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**BRISTOL BAY SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING**

October 18, 1994  
City of Newhalen Building  
Newhalen, Alaska

**VOLUME I**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Robin Samuelsen, Vice Chairman
- Sam. G. Stepanoff, Secretary
- Peter M. Abraham, Member
- Robert A. Christensen, Member
- Timothy J. LaPorte, Member
- Helga Eakon, Coordinator

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MR. STEPANOFF: Excuse me. Maybe we get started on the  
meeting here. Okay. I guess the meeting come to an order  
here. I'm standing for O'Hara and he didn't make it and  
neither did Robert Heyano. I'd like to welcome our new members  
Robin Samuelsen and Robert Christensen from Port Heiden.

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9 Maybe we'll have a roll call here.

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11 MS. EAKON: Dan O'Hara.

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13 (No response)

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15 MS. EAKON: Robert Heyano.

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17 (No response)

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19 MS. EAKON: Sam Stepanoff.

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21 MR. STEPANOFF: Here.

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23 MS. EAKON: Robin Samuelsen.

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Here.

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27 MS. EAKON: Tim LaPorte.

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29 MR. LaPORTE: Here.

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31 MS. EAKON: Robert Christensen.

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33 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Here.

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35 MS. EAKON: Pete Abraham.

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37 MR. ABRAHAM: Um-hum.

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39 MS. EAKON: Five out of seven are present and therefore  
we have a quorum.

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42 MR. STEPANOFF: I'm standing for O'Hara and I'm the  
secretary and I guess we'll get started here.

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45 MS. EAKON: Okay. My name is Helga Eakon, I'm  
Coordinator for Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory  
Council and I would like at this time to introduce Joe  
Kolasinski our court reporter.

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1 MR. KOLASINSKI: Thank you.  
2 MS. EAKON: And to his immediate left is Gina Martinez,  
3 she is our office administrative officer, she's also going to  
4 be recording Council actions today, so she our recorder. And I  
5 guess I'll go ahead and asks the Council members to introduce  
6 themselves and also what part of the region you represent.  
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8 MR. LaPORTE: Tim LaPorte and I represent the Illiamna  
9 area up here. I'm head of the Illiamna Fish & Game Advisory  
10 Council.  
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12 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Bob Christensen representing Bristol  
13 Bay from Port Heiden.  
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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: Robin Samuelson representing Bristol  
16 Bay Native Association.  
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18 MR. ABRAHAM: Pete Abraham representing Togiak.  
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20 MR. STEPANOFF: Sam Stepanoff from Chignik, Chignik  
21 Lake representing Aniakchak area.  
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23 MS. EAKON: And our absent members, Dan O'Hara is from  
24 Naknek and Robert Heyano is from Dillingham. I guess I will  
25 first of all ask the people from the Fish & Wildlife Service,  
26 Office of Subsistence Management to go ahead and introduce  
27 themselves at this time.  
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29 MR. FISHER: Dave Fisher, Fish & Wildlife Service.  
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31 MR. BRELSFORD: I'm Taylor Breslford with the Fish &  
32 Wildlife Service.  
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34 MR. SUMMERS: Clarence Summers, National Park Service.  
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36 MR. PIERCE: You want just Fish & Wildlife Service?  
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38 MS. EAKON: No, go ahead, everyone just introduce  
39 themselves.  
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41 MR. PIERCE: Bill Pierce, Katmai National Park.  
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43 MS. SAVAGE: Susan Savage, Katmai National Park and  
44 Aniakchak National Monument.  
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46 MR. LISAC: Mark Lisac, I'm with the Togiak National  
47 Wildlife Refuge out of Dillingham.  
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49 MR. NELSON: Russell Nelson, BBNA, Dillingham.  
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2 MR. KRIEG: Ted Krieg, BBNA, Dillingham.  
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4 MR. KNAUER: Bill Knauer, Fish & Wildlife Subsistence,  
Anchorage.  
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7 MR. ADERMAN: Andy Aderman, Fish & Wildlife Service,  
Dillingham.  
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10 MR. FINK: Lee Fink, Lake Clark National Park, Port  
Alsworth.  
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13 MR. HOOD: Ron Hood, Alaska Peninsula Becharof Refuge,  
King Salmon.  
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16 MR. WASSILLE: And Raymond Wassille, resident of  
Newhalen.  
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19 MR. MORRISON: John Morrison, Department of Fish &  
Game.  
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22 MS. COILEY: Pippa Coiley, Subsistence Division, Fish &  
Game in Dillingham.  
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25 MR. STEPANOFF: Adoption of the agenda. Helga.  
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27 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chair, I do have a revision of the  
agenda that you have. Please move Togiak National Wildlife  
Refuge report and the Bureau of Land Management, I guess  
there's no one here from BLM, so just cross that off. Move  
Togiak National Wildlife Refuge report from 8A to the end of  
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34 And Charlie Kelly of Egegik wants to be hooked up to  
the speaker phone when the Council addresses Proposal 30A and  
RR 94-06. He wants to listen in on the report from Ron Hood  
and he would like BBNA's presentation before he offers public  
testimony. He had wanted to travel here, but the travel costs  
were kind of too expensive.  
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41 Those are the changes that I have, Mr. Chair.  
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43 MR. STEPANOFF: Any other changes or a motion to adopt  
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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman, under new business I'd  
like to -- under Number 1 I'd like to review the EO regulation  
and the process on adopting an EO, such as the closure -- like  
the closure on North Peninsula caribou herd.  
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2 MS. EAKON: Oh, you mean special action?  
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4 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.  
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6 MS. EAKON: Okay, review of how special actions are  
done?  
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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.  
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11 MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman, we also have three people  
from Chignik -- or Ivanof Bay that would like to call in to.  
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14 MS. EAKON: In relation to which proposal, so that we  
know when to set up.  
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17 MR. NELSON: 30C  
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19 MS. EAKON: 30C?  
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21 MR. NELSON: I think that's what it is, 30C.  
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23 MR. STEPANOFF: Any more additions?  
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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: One more, Mr. Chairman, on Number 2 I'd  
like to add the Togiak moose season.  
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28 MR. STEPANOFF: Okay.  
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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: And maybe we could take up the Togiak  
moose season -- I don't know, are they going to be here both  
days? Or are you leaving today?  
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34 MR. LISAC: No, we're staying.  
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36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.  
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38 MR. ABRAHAM: Togiak moose season, caribou.  
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40 MS. EAKON: So far the agenda changes are 7C, Togiak  
National Wildlife Refuge and then Item 7H, Charlie Kelly will  
be in. Item 7J, three people from Ivanof Bay will call in.  
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44 MR. NELSON: That would be on Proposal 30B that they  
will be calling in on.  
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47 MS. EAKON: So that would be agenda item 7I. Under New  
Business we have under 8G (1) review of how special actions are  
done, 8G (2) Togiak moose season.  
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2 MR. ABRAHAM: And caribou.  
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4 MS. EAKON: Togiak moose and caribou season?  
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6 MR. ABRAHAM: Um-hum. (Affirmative)  
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8 MR. STEPANOFF: Other changes in motions to be adopted?  
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10 MR. SAMUELSEN: Hearing none, Mr. Chairman, I move for  
adoption of the agenda.  
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13 MR. STEPANOFF: With deletions and additions?  
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15 MR. ABRAHAM: Second.  
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17 MR. STEPANOFF: All in favor say aye.  
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19 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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21 MR. STEPANOFF: Minutes of February 22nd to 24th  
meeting. Motion to waive read of minutes, corrections, motion  
to be adopted, amended minutes?  
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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we waive the  
reading of the minutes and also motion to adopt the minutes.  
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28 MR. ABRAHAM: I'll second.  
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30 MR. STEPANOFF: All in favor say aye.  
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32 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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34 MS. EAKON: As Acting Chair under the nominations and  
elections of officers, I'm going to first explain the duties of  
the office of Chair. Chair serves a one year term as Chair,  
however, may serve more than one year in that capacity.  
Conducts the Regional Council meetings, attends and represents  
the Regional Council at meeting of the Board. The Chair is a  
voting member of the Council. The Chair signs reports,  
correspondence, meeting minutes and other documents for  
external distribution.  
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44 At this time I would like to open the floor for  
nominations for the office of chair.  
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47 MR. ABRAHAM: I nominate Dan O'Hara.  
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49 MR. SAMUELSEN: Second.  
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2 MS. EAKON: Dan O'Hara has been nominated by Pete  
Abraham and Robin Samuelsen has seconded the motion. Are there  
any other nominations for the office of Chair?

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6 Hearing none, I declare that nominations are closed and  
Dan O'Hara is the new Chair. But as a side note, I had talked  
to him a couple of weeks ago and I said, if you're nominated,  
would you be willing to accept and he answered, yes.

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11 Did Terry Wild call Susan? Dan will not be able to  
make it today?

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14 MS. SAVAGE: He's not coming at all.

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16 MS. EAKON: He's not coming at all, okay. Now, the  
office of Vice Chair. The Vice Chair serves a one year term in  
that capacity, however, he or she may serve more than one year.  
The Vice Chair helps the Chair and assumes all functions in  
his absence.

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22 I now open the floor for nominations for the office of  
Vice Chair.

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25 MR. ABRAHAM: I nominate Robin.

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27 MR. STEPANOFF: I'll second it.

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29 MS. EAKON: Pete Abraham and Sam Stepanoff have  
nominated Robin Samuelsen. Are there any other nominations for  
the office of Vice Chair?

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33 Hearing none, I declare that nominations are closed.  
Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome the new Vice Chair who  
will be taking over the meeting in the absence of Chair O'Hara.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: I told him to nominate Robert, not  
Robin.

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40 MR. ABRAHAM: I'm hard of hearing this morning.

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42 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. I open the floor for  
nominations for Secretary.

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45 MR. ABRAHAM: I nominated Sam.

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47 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I'll second.

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49 MR. SAMUELSEN: Motion has been made and seconded. Are  
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1 there any other nominations?

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3 Hearing none, Sam you're secretary again.

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5 We'll move down to Old Business. Reports; Federal  
6 Subsistence Board Meeting, April 1994. Helga.

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8 MS. EAKON: I really wish Dan were here because I think  
9 he did a really good job in being a voice for the Council and  
10 on all of these proposals. In the Council books you do have a  
11 letter that was addressed to Dan O'Hara as Chair and signed by  
12 Ron McCoy in his capacity as Interim Chair, that was before  
13 Willie Hensley became the Chair of the Federal Subsistence  
14 Board. And he does recap all of the actions and for the  
15 benefit of the people here today, somewhere on one of the  
16 tables there is a table that recaps all of the proposals,  
17 descriptions, Regional Council recommendations, staff committee  
18 recommendations and the final decision of the Board.

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20 Unless people have specific questions, I guess I'll  
21 close by saying that I was happy BBNA traveled to Anchorage to  
22 testify. I was happy that Charlie Kelly from Egegik made a  
23 special trip to testify on Proposal 30 and the comments that I  
24 heard about the Federal Subsistence Board were that they are  
25 fully trying to take to their responsibilities to heart. That  
26 was pretty much the impressions I got, Mr. Chair.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any questions? Okay, that'  
29 covers one and two, Helga?

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31 MS. EAKON: Yeah, at the Federal Subsistence meeting in  
32 August 1994 the Board -- there was nothing pertaining to the  
33 Bristol Bay region that was before the Federal Subsistence  
34 Board, Mr. Chair.

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36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. That's all under Tab 7 in the  
37 workbooks here. Okay, we'll go on to B under Reports by Susan  
38 Savage.

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40 MS. SAVAGE: The Aniakchak Subsistence Commission .....

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42 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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44 MS. SAVAGE: Susan Savage, Katmai National Park and  
45 Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve. The Aniakchak  
46 Subsistence Resource Commission had only what I would call a  
47 Ani meeting last spring and the reason we did not have a full  
48 meeting is that I had difficulty getting all the members  
49 together and we had several new members. And what I did was I

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Went to Chignik Lake and brought briefing books for our two new members and had a short meeting with all the members who live in Chignik Lake, which is about five people and went over the duties if the Commission with the two new members.

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6 We are still waiting for the Secretary of Interior to sign the membership -- the three members that they appoint and my understanding is that the Park Service has asked for Robert Christensen and Nefuti Orloff and Elia Lind, but we are having a new Regional Director come on board this fall and we're not absolutely sure if that is the final word on those memberships, but old members continue to serve until the Secretary signs off on that membership.

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15 Regarding the eligibility, we had one person, Roy Matsuno, request a 13.44 permit to use Aniakchak National Monument. The superintendent reviewed his application and we tentatively denied his application on the basis that he had not provided strong evidence that his father did use Aniakchak Monument. We invited him to provide a little more evidence and we promised to work closely with him in helping him to provide evidence, but we never got another response from him. Our last correspondence with him was in May.

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25 About two weeks ago I traveled to Pilot Point and had a very brief meeting the James Shanigan and I told him that the Park Service is very interested in meeting with the Village Council and getting information about whether Pilot Point did use Aniakchak National Monument and whether people from the Village want to be considered for 13.44 permits.

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32 And his very brief response was that he remember going through this in the past and he did not think that people from Pilot Point had shown that they used Aniakchak Monument. He then turned to a member of the refuge staff, Rick Potter, and mentioned something about their interest in using refuge lands. So it's an open invitation, we're waiting for him to invite us to come to the Village Council meeting and try to get them up to speed on eligibility.

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41 And I also went to the Lower Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council meeting and mentioned this issue and Art Wolensky of Ugashik said he would talk to Fred Matsuno for Ugashik and tell him we're also interested in talking to Ugashik people about this issue.

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47 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair, on that same point, there has been no other letters from the two communities regarding Roy Matsuno's -- Roy Matsuno had the task of trying to get this

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moving, but he moved to Anchorage recently from Dillingham and I guess I would like -- I think it would be appropriate to ask Robert Christensen his thoughts on this issue, Mr. Chair.

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5 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Robert, go ahead.

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7 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Well, from my knowledge of anybody using Aniakchak as, you know, Pilot Point and Ugashik, they were reindeer herders up there. And I know there's an old dog sled up in Aniakchak that comes from one of those herders that I was going to remove that dog sled and take it home, but it's still there, I didn't want to, you know, mess with it. And there's an old guy in Pilot Point named Valentine Subsuk told me a story about them using that up along Aniakchak and, you know, they got a place up in there, you know. I tried to get the location, where it was located at.

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18 But other than that, you know, I guess there's some old pictures of them being up around that area, you know, if they want to get down and find the old pictures and go look at the old dog sled and hear stories from the older people, but, you know, that's the only information that I could tell you. I don't know anything else about them using that, you know, recently, but the old reindeer herders go -- the had places up here and there's this dog sled up there, so that's evidence that they've been up there because there was no herders down at Port Heiden, you know, locals, just the ones from Pilot Point.

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29 And those barabaras up inside of Port Heiden, I know where all seven of those are and those come from those people up in Pilot Point and Ugashik, not from none of us.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Well, I guess when you have your meeting with the Traditional Council you can report back to the Council here, probably -- when's our meeting; February?

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37 MS. SAVAGE: Um-hum. (Affirmative)

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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: Hopefully, you'll meet with the Traditional Council by then. Is there anything else that needs to be brought up under this heading? Thank you, Susan.

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43 Okay, we'll move down to C, Katmai National Park and Preserve, update on spawned-out red fish solution, Bill Pierce.

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46 MR. PIERCE: Bill Pierce, Superintendent of Katmai National Park. I guess I'd break the update down into two parts, Mr. Chairman, short term and long term.

