concern about it, but we're only talking about a
11 measly 10 bears, that maybe two of them will be shipped out to
12 be tanned, so I think that we could come up with some kind of a
13 mechanism that if I want my bear to remain and I'm going to
14 save all my family's urine, I'm going to tan that bear my own
15 way. And Danny says, hell, I've had one of them before and
16 they stunk up the house, I'm going to ship mine to Anchorage.
17 I don't see nothing wrong with Danny shipping his to Anchorage
18 and get it back with the claws and head on. And since we're
19 only talking about 10 bear, it isn't like we're going to
20 reinvent the wheel.

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22 MR. FINK: I agree with that in our circumstance. I
23 think the only thing we have to consider in our process here is
24 that we would be precedent setting and we're going to force
25 somebody else to look at this issue if we don't look at it up
26 front. Because this is kind of a -- in some ways this is a
27 philosophical hunt. Statistics show there's never been a bear
28 harvested. We've only had very little effort even made, and a
29 lot of that is because of the things we looked at before, the
30 access issue here. But what this does do is it does provide an
31 opportunity in the future that people will always have these
32 brown bear available to them and on a very palatable schedule,
33 much more palatable to the subsistence user than every four
34 years. And so we've developed and we've kept massaging this
35 regulation over the year to where it's becoming more palatable
36 but as we go into new ground we have to be careful that we
37 don't leave other people in other areas of the state to kind of
38 deal with the aftermath. They'll say, well, they did that down
39 there in the Bristol Bay Region, but they may have a bigger
40 harvest quota. And that's my own thought on that.

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42 MR. SAMUELSEN: You're scared of precedent?

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44 MR. FINK: Well, not scared of precedent as long we,
45 you know, as long as we evaluate it and establish it, you know,
46 we have -- I think -- I don't -- I think my personal opinion
47 is, you know, we just have to be careful that we don't
48 establish a precedent that would be difficult for other
49 Regional Advisory Councils to work through and not have the

50 guidelines set up for them. If we're going to go there then I

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1 think maybe we're responsible to set the guidelines.

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, I just think that, you know,
6 when it goes back to customary and traditional use of brown
7 bear nobody cut the claws and the head of a brown bear off.
8 They got a brown bear in the springtime, if they brought the
9 hide home, you know, and we weren't there basically to get the
10 hide. Where did the idea come from burying the head and all
11 this stuff? Never heard of such a thing. Maybe someplace it
12 happened.

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14 MR. BALLUTA: I don't know where that came up from.

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I don't know either, but.....

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18 MR. BALLUTA: We used to kill a bear and take the eyes
19 out and bury that.

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: But, anyway, 10 bear is not going to
22 -- even if they use it for economic purposes, is not going to
23 feed the population of Lake Iliamna for crying out loud. I
24 think it's kind of a -- I look at it this way when you get
25 philosophical. It looks one more step of the Federal
26 government and whoever this brown bear management group -- is
27 that the Sierra Club or who are they?

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29 MR. FINK: I think it was, you know, kind of the
30 consensus of Western Alaska users, it was a plan that was
31 developed with -- I mean, I was not involved in.....

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33 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yup'ik speaking people said to cut
34 the claws and the head off and leave it out there and all these
35 type of things, you can't take it out of region? Or the Brown
36 Bear Management the sports people from some place?

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38 MR. FINK: Well, time is -- who know (inaudible - moved
39 away from microphone).....

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: We need more of these proposals, I
42 suppose, huh?

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44 MR. GREENWOOD: I missed -- the Western Brown Bear
45 Management Area, there was a work group that was established a
46 few years ago to address the brown bear regulations in the
47 area. Prior to this working group getting together there were
48 -- it was a rather restrictive season, giving only a spring
49 season and a fall season, allowing a person to harvest a bear

50 only once every four years is very restrictive.

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1 So the -- I believe it's ADF&G, Alaska Department of
2 Fish and Game, Fish and Wildlife Service and the users within
3 those areas got together and discussed brown bear management.
4 They developed a collaring plan which was dropped after a
5 couple of years but in order to allow a more liberal brown bear
6 harvest within these areas, users agreed to establish a sealing
7 requirement that if they used a bear within the area -- and I
8 want to let you know that this is a more liberal and more
9 broader than anywhere else in the state of Alaska regarding
10 subsistence harvest of brown bear. Within these areas if a
11 bear was going to remain in the unit you could do anything you
12 want with the bear, the hide, anything at all that you want
13 with it. No questions asked. And the only requirement was
14 that the salvaged the meat.