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1 Short term we've met with the local people in the  
 2 springtime and began a list of traditional users and started  
 3 communicating about how we might work together to allow the  
 4 taking of red fish. And we've made, I think, some good  
 5 progress. We've worked with Mac Menard and Dick Russell with  
 6 the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and the local people and  
 7 worked out a short term agreement whereby the taking of red  
 8 fish from the mouth of Naknek Lake area, the Trefon/Scavon (ph)  
 9 area has been worked out.

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11 And we've contacted the local leaders and said, okay,  
 12 we want to work with you to monitor this, collect some data to  
 13 build our information base on this. I will say probably we, on  
 14 both sides of the fence, dropped our communications a little  
 15 but as the summer was going full tilt, we probably didn't get  
 16 the word out as well as we should have to some of the local  
 17 residents, but we didn't have too much in the way of contact --  
 18 I can't tell you how many actually went out this fall so far  
 19 and went red fishing. But on the short term it appears that we  
 20 have worked out an informal arrangement that is workable.

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22 On the long term, I think that I'm leaning more and  
 23 more as I learn more about this to -- legally, right now, we do  
 24 not have the authority or the ability to allow that taking in  
 25 Katmai National Park because it is not a Title VIII subsistence  
 26 area. So on the long term solution I know BBNC has proposed  
 27 legislation and it could be that that may be one of the long  
 28 term solutions that we need to work with the local people with.  
 29 Maybe a piece of legislation will be necessary to authorize  
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32 So short term we're moving well, long term, I think we  
 33 need to look at our options and see what we can do.

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35 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any questions? Comments?

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37 MR. CHRISTENSEN: What's the -- what, they're cutting  
 38 off the local from getting red fish that's spawned out? What's  
 39 the .....

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Under Tab 7C you've got the creation of  
 42 the Katmai National Park and when Congress passed, I believe --  
 43 and Bill you can step in anytime. When Congress passed it  
 44 didn't recognize the traditional taking of red fish in Katmai.  
 45 And the villages of Naknek, King Salmon and South Naknek have  
 46 been trying every avenue to continue their traditional harvest  
 47 of red fish within the Katmai boundaries.

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49 And up until Bill's tenure as superintendent they've

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been unsuccessful. And although I've talked to most of the people -- I didn't make the meeting in King Salmon, I talked to most of the village representatives who were at that meeting and they were very encouraged that a small area was opened to them and they realized that the ultimate fix has got to come from a bill out of Congress. But they're real happy that they're at least afforded an area within the Park that will allow them to harvest red fish.

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10 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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12 MR. SAMUELSEN: I think it's, you know -- Bill, I've got to give you a lot of credit there, Bill, where credit is due, this is a real cantankerous issue between -- one of the most cantankerous issues, I think, between the parks and preserves. We had a real active force there in Naknek, South Naknek and King Salmon that wanted to go up there and additionally do what they've done, which was harvest red fish. And I've got to commend you and Susan putting this working group together and bringing all the different aspects of different parties together and ironing out this agreement. Although it's small in nature, I think it's a real positive step and a proper step in the right direction.

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25 MR. PIERCE: Well, we appreciate that. Susan has done a lot of work on it and there's still going to be a lot of work to do. But I think if we can communicate and work together with them, we can work it out.

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah. Okay, thank you. Okay, under C, I believe, we move to an update on Togiak. Helga, is that right?

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34 MS. EAKON: Right after -- before that, report on inventory of fisheries resources.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Excuse me, okay.

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39 MS. EAKON: That had been requested by Dan O'Hara to Susan at the last meeting.

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42 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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44 MS. SAVAGE: I thought you guys were going to skip me here.

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47 MR. LaPORTE: She was hoping.

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49 MS. SAVAGE: I was hoping. Susan Savage, again. I'm

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really not sure exactly what Dan wanted, although I tried to talk to him and get a little bit of overview. So I'm just going to give a real short overview of what I know. I am not a fisheries biologist and I can't roll a statement and harvest and things like that off the tip of my tongue, but I will try my best. I do have some data here, so if I don't go over it in my quick overview, perhaps I can find it in the notes that I brought along.

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10 Park Service has primarily been aimed at trying to maintain habitat for both animals and fish and we have recently gotten into more active animal and fisheries management, although we really haven't crossed over into fisheries management very much. But we did an inventory of the species in the early '60's and I'm going to switch on the overhead light now.

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18 (Off record comments -- getting overhead focused)

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20 MS. SAVAGE: Anyway, this gives us a list of the species that we have in the Naknek Drainage and as you can see from the little X marks that the higher you go up into the more upstream lakes a few of the species do fall out and we only have a couple of species because there is quite a substantial water fall.

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27 Park Service isn't in the habit of doing a lot of fisheries inventory today and this is the last one we have, so we haven't updated that one. We know that for our sport fishing contingent the focused species are rainbow trout and for our commercial and our subsistence users the focused species for the area, for the region are, of course, sockeye salmon, red salmon.

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35 We have done a lot of rainbow trout work. Actually ADF&G had done a lot of rainbow trout work in conjunction with the Park Service and that has centered on restoring the large rainbow trout to the Naknek Drainage. Their movement patterns and their spawning grounds are well studied.

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41 Sockeye salmon were the focus of studies by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Administration of Alaska Commercial Fisheries in the late '40's, '50's '60's and early '70's. These are the folks that built that little log cabin on Brooks Lake in the 1940's and were just tone ones who were doing most of the studies, along with NOAA, who did some studies in the '60's and the '70's.

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49 Recently our work has included a water quality

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inventory conducted by Jackie Laperriere and there is a publication on that. That work was done in '91, '92 and '93 and we have continued that monitoring with Park Service staff in '94. So when I say we're interested in maintaining habitat we are doing water quality work.

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7 The Jet Boat Study was brought up at this -- with this group a few meetings ago and the American Creek Jet Boat Study is being analyzed. The Final Thesis is available, but the Final Report not out. And the conclusion of this study are that jet boat use can have detrimental effects on buried salmon eggs. These effect vary with water depth. In depths less than nine inches, eggs are most vulnerable to mortality from jet boats. The researchers felt that mortality by jet boats was much less than that of natural mortality. This study examines only one aspect of jet boat mortality, that, that's happening right in the nest.

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19 We believe that that's a very small portion of the total picture. It doesn't talk about how eggs get moved out of the nest or the effects of silting or erosion. Although, we also feel that jet boat mortality is small compared to natural mortality it still counts for significant part of the mortality of the eggs that remain after natural mortality is accounted for, so we don't think the end of the picture is there with that one small study was productive.

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28 As far as inventories in 1994 and in 1992, Don Bill, who is a retired ADF&G biologist who works for us part-time, conducted Naknek Lake System Sockeye Salmon Spawning Ground Surveys. These will tell us exactly where fish are spawning around Naknek Drainage and this will be helpful in monitoring other species that depend on salmon and in any future red fish harvesting issues that go on.

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36 In '92 and '93 we participated with Alaska Fish & Game on the Naknek River Smolt Study. This was to look at the impact of the record escapement of 1991 on smolt, the year of the strike. In 1993 outmigration was about average and the 1994 outmigration was above average. There had been a prediction that the number of smolt would be decreased because of over escapement, but this was not case.

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44 In 1994 we participated with ADF&G in Lake Trout study and the purpose was to predict available lake trout habitat and lake trout production using a model developed in Canada. The harvest in 1994 and ADF&G is, of course, in charge of commercial harvest and they are the ones who keep track of the harvest and the escapement records. And the Naknek escapement

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for red salmon was 990,000 fish.

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3 And we also worked with ADF&G on a Rainbow Trout Creel  
4 Survey in the Bay of Islands. But because this was an  
5 unusually wet weather year, we think that the fishing was off  
6 this year and this may not be representative of our sport  
7 harvest in the Bay of Islands.

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9 I do have some charts done by ADF&G on sport fishing  
10 effort if you're interested, I don't know if people are  
11 interested in seeing those or if you want to talk with me  
12 later, I'm certainly glad to show anybody that information.

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14 In the future Katmai National Park is anticipating  
15 getting a fisheries biologist on staff. This person will be  
16 responsible for both the aquatic habitat management and  
17 fisheries program at Katmai and at Aniakchak. And they will  
18 work on both the Naknek Drainage, the Alagnak Drainage, the  
19 coastal drainages on the Pacific side and Aniakchak. And we  
20 think that we are going to have staff conduct a creel survey on  
21 the Alagnak in 1995 and possibly 1996.

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23 Any questions?

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any questions of Susan? I have one on  
26 the Jet Boat Study.

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28 MS. SAVAGE: Yes.

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: That was just a preliminary analysis  
31 done, right, that wasn't a final analysis?

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33 MS. SAVAGE: It was a master thesis and apparently the  
34 master thesis part is done, but it was also a contract between  
35 the University and Katmai National Park and there is a final  
36 report that has not been completed.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. What effect did sport fishermen  
39 have spawning populations?

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41 MS. SAVAGE: The study, itself, only looked at a jet  
42 boat passing directly over these experimental redds and it did  
43 not look at the mortality caused fishermen walking. And, you  
44 know, that's part of what the Park Service is curious about,  
45 so, how much -- that's not actually the jet boat, itself,  
46 though, that's the other end, the people that are brought by  
47 the jet boat, fishermen are brought. And so that will probably  
48 be a whole different study in and of itself.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: I think I read the same report and they  
did the list, they did not report the behavior of fish versus  
sport fishermen walking in the stream and the boat going  
across. And said that the fish dispersed when a boat ran  
across, they dispersed from where they were and came back  
within a minute, minute and a half. And when a sport fisherman  
was in walking a stream they associated the sport fisherman  
with a predator, i.e., a bear, which dispersed them quite a bit  
further and they didn't have any gage to gage it, is that a  
correct assumption there?

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12 MS. SAVAGE: They did observe that. I guess -- they  
didn't have any quantitative data on that aspect of -- those  
were their observations, yes.

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16 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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18 MR. LISAC: Mr. Chairman.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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22 MR. LISAC: I remember reading that also. When a boat  
passed by the sockeyes we're primarily looking at would return  
to their spawning areas within seconds, but when either a  
person was wading or a bear, in their observations, it could  
take quite a bit longer, but I don't think, as Susan said, it  
was in quantitative measurements.

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29 MS. SAVAGE: It also looks to be looked at what the  
impact of sport fishermen walking in that area, what the effect  
of their mortality on eggs.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any questions of Susan?

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35 MR. STEPANOFF: Then again .....

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sam.

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39 MR. STEPANOFF: The streams usually vary -- varies  
every year, you know, like floods and washouts like spawning  
areas, you know, some areas there's so much water there, so  
much force going out, the spawning area wash out. So I imagine  
it's the same all over. Some areas it's good and some areas  
it's bad.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: I think this is the second test on the  
impacts of jet boat use, I think there was one out in New  
Zealand before that was kind of inconclusive and then this  
study.

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2 MS. SAVAGE: Right. And I think there are more studies  
3 that are going to be done.  
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5 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any other questions? Tim.  
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7 MR. LaPORTE: On the creel census, is that going to be  
8 taking up out of the Alagnak -- the upper regions there, the  
9 Nonvianuk Lake area there?  
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11 MS. SAVAGE: We plan to census the part that is the  
12 Alagnak Wild Corridor, which is under our jurisdiction. ADF&G  
13 has actively done creel censuses in the lower part below our  
14 jurisdiction and it's mainly centered on chinook salmon, but we  
15 want to get a picture of the upper reaches of river and a more  
16 broad species spectrum survey, rather just chinook.  
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18 MR. LaPORTE: Thank you.  
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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. Bill, maybe the next  
21 time you meet with State you could include Pippa with the  
22 Division of Subsistence along with Mac Menard of sport fish.  
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24 MR. PIERCE: You bet.  
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26 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Well, I think we'll take a  
27 little break here before we move on, it sounds like the coffee  
28 isn't quite perking. Take a five minute break.  
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30 (Off record)  
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32 (On record)  
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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: We are on Item 7D, Customary and  
35 Traditional Use Eligibility Schedules.  
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37 MR. LISAC: Am I still in there?  
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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: Oh, yeah, okay. Excuse me, you're in  
40 there, you're in there. We'll do an update on Togiak.  
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42 MR. LISAC: I'm going to sit back down if .....

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44 MR. SAMUELSEN: Go ahead.  
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46 MR. LISAC: I'm Mark Lisac, I'm the fisheries biologist  
47 on the Togiak Refuge staff. I'm not here to talk about any  
48 specific proposals, but as a request from Helga and I think  
49 from Chairman O'Hara just wanted some information on Togiak  
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Refuge activities and programs. Helga had gone to a meeting in Togiak there to discuss the Public Use Management Plan and Caribou and moose population, so -- I'm not sure, Mr. Chairman, I've got a little bit to say about our Public Use Management Plan, if that's what you're still interested in here. A little bit about our fisheries work that we do and then Andy has information -- Andy Aderman, he's a wildlife biologist, has information about the moose and caribou census and so over there on the refuge. Are you still interested in hearing about the Public Use Management Plan and that sort of thing?

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12 MR. SAMUELSEN: Give us a little bit of everything on the Togiak.

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15 MR. LISAC: Okay, that's what I like to hear. Okay. Well, the Togiak Refuge is an ANILCA Refuge and in ANILCA it required the Refuge produce a comprehensive conservation plan. And that plan was completed in 1987 and part of that planning process comes step down plans, one of which is a Public Use Management Plan. And the purpose of that plan is to administer recreational public use on the Refuge.

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23 The goal is to provide for high quality fish and wildlife orientated recreation, subsistence, interpretive and educational opportunities consistent with the ANILCA resource processes. And then the plan also has to comply with maintain healthy fish and wildlife populations and habitats.

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29 The objectives of the plan are to insure that public use programs are consistent with maintaining natural diversity of resource and habitat, providing subsistence opportunity, providing opportunity for fish and wildlife orientated recreation which emphasis a short term low density public use. Provide a range of high of high quality recreational opportunities, including wilderness areas that emphasis naturalness, solitude, primitive recreation. And ensure the availability of public use sites for meeting the needs of subsistence, recreation, and commercial use.

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40 The PUMP process, acronym for the Public Use Management Plan, actually began during the development of the comprehensive plan, lots of various village meetings, public comment taken. And that Public Use Management Plan was finalized February of 1991. It establishes a level and type of commercial sport fishing, which is our primary recreation public use that occurs out there. We don't have much sport hunting, it's primarily sport fishing. The plan established the level and the types of use, whether it be motor boat, day-in float, which is allowed in five of 13 management units

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Within the refuge.

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3 The management units center around the river corridors,  
 4 the three main rivers being the Kanektok, Goodnews and Togiak  
 5 Rivers. Each one of those is divided into two management units  
 6 because the upper portions of those river are in a wilderness  
 7 area, the lower portions are outside of it. Those three units  
 8 within the wilderness area are going to fall under this plan.

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10 There are four of those units, being those three lower  
 11 river and the Arolik River which the plan does not set public  
 12 use levels and administer permits for because they are under  
 13 State or corporation land ownership. Use allocations were not  
 14 determined for two other management units, that was the Cape  
 15 Pirce area and the Osviak, Matogak and Quigmy Rivers area,  
 16 west of Togiak.

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18 The one other unit that we do essentially have  
 19 jurisdiction over to permit recreational use in is the Goodnews  
 20 River Corridor, the upper portion of the wilderness area and  
 21 that was postponed until more information could be gathered.  
 22 And that will likely be administered in the 1996 season.

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24 The new permit allocation system was a competitive  
 25 process designed much like the big game processes are being  
 26 used on Federal lands. It's been phased in since 1991, it now  
 27 covers those five major management units of the Refuge. We've  
 28 issued 24 special use permits to sport fishing guides in that  
 29 area and those were all issued, like I said, on a competitive  
 30 basis. There are 10 air taxi operators that also have permits  
 31 to operate in the Refuge, those are not issued on a competitive  
 32 basis. There's no limit on air taxi permits.

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34 The plan also identified the need to increased public  
 35 education, our documentation of what our actual use levels are  
 36 out there. And user conflict resolution through an increase in  
 37 Fish & Wildlife Service presence out on the rivers and in the  
 38 villages.

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40 We have a river ranger program was implemented in 1991  
 41 to place two seasonal personnel on the Kanektok, Goodnews and  
 42 Togiak Rivers throughout the season, which is usually mid June  
 43 to mid September. Refuge personnel also contact visitors in  
 44 Dallingham before they depart to enter a trip to the Refuge and  
 45 provide them with a little background information to make their  
 46 trip a little safer and hopefully alleviate some of the  
 47 conflicts that some of the recreational uses and locals run  
 48 into, whether it's private recreational users with guided  
 49 recreational users or whatever. As long as people are aware of

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the issues they'll be more sensitive to them and hopefully alleviate some of those conflicts.

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4 So that's the primary purpose of that ranger program is to educate the visitors, answer questions, document that use level. Some of their activities also center around law enforcement. And in 1994 there were 13 citations that were issued based on river ranger observations. Two were for illegal guiding, conducting a commercial operation in the Refuge without a permit; four for wanton waste; five for littering; two for overharvest of sport fish. Eleven of the citation, 11 of the 13 were issued to foreign visitors. It reinforces the idea that communication and education are probably the key to alleviating a lot of these problems.

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16 MR. SAMUELSEN: Just out of curiosity, were they of German decent?

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19 MR. LISAC: I can't remember what decent all 11 were, but I know some were German or Austrian.

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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: All right.

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24 MR. LISAC: Additionally, the Refuge holds meeting in the villages during the spring and the fall to discuss what our plans will be that season and then in the fall it's meant to bring the local residents and the guides together to discuss the problems that have occurred and look at ways of dealing with it. That's the meeting that was held in Togiak that Helga attended here a while ago.

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32 The future for our public use program will be to continue the ranger program and the meeting schedule, continue to hold those meetings. The whole Public Use Management Plan is due for review in 1996. Right now we're currently scoping and preparing alternatives and environmental assessment for -- to address the commercial sport fishing use in the Goodnews River. We're just kind of plugging along in that process. Our plan was to have the prospectus out which requests applications from commercial sport fish guides to operate in the Refuge in time so that use could occur. Those permits could be issued for the 1996 season.

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44 Our current use levels indicated an increase in unguided visitation out there. In the planning process identified of having a 50/50 split between guided and unguided use. If current trends continue we'll probably be looking at the future permitting unguided visitation also. How that will work we don't know at this time. But if we do it for one

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area of the Refuge we'll likely have to do it for the whole area, so we don't push everybody off into one corner.

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4 That's a quick wrap up of our Public Use Management Plan. Any questions on that?

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7 MR. ABRAHAM: Excuse me, Mark. Mr. Chairman.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Go ahead, Pete.

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11 MR. ABRAHAM: Can we get a copy of what -- of your report?

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14 MR. LISAC: This right here?

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16 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah.

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18 MR. LISAC: These are just kind of my little notes to remind me so I don't forget anything, but I'll be glad to let you have them.

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22 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, appreciate it.

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24 MR. LISAC: The other thing I was going to talk about was our fisheries management plan which is also a step down plan of the overall Refuge plan. This basically has identified issues and concerns through, again, more scoping process. Documents what is know of the resources out there on the Refuge and identifies what research is needed and this is done in cooperation with the State Fish & Game managers. A lot of the things that are in the plan also identify what their programs are.

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The Refuge fisheries program primarily centers around inventory work, resident species, we supplement programs that are ongoing with the State, do things that maybe they haven't the money or the staff to do. A couple prime examples of that are some of the creel survey work we done out on the Refuge to document the sport fishing activities.

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40 Also our aerial survey program to fly 30-40 hours of salmon escapement surveys and these aren't management survey, they aren't in-season management survey, they're peak escapement counts for chum and king, which the State has pretty much dropped from their survey program. Coho also for lot a system and then cover the systems that aren't an emphasis of the State commercial management, which means everything other than the Togiak and the Kulukak for the Bristol Bay side for most species, sockeye, they're program is a little more expanded.

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2 Another project that was begun with -- on the Refuge  
Here with Service dollar is a tower, counting tower project  
program on the Kulukak River. It's actually run by our  
fisheries resource office out of King Salmon. And the plan is  
60 continue that project in '95 and expand it to cover coho  
salmon.

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9 The Kulukak tower actually came about by default, just  
for information, we had identified through the fisheries  
management plan and getting together with the agencies that --  
the population evaluation of Togiak area chars. Probably the  
number one priority that we needed to be -- it identify way  
back during the CCP plan, the issue was brought up by local  
residents and by guides. Finally got around in the funding  
cycle to go in and attack it, but we ended up dropping that  
program because we went into Togiak to talk about it and there  
was quite a bit of opposition there with the Traditional  
Council.

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21 We dropped the char study and that money got put into  
Togiak tower. As I said, it will probably be an ongoing  
program, it's unlikely we'll get money back to go into the char  
deal recently here.

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26 Some of the other things we do is just basic AWL  
escapement sampling and all this information is shared properly  
with the State managers, whether it's commercial, sport,  
Bristol Bay or Kuskokwim side. That's basically our fisheries  
program.

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32 MR. SAMUELSEN: Comments:

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34 MR. ABRAHAM: Question, Mr. Chair. Did the people from  
King Salmon do dolly varden study in Kulukak or that was  
salmon?

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38 MR. LISAC: No, that was primarily a salmon escapement  
for sockeye, chum and king. It was a pilot program in the --  
40 the Kulukak, next year it'll be a full program.

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42 MR. ABRAHAM: As for dolly varden study, maybe you can  
approach the Traditional Council again because we have new and  
44d original Regional Council over there, they might cooperate  
with you better than the other people.

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47 MR. LISAC: All right, we'll try that.

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49 MR. ABRAHAM: Because there's alarming decline on dolly  
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warden over there. I know it -- we have to find out what's causing. Maybe the pikes increasing in the river, say maybe 10-12 years, so we need to find out what's causing the decline over there.

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6 MR. LISAC: I agree with you.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Anything else?

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10 MR. LISAC: That's all I had. Andy has caribou and those population.

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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: Is Andy going to talk about the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd?

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16 MR. LISAC: Right.

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18 MR. ADERMAN: Yes, my name is Andy Aderman, wildlife biologist at Togiak National Wildlife Refuge in Dillingham. Just a couple of quick things. There's a Nushagak Peninsula caribou management planning committee meeting next Tuesday, that's a week from today, at the Refuge office in Dillingham. Some of the things that are on the agenda for that meeting are finalizing the management plan, determining the permit allocation process and talking about monitoring for the upcoming hunt in January.

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28 Also giving an update on the caribou and I'd just like to mention here I was out flying last Wednesday, as you may be aware we have some cows with radio collars on, we were searching or flying trying to locate them and to see what happened or if they had the calves with them yet. Of the 26 cows that have collars, at least 13 still had their calves. I don't know if all 26 had calves this spring or not, but that's still a pretty good production rate for that herd.

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37 I saw a minimum of 818 animals and this wasn't a complete census, this was just a fly along until located an animal with a collar and count the number of caribou that were that group, so there was probably some groups that there were collared animals in that I didn't hit.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Caribou or moose now?

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45 MR. ADERMAN: These are caribou.

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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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49 MR. ADERMAN: Additionally saw another 10 caribou by

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Twin Hills/Togiak area Friday. Two of the collared cows were over that way. Also maybe want to talk about future monitoring and -- of that herd and along those lines we plan to do a composition count at the end of this month when the helicopter becomes available. And also we plan on putting up new collars on young cows, probably the end of late March or early April, after that winter hunt is done with.

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9 Also on the agenda is -- or moving over to moose, we planned to do a census, the Togiak Drainage, that's Unit 17(A) and that would be in late February and that would be a cooperative effort with the State and the Refuge.

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14 And finally I just wanted to mention that I talked to Tim Wonhola' Sr. from Stuyahok, he had a concern about a boundary in his area and it's off the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge as far as I could determine. I just want to mention it to you because I believe there is some BLM lands in that area and if a change needs to be made then you can, hopefully, work with him and I also recommended that he work with the State, with the Board of Game, if that might be more appropriate.

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23 That's all I have, do you have any questions?

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any idea on the moose population over in that area?

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28 MR. ADERMAN: I don't myself, I'm pretty new here, I just came the first part of September and I understand it's been pretty low in the past, that's the reason there hasn't been a season there for a while. I've also heard that the numbers have increased over what they've been in the past, but whether -- you know, at what level they're at now, I don't know.

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36 MR. ABRAHAM: Andy, Mr. Chairman.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Go ahead.

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40 MR. ABRAHAM: The moose population in Togiak Drainage over there, three years ago there was only six left in that area, but over the year, in fact, I have counted -- yeah, one trip there I counted -- from the information I got the increase went up to 68 and I think they had another count, it went up to 79, if I'm right. The caribou in different areas totalled about 1,500, I think, if I'm right. But that's -- like in head of Togiak River there was about 500 in a group there. And by word news I think there was about 200. So they're moving around and right now we have residents (ph) in head of Togiak and

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close to Goodnews Bay from the increase, you know, we got.

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3 MR. ADERMAN: Hopefully that, you know, them numbers  
will keep increasing up there, you know, you get more hunting  
opportunities in that area for both moose and caribou.

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7 MR. ABRAHAM: I try to keep a count of the kills. Not  
naming names, last year there was 27 caribou kills and nine  
moose total, but this year I've been away too long and not  
getting information local, so I don't know.

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12 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, one of the items coming up under  
New Business is Togiak moose and caribou season. As Dan (sic)  
has indicated he'd be doing a survey of the population of moose  
in February?

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17 MR. ADERMAN: The census for the moose would be in  
February, late February probably, and that would be in the  
Togiak area and I'm sure if we see caribou we'll note that  
also, but the primary objective is to look at how many moose  
there are and I know the Kilbuck herd, I don't know if those  
are the animals there, if they're from the Kilbuck caribou herd  
or not, but I know that herd has increased.

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25 MR. ABRAHAM: You got to stop by and talk to the  
rangers, ask them where they're from.

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28 MR. ADERMAN: Right.

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: So if somebody is so inclined to when  
we get on G number 2 and want's to make a motion it would be  
based on what Dan sees in February because our deadline for  
proposal, I believe, is November 11th to submit proposals.

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35 MS. EAKON: Um-hum, November 11th.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, any other questions of Dan?

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39 MR. ADERMAN: That's Andy, Mr. Chairman.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Andy, excuse me, I've got that written  
right down here.

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44 MR. ADERMAN: That's okay, I've been called worse.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. Okay, we'll move on  
to D, Customary and Traditional Use Eligibility Schedules.  
Taylor.

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1 MR. BRELSFORD: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. This  
 2 item I'll be briefing you one is some material that's found in  
 3 your Board books under Tab 7D. And I wouldn't necessarily  
 4 encourage you to try to speed read it, it's a Federal Register  
 5 photocopy. That's the best cure for insomnia there ever was.  
 6 I don't know why they have to print it in such small print.  
 7 It's looks more or less like this, Robert.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yep, we've got it.

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11 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay. The customary and traditional  
 12 use determination process is part of the Federal Subsistence  
 13 Board's assessment of eligibility for hunting under the Federal  
 14 Subsistence regulations. And most of you probably realize  
 15 there are two eligibility tests, one, is that the community be  
 16 a rural community and that's all been settled. There are Board  
 17 determinations in the regulation about which are rural  
 18 communities and certainly all of the communities in the Bristol  
 19 Bay region are rural, no further discussion.

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21 The second test is to find out which communities use  
 22 which customarily or traditionally. Historically, which  
 23 animals, which areas have they hunted. So what we're talking  
 24 about in this Federal Register notice is the Board's  
 25 determinations about customary and traditional use eligibility.

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27 There are basically four points made in the Federal  
 28 Register notice in front of you. The first is that the Federal  
 29 Subsistence Board identified 26 areas, little geographic  
 30 regions around the state and all of the Federal staffs are  
 31 going to go through those 26 area, a couple at a time. We're  
 32 not going to try and review eligibility throughout all of the  
 33 state at once, instead it's going to focus on several of these  
 34 area in sequence.

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36 The second aspect outlined in this Federal Register  
 37 notice is on the second page. The left hand column down at the  
 38 bottom you'll see a reference to eight factors which exemplify  
 39 customary and traditional uses. They start with Factor Number  
 40 that refers to long term and consistent use of resources and  
 41 they go on to talk about sharing and about passing on knowledge  
 42 and lore from elders to young people and the final one talks  
 43 about reliance on a diversity of wildlife resources.

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45 Those eight factors are the topics that the Board has  
 46 address, so when we conduct a customary and traditional use  
 47 review in an area the staff in consultation with the Regional  
 48 Council and the communities will try to draw together  
 49 information on those eight factors or those eight topics.

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 2           The next item covered in the Federal Register notice is  
 the sequence of steps involved, kind of what happens next. And  
 you'll find that in the middle column of that second page.  
 Down, the lower quarter of the column there's a little  
 paragraph that begins with scoping, followed by information  
 collection, where we would gather information together,  
 analysis, where we would compare all of the information against  
 those eight factors. Regional Council review, a proposed rule,  
 some additional public rule and then the final board decision.

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 13           I'd like to underscore two, just because the role of  
 the Regional Councils when these c&t, customary and  
 additional, reviews come up. First, the Councils are involved  
 right at the beginning of the scoping stage. We would try and  
 identify particularly important issues of subsistence  
 eligibility at the beginning with the Council. We would also  
 like any information about knowledgeable people, about  
 reference materials that we ought not to miss out on.

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 22           The Councils have a role right at the very beginning.  
 Additionally, kind of midway through before the proposed rule  
 goes out, the Council has another specific opportunity to  
 review any draft material that's been prepared.

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 27           In the paragraph title Public Review, once the proposed  
 rule goes out it's kind of like a draft decision that's in the  
 Federal Register and it's followed by a legally prescribed  
 state of public review. During that public review period, the  
 Council, the Regional Council in the area involved makes its  
 legally protected recommendation. So you have a final role in  
 responding to the proposed rule, prior to the Board's final  
 decision.

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 36           So those would be the steps that are involved in a c&t,  
 a customary and traditional view when it gets around to Bristol  
 Bay. You kind of have a running start on what the procedure  
 would look like.

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 41           The final item in the Federal Register notice is found  
 on the final page in the table in the middle of the page and it  
 has to do with priority setting. The left hand column of that  
 table names the 26 analysis areas that our process will move  
 through. The middle column refers to the Traditional Council  
 that has responsibility for each area and the right hand column  
 shows the wildlife management units, the ADF&G management units  
 that are included in that area. The final column on the right  
 has some days for the first seven customary and traditional use

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analysis.

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3 Basically the Board agreed on priorities for 1995 and  
496 and those are reflected in the top seven analysis area  
based on the table. The remaining 19 are, more or less, in a  
draft priority status. This order came from an effort to  
respond to about 200 public requests for revision to  
eligibility status. And the most intense conflicts or the most  
difficult problems were put first. So after Number 7 when you  
see the Stikine, Denali Parks Highway and so on, that's more or  
less of a draft order for priorities, but in the text of the  
notice it asks for the public and for the Regional Councils to  
provide additional input to the Board.

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15 The Board has not made any decisions about priorities  
after 1996, so this notice is inviting additional comment about  
those priorities after the first seven, after the '95-'96 study  
program is concluded. So that's the content of the Federal  
Register notice.

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21 I had one other item to mention to you and then stop  
for questions. There are two customary and traditional use  
eligibility determination studies that are coming to the  
decision making stage very quickly here. And many of the  
Councils -- you do have the papers .....