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16 The second requirement is if they did want to ship it
17 out of the area, since they were allowed to harvest one bear
18 every year, that they felt -- the agreed upon removing the
19 claws and the skin of the skull. So the users agreed to do
20 that in this Brown Bear Management Area.

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22 I was not involved in the working group, so I cannot
23 tell you the details, the deliberations they went through, but
24 the regulation that exists now within these areas is based upon
25 user and agency concurrence.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you,
28 Mr. Chairman, I don't have any other questions.

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30 MR. BOSKOFISKY:deal worked out where the
31 subsistence users didn't have a choice. If you wanted to hunt
32 these bear these years you were to abide by what they told you
33 or you didn't get that chance. I think they got put into a
34 situation where they didn't have no choice.

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36 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, I'm ready for the.....

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Tom, you think a mechanism could be
39 developed for a bear could be subsistence tagged or identified
40 as subsistence bear to be shipped out since we're only talking
41 about 10 bear?

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43 MR. BOYD: You're not going to like my answer. I don't
44 know. I would say that if this Council recommended it, we'd
45 certainly look into it. We've been reluctant, in general, and
46 I'm not talking about specifically this issue but to duplicate
47 a lot of the -- well, let me talk about this specifically. We
48 have not duplicated the State's capability to -- for sealing of
49 hides, whether it be bear or other animals, so we just haven't

50 gotten into it. I don't know what it would take to do it, but

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1 if you would recommended it in this case I think we'd have to
2 look into in and see what the requirements are, legal
3 requirements and otherwise.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I have no further questions,
6 Mr. Chairman.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: Anybody else? Okay. We know what
9 we're voting on here now? We're voting on the July 1 - June
10 30th; deletion of Number 2; three and four will be included.

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12 MR. HEYANO: But they still have to be sealed, right?

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: To go out?

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16 MR. HEYANO: Right.

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I would think so.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yep.

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22 MR. ABRAHAM: Deleting Number 2?

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: Be deleting Number 2, yes, but we will
25 have -- we will ask staff to come up with a sealing mechanism
26 for subsistence bear before they can be shipped out they'd have
27 to be sealed, identified as subsistence. Have any problem with
28 that, Dan?

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No, I have no problem with that. Call
31 for the question.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Question's been called. All those in
34 favor signify by saying aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Opposed same sign.

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40 (No opposing responses)

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42 MR. SAMUELSEN: So carried.

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44 MR. HEYANO: I guess just a comment, Mr. Chairman. For
45 the record, I think this is different compared to the other
46 brown bear management areas because there is no limit on those
47 areas as to the number of bear they can take. I'd feel -- I'd
48 probably vote different if this hunt didn't have a limit of 10
49 bears and further restriction of which only four can be

50 females. You know, we're talking a total of four bears and

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1 maybe in some years less than that if the females are taken
2 first.

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4 Hopefully the Subsistence Resource Council (sic) can
5 get together with the park people and actually come up with a
6 mechanism to identify that those are subsistence bear hides
7 because I think that's very important. I can't see restricting
8 those people who choose to take that hide and get it tanned
9 outside the unit.

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I'd loved to
12 have, you know, an eight or nine foot brown bear with a head
13 mount in my living room but I don't want the head and claws
14 chopped off, you know. The other thing is, too, is I think it
15 really is criminal that -- you know, I had two brown bears
16 sitting on my porch all fall watching TV with me, they'd look
17 in the window watching TV and my neighbor shoot them because
18 they had an open season. Any yet look a the number of bears
19 that were taken that nobody every got the chance to use, they
20 just shot them and threw them away. I think that's -- you
21 know, we should spend a whole day working on that issue. And
22 then we've made proposals where we've given, you know, like
23 Nondalton for ceremonial use of moose and sometimes they've
24 never even used them, so I don't think we're really giving away
25 the farm. And it really is a philosophical issue. But I
26 appreciate that, thank you.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you. I'll pass the Chair back
29 over to you, Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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33 MR. BOYD: Mr. O'Hara.

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes, sir, Tom, come on up.

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37 MR. BOYD: I just want to recap your motion so I have
38 captured it and understand it clearly. Item 1 is to maintain a
39 year-long season.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah.

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43 MR. BOYD: Item 2, do not require removal of skin and
44 skull and claws if hide is removed from the area, but still
45 maintain the sealing requirement.

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: There's got to be something of some
48 kind.

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MR. BOYD: And to look at a Federal mechanism for that

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1 sealing requirement.

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And we also said, too, Robin had the
4 Chair is that that had to be identified as a subsistence bear,
5 not just a sealed bear from the state of Alaska someplace.

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7 MR. BOYD: Yeah. And then Number 3 was to maintain the
8 regulation requiring the salvage of edible meat.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Absolutely.