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27 MS. EAKON: Yes, I do.

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29 MR. BRELSFORD: Oh, goody. Okay. Those are for the  
Kenai Peninsula and the Upper Tanana Basin. The Kenai study  
has been -- the Fish & Wildlife Service has had lead  
responsibility on the Kenai study and the National Park  
Services had the lead responsibility on the Upper Tanana Basin.  
Many of the Councils, even if they are not directly  
responsible for Southcentral Alaska have been interested and  
wanted to follow these early decision just to understand  
policies and sort of what approach the Federal Subsistence  
Board is taking in adjusting or revising these eligibility  
determinations, so some background documents have been  
circulated to all of the Councils, even if the Bristol Bay  
Council has some draft documents for the Kenai -- has the draft  
conclusions for the Kenai report and for the Upper Tanana  
analysis.

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45 The purpose for you guys is to look at the policy of  
eligibility, not so much to, you know, review the details, but  
just to kind of follow where the Board is going on this. In  
the chart that you have in front of you, there are a couple  
of .....

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2 MS. EAKON: I don't have copies of Kenai c&t, the only  
one I have is the blow-up on the wall over there.

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5 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay, so the version that's in front of  
the Council members is the Upper Tanana?

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8 MS. EAKON: Yes, Upper Tanana.

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10 MR. BRELSFORD: That'll be fine. About a quarter of  
the way down the column you'll see reference to -- in the left  
hand column, a reference to SC/FSB, that's the staff committee  
and the Federal Subsistence Board. They will be meeting on  
November 4th for the staff committee and November 15th for the  
Federal Subsistence Board to make draft decisions. This  
proposed rule, the first cut in making an actual decision on  
Kenai and Upper Tanana will occur next month with the staff  
committee on November 4th and Federal Subsistence Board on  
November 15th.

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21 Shortly after that the publication of the proposed rule  
will go in the Federal Register notice and then your Council  
and others will have a chance to kind of monitor the policy  
elements of proposed decisions. And then the final decision by  
the Federal Subsistence Board will be made in April, basically,  
about the same time they subsistence regs will be under review  
for this coming year.

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29 So that the kind of milestones. If you guys are  
wanting to watch how the Board handles first decisions, this  
November 4th and November 15th decision will be the critical  
first effort. And then you'll have a chance to look through  
the written version in the Federal Register when the proposed  
rule comes back. So let me stop there and see if there were  
any questions or comments I could try an answer.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Questions, comments? These will be for  
all species in each area?

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40 MR. BRELSFORD: Actually not, and thanks for bringing  
me back to it. The Board set a priority on addressing large  
mammal species first in these reviews, so for the Kenai  
Peninsula, for example, we're looking at brown bear, black  
bear, moose, caribou, goat and sheep. It was felt that that's  
where the conflicts and the allocation problems are most  
significant and rather than going on to small game, the Board  
elected to focus all of the research effort on large mammals at  
the present time.

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1 Similarly, since the Federal program does not currently  
 2 have responsibility for subsistence fisheries in navigable  
 3 waters those are not being addressed in this current round of  
 4 review either. That, obviously, could change depending on an  
 5 appeal before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal in the Katie  
 6 John case.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: So when you come to Bristol Bay, what  
 9 would they be doing in Bristol Bay; would they identify the hot  
 10 spot areas in Bristol Bay and take them issues up first?

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12 MR. BRELSFORD: Well, we would -- the sideboards on the  
 13 study would be -- would refer to large mammals.  
 14 Comprehensively all of the large mammals in all of the  
 15 communities located in Bristol Bay and our starting point would  
 16 be this scoping discussion, consultation with the Regional  
 17 Councils and with villages that has submitted request or  
 18 highlighted problems to the Board about subsistence  
 19 eligibility. We would try to figure out what are the crisis or  
 20 the difficulties and try to insure that we've got the fullest  
 21 information on those, but it would be within the set of large  
 22 mammal species and the villages located in Bristol Bay.

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: In Bristol Bay, didn't the State Board  
 25 of Game and Board of Fish give a c&t finding on all large  
 26 mammals and all fish species except rainbow?

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28 MR. BRELSFORD: That's my recollection, Robin.  
 29 Certainly the State from 1986 to 1989 made customary and  
 30 additional use determinations statewide and for all of the  
 31 species that they could get to, I think there were some delays  
 32 and some unfinished decisions, some species that were not  
 33 covered. But the State was attempting to comprehensively make  
 34 those decisions. And the Federal Board incorporated those in  
 35 1990, so we're actually reviewing and revising determinations  
 36 that were made by the State and simply incorporated into the  
 37 Federal program. And my understanding is at the time the State  
 38 did not view rainbow trout as a subsistence species anywhere in  
 39 Alaska and so if that was left it out as a subsistence  
 40 eligibility determination.

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42 MR. SAMUELSEN: Pippa.

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44 MS. COILEY: Well, you know, I've actually researched  
 45 that recently .....

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47 COURT REPORTER: Excuse, Pippa, would you come to the  
 48 mic, please? Thank you.

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1 MS. COILEY: Actually we just recently received a new  
2 regulation books for subsistence, the State subsistence  
3 regulations for 1994 and '95. And in here were c&t  
4 determination for Bristol Bay. It clearly states that -- if  
5 you can ever find it, that the Alaska Board of Fisheries finds  
6 that the following fish stocks are customarily and  
7 traditionally taken or used for subsistence in the Bristol Bay  
8 area, one, all fin fish.

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10 And what they now have done they have repealed the  
11 prohibition, the statewide prohibition, against taking rainbow  
12 trout as a subsistence species. And they have instead stuck  
13 restrictions area by area, so even though rainbow trout now  
14 have a c&t determination for Bristol Bay, you still may not use  
15 any method to target them. And the same is true for the Alaska  
16 Peninsula, Aleutians, Kuskokwim and I didn't look any further  
17 than that. Thank you.

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19 MR. SAMUELSEN: So the taking of rainbow falls  
20 underneath the Bristol Bay Trophy Rainbow Management Plan?

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22 MS. COILEY: Could you say that again, Robin?

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: So the taking of rainbow falls  
25 underneath the Bristol Bay Rainbow Trophy Management Plan?

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27 MS. COILEY: Yes, and those regulations that came from  
28 that management plan are incorporated into both the sport  
29 fishing regulations and the subsistence fishing regulations.  
30 And in the subsistence fishing regulations they get  
31 incorporated in a lot of prohibitions against using subsistence  
32 means and methods to take rainbow trout in a lot of areas.  
33 However, you may take them using sport fishing regulations.

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35 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. Nothing like  
36 simplifying matters.

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38 MR. BRELSFORD: I think it's fair to say the State's  
39 program has evolved since 1989 when the Federal program  
40 incorporated some decisions, they've gone on to revise  
41 determinations and modify regulations and so on. Not all of  
42 those have been adjusted in the Federal program, but in the  
43 case of fisheries we have no management jurisdiction in  
44 navigable waters, so that's principally a State matter.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: When you're going through doing the c&t  
47 determinations and following the eight criteria that you laid  
48 out, does a community qualify for a big game animal if they  
49 meet six of the eight criteria or has that been determined?

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2 MR. BRELSFORD: The eight criteria have given a lot of  
3 frustration to both the State Boards before '89 and our Board  
4 since because there's no guidance within the law or within  
5 regulations about how many criteria you have to fulfill or  
6 which criteria count as more significant or more weighty than  
7 others. So our Board is actually looking at that with real  
8 concern about how to figure out how to weigh and balance those  
9 eight criteria.

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11 It basically, Robin, boils down to the discretion of  
12 the Board, there's no specific guideline that requires half the  
13 criteria be fulfilled or some of them be fulfilled at a very  
14 high level and others could be smaller in frequency, All of  
15 that is basically left to the judgment and the requirement to  
16 be reasonable and to have a rational foundation to have a  
17 research background for the Board's decision. So we're going  
18 to learn a lot in watching the Board come to conclusion on the  
19 Kenai c&t and on the Upper Tanana c&t.

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, I ask these questions 'cause I  
22 was on the Board of Fish and did the c&t findings in Southeast  
23 and when we marched through the criteria and came to method and  
24 means, I had gone over to the museum and looked at the  
25 evolution of rod and reel in the Southeast culture and it was  
26 clear in my mind that, you know, before we had the Fenwick  
27 rods, we had the birch poles in Southeast and they used it for  
28 halibut and what not. And when the Board passed the rod and  
29 reel as a customary tool, under methods and means, you ought to  
30 hear the gasps in the audience. In fact, I think we had to  
31 take a half hour break, so can't figure out what exactly was  
32 happening, but, yeah, okay.

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34 Any other questions of Taylor?

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36 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chairman, you do have -- the green book  
37 contains the summary of the Kenai c&t, you have it right in  
38 your -- it's called Kenai Peninsula, Unit 7 and 15 Customary  
39 and Traditional Use Determination Report, Policy Options and  
40 Conclusions and you may keep that copy for your reference  
41 because especially on the Kenai Peninsula it's a very  
42 interesting time on this particular topic.

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44 MR. BRELSFORD: And if I'm not mistaken, Helga, the  
45 purple ones are .....

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47 MS. EAKON: The purple ones addresses the Upper Tanana  
48 Customary and Traditional Use Eligibility.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Is that all, Taylor?

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3 MR. BRELSFORD: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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5 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Is there copies?

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7 MS. EAKON: We do have copies of the Kenai, however,  
 we're short on the Upper Tanana. If there are any of you who  
 would like copies of the Upper Tanana please jot them on a  
 piece of paper and give them to me and I will make sure that  
 you get a copy.

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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, moving along, we'll go to E,  
 Annual Report, 1994. Helga, I believe that's you.

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16 MS. EAKON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. To date there have been  
 no responses by the Federal Government to any of the eight  
 annual reports that were presented to the Federal Subsistence  
 Board in 1993, however, at the recent Southcentral Council  
 meeting Dick Pospahala, who oversees the Federal Subsistence  
 Management Program, did make a personal commitment to have  
 responses made to the eight Council annual reports.

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24 Southcentral Council directed me not to do anything  
 until they see the response to their annual report, however,  
 they said if there's a real important issue coming they might  
 27 they'll just address it that way.

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29 As a Coordinator my feeling is a recap of Council  
 recommendations that you took special care to ponder, I think  
 it's important to be included even in, like, a two page report.  
 30 Mr. Secretary, these are the recommendations of the Bristol  
 Bay Council, this is what happened, for example, give an update  
 on your recommendation regarding the Katmai spawned out red  
 fish. That way it gives everyone, the public an idea of what's  
 happening to Council recommendations.

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38 Also the interagency staff committee would like all the  
 39 Regional Councils to address -- they would like to have each  
 Council review what they feel is inadequacy of representation  
 on the Council, geographically, and the number of seats. So, I  
 think, Mr. Chairman, this would be an appropriate time to take  
 up this topic. Do you feel that seven members within the  
 region adequately represents the regions and also the  
 geographic areas within your region?

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47 MR. CHRISTENSEN: You mean, you think seven members of  
 this Board is going to represent this region?

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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3 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I don't think we possibly could.  
4 From my point of view this isn't -- you know, it's not enough  
5 people to represent us. You know, I represent my own village,  
6 you know, truly 100 percent, but for me to speak for another  
7 village, like Ugashik, you know, I can't comprehend for them, I  
8 can't think for somebody else. We need more representation, if  
9 that's what she meant.

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11 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, that's what she meant.

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13 MS. EAKON: Um-hum. (Affirmative)

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sam, you got a comment?

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17 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, I think Robert is right, we have  
18 have more backing somewhere.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Pete.

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22 MR. ABRAHAM: Well, I agree with Robert, too.

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: Tim, anything to add?

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26 MR. LaPORTE: Not really, no. It's hard for one person  
27 get the feeling of the entire area that's for sure.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, I think that the appointments to  
30 the Council is very important, the coordination between what  
31 the Federal is doing and what the State is doing. It was my  
32 department's recommendation that people associated with the  
33 State Advisory Boards be appointed to the Federal Subsistence  
34 Advisory Board here so we can have continuity between the two  
35 groups and also a group of people that were knowledgeable about  
36 the resource issues on the State lands and were knowledgeable  
37 in the regulatory process.

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39 You know, I think the flip side of the recording as far  
40 getting more representation is getting 30 people, one from  
41 each village within the region, but due to budget constraints  
42 and logistics, moving people back and forth, I think that's  
43 pretty much out of hand. So I think on taking responsibility  
44 sitting on this Council, we do represent geographical areas  
45 within Bristol Bay and that it is up to us to contact the  
46 Traditional Councils or Helga and work real closely and bring  
47 the issues that the Traditional Councils voice forth to this  
48 Council and ultimately to the Board.

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1           What was your other point you wanted to discuss, Helga?

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3           MS. EAKON: I guess I wanted your reaction my  
4 suggestion that your annual report not go the full fledged  
5 ANILCA Title VIII route because first of all, an annual report  
6 by a Council is permissive. ANILCA doesn't say the Council  
7 shall, ANILCA says the Council has authority to, and they break  
8 it down into issues and need and da dot da dah.

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10          My feeling is if you concentrate on the most critical  
11 issues and make a recommendations on these -- on solutions to  
12 these issues you're chances of getting action are better than  
13 if you really spread everything out, which is pretty much the  
14 way you have been handling actions on what you perceive to be  
15 critical issues in the region.

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17          I guess what I'm saying is that I think you should do  
18 one this year and even just two page -- okay, during the course  
19 of the year, the Council made recommendations, for example,  
20 Robin Samuelsen had made a recommendation for a c&t findings  
21 for fresh water fin fish in the Bristol Bay Drainages and just  
22 recap them. And if at this time you have anything that -- a  
23 recommendation, like, you can make it anytime during this  
24 meeting that you'd like to see included in this year's annual  
25 report that would be fine.

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27          That's my suggestion, Mr. Chairman.

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29          MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, but they haven't acted upon our  
30 3 recommendations?

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32          MS. EAKON: No.

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34          MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Well, I'd like to discuss this  
35 at a later time, after we review special actions and go through  
36 that process.

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38          MS. EAKON: Okay.

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40          MR. SAMUELSEN: The reason way is that the Bristol Bay  
41 Native Association submitted a proposal on the North Peninsula  
42 caribou herd, Naknek, King Salmon, South Naknek, with it's 20  
43 percent decline, we wanted action, there was a public hearing  
44 that had to be held and, basically, by the time -- from the  
45 time the Tribal Councils contacted us, we got the proposal into  
46 Helga and realizing the time frame, you have to have a public  
47 hearing within the community, it would have ended up being in  
48 October when basically the emergency would have been over. So  
49 want to discuss the time frame and maybe make a

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1 recommendation in our annual report on how to speed up that  
2 process to the Board.

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4 Would that be appropriate, Helga?

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6 MS. EAKON: Yes. In fact, I just put it down on my  
7 agenda, 8G (3) Annual Report.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Is that agreeable with you folks? Got  
10 any objections? Okay, hearing no objection we'll move on.  
11 Okay, is that it on that subject, Helga?

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13 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll go to F, Lake Clark  
16 Subsistence Recourse Commission. Lee.

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18 MR. FINK: Mr. Chairman, my name is Lee Fink, Lake  
19 Clark National Park and Preserve, Subsistence Coordinator. My  
20 report is an update concerning the appointing authority of this  
21 Council to the Lake Clark Subsistence Resource Commission.

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23 A brief review. At last spring's South West Regional  
24 Council meeting the Western Interior Regional Council addressed  
25 this Council in a letter requesting a portion of its appointing  
26 authority to the Lake Clark Subsistence Resource Commission.