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12 MR. BOYD: And then four, adopt the SRC's
13 recommendation regarding the allocation of permits.

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15 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Ten bear, yeah, thank you.

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17 I'm going to fly some dogs here in a minute, maybe we
18 could talk a little bit about whether or not -- how long we
19 want to go tonight, when we want to start tomorrow, if we want
20 to go listen to the dancers, what do you think?

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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: You got to leave.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Council members, I've got to go fly a
25 dog musher up the Skiuk (ph), so Robin can handle the rest of
26 this and I'll come back as quick as we can. I think we can
27 decide how long you want to go tonight. The Stuyahok Dancers
28 are up the Comserpac (ph) this evening at what time, Helga?

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30 MS. EAKON: Seven.

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: 7:00 o'clock, you know if we gone
33 fast enough through the agenda, we'd like to be done tomorrow
34 if we could, I don't see any reason why we can't be. Did you
35 guys have any thoughts? How long do you want to go tonight?

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, Mr. Chairman, maybe we could
38 delay the proposals and take staff agency reports, let's see
39 how staff feels and other Council members feel. Probably eat
40 up basically a lot of this agenda that is basically
41 housekeeping.

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43 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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45 MR. BOYD: We're here to serve.

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Pardon?

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49 MR. BOYD: I said, we're here to serve.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Dinner?

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3 MR. BOYD: No, not dinner.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Tom is buying.

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: I don't know.

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9 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That's a good idea.

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11 MR. SAMUELSEN: What do you guys feel, you want to quit
12 early, you want to take staff reports till around 6:30 and then
13 break for dinner and then come back to proposals tomorrow or
14 what?

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: If you broke at 6:30, you're going to
17 have a hard time getting to King Salmon, eat dinner and get
18 there, maybe 6:00 o'clock or a little before would be better.
19 We're actually in pretty good shape right now.

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21 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes.

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25 MR. ANDERSEN: (Paraphrased as he is away from
26 microphone) The dancers won't start till about 8:00 o'clock.
27 There's going to be food and door prizes by GCI.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Oh, okay, so if you went until 6:30
30 you'd be there by 8:00 o'clock. What kind of a meeting is up
31 there Edwin?

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33 (Off record comments - many voices discussing
34 dancers/meeting)

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36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Board members, is there any
37 objection to taking staff reports under C?

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39 MR. BALLUTA: No objection, I don't have any.

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41 MR. HEYANO: And then is it your intent when Dan comes
42 back to go back and do the proposals?

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I'll hurry quickly as I can.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: Probably be done before you get back
47 though.

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49 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thanks.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. We'll take a five minute break
2 and Tom will get the staff all lined up.

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4 (Off record)

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6 (On record)

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. We'll call the meeting back to
9 order. Helga has identified a number of issues that we can be
10 bringing up, starting with Number 8, Old Business. We'll start
11 with B, go on to C, then to E, and then we'll jump down to 9,
12 under New Business, B, and under C we'll continue on with
13 Number 2, Number 5 and if we have enough time we will do E and
14 E (sic). Did I cover it there, Helga?

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16 MS. EAKON: That is correct.

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18 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any objection?

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20 (No audible response)

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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: Alvin will make the dance. We'll start
23 off with Pat. Pat.

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25 MS. McCLENAHAN: Pat McClenahan, Anchorage. Thank you,
26 Mr. Chairman. I will be very brief. This year we received
27 some proposal for cooperative agreements, so far we've only
28 received on from Region 4 and it has to do with continuation of
29 the large mammal survey that we worked on last year. We are
30 presently working on an agreement with the Alaska Department of
31 Fish and Game and this proposal that Bristol Bay Native
32 Association has forwarded to us would fall under that blanket
33 agreement. No final decisions have been made but we're coming
34 very close to making the final cut on what project will go this
35 year and right now that proposal is our number 1.

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37 If any of you would be interested in talking about
38 cooperative agreements with me during this meeting I'd
39 certainly be interested hearing about ideas for other
40 agreements.

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42 That's just about the extent of it unless anybody has
43 questions.

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45 MR. HEYANO: What -- who do you do cooperative
46 agreements with?

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48 MS. McCLENAHAN: Who do.....

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MR. HEYANO: Individuals or organization or.....

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1 MS. McCLENAHAN: At this time we're considering
2 proposal with traditional village councils, with IRA, with
3 associations like BBNA. A wide variety. I don't know of any
4 with individuals. Do we have any with individuals? Generally
5 it's with a group.

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7 MR. HEYANO: And these agreement gather information or
8 data?

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10 MS. McCLENAHAN: Generally speaking for subsistence
11 use.