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28 Presently this Council appoints three members to the  
29 Lake Clark Subsistence Resource Commission. And the Western  
30 Interior Region was requesting the authority to make one of  
31 these appointments, the Lake Clark SRC. And this Council  
32 requested input from the Lake Clark SRC and on April 27th the  
33 Lake Clark SRC met in Pedro Bay, their spring session, and this  
34 issue was on the agenda.

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36 The Chairman read the letter from the Western Interior  
37 Regional explaining what Western Interior region was requesting  
38 and the general feeling of the Council was that Lime Village  
39 use patterns did not greatly impact the Park and that the  
40 current make up of the Council provided representation  
41 consistent with the use patterns of the area. And to provide  
42 Lime Village with some representation the Council felt that we  
43 should make a greater effort to extend the invitation to any  
44 representative from Lime Village who would like to attend our  
45 meetings and Lake Clark National Park offered to incur the  
46 travel costs for a representative from Lime Village to attend  
47 the upcoming SRC meeting and any future SRC meetings.

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49 The bottom line is that the Commission would like the  
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Regional Council to retain -- this Regional Council to retain its appointing authority of three members to the Lake Clark SRC and that if there was interest and if a representative was to be appointed from Lime Village they would like that appointment to come from either the Governor or the Secretary of the Interior, each of which also appoint three members to the Council.

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9 And basically Western Interior region has agreed with this decision that if a member is to be appointed it would be okay with if they were appointed by either the Governor or the Secretary.

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14 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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16 MR. FINK: So basically that's it. Any questions?

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18 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any questions? Is there any action required by us at this time? I don't think so, huh, it's just a report?

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22 MS. EAKON: No, actually, Mr. Chair, that had been an agenda item in a past meeting and we had not reached closure. In fact, this Council had recommended that one of the agencies do a report on the extent of use by Lime Village residents of Lake Clark. But that is not rendered moot because of the SRC's recommendation that this Council retain its three appointment authority.

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30 In which case, Mr. Chair, I guess you would need to ratify the SRC's recommendation.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, then we do need to take action, I guess. I guess it's in order for a motion to ratify the SRC's recommendation to the Council here, Advisory Council.

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37 MR. LaPORTE: I make a motion that we ratify the recommendation.

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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42 MR. ABRAHAM: Second.

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44 MR. FINK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you. Motion made by Tim, seconded by Pete. Any further discussion on this matter?

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49 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye

MR. SAMUELSEN: Opposed same sign.

(No opposing responses)

MR. SAMUELSEN: So carried. Well, it's about 11:25, we'll go through one more and then we'll break for lunch. and at the warp speed we're going, depends how many people show up to testify and how long it takes for proposals, we'll make a determination later on this afternoon whether we're going to go this evening or not. A call has gone out on the radio that we are meeting in this building, if anybody had any comments to come down throughout the day.

Okay, we'll move on to G, Charter Renewal Report. Helga.

MS. EAKON: Yes. You do have a copy of the unsigned present charter. I'm sorry that we don't know -- well, the latest we heard was these charters are unsigned, but that's no cause for alarm because our present charter goes until December 24 1994. And the Federal Subsistence Board did approve a recommended change by this Council under -- if you look on Page 26 Removal of Members.

Remember it had read, if a Council member appointed under Paragraph 9 misses -- it used to be three consecutive regular scheduled meetings, the Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board may recommend that the Secretary of the Interior with the concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture remove that individual.

And this Council had requested to change it from three to two and the Federal Subsistence Board did official approve your recommendation, Mr. Chair. So the charter that you see, which will come effective when Mr. Babbitt signs is exactly how you wanted it.

MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

MS. EAKON: And once we get a signed copy from Secretary Babbitt I'll send each of you a copy of that charter.

MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Is that it on that topic?

MS. EAKON: Yes.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, it's 11:30, I think it's a good  
 2 time to take a break before we get into the proposals. We'll  
 3 take a break from 11:30 to 12:30. An hour is fine with you  
 4 people? Okay, we're adjourned till 12:30.

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 6 (Off record)

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 8 (On record)

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 10 MR. SAMUELSEN: Call the meeting back to order. I see  
 11 Ted over there is trying to hook up the teleconference. We're  
 12 in H, Proposal 30A, Request for Reconsideration. Ron.

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 14 MR. HOOD: Okay, are we ready to start, we have .....

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 16 MR. SAMUELSEN: Ted, what's the hold up there? Can't  
 17 get through?

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 19 MR. KRIEG: Can't get through, yeah.

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 21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, let's start and we'll get them on  
 22 the line when they come on the line.

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 24 MR. HOOD: Okay, we're starting with Proposal 30A the  
 25 Request for Reconsideration R-94-06. I suppose to provide an  
 26 update to the Council on the monitoring that we conducted out  
 27 there this summer.

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 29 COURT REPORTER: Ron, before you start would you please  
 30 pull that mic a little closer, please.

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 32 MR. HOOD: Sure thing.

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 34 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

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 36 MR. HOOD: How's that?

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 38 COURT REPORTER: That's fine.

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 40 MR. HOOD: Okay. The 30A was the recommendation that  
 41 was put forth for the Severson Peninsula to have only  
 42 subsistence hunting, to ban all non-subsistence hunting off of  
 43 the Severson Peninsula. We, the Becharof Peninsula Refuge,  
 44 monitored that area this year. We also did a few other things  
 45 working with the Subsistence Division. I evaluated the impact  
 46 of the implementation of a guide outfitter policy RW-26 on the  
 47 Subsistence Proposals 30A, 30B and 30C and put together a small  
 48 paper. That's only one aspect that only dealt with the big  
 49 game guided aspect, it did not attempt to evaluate non-guided

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sport hunting, either arriving by aircraft that they own or by air taxi operators.

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4 And that, for the Council, you'll find a copy of that under 7I or 7G rather in your book and we'll refer to that paper first. And we'll only, at this point, look at Proposal 30A. And the bottom line is if you'll turn to the table in the back it gives you a visual representation of what happened out there when the Fish & Wildlife Service put the big game guide areas out for competition and awarded those things. It gives a little history of what happened out there.

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13 You'll see if you look at the number of guide outfitters in the top chart and the lower chart -- let everybody find that, I see some of them are still looking. Keep going it's the last page of the article. There you go. We were able to go back and check our records all the way back to 1985 on guides and guide outfitters that were -- had special use permits issued to them for operating in the Becharof Lake area. And we took the whole lake area because we did not have information specific to Severson Peninsula to make good sense out of it.

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24 You'll notice that there was -- in 1987 there was a tremendous jump in the number of guide outfitters and the number of clients operating in the Becharof Lake area and that continued in 1988 and began to drop in 1989. What the represented was the outfitters discovered a loophole in the State licensing law and began to request permits from the Refuge. And we having no way, at that point, of challenging their right for a special use permit began issuing those. And you'll notice that it jumped from down around two or three it jumped all the way up to eight, in the vicinity of eight operators in that area. And their customers jumped all the way from down around 10 or 15 all the way up into 70 plus area.

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37 And it clearly demonstrates a great opportunity for conflict with local subsistence users during that time period. In 1989 the State passed a new law and began to license the outfitter aspect of it and we had concomitant drop in the number of guides asking for permits and the number of clients. And then in 1993 the Fish & Wildlife Service implemented the policy on guides and outfitters went out and had requested from the industry for guide areas. And at that time in the Becharof Lake area we awarded three guide areas which two of the guide areas went to one guide, so we had two guides operating in that area. And then had at that time a little more than 20 clients. And I'd like to point out of those 20 clients because our negotiation with these gentlemen the -- their clients

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were away from the lake.

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3 In our evaluation of historic use of the Severson  
 Peninsula we found one guide that had identified that area as a  
 area that he used and he used it quite extensively some years,  
 having reporting up to four clients operating on the Severson  
 Peninsula. And so there was some historic use. The guide that  
 was that area now did operate and take one client and take one  
 animal off the Severson Peninsula in 1993.

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11 That in a nutshell is what the paper is telling you on  
 the guided industry, it doesn't attempted to look at the  
 non-guided portion of the industry. If there's any questions  
 at this time I'll be happy to try to answer them on this one  
 aspect.

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17 MR. STEPANOFF: Ron.

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19 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, who was this guide, could you  
 identify who he is?

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22 MR. HOOD: The one that operated in 1993?

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24 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah.

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26 MR. HOOD: That's Tracy Vrem. And if you'll notice  
 over here on the wall there -- on the map on the far right it  
 has the guide areas identified on it and you'll notice that he  
 has -- it's BCH 04 that we're talking about and the guide that  
 has that is Tracy Vrem. The other two guide areas around  
 Becharof Lake are BCH 02, which is -- yeah, that, right.  
 BCH 02 has the major part of the lake, that gentleman is -- and  
 I've got a mental blank. I have a mental blank right now and  
 I'll come back to me in a moment. And he also has BCH 03, the  
 Rejulik Valley, Phil Shoemaker is his name.

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37 At the current time both of these guides -- and I've  
 visited with Tracy Vrem and he has agreed to not take any  
 customers on the Severson Peninsula. He has most of his camps  
 back away from the river or back away from the lake.

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42 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, you know, I'm from Chignik and we  
 are hunting down there and then there is hunters that are down  
 there, I mean, you can't say or know anything about what  
 they're doing, but they're flying back and forth and, you know,  
 you don't know where they could be stationed. They're flying  
 over the whole area.

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49 MR. HOOD: Yeah, in that area you have both big game

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guides that are operating on Native corporation lands, some that are operating on the Refuge lands and then some on the National Monument lands and Preserve lands there. And then there's a few air taxis, although over in your area we only have one air taxi operator under permit and he concentrates most of his work in the Meshik River area. I asked him specifically if he was flying further down the Peninsula and into the Chignik unit and he said he was not, most people can't afford the cost of that. But then there's also people who have their own airplanes that are exercising their title (ph) who have won the rights to hunt those lands.

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13 Anything else? I don't feel that you're satisfied with my answer.

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16 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, the point is what I'm trying to get at is every year or so, you know, different guides get down there and you don't know who they are. I mean, like, you know, pretty soon you have an airplane that's flying by and it's a different colored airplane and you don't know who they are.

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22 MR. HOOD: Do you have any suggestions as to how better get the information -- what part of that information that I have to you?

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26 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, you know, like they had asked me because I've been going to your meetings and I don't, you know. I said the guy to get a hold of was you, Ron Hood. You know there's a lot of them that's been using cabins down there and he upset about it was, you know, there was some littering they did .....

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33 MR. HOOD: Using cabins on Native corporation lands?

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35 MR. STEPANOFF: Right.

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37 MR. HOOD: Okay. I had to pass that buck like that, but if it's something that's going on Native corporation lands then you're going to have to talk Gary Folger with the Fish & Wildlife Protection office because that's a State issue because we don't have any jurisdiction on the Native corporation lands.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Maybe, Sam, not to interrupt you, but let's deal with the Severson Peninsula and when we get on to the other proposals we'll be dealing with that issue.

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47 MR. STEPANOFF: Okay.

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49 MR. HOOD: Okay, if there's no more questions on that,

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let's go to what we found out this year. And I just passed out to you -- the first thing in there was a log of our efforts to monitor what is going on out there. Then another summary of camps that we observed in our 1994 patrols and then a map in the back listing where we found camps in Becharof Lake area. And what we tried to do was fly as much as the weather would permit, fly the entire lake area, monitor everything that was going on out there and where possible we tried to stop and visit and interview the people at the camps.

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11 We were successful to a large extent, although we did have several camps where people were out hunting every time we stopped by and we were unable to interview them. The first point was that we started on 7/14 checking those areas and beyond finding an occasional group fishing we did not find any activity, especially hunting activity, until about the middle of the first week of September on 9/6.

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19 The sport hunting season for moose in that area begins on September 10th and lasts till September 20th. And from about the 6th, especially on the 8th, we found a total of 22 camps in the Becharof Lake area. Of that 22 camps one of them was on Severson Peninsula, 13 of them were in the Island Arm area and if you look at the chart on the far right over there there's a representation with little arrows with the point being about the locations of the camps. And the top three are above Severson Peninsula.

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29 MR. FISHER: Here's Severson Peninsula.

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31 MR. HOOD: Right here, and the one at the base of that was one camp, that was put in by an air taxi operator with some clients that were flying over the area, he was taking them somewhere else and they spotted a moose there and asked to be put in there. And so he put them in there. They hunted there from about the -- well, they were there from about 9th of September to about the 15th of December, they killed one moose and two caribou.

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40 A little summary of the people that were camping in that area or that we were able to interview. We talked to a total of 44 people; four of those were what we called t&c users, were locals from Egegik; 10 of them were Alaska residents; and 30 of them were non-residents. Of those there were four air taxi companies that put people in there and there was six instances where people came in by private air. Or six people came in by private air and eight people came in by boat from Egegik of the ones we interviewed.

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1 And basically after moose season ended on the 20th, on  
 2 the 21st everybody was out of there, we flew again in early  
 3 October and there was nobody in there. I am firmly convinced  
 4 the attraction is moose for this year, I won't say that this  
 5 represents any other year than this year, but the attraction  
 6 was moose and then they did take an occasional -- take a  
 7 caribou if they made themselves available, there were more  
 8 caribou than moose in the area. Beyond that, that's what we  
 9 observed out there and that's what I have to report back to  
 10 you.

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12 MR. SAMUELSEN: Ron, in the -- you said four were  
 13 brought in by air taxi, six private aircraft and eight .....

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15 MR. HOOD: Well, actually, let me add up.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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19 MR. HOOD: SeaAir brought in 20 clients, Katmai Air  
 20 brought in four clients, Branch River Air brought in four  
 21 clients and Simply Alaska brought in four clients, so that 28,  
 22 clients that were brought in by air taxi operators.

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: And the six by private aircraft that  
 25 would be -- they owned the aircraft?

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27 MR. HOOD: Right or had a friend fly them in and drop  
 28 them off.

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Now, how many guides we had  
 31 operating in the area?

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33 MR. HOOD: One. One legal guide in the Island Arm area  
 34 and then there were actually two in the whole lake area, but  
 35 one that had Severson Peninsula and the Island Arm where the  
 36 use was concentrated. And none of those camps were his. His  
 37 camps were away from the river or the lake.

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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any questions for Ron, Council members?  
 40 Okay, continue, Ron.

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42 MR. HOOD: Okay, at this point the next thing that we  
 43 want to report on is that the Subsistence Division received  
 44 from the State of Alaska all of the caribou tags for the last  
 45 seven years and they entered them into the computer and I  
 46 believe Dave has got some information that he wants to present  
 47 that.

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49 MR. FISHER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Dave Fisher, Fish &

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Wildlife Service, Anchorage.

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: Wait a minute.

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5 MR. KRIEG: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, could we just do a  
6 test and see if Charlie Kelly and the people that are with him  
7 can hear us and he can respond if we ask him a question?

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Charlie, can you hear me in  
10 Egik there, this is Robin?

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12 MR. KELLY: Yes.

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14 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, very good. If you need to break  
15 with a comment, go right ahead. Okay, Dave.

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17 MR. FISHER: Thanks, Mr. Chairman. We, as Ron said,  
18 looked at the caribou harvest takes from 1987 to 1993 and we  
19 had approximately 8,000 tickets that we looked at and as you  
20 know the ticket contains the name of the hunter, where the  
21 hunter is from, what GMU the hunter hunted in. In this case we  
22 were only looking at those that were in 9(B) and 9(C). And  
23 also there's a specific hunt site or kill location on the  
24 ticket, so we had that to work with too. A ticket also  
25 contains the dates of kill, number of animals killed, in this  
26 case caribou, and the sex of each animal and the means of  
27 access for the hunter.