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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: I guess on think I'd like to talk a
14 little about. In the subsistence meetings here that I just
15 attended here the last three days, concluded yesterday. I was
16 talking with Frank Fox and Quinhagak now has developed a
17 cooperative agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to do
18 the river patrols on the Quinhagak River. Could those type of
19 cooperative agreement be extended to include the Togiak River
20 also?

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22 MS. McCLENAHAN: It's possible. Those agreements are
23 going through the refuges as a rule, as opposed through the
24 Subsistence Program, but it's possible. I think that what the
25 refuge would like to see is a proposal, whatever group would
26 write the proposal and submit it with some sort of a
27 rudimentary budget.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. I guess that's taking place on
30 the Alagnak River now also, right, Mac? Isn't there a
31 cooperative agreement with the people in Levelock, maybe Bill
32 Pierce or Susan can answer or you, Mac. On the river patrols
33 on the Alagnak River, wasn't that instituted last year?

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35 MS. SAVAGE: Not a formal agreement.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Oh, okay. Sorry, Joe.

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39 MR. KOLASINSKI: That's all right.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you, Pat.

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43 MS. McCLENAHAN: Thank you, very much.

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45 MR. SAMUELSEN: Now the rest of you got to top Pat in
46 time. Regional Council charter.

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48 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair, as you may recall, at the
49 last meeting we advised you that four regional councils had

50 appealed to the National Solicitor and/or the Secretary of the

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1 Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to reconsider the
2 Regional Solicitor's opinion that rural residency is not a
3 permissible qualification for Regional Council membership in
4 the regional charters.

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6 Under Tab F you do have a table that shows how each
7 Regional Council in the state acted at their fall '96 meetings.
8 Six of them wanted to reinstate the rural requirement in the
9 charters, Southeast Council abstained, Western and Eastern
10 Interior Councils both said it's not a problem.

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12 We did get a reply from the National Solicitor, John
13 Leshy and you do have a copy of that January 29, 1997 letter.
14 Essentially he is agreeing with the Alaska Regional Solicitor's
15 opinion. And he states very clearly that although Congress
16 clearly intended the Regional Advisory Councils would give
17 rural residency opportunity to participate in the management
18 and regulation of subsistence uses on public lands, Congress
19 did not restrict the membership of Regional Advisory Council to
20 rural Alaska residents.

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22 And in the last paragraph he suggests that the
23 Secretaries should try to make sure that rural residents are
24 given a meaningful role when making appointments to the
25 Councils. So that is the definitive sign off on that question
26 for your information.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Question of Helga?

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30 (No audible response)

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32 MS. EAKON: Okay. Along with that particular topic,
33 also on the last page under Tab F you do have an update on
34 alternates to serve on the Regional Councils. And since the
35 question of alternates on the particular Regional Council is
36 not an issue this is just for your information only, Mr. Chair.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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40 MS. EAKON: Before we move on there was another part to
41 Pat's report and that deals with the backlog of the c&t. Could
42 she come back and tell you about that backlog.

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44 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sure.

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46 MS. McCLENAHAN: Pat McClenahan, Anchorage.
47 Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee (sic), I have given
48 you one of these, it was left out of your notebook but it has
49 the backlog proposals for Region 4. And you'll notice that

50 some of these have been taken care of today or will be taken

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1 care of tomorrow. Those for the 1998 cycle that are listed are
2 for caribou. This one is another one that should be taken care
3 of today or tomorrow under Proposal 49, I believe. Brown bear
4 will be a new one and furbearers, so as far as I can see there
5 are only two for the next cycle. Is this still your priority?
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7 MR. BOYD: Is that the remainder of them?
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9 MS. McCLENAHAN: That's it, that's all for Region 4 and
10 these appear to have been -- these two appear to have been
11 proposed by Region 5 not Region 4. So this fall you'll want to
12 make more proposals. It looks as if we're nearing the end of
13 the backlog. Do you have any questions on it?
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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: Anybody got any questions on it?
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17 (No audible response)
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19 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you, Pat. Okay. Moving down to
20 Item E, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.
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22 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair, I guess there's no one here
23 from Togiak. I had thought that Donna was going to be here,
24 but just before I came here she sent me a one page report and
25 I'll just pass on some highlights from her report, okay?
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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.
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29 MS. EAKON: This is from Deputy Refuge Manager Donna
30 Stovall, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge on the Public Use
31 Management Plan update. She states that sport fishing
32 activities within the Togiak Refuge continues to be a popular
33 recreation activity. She states that on the Goodnews and
34 Kanektok Rivers there has been a substantial increase in the
35 number of non-guided sport fishing groups since the Public Use
36 Management Plan was completed in 1991.
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38 Concerns have been raised about crowding, subsistence
39 use displacement and the potential of resource impacts from the
40 number of people now visiting the rivers. The Plan states that
41 long term management will be directed toward an allocation of
42 50 percent guided and 50 percent non-guided use. When
43 non-guided uses approaches or exceeds the level of guided use
44 an analysis will be conducted to be determine if further
45 regulations of non-guided use are needed. Current data shows
46 that non-guided use has reached or exceeded that of guided use
47 on the Kanektok and Goodnews Rivers.
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49 She states that the Service is going to revise the

50 Public Use Management Plan based upon comments received. They

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1 intend to only make revisions. There is a revision team
2 consisting of members from the Togiak Refuge, Regional Office
3 Planning Division, Regional Subsistence Office, Fisheries
4 Research Office and Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Sport
5 Fish Division.

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7 She states that meeting have been conducted, there were
8 nine meeting held in villages most affected by the plan
9 revision. Now what the planning team is going to do is
10 evaluate the environmental, social and economic effects of the
11 proposed alternatives. And they will develop a preferred
12 alternative to be distributed for public review this spring at
13 which time additional village meetings will be held.

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15 And that's the end of her report. And if you would
16 like a copy of her report I'll be happy to have copies to be
17 made for you. I just have the one page.

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19 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you, Helga. They have Mac
20 Minard from Sport Fish Division. Mac, would you like to add
21 anything to that report as far as use in that area? You're
22 welcome to come up and.....

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24 MR. MINARD: Mr. Chairman, my name is Mac Minard, I'm
25 with Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport
26 Fish. Only to the extent that sport fishing effort on the
27 Kanetok River has been relatively stable in the last five or
28 six years. Sport fishing effort on the Goodnews River has
29 increased slightly but not to the level that it has in other
30 places. We're averaging about 5,000 angler days per year which
31 is about half to one third on what we got on the Alagnak, for
32 example, to put it into perspective.

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34 We're working closely with Fish and Wildlife Service on
35 the draft of the revisions on the PUMP and right now as I
36 understand it our staff are deeply involved in trying to get
37 some comments together on the fisheries portion of the
38 alternatives assessment, the various alternatives that will be
39 offered for public review require assessments, and I know part
40 of our staff have been working closely with those guys.

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42 We recently completed a stock status review for
43 resident species with local staff in preparation for writing
44 that assessment. And generally found that at this stage of the
45 game stocks are healthy enough to warrant, you know, continued
46 participation in the fishery and not -- and that was, in part,
47 in preparation for the Alaska Board of Fishery cycle coming up
48 and where there are proposals necessary to address documented
49 conservation (indiscernible - cough) at that time. And we

50 didn't discovery any.

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1 And that's basically all I need. Are there any
2 questions?

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4 MR. SAMUELSEN: That 50 percent increase in the
5 unguided, is that unguided meaning that outfitters are dropping
6 people off there or is there a big outfitter component to that?
7 Or is it just Joe Blow flying in from.....

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9 MR. MINARD: If I'm not mistaken I think the 50 percent
10 is an allocation number. Did she document a 50 percent
11 increase in non-guided participation?

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13 MS. EAKON: Fifty percent increase according to her
14 report.

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16 MR. MINARD: In unguided participation? I imagine it's
17 drop off clients. You know, one of the things we are seeing,
18 Robin, in Southwest Alaska is a growth in non-guided
19 participation out here. And within the refuge there have been
20 limitations since, I think, 1987-88 on the amount of
21 participation within the guide sector, so that's the only door
22 that's remained open in terms of growth.

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24 MS. EAKON: Correction on that. That's their goal is
25 to have an allocation of 50 percent of guided and.....

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27 (Tape malfunction)

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29 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

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31 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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33 MR. ABRAHAM: I have a question. When you say 50
34 percent guide and non-guide, are you talking about 5 guide or
35 15 guide and 15 unguided?

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37 MR. MINARD: Mr. Abraham, those aren't my numbers those
38 are Fish and Wildlife Services goals and perhaps some of the
39 refuge staff would rather answer that than me. That's not
40 necessarily a goal that we're proposing, a 50/50 split between
41 guided and non-guided participation.

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43 MR. ABRAHAM: Because there has been some complaints
44 from the local areas, like, you know, for subsistence take and
45 they're being crowded out of the areas, some area there.
46 That's why I asked this question, you know, what is the number;
47 what is the cap? What would be the cap of those -- when are
48 you going to cap them; what is the number?

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MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, that's out of Mac's jurisdiction

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1 and power, that would be with people that run the refuges
2 decision.