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29 What we did is we took the 9(C) and 9(E) and the State  
30 has further divided those two subunits into what they call  
31 uniform coding units and we mapped all the uniform coding units  
32 within those subunits and located all the kill sites that we  
33 could. We had about 50 tickets that we couldn't locate the  
34 kill sites. And we also mapped whether a kill was on Federal  
35 land or off of Federal lands.

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37 For example, some of the locations we couldn't use were  
38 probably just pilot's secret areas, Andy's Pond, for example,  
39 Buckle Lake, we didn't know where those were. We did rely on  
40 Ron and his staff to pick up a lot of these nicknames and  
41 everybody helped us out.

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43 What I'd like to do, then, is just briefly go over some  
44 of the stuff that we found and then specifically zero in on the  
45 Island Arm area. This will just take less than a minute here.  
46 In Unit 9(C) there was a total of 3,615 caribou taken; 350  
47 were taken on Federal lands; 2,821 were taken off of Federal  
48 lands; and 444 were unknown. In Unit 9(E) there was 1,329  
49 caribou killed on Federal lands; 1,164 caribou killed off of

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Federal lands; and there was 774 unknown and the total for 9(E) was 3,267. Let me remind you, again, this is only -- we only had to go by were the tickets that were sent in, so there was 4....

5 MR. SAMUELSEN: And this was between '87 and '93?

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7 MR. FISHER: Yes.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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11 MR. FISHER: Okay. Let's look at the information that we got for the Island Arm unit. Here we didn't have a whole lot of information, we only had 27 tickets that we looked at. We didn't have any tickets received from c&t users; we had three tickets received from Anchorage residents; nine from other Alaska residents; and 15 from non-Alaska residents. And that was the Island Arm unit. And there was two uniform coding units that we used there.

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20 I have some other information here that will relate to some of the other proposals, but I'll hold off it.

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23 MR. SAMUELSEN: Do we have a copy of that report?

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25 MR. FISHER: Do you have a copy? No, I can see that you get one.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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30 MR. FISHER: Any questions anybody have right now?

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32 MR. SAMUELSEN: No, keep going.

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34 MR. FISHER: That's all I have. I'll have a little bit more when we get into 30B and 30C.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Oh, okay.

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39 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Were there any moose kills in 9(E)?

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41 MR. HOOD: We weren't looking at moose, this was a caribou issue.

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44 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Caribou.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, any questions? Seeing none, do you have any more for us?

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49 MR. HOOD: Not on that particular location.

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2 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. What's the Council's wishes  
3 here? Do 30A and then move on to 30B and then 30C; take  
4 appropriate action on each one or do you want to hear staff  
5 reports and go back? How do you folks want to do it?

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7 MR. ABRAHAM: Well, it's not that long, we can go all  
8 three of them at the same time and go back.

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10 MR. SAMUELSEN: 30A, B, and C?

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12 MR. NELSON: Robin.

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14 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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16 MR. NELSON: Since we have the Kalmakoffs coming on for  
17 and Charlie is on for A maybe we should just take care A and  
18 then go on to B.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Okay, Charlie, do you have any  
21 comments on Proposal 30A.

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23 MR. KELLY: This is Charles in Egegik, this fall we had  
24 eight resident hunters go up there and I've been trying to sway  
25 them to turn their tickets in, we got caribou kills out of the  
26 Severson Peninsula this year. And most local hunters are  
27 really used to turning in their harvest tickets for caribou,  
28 you know, it's just been that way for so many years and they're  
29 finally realizing that they do have to turn in their tickets so  
30 Fish & Game can see what actually being taken from subsistence  
31 hunters.

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33 But as you know now you see that there's a lot of sport  
34 hunters, you know, 3,000 licenses been sold and thousands of  
35 caribou have been shot over the years, but the village of  
36 Egegik and all those local hunters haven't been really  
37 supportive in turning their caribou tickets in, but now they're  
38 finally realizing that what's happening now that they do have  
39 to speak up and send their tickets in. There's been a lot of  
40 competition up there for caribou and for caribou and for all of  
41 you that want caribou, all them sport hunters, to me when they  
42 go up hunting they don't -- they get the caribou all right, but  
43 they don't bring all that meat back, you know, they're leaving  
44 the ribs, the briskets, the heart. They're more concerned in  
45 the hind quarters, the back strap and the antlers.

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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other comments, Charlie? Do  
48 you have any other comments, Charlie? Hello.

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1 MR. KELLY: Did you receive all of that?

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, we did. Can you hear me?

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5 MR. KELLY: I hear you, Robin.

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: Oh, okay. Do you have any other  
8 comments?

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10 MR. KELLY: Yes, I have a couple of people here that  
11 have been waiting for two hours. I know one person has been  
12 here for -- he's been up there most of the fall and he sees  
13 what's going on up there and Severson Peninsula is a heavy use  
14 hot spot. And for local hunters to go up there, take their  
15 time, takes about four hours to get up there by skiff and to  
16 see that much hunters up there, the competition is just -- it's  
17 persuading (ph) most of the people up to try. But for the last  
18 couple of years I've been going up there and I've been getting  
19 my caribou at the Severson Arm.

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, okay. Well, if you're done  
22 commenting, Charlie, maybe the other people if they want to  
23 testify they can testify now, okay? Maybe he's hearing through  
24 that mic there.

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26 MR. FISHER: Charlie, do you have some more people that  
27 want to testify? If so, go ahead.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, Charlie, maybe you can let them  
30 other people testify at this time, okay?

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32 MR. KELLY: Okay, here's Scott Olsen.

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34 MR. OLSEN: Yeah, when we are hunting up there aside  
35 from the outside pressure and all a lot of times you can't get  
36 access to the caribou on the river or near the lake so the  
37 Severson is like the reserve, you know, we always think of that  
38 one of the last places to go to be sure to get some caribou.  
39 And a lot of times by the time we got that far the pressure up  
40 there is such at there's not a whole lot around when we get up  
41 there.

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43 And what else was I -- oh, yeah, yeah. Yeah, the  
44 difference between when you have four hours of travel time by  
45 boat to get to Severson if the weather is even mediocre the  
46 lake isn't really travelable by skiff and Severson gets traffic  
47 by air taxi and such. By the time that anybody gets there  
48 there's always people there, so that was one point. Let me  
49 see, let me check on another one.

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 2 That was the other thing. A lot of the sport hunters,  
 as a matter of fact, almost all of the sport hunters have  
 nothing to do with Egegik at all, they all come from King  
 Salmon and Anchorage and so on and so forth. There's no air  
 taxi service or -- what was there, like, one guide for that  
 area, then there's a guide for another -- rest of the park, but  
 there's supposed to be so many guides per people or, you know,  
 for unguided hunters, something like that. And here's all  
 these people there and a lot of them get dropped off, so when  
 they get dropped off like that, they say, well, we went and we  
 got what we could the first load, but then, you know, the rack  
 and hind quarters and such, but by the time we get to camp it's  
 about dark, so when we get back there the next day the bears  
 got it 'cause there's a lot of bears there too.

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 17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other comments? Charlie, is  
 there any other comments? Or Scott?

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 20 MR. KELLY: Yes, we're all talking about Severson, you  
 know, and Severson is just so much of a small area for caribou  
 to be crossing over the narrows (ph), that we're just trying to  
 say that the competition is too great, you know. A couple of  
 miles down the road where the sand dunes are, you know, we  
 always have about five, six camps there. And our caribou are  
 walking through the sand dunes to get to Severson and they're  
 being taken before they even get to Severson.

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 29 We'd just like to have our fair share of subsistence  
 hunts up there besides the competing with all the sport hunters  
 that fly in with they're rubber rafts and all the guides.  
 There's no guide up there that's local from the State, from  
 Alaska. We used to have a guide that was from Alaska and when  
 he hunted up there he was always bringing all the meat down and  
 sharing it with the village, but since all the new guys are  
 here, they're all from out of state, you never see no meat  
 come down to the village. They take it out with them, they  
 don't put nothing back into the village, no income, no skiff  
 hauls up there to the lake, it's just the business of in and  
 out for sport hunters.

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 42 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, Charlie, this is Robin, when Ted  
 was in your village, members of the Council said that  
 non-subsistence sport hunting activity is disrupting the normal  
 migration of moose and caribou across the Severson Peninsula,  
 that a true statement or how do you feel about that?

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 48 Charlie, did you hear my question?

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1 MR. KELLY: No, repeat.

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: When Ted of BBNA was down at Egegik a  
 4 number of the residents of Egegik Traditional Council said that  
 5 non-subsistence sport hunting activity is disrupting the normal  
 6 migration of caribou and moose across the Severson Peninsula.  
 7 In your estimation or judgment, being familiar with the area  
 8 and hunting in the area, is that what, in fact, is happening?

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10 MR. KELLY: Robin, you were breaking up.

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12 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, it must be that mic. Can you  
 13 hear me now, Charlie?

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15 MR. KELLY: Oh, yeah, that's better, yeah.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, had to speak into the mic. When  
 18 Ted of BBNA was up in your village a number of the tribal  
 19 members expressed concerns that in the Severson Peninsula area  
 20 the non-subsistence sport hunting activity was disrupting the  
 21 normal migration pattern of moose and caribou across the  
 22 Severson Peninsula. In your estimation, having quite a bit of  
 23 knowledge of the area, is that what, in fact, is happening up  
 24 that area?

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26 MR. KELLY: Yes, from Severson Peninsula about three  
 27 mile down south is a strip we call the sand dunes, that's where  
 28 you get 180's flying in there, the float planes to drop the  
 29 hunters, you know, that's their main spot to camp before the  
 30 Severson Peninsula starts, so they are disrupting the caribou  
 31 migration which coming through, they're intercepting them  
 32 really.

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34 And there's a few old timers that did go up there and  
 35 hunt, but they don't really want to go up there now because  
 36 there's this -- sometime there's too many camps up there,  
 37 there's so much competition that people are not really wanting  
 38 to go up there, you know, it's -- I go up there just to get my  
 39 caribou and so I can turn the ticket in, you know, 'cause  
 40 otherwise -- there's a few people that went up there this year  
 41 and got caribou, but there's still a lot of hunting up there.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, in the staff reports that  
 44 Mr. Hood just gave us on the guide operating in the area, I  
 45 believe he sighted one guide that was operating in the area,  
 46 however, there was a number of the general public, non-local  
 47 general public in that area. So it appears to me that based on  
 48 staff reports that the guides aren't the problems, it's the  
 49 influx of unguided hunters. How do you feel about that?

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2 MR. KELLY: I think the non-guided hunters -- well,  
3 there's still a lot of guided hunts there, but the non-guided  
4 come in, they come in from, you know, Anchorage, Kodiak, out of  
5 State, that's the way they been hunting though, is taking their  
6 little rubber rafts and going to Severson, around the islands.  
7 It's like tent city up there in the fall.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Ron, maybe you can correct me. That's  
10 the non-guided hunts, right?

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12 MR. HOOD: From what we found this year, we're talking  
13 about the non-guided hunts. And he's right, at the end of  
14 those season that's when we found them.

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16 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, did you hear Ron's comment on  
17 that?

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19 MR. KELLY: No.

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21 MR. HOOD: What I said was that this year what we  
22 observed was that during the moose season there were a large  
23 number out there. We counted 13 camps south of the Severson  
24 Peninsula and only one camp on the Severson Peninsula itself,  
25 but those were all flown in, either by a personal aircraft or  
26 by air taxis.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any other questions?

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30 MR. KELLY: Yes, you know, like 13 camps, you know, for  
31 those hunting, you know, it's hard for us to go moose hunting  
32 up there, too, because if you got 13 camps and you got a half a  
33 dozen moose that are legal that put a crunch on us trying to  
34 get a moose up there.

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36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, I just asked Ron when you said 13  
37 camps, those were non-guided hunters in them 13 camps.

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39 MR. HOOD: That's correct.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: There was only one registered guide in  
42 the area.

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44 MR. HOOD: That's correct.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: And Ron says that correct. Any more  
47 questions?

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49 MR. HOOD: You might advise him that we had a report  
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Friday there's 3,000 caribou in the Featherly Creek area so it might be a good time to go hunting.

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4 MR. SAMUELSEN: Getting to feel like Geraldo running around here. Tim's got a question.

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7 MR. LaPORTE: Okay, Tim LaPorte. I heard Scott Olsen saying that he'd seen a lot of camps up on the Severson Peninsula there. We got staff report that there was only one camp below the Severson Peninsula at the base there, is that a true fact there, were there camps observed that Park Service didn't observe there?

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14 MR. KELLY: You got to be talking into the mic.

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16 MR. LaPORTE: Sorry. I don't want to pull it any further, I'll pull the thing off. I was wondering is there was any camps observed right on the Severson Peninsula. The staff reports tell us that they only observed one camp below there and then there appears there's a big arm goes to the south where the 13 other camps were below the Peninsula there.

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23 MR. SAMUELSEN: Did you get that Charlie?

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25 MR. KELLY: Yes. I was up there during the caribou season and part of the moose season and the Severson was pretty quiet, but there was a camp at the base and then at Jake's Cabin there was a camp there that stayed for two weeks. We did see to people on the Peninsula this fall, but they and my local hunters we walked half of that Peninsula and we saw four caribou, four bulls and that is pretty slim pickings for being on the Peninsula.

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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Do you have any other comments, Charlie before I get the public to testify here?

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37 MR. KELLY: I guess that's all for now.

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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. I guess we'll open it up for public comment on -- you gentlemen done? Public comment on proposal 30A. We got Russell Nelson and Ted Krieg. Ted, you want to put this mic on the table there?

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44 MR. KRIEG: I wanted to thank Charlie and his -- the guys there in Egegik for sticking with us to make their comments, it's really important that local people put in their comments on these issues.

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49 I kind of -- I was a little bit distracted there at the

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Beginning trying to get the phone going, but I just wanted to back up a little bit and I guess as I understand it now, we've 3- the Council has heard this proposal for -- you approved it, 4t went on to the Federal Subsistence Board, Russell and I were 5n at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting in Anchorage, last April, and gave some testimony on this proposal and it was one that caused the Federal Subsistence Board -- you know, they had 8o think -- in my estimation they had to think about it pretty hard. It looked to me like at one point they -- you know, maybe we had the votes that this thing would have gone.

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12 And I guess one of the overriding factors is they wanted to go back and let the Public Use Management Plan have a chance to work and see what happened. And you heard some of Ron's, you know, information that they gathered from that. I guess, you know, we felt that the provisions in the PUMP, in the Public Use Management Plan, weren't sufficient to meet the needs of the people in Egegik. And if you'll just bear with me, I know you have the request for reconsideration.

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21 Okay, and I guess to continue you with what happened with the Federal Subsistence Board, they didn't pass the proposal, so at that point it came back to us and we put in a request for reconsideration, and that's what you guys are hearing now, you're hearing the request for reconsideration. And then it goes back to the Federal Subsistence Board. I think the meeting is in November, so that'll be coming up pretty quick.

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30 Anyway, I'm just going to go through a couple of part of the request for reconsideration and, I think, Russell will have some things to say also. In Number 3 the adverse impact of action. Failure to limit hunting of moose and caribou on the Severson Peninsula to only those qualified rural residents does not allow the residents of Egegik the subsistence priority 36 which they are entitled. The Severson Peninsula is a traditional hunting area of the residents of Egegik. Competition with non-subsistence hunters has prevented subsistence hunters from hunting on the Severson Peninsula during their traditional hunting time.

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42 The presence of large numbers of non-subsistence hunters on the Severson Peninsula in the fall is a well known fact to the residents of Egegik. Rather than risk conflicts with non-subsistence hunters some residents have chosen not to go to the Severson Peninsula to hunt caribou and moose, even though they would like to. I think you heard Charlie say just that, especially for some of the elders.