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4 MR. HEYANO: I have one question for Mac.

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6 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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8 MR. HEYANO: You said you seen a slight increase in
9 sport fishing activity?

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11 MR. MINARD: Sport fishing effort, and I don't have the
12 numbers in front of me right now, Mr. Heyano, but sport fishing
13 effort in Southwest Alaska is growing at a rate between 7 to 11
14 percent per year across the entire region. In these two
15 particular river they are not growing at the rate that they are
16 in other places. The bulk of our growth, for example, is right
17 in your back yard in the Nushagak and Mulchatna drainage in the
18 last several years. And there has been in the last five years
19 a substantial increases in the Alagnak, but since the
20 moratorium in '87 or '88 growth in the Kanektok and Goodnews in
21 terms of the number of angler days, it's been relatively
22 stable, although, you know, a slight increase, it's not growing
23 at the 7 to 11 percent per year.

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25 MR. HEYANO: Thank you.

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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you, Mac.

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29 MR. CONSTANTINO: Mr. Chairman, my name is George
30 Constantino of the Division of Refuges with Fish and Wildlife
31 Service. I would suggest that the reason Togiak staff is not
32 here is because they had weather problems. They would be happy
33 to probably participate in a telephone interview tomorrow
34 sometime if they don't get in here tonight. They can probably
35 answer many of these questions, but.....

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37 (Machine/tape malfunction - change tape)

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39 MR. CONSTANTINO:them, but we may have to come
40 back and that's part of the deliberations the refuge is going
41 through about whether we should propose a limited extension of
42 jurisdiction for commercial service operators, because if we
43 don't we're afraid the whole system will start to fall apart.
44 So that'll be something I know they'll want to talk to you
45 about, either when you get them or the next time they come to
46 visit with you.

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48 MR. ABRAHAM: Another short question, Mr. Chairman.
49 For citation of the guides on day uses on the refuge area, I

50 mean, how do you go about, like for instance, there's four

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1 guides in one river and one is not registered for usage of the
2 refuge area and the fourth one that's not registered keeps
3 going into the refuge, how do you cite -- how do you serve a
4 citation to those non-registered guides?

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6 MR. CONSTANTINO: And again, there's managers here who
7 have more direct experience, but it would be more of a common
8 sense approach. You'd have to have enough evidence to prove
9 they whoever did it; depositions from other guides or users.
10 Many times we'll target that or we'll talk to the pilots when
11 they return or the clients and generally we've been able to
12 build cases that, yes, they were on refuge lands and waters,
13 they were under the jurisdiction and they did not have the
14 required permits. Then we submit that to the U.S. Attorney for
15 prosecution.

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17 Does that answer your question? It looks like it
18 didn't.

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20 MR. ABRAHAM: I guess I'd say I need some more
21 information on that area there, so if fax me, you know, how to
22 go about it to my home number there, yeah.

23
24 MR. CONSTANTINO: I'll be sure to have the -- if I
25 don't do it, the refuge manager will talk to you personally,
26 find out some more and then send you the information. We just
27 need to have a -- if you are observing it and want to report
28 it, it's just a process of having a notarized statement and
29 some collaborating witnesses then we can proceed with that.

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31 MR. ABRAHAM: Okay. Thank you.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. (Native phrase) Spell that one,
34 Joe.

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36 MR. KOLASINSKI: Thanks, Robin.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Moving on, 9-B, update on Regional
39 Council nominations.

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41 MS. EAKON: Under Tab J you do have a copy of the
42 application form. And just to remind people that seats six and
43 seven, currently held by Robert Christensen of Port Heiden and
44 Robin Samuelson of Dillingham are going to be vacant come this
45 fall and that we accepting application through February 28th.
46 That's an informational update.

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48 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Moving on to 9-C-2, U.S. Fish
49 and Wildlife Service, Federal Subsistence Management Program.

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1 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair. Tom Boyd told me that
2 there's really no report, the main report he's going to present
3 tomorrow is going to be on the proposed rule and the
4 environmental assessment. And that's going to be taken up
5 right after you make your recommendations on Proposals 44
6 through 51, that will be the next item tomorrow.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you. We're on to 9-C-5,
9 Bureau of Land Management Report.

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11 MS. EAKON: You do have a copy of the BLM's report in
12 your book, it's just a brief report that was e-mailed to me by
13 Jeff Denton. Jeff is currently attending the Western Interior
14 meeting, that's how come he's not here.

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16 MR. SAMUELSEN: What tab is that under?

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18 MS. EAKON: That's under Tab K, K as in Katherine, way
19 in the back, it's the last page in the papers there. And for
20 the information of the public he says: Bureau of Land
21 Management activities in the Bristol Bay Region have been
22 limited to monitoring the Mulchatna Caribou Herd in
23 coordination with ADF&G and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
24 This activity is expected to continue indefinitely to the
25 degree possible. Land tenure changes have been limited over
26 the past year with basically no change in ownership pattern on
27 Federal public land from changes made in the regulation booklet
28 last year.

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30 End of his report.

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32 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, thank God he didn't fly all the
33 way out here to give us that report. Any questions? I
34 shouldn't say that I guess.

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36 MS. EAKON: And our program did not receive a report
37 from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, nor did we receive
38 one from the Bristol Bay Native Association.

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40 That being said, there are no other reports that I know
41 of, Mr. Chair.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Very good. Moving on to 9-D.

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45 MS. EAKON: 9-D is an action item for Regional Council
46 appointment to Aniakchak Subsistence Resource Commission and
47 Susan Savage has the lead on that. You do have under Tab M a
48 listing that she had sent of eligible candidates for three
49 appointments to the Aniakchak Subsistence Resource Commission.

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1 MS. SAVAGE: Susan Savage, Katmai National Park. I
2 would like to add one name to that list. Apparently Afonie
3 Takak is an alternate for the Chignik Fish and Game Advisory
4 Council so I think that the Aniakchak Subsistence Resource
5 Commission felt that met the requirements.

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7 Also the Aniakchak Subsistence Resource Commission
8 passed a motion at their February 4th and 5th meeting, the
9 second motion that they passed was that they recommend that the
10 Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council take action to reappoint
11 or make new appointments for three seats on the Aniakchak
12 Resource Commission and they endorsed the following individuals
13 as qualified to serve, Alvin Boskofsky, Johnny Lind, Sam
14 Stepanof and Afonie Takak, so they as you guys to choose three
15 of these four folks for reappointment or new appointments.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Susan, Robert Christensen, he'll still
18 serve on there as an appointment of the Secretary?

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20 MS. SAVAGE: As long as the Secretary so chooses, yes.

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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: And Alvin, Johnny Lind and Afonie is
23 the recommendation from the Commission?

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25 MS. SAVAGE: And they included Sam Stepanof who was
26 formally one of your members, yes. Technically Sam probably
27 does not meet the requirements as he is no longer a member of
28 your body and he is also not currently on a local fish and game
29 advisory committee and technically those are the requirements
30 that were set forth in ANILCA.

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32 MR. SAMUELSEN: And Afonie and Johnny Lind and Alvin,
33 they meet them requirements, they're on.....

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35 MS. SAVAGE: As far as I understand, yeah. Afonie is
36 apparently an alternate on the local fish and game advisory
37 committee and Johnny is a member and Alvin is a member of your
38 body so that meets that requirement.

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you. Any questions of
41 Susan?

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43 (No audible response)

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45 MR. SAMUELSEN: Looking for some action, I guess. Make
46 a motion here on three names.

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48 MR. HEYANO: I guess, Mr. Chairman, based on the report
49 from Susan Savage and the recommendation from the Subsistence

50 Resource Commission, we are left with three eligible candidates

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1 for recommendation; is that correct?

2 MR. SAMUELSEN: (Nods in the affirmative)

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4 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman, I so move that -- we get to
5 seat these, these are our appointees?

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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9 MR. HEYANO: Oh, we appoint those three individuals.

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11 MR. SAMUELSEN: Um-hum (affirmative). So you're
12 recommending the names of.....

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14 MR. HEYANO: Alvin, Johnny and Afonie.

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16 MR. SAMUELSEN: Is there a second?

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18 MR. ABRAHAM: Second.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Further discussion needed?

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22 (No audible response)

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: Hearing none, all those in favor say
25 signify by saying aye.

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27 IN UNISON: Aye.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Opposed same sign.

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31 (No opposing responses)

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: So carried. Okay. Now, we'll move
34 down to E.

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36 MS. EAKON: Same topic except this is for the Lake
37 Clark Subsistence Resource Commission and Lee Fink has the lead
38 on this.

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: That under Tab?

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42 MS. EAKON: N, N as in Nancy.

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44 MR. SAMUELSEN: Go ahead, Lee, anytime you're ready.

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46 MR. FINK: Mr. Chairman. Okay. Well, I think before
47 you under Tab N you have list of qualified nominees for
48 appointment to the Lake Clark Subsistence Resource Commission
49 by this Commission (sic). They would be -- we would be

50 replacing a couple of seats of individuals who are no longer

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1 qualified because they have lapsed their participation in the
2 Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee and that is one of the criteria
3 that we need to abide by. And also on the list is Andrew
4 Balluta's name because now that he is a member of the Bristol
5 Bay Regional Advisory Council he would eligible and provide
6 good tie communication between this Commission (sic) and our
7 SRC.