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1 And, you know, we understand that things change from  
 2 one year to the next, you know, one year you may not have as  
 3 many sport hunters there as the next year.

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 5 In Section 4, Statement of Relevant Facts and Law. The  
 6 subsistence standards, customary and traditional needs of the  
 7 Village of Egegik provided for in Title VIII of ANILCA  
 8 concerning rural residents in Section 302 of ANILCA specific to  
 9 the Alaska Peninsula Becharof National Wildlife Refuge complex  
 10 are not getting met. Title VIII provides that rural residents  
 11 in Alaska are guaranteed a priority for subsistence uses of  
 12 moose and caribou on public lands. Section 302 specifically  
 13 mandates that the Becharof National Wildlife Refuge was  
 14 established and shall be managed to provide the opportunity for  
 15 continued subsistence by local residents.

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 17 For this reason the Severson Peninsula, which is a  
 18 traditional hunting area for the residents of Egegik, should be  
 19 closed to non-subsistence hunting.

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 21 Another thing that you heard and you -- you know,  
 22 Charlie speaking he represents local knowledge and local  
 23 traditional knowledge and there's sort of a push been going on  
 24 right now to include local traditional knowledge. In fact,  
 25 just recently this pamphlet came out, Alaska Native Traditional  
 26 Knowledge and Ways of Knowing Workshop. It was a workshop that  
 27 was held September 13th and 14th, sponsored by RuralCap and  
 28 Indigenous People's Council for Marine Mammals. And the  
 29 funding was provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. But  
 30 anyway, this is just the start and they were trying to set up  
 31 guidelines for making sure that traditional knowledge is  
 32 included in a lot of the decision making process.

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 34 And the last point I'm going to make here, and we've  
 35 included a little bit of additional information. You know, we  
 36 pretty much established that the guided hunters, that's only a  
 37 part of the picture and it's kind of hard to establish how many  
 38 other people are coming in, you know, non-guided hunters,  
 39 people flying in. And Ron Hood provided us with the Commercial  
 40 Transporter Report and you have some copies there and we didn't  
 41 go through an tally up the information.

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 43 You know, it give you a destination and it's a number  
 44 of clients transported and it's a pick-up and a drop-off or a  
 45 drop-off and pick-up number and, you know, basically just what  
 46 we're trying to show with this is that there are a lot people  
 47 getting flown in here or it looks like it. And you know, it's  
 48 also -- the year is given up at the top and we requested  
 49 information for the last seven years, so this is, you know, for  
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seven years, as I understand it, but -- anyway, it's just to give you an idea of just how many people might be going into those areas. And it is for the Alaska Peninsula Becharof National Wildlife Refuge complex, so it's not just Becharof, but -- Bobby.

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: Go ahead, Bob.

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9 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Could a solution be down, like, for the unguided hunts to make it -- to be a safer things, what everybody's looking for going with the State, is to -- that they be guided by local residents to be sure the meat be brought back and -- I don't think it's a safe thing to let an unguided person from California coming up here and doing a hunt in Alaska without being guided. Isn't it a law that they have to be guided if they're from out of state?

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18 MR. MORRISON: (Shakes his head negatively)

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20 MR. CHRISTENSEN: No?

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22 MR. MORRISON: All they're required is .....

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24 MR. CHRISTENSEN: That would put a direct damper on this Severson thing and anywhere else in Alaska because they'd have to pay more to hunt. See, we're getting overpopulated from the outsiders coming into Alaska, you know, because it's not costing them nothing. They bring a raft up here and do a hunt and for a safety factor it's one way to look at it. Another way is, you know, they have to pay a local resident to go hunting or even a guide.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: I think State law says, correct me if I'm wrong, that any alien coming into the United States hunting needs to have a big game guide, anybody that is a resident of the United States only needs, what, a bear guide?

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38 MR. MORRISON: Bear, goat and sheep.

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: Bear, goat and sheep guide. Ted.

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42 MR. KRIEG: Yeah, I guess I don't have anything to add to that, you know, it sounds like a good idea to me and thanks for bringing that up.

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46 That's all I have at this time unless there's anymore questions. And I think Russ will probably have something to add.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any more questions? Thank you.  
 Russell, state your name in the mic there.

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4 MR. NELSON: Okay, I'm Russell Nelson, I'm the Regional  
 Land Use Specialist for the Bristol Bay Native Association and  
 Ted Krieg and I work with the Village Councils and the village  
 residents on these subsistence proposals that are before you.  
 They're brought from the Councils, they're brought to us and  
 then we bring them before you and help to bring them before the  
 Federal Subsistence Board.

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12 As you can see with all the testimony you've heard and  
 seen the caribou resource is used by many different people, you  
 know, and classified in different areas, like, guided,  
 unguided, and private hunters utilizing aircraft and such and  
 then also the subsistence users. I think you are starting to  
 realize now there is too much hunting on the Severson Peninsula  
 with all these different factors -- these reports that you have  
 only touch a part of what's happening out there. Any report  
 that you try to get from any of the agencies, you know, you'll  
 never -- you know, the agencies can't get 100 percent  
 compliance for filling out all the forms and stuff.

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24 And if you look at the way that they're filled out,  
 you'll see that they're very hurried and scrawled. It's kind  
 of like I have to fill this report out, but -- you know, to  
 comply with the law, but they really don't want to, so they  
 just scratch through them and they are hard to read. But you  
 can tell there is getting to be a lot of pressure and it's the  
 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's job to look at this and  
 provide first the subsistence user, it doesn't say we have to  
 make room for the guides and sport hunters, but we do have to  
 provide for the subsistence hunter, so I think we have to keep  
 that in mind.

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36 We know there is a real problem here, we need to do  
 something about this problem and help take the pressure off the  
 subsistence hunter in this area.

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. Anybody else  
 testifying on Proposal 30A? Ron, I've got a question for you,  
 can you come up? These commercial transporter report forms,  
 when Peninsula Airways here says, Dunes, 62 clients transported  
 the Dunes. Where are the Dunes? Is that the Dunes that  
 Charlie is talking about?

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47 MR. HOOD: That's either the Becharof Dunes or the  
 Dunes on Shosky Creek, which they also access, I think. But  
 that's one of the problems that we have in interpreting exactly

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Where they're talking about.

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Is there plans in the making to  
clean up this reporting process for .....

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6 MR. HOOD: Starting in '93 and hopefully in '94 we  
continue to work on getting better information. And there was  
a new requirement for the clients that were going out big game  
hunting to fill out a new report from the Commercial Services  
Board and we're going to start seeking that -- copies of those  
contracts and that gives us infinitely more information.  
That's what we started doing with big game guide, getting  
copies of their contracts, and that's provided a whole lot  
better information starting in '93 as our report reflect it.

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16 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other questions folks?

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18 MR. LaPORTE: I got a question, Robin.

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sure.

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22 MR. LaPORTE: I forget exactly where I saw it. One  
camp was looked at for wanton waste, but I saw that the meat  
had eventually had been -- let me see here. Camp Number 22,  
foreign non-residents, moose, caribou hunters, dropped off by  
Katmai Air, picked up by Katmai Air, got two caribou and a  
moose, investigated for wanton waste, slow to remove the meat  
but it all came in eventually. What, in your estimation, I  
mean, was there really problems of wanton waste in the other  
camps or what was your observation?

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32 MR. HOOD: There were a couple of problems in that  
area. Wanton waste is a problem and we recognize it. The new  
34 the change in State law where they required the antlers to  
come out first has been a real boon for us because we were able  
36 write several citations where people brought the antlers  
out, brought part of the meat out, went back the next day, as  
somebody reported here, and a bear was on the meat. And we  
happened to check them and we cited them for that. In the case  
where, they did bring the antlers out first, but they also went  
and got all of the meat and so we chose not to cite them since  
they had gotten all the meat.

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44 There are cases of wanton waste out there that I think  
the new law is helping us tremendously. You many have seen the  
46 article in the newspaper where we're testifying at a case in  
Anchorage later this week -- or next week on that issue. The  
48 other thing that we observed this year in that area was that we  
had a very active bear feeding program going on. The bears

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were -- rarely did we find a camp that did not have problems with bears and taking meat in that area.

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4 MR. LaPORTE: Out of the camps themselves?

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6 MR. HOOD: Right, either the carcass, itself, or once they got hauled back to camp losing the meat there.

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9 MR. LaPORTE: But the meat that did come it, did it look like it was in a edible -- I mean a lot of times you can bring the meat in and once, even though you have it there, it's not usable.

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14 MR. HOOD: Well, they complied with the law by bringing the meat in.

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17 MR. LaPORTE: Right.

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19 MR. HOOD: There's nothing that says that once it comes in it has to be edible.

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22 MR. LaPORTE: Right. But one of my questions was, even though a lot of this meat wasn't taken by local residents in a subsistence type manner, would you think that this meat was still being taken to Alaska resident homes and used a (undiscernible - interrupted).

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28 MR. HOOD: Well, a certain of is and a certain amount of it is taken all the way back to the Lower 48 to their homes.

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31 MR. LaPORTE: To be consumed by people?

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33 MR. HOOD: Right. No there is -- many of the guide will contact local agencies in King Salmon to try to distribute and then there's some that actually contact the village themselves. Just so happen in this particular area the guides involved do not do that. They bring the meat back to their own meat houses and haul it back to King Salmon.

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40 MR. LaPORTE: One other question. You mentioned the name of that guide in that area. The comment from Charlie in Negik that there weren't any Alaska resident guides, but the guide that you mentioned, I forget what his name was now.

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45 MR. HOOD: Phil Shoemaker and Tracy Vrem.

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47 MR. LaPORTE: Where are their -- what's their residency?

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1 MR. HOOD: Phil Shoemaker residency is the Kejulik  
Valley, he has an inholding on the Kejulik River and he lives  
there year around.

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5 MR. LaPORTE: So he lives right -- is that right? So  
he is a local?

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8 MR. HOOD: And the other one is an Eagle River  
resident.

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11 MR. LaPORTE: So both guides are resident? One is  
actually a resident of the guide unit that he guides in then.

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14 MR. HOOD: Right, that's correct.

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16 MR. LaPORTE: Thank you.

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18 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any other questions?

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20 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, you know, like Kejulik where that  
guy is stationed it's only like a 15 minute flight from Chignik  
to Kejulik and he's got .....

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24 MR. HOOD: No, you're thinking of the Kujulik Bay and  
this is the Kejulik River on Becharof Refuge, two different  
locations.

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28 MR. STEPANOFF: Oh, I'm sorry.

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30 MR. HOOD: It's a little more than 15 minutes.

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32 MR. SAMUELSEN: Just think of how many Coffee Points  
there are in Alaska, looking on a map, you know?

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35 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: It seems like the PUMP plan address and  
the staff report that you've given us, Ron, addresses the  
potential problem with guides, but it doesn't address the mass  
influx of the non-guided hunter and it seems that from your  
report -- listening to Charlie's report and Mr. Olsen's from  
Egegik that Egegik is under the -- residents of the Traditional  
Council of Egegik are under the impressions it's guides, but  
based upon your staff reports there's one guide operating in  
the area, but there's a huge influx of non-guided hunters into  
the area. And the PUMP plan addresses the guides in the area,  
but it doesn't address the non-guided. Am I making that  
analogy right?

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1 MR. HOOD: You're very correct on that and a  
 2 misunderstanding of what the PUMP could do is clearly been  
 3 advanced. The PUMP only proposed to gather information and  
 4 seek solutions to those and we're in the information gather  
 5 mode at this time and clearly we think we're beginning to  
 6 identify a problem that needs to be addressed, but I don't have  
 7 any magic solutions and that's why you gentlemen get to give us  
 8 some advice.

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10 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. And correct me if I'm wrong.  
 11 Help me along here. The Board looked at this area in  
 12 relationship to the PUMP plan and said, well, let's let the  
 13 PUMP plan work, do its thing like it's supposed to, see if it  
 14 alleviates a problem when, in fact, it is never going to  
 15 alleviate this problem because it doesn't address the problem.

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17 MR. HOOD: That's, in essence, true. We will gather  
 18 the information until we fully understand it. Understanding  
 19 that the Egegik residents fully understand the problem, but the  
 20 Federal Government does not, so we're gathering information now  
 21 and hopefully we will, either through this process or through  
 22 other processes, resolve and come to some resolutions to the  
 23 issues that we're identifying.

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. And then -- yeah, okay. Board  
 26 members?

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28 MR. HOOD: I would point out, we didn't say anything  
 29 about caribou movements this year because, frankly, we haven't  
 30 been able to gather very good information on it. We did  
 31 observe about 5,000 caribou cross the Egegik River in July and  
 32 they've been fairly elusive moving around north of the Egegik  
 33 River and then last Friday we had a report from a guide that  
 34 there were 3,000 caribou in the Featherly Creek area which  
 35 would be the access to the Severson Peninsula. And so we  
 36 haven't been able to get back out there and confirm and see  
 37 what those caribou are doing, but their movements this year are  
 38 like always, are some what different than they have been in  
 39 years before.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Who do we have here? Tim.

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43 MR. LaPORTE: One of Charlie's other comments is that  
 44 he observed two hunters on the Severson Peninsula and two  
 45 caribou, but it's kind of like down in this area here. I mean,  
 46 we lost our caribou the third week of August, we didn't have  
 47 any caribou here all of September, it was one of the hardest  
 48 hunting years we had locally here, but is that a common item  
 49 for caribou sometimes to not even be in the Severson Peninsula

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area there? I mean, do they -- where I mean the guy goes up there and doesn't see the caribou, maybe it's got nothing to do with hunters, it's got to do with caribou themselves.

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5 MR. HOOD: One of our problems is we don't have good movement information on the caribou from our standpoint. We have personal observations, we see a fair number of caribou in that area year after year after year, but as far as the main movements as the herd it looks to me that this year they're coming through there, but they're coming through there very late. In prior years they move around and go across the Egegik River at the outlet and most of the caribou go in that direction. But, you know, caribou being caribou, they go where they darn well please as the Mulchatna herd really demonstrated this year.

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17 MR. LaPORTE: Yep, they sure did.

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19 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah. Yeah, we've been waiting for them to cross the Nushagak River.

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22 MR. HOOD: They're coming.

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: I hope so.

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26 MR. LaPORTE: About 60,000 of them.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, Board, what's the wishes here?

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30 MR. STEPANOFF: You know, it wasn't two meeting ago we spoke of big trophy hunters keep killing off these big trophies and that's the leaders and pretty soon, you know, the cow don't know where to go, that's what's actually happening. Killing off the big bulls, the leaders.

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36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, at this time I'd like to pass the Chair to Sam, so I can make a motion. I move that we reconsider Proposal 30A, Request for Reconsideration.

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40 MR. ABRAHAM: Second.

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42 MR. STEPANOFF: My justification for making the motion in discussing this issue with Ron Hood that the PUMP plan addresses the guided hunters. Staff reports have indicated one guide has been operating in the area. However, during public testimony we have had testimony from Traditional Council members of Egegik, Charlie Kelly and Scott Olsen, as well as BNA Natural Resource Department, Ted Krieg and Russell Nelson, that indicate that there is a high influx of non-resident sport

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Hunters into the area. I believe the sport hunters are -- the non-guided sport hunters into the area are the core to this problem of the Traditional Council people of Egegik feeling that they're being shoved out of their traditional hunting area.

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7 The PUMP plan does not address this issue, it only addresses guided sport hunters, so I think it needs to go back to the Federal Subsistence Board and the Federal Subsistence Board needs to address this issue. I don't have the answer here. As Ron has indicated we've kind of got a loop hole in this area, but I do know that we're here to look at the customary and traditional use of an area, to listen to subsistence users and how they use the resource and that is our main concern. And it quite evident to me that the traditional hunters out of Egegik have used this area for a good number of years and are being displaced in this area.