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9 So we would be looking for a total of three names out
10 of the seven that we have. These people have all been
11 contacted and all are interested in serving on the Lake Clark
12 Subsistence Resource Commission.

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14 MR. SAMUELSEN: They come forth with any
15 recommendations?

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17 MR. FINK: The Commission did not come forth with
18 individual recommendations, they just kind of left this list.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Can you tell us who's all on there
21 right now?

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23 MR. FINK: Members that are currently on the SRC are
24 Mike Delkittie from Nondalton, Dave Wilder from Port Alsworth
25 and Timothy LaPorte from Iliamna. So Timothy LaPorte is still
26 on the list -- is currently on the list because he is the
27 Chairman of the Iliamna Advisory Committee.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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31 MR. FINK: If appropriate, I guess the only
32 recommendation that I would say is that it's nice to have a
33 representative on our SRC who is also on the Regional Advisory
34 Council and we also have -- currently we have no real good
35 representation from the village of Pedro Bay.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Just for the record, Togiak
38 Wildlife Refuge folks showed up just in time to buy us dinner
39 since they missed all day.

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41 (Inaudible)

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Don blame it on the weather, we came
44 over this morning.

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46 Okay. Recommendations?

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48 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman, I would recommend Andrew,
49 Tim and Carl Jensen.

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1 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Second it.

2 MR. ABRAHAM: Andrew, Tim and who?

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4 MR. HEYANO: Carl Jensen.

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6 MR. SAMUELSEN: Made and seconded it. Further
7 discussion?

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9 MR. HEYANO: I guess, Mr. Chairman, I agree with Lee
10 that it's real important to have a person such as Andrew who
11 sits on our Regional Council also serve on the Subsistence
12 Council (sic). And his information that there is no
13 representation from the community of Pedro Bay for Carl Jensen.
14 And Tim LaPorte because he's the Chairman of the Iliamna
15 Advisory Committee.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you, Robert. Any other
18 discussion needed?

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20 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Question.

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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: Question's been called. All in favor
23 signify by saying aye.

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25 IN UNISON: Aye.

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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: Opposed same sign.

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29 (No opposing responses)

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31 MR. SAMUELSEN: So carried.

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33 MR. FINK: Thank you.

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35 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you, Lee. Well, I think that
36 pretty much accomplishes our agenda without our Chairman.
37 Helga.

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39 MS. EAKON: Just to refresh your memories, and also for
40 the benefit of the Togiak Refuge people who just walked in,
41 tomorrow we're going to finish up the proposal, those being
42 Proposals Number 44 through 51. After which we're going to go
43 into the update on implementation of Federal Subsistence
44 Fisheries Management, and that will be given by Tom Boyd. We
45 will tackle the annual report, 1996. Bruce Greenwood is going
46 to give the report on the comments received on the draft review
47 of subsistence regulations on the Park Service side. U.S. Fish
48 and Wildlife Service, Togiak Refuge and the Alaska Peninsula
49 Becharof Refuge and George Constantino with the Division of

50 Refuges in Anchorage will give their reports. Susan Savage and

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1 Lee Fink from Katmai and Lake Clark, respectfully, will give
2 their reports. And then you had added three new business items
3 to the agenda and then your time and place of next meeting. As
4 you note you've already preselected Togiak, you just need to
5 find a date and you'll be done.

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you, Helga. Aaron,
8 anything to add to the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Public
9 Use Management Plan? There was going to be a report given by
10 Donna. Do you have anything to add to that?

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12 MR. ARCHIBEQUE: No, nothing that (inaudible - away
13 from microphone)

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15 MR. KOLASINSKI: These mics are voice activated so if
16 you're out there I can't hear you.

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18 MR. ARCHIBEQUE: Okay. Aaron Archibeque, Togiak
19 Refuge. Not a whole lot to add, other than I think Helga
20 mentioned it but we are in the process of coming out with a
21 draft with a revision, it'll have some alternatives in there
22 that'll come out for public review and you'll have the
23 opportunity to comment on those and we'll make sure that the
24 Council receives that draft.

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26 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you, Aaron.

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28 Okay. What time would you folks like to start up in
29 the morning.

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31 MR. ABRAHAM: 6:00 o'clock in the morning. 9:00, 9:00
32 is a popular number all the time.

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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: 9:00 o'clock.

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36 MR. KNUTSEN: Early morning laps come as 6:30.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. We'll be adjourned till 9:00
39 o'clock in the morning. Thank you.

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41 (Off record)

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