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19 MR. STEPANOFF: Do we make a motion on this?

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, I made the motion there, Mr. Chairman. I want the record to note that Mr. Hood and his department has the guided hunt situation under control in that area, it's the unguided sport hunt that I think is a problem here. And what makes it different than our last meeting, you know, is that we referred to as the guided sport hunt, kind of like Mr. Kelly is doing in his public testimony when, in fact, based on Mr. Hood's testimony it's the unguided sport hunt that is the problem.

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31 MR. STEPANOFF: We'll make this -- you make this a motion?

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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, and Peter seconded it.

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36 MR. ABRAHAM: I seconded it.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: I guess we're into discussion now. I gave my justification and we're into discussion.

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41 MR. ABRAHAM: I think if we eliminate unguided hunters here -- I don't know, like -- I don't know the answer myself, but we need to change some things in that area there. In my opinion the local residents are more important than the sport hunters from all over the world 'cause the local people are depending on the game around their area. Like in Anchorage area they depend on their stores in their area. If we could eliminate, like I said, unguided sports people that'll solve some of the problem anyway.

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MR. STEPANOFF: Any more discussion?

MR. LaPORTE: I have a few thoughts on this. Even though I know Charlie from Egegik, you know, he was up there for two weeks, saw two hunters on Severson Peninsula, even if this area was restricted to being closed for non-subsistence use they're still going to go somewhere. I mean that amount of people coming up to the State is more and more every year and I think what it's going to do, I mean, two people hunting the Peninsula to me isn't a great big conflict at this point yet.

I don't know what's happened in years passed, but this is -- from the local report we had one report of one camp in that area there. If the caribou are there there's going to be people hunting regardless if they're subsistence hunting or sport hunting. If the caribou aren't there they're not going to hunt that area anyway. If that area is closed, subsequently those people are going to move to another area, so where are they going to move to, they going to move down the Egegik River right into the Egegik Village area there?

Because I'm of the opinion that any land that is open for public use is going to get used by the public. So they're going to go some place and I'm not personally convinced that the Severson Peninsula is being hit that hard at this point where it's drastically affecting the subsistence needs of the village of Egegik. I'm not sure how many miles away that is, it's a substantial distance. And to pinpoint one small geographic area as -- that we've got to subsist in that area or we can't gain subsistence, I'm personally not convinced of that fact at this point.

MR. ABRAHAM: According to the records over here, is the Severson area the migration near there?

MR. SAMUELSEN: Ask Ron.

MR. SAMUELSEN: Ron. Isn't the Severson Peninsula there a migration area for moose and caribou?

MR. HOOD: Clearly the Severson Peninsula is used by caribou from time to time. I'm not prepared to say whether it's a significant crossing or a incidental crossing.

MR. KELLY: Can you speak into the mic?

MR. SAMUELSEN: Hold on just a minute.

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1 MR. HOOD: Backing up to what I said. Clearly the  
 2 Severson Peninsula is a migration route that caribou take. I'm  
 3 not prepared to say from my own professional observations  
 4 whether it's a significant crossing or an incidental crossing  
 5 or what the level of use across there is. I know that the  
 6 major part of the herd only migrates around through the head  
 7 waters of -- or across the outlet of Becharof Lake area through  
 8 the Dunes and across the Egegik River. But this year there's  
 9 9,000 caribou at Featherly Creek and they will either be  
 10 crossing at the big narrows at the Severson Peninsula or  
 11 crossing at the little narrows a little further down or they'll  
 12 be going around the Ruth River and crossing, but they'll be  
 13 crossing somewhere in that area.

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15 MR. ABRAHAM: That answers the question, 'cause I don't  
 16 know the area at all. In fact, that's just a particular route  
 17 for the animals.

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19 MR. HOOD: I don't think it's a route that they use  
 20 year in and year out, but it is an important route when they  
 21 choose to use it. And this year they did not arrive until  
 22 after the hunting season largely was over in the area, but they  
 23 look poised to use it this year.

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Ron, is it -- with the 20 percent  
 26 decline in the North Peninsula caribou herd, talking with Dick  
 27 Sellers, he was urging hunters to go after the Mulchatna  
 28 caribou herd, was your department also doing the same when you  
 29 contacted the public.

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31 MR. HOOD: We were promoting using the Mulchatna herd  
 32 until the they crossed us and headed up northwest out of the  
 33 country. Basically, yes, is the answer to your question.

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35 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah. Because according to Dick  
 36 Sellers it was working out pretty good. That it seemed from in  
 37 the past the hunting pressure down in the Severson was  
 38 alleviated somewhat until the Mulchatna herd migrated north and  
 39 then to the west. And then the air taxis and what not started  
 40 focusing in back down into the Severson Peninsula and the other  
 41 places along the Peninsula.

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43 MR. HOOD: Yeah, my own personal observation is we had  
 44 a significant decrease in sport hunting on those caribou until  
 45 the moose season came in. When moose season came in people start  
 46 not moose hunting and use caribou as a backup and frankly took  
 47 more -- were taking more caribou than they were moose.

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49 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. When will we have them numbers?

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2 MR. HOOD: We'll have our take numbers for the guided  
By the end of December, for the non-guided we won't have those  
Numbers until sometime -- John, when does the .....

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6 MR. MORRISON: Springtime.  
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8 MR. HOOD: Yeah, sometime in the spring.  
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10 MS. EAKON: Mr. Chair, I think the proper think to do  
Would be to rephrase our motion to say that you wish to support  
Request for Reconsideration 94-06, instead of saying that you  
want to reconsider Proposal 30A because the proper action is  
going to be before the Federal Subsistence Board on November  
15th, these going to be -- this Request for Reconsideration.  
For the same reasons that you articulated on the justification.

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18 MR. SAMUELSEN: Just a different heading, huh, 94-06?  
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20 MS. EAKON: Yes.  
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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: So moved.  
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24 MS. EAKON: Okay.  
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26 MR. STEPANOFF: Is there any more discussions? So all  
those favor of the motion say aye.  
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29 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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31 MR. LaPORTE: I'm sorry I's still confused. The motion  
was just for the Federal Board to reconsider this proposal?  
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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: My motion would be for use to say that  
we want the Federal Board to reconsider their action based on  
this new information here.  
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38 MS. EAKON: Essentially your motion would be to support  
Request for Reconsideration 94-06 that is going to go before  
the Federal Subsistence Board in November. The motion is  
requesting Council support of RFR 96-06.  
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43 MR. LaPORTE: Sorry.  
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45 MR. SAMUELSEN: What we're basically saying is that we  
think -- if the motion passes, what we're basically saying is  
that we think there's substantial new evidence that the Board  
ought to take another look at this issue, right?  
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1 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: That new development would be the  
4 non-guide sport hunt impacts.

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6 MS. EAKON: Right.

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8 MR. LaPORTE: I guess the vote was taken so I'll say  
9 aye as far having the Board look at it again.

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11 MS. EAKON: Okay, Tim, essentially the nature of the  
12 RFR is to reverse the Board's previous action, which was  
13 rejecting Proposal 30A, right?

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. And we're asking for  
16 reconsideration.

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18 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, in recommending that the  
19 Board adopt the Request for Reconsideration you are asking the  
20 Board, now, to close the Severson Peninsula. The RFR has a  
21 specific request, it asks for closure on the Severson  
22 Peninsula, the same as Proposal 30A in the April proceeding.  
23 They're now asking the Board to revisit its rejection in April  
24 and now, on November 15, in their meeting to close the Severson  
25 Peninsula. So the effect of your motion would be to support  
26 RFR 94-06 to ask the Board, not only to look at it again, but  
27 to actually take the course of action to do what they did not  
28 do in April to close the Severson Peninsula at this time.

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30 MR. STEPANOFF: All in favor say aye.

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32 MS. EAKON: You need to say are there any nays.

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34 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, 'cause we say aye already.

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36 MR. LaPORTE: In that case I'll say a nay.

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38 MS. EAKON: Motion passes four ayes and one nay. End  
39 of 30A and RFR 96-06.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll take a five minute break  
42 before we move on to Proposal 30B.

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44 (Off record)

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46 (On record)

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48 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll move on to Proposal 30B,  
49 update from Mr. Hood on new data. Tim, your wife makes killer

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cookies, boy, they're good.

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3 MR. LaPORTE: This isn't my fault.

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5 MR. SAMUELSEN: Go ahead, Ron.

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7 MR. HOOD: This is Ronald Hood, Refuge Manager at the  
Alaska Peninsula Becharof Refuge. I'll refer you to your books  
on the Evaluation Impact of Implementation of Regional Policy  
RW-26. That is going to be the primary piece of information.  
The other thing I want to refer you to is the map over here on  
your left. Dave, if you could go over there and point out. On  
the lower left, the pink is Native conveyed lands, the green is  
selected lands and the unpainted is Refuge lands.

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16 I want to point out first that the only lands that are  
considered in 30B would be those that are under Federal  
ownership and that's part of the area that we're talking about  
in the selected lands, part of it is non-selected lands.

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: What page are you reading from?

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23 MR. HOOD: Yeah, I'm on Page 7 here, but I'm really  
doing that from my head.

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26 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, okay. You all found it in your  
little notebooks here? It's under 7H, I and J. You got a  
Section 7 and just go back to Page 7, you'll be in the  
vicinity.

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31 MR. HOOD: You'll be very close. The first point to  
make in this evaluation was that all of the guides that have  
guide areas and that's guide area AKP 14 and AKP 15 on the  
Pacific side of the Aleutian Mountain Range are allocated zero  
clients and zero caribou clients. And so there is not guided  
sport take of caribou or moose on the Pacific side. And that's  
Table 3.

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39 Then if you will look at Table 4, we talk about the  
Bering Sea side of the Aleutian Mountain Range, that includes  
parts of AKP 13 and AKP 15. And you will notice that there's  
no moose clients for AKP 13 and one moose client for AKP 15.  
And there are 10 caribou clients for AKP 13 and two for AKP 15.  
Okay, I went back and requested the number of reported clients  
and take in Table 5 and then I also had a personal interview  
with the guide for AKP 14, Mel Gillis, G-i-l-l-i-s.

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48 Mr. Gillis advises me that he hunts caribou primarily  
from Sandy Lake area to the Bristol Bay coast, which is largely

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off Refuge. And so while he may have reported, like in 1989 he reported 12 clients for caribou and they took 11 caribou, he tells me that he was being sloppy in his reporting and most of those were off Federal lands on State lands and that those taken on the Federal lands were in the Sandy Lake area. And this proposal has to do with the Sandy Pass well above Sandy Lake going over into Stepovak Bay.

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9 The other thing is trying to evaluate the non-guided sport hunters. We have, and it's not in this report, but we have one big game air taxi operator permitted in the Chignik Unit, that is John King. Mr. King tells me that he does not take any clients into the Grassy River, Milky River, Muddy River area, that all of his clients are being delivered somewhere in the Meshik Drainage area. And so we cannot find anybody that will admit to taking any sport hunters -- any non-guided sport hunters into this area that we're taking about.

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20 And given that, that is basically my report and so I'll take any questions you have and then Dave will give you a summary of what we found in the caribou ticket information.

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24 MR. STEPANOFF: Excuse me, Ron.

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26 MR. HOOD: Yes.

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28 MR. STEPANOFF: I'm from that area down there and AKP 29 and 12. We had people this year that tried to go do some hunting there, there is none down there at all.

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32 MR. HOOD: Well, that's a different part of the issue. There are no caribou there, we'll agree to that. The data that Dave is going to share with you in a moment demonstrates that there's very little kill in the whole area.

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37 MR. STEPANOFF: Did you say there were some guides down there, then?

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40 MR. HOOD: They are only down there for bear, so they weren't down there this year, this fall.

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43 MR. STEPANOFF: Okay.

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45 MR. HOOD: Yeah, that was the point I was trying to make, Sam, that on the Pacific side none of the guides over there are allocated any clients for caribou or moose, so there's no legal hunting going on as far as those guides are concerned.

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2 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Dave.

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4 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I just have some  
brief information here. We looked at two areas there, the  
Sandy River coding area and the Stepovak Bay coding area and  
the in the Sandy River coding are we had a total of 118 caribou  
taken there that were reported. Here we only analyzed five  
years data, but we only had 118 caribou taken there. And it  
breaks down probably to about an 80 percent were taken off  
Federal lands and about, oh, 15 to 20 percent were taken on  
Federal lands.

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14 The other area we looked at was the Stepovak Bay coding  
area and that would include Stepovak Flat area, and five years  
data there indicated only four animals were reported taken in  
that area.

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19 MR. SAMUELSEN: Caribou?

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21 MR. FISHER: Caribou. This is all caribou and those  
were all off of Federal lands. That's all I have.

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Tim.

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26 MR. LaPORTE: Do those reports indicate who killed  
those animals? Does the report break that down as far as the  
residency?

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30 MR. FISHER: Yes, I'm sorry, I should have mentioned  
that. For the Sandy River coding area we only had one reported  
harvest ticket that had c&t; 13 were Anchorage residents; 12  
were other Alaska residents; and 92 were non-Alaska residents,  
that totals 118. For the Stepovak Bay area one resident with  
c&t reported taking a caribou and three other Alaska residents  
reported taking caribou for a total of four. We just don't  
have a lot of good data. Thank you.

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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: Wait a minute here, we're getting  
hooked up here.

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42 MR. KNAUER: Can you hear us now.

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44 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: We can.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: This is Robin Samuelsen, Acting Chair  
today, we just got a report from Ron Hood and Dave Fisher in  
the Sandy River area in the last five years 118 caribou were  
taken, 80 percent of those animals were on Federal lands.

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2 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Can't hear you.  
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4 MR. FISHER: Non-Federal lands.  
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6 MR. HOOD: Off Federal lands.  
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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, can you hear me now.  
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10 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Would you try that again, we're  
getting a bad connection here.  
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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, this is Robin, can you hear me  
now?  
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16 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Yes, we can.  
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18 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. We just got a staff report and  
in the Sandy River area roughly 118 caribou were taken in the  
last five years. And in the Stepovak Flats area in the last  
five years four animals were taken in non-guided hunts. And  
the question was asked by Sam Stepanoff how many animals were  
taken on the Pacific side by guides and the answer was none,  
that .....

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26 MR. ABRAHAM: On AKP 12 and 14.  
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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Pardon?  
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30 MR. ABRAHAM: On AKP 12 and 14.  
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32 MR. SAMUELSEN: On AKP 12 and 14, I believe, the  
question was.  
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35 MR. ABRAHAM: Right.  
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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: And the answer was none. And Ron Hood  
replied that in the survey in the area that there is no caribou  
on the Pacific side that they could find.  
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41 MR. HOOD: This is Ronald Hood, we surveyed the area  
last year and found a very limited amount of caribou available  
for the fall hunt. We were unable to do any work down there  
this year, so we don't have 1994 information available, but I  
would assume that there's no caribou available again this year.  
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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other questions for Ron?  
Okay, none from the Council.  
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1 MR. STEPANOFF: Did Ivanof get on?

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: Russell, can you identify who's on the  
4 teleconference?

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6 MR. NELSON: Archie Kalmakoff, Glenn Kalmakoff and I  
7 believe one more person is on there, I don't know who the other  
8 person is.

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10 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Could you speak up, please,  
11 we're having a problem with communications here.

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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, okay, hold on just a minute. You  
14 hear me fine now?

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16 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Yes, we can hear you now.

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18 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. There's no other  
19 questions by the Council? Any more on staff reports concerning  
20 this proposal?

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22 MR. HOOD: No, we have very limited information from  
23 that area.

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll move into public comment  
26 when. Okay, Glenn or Archie, we're moving into the public  
27 comment period for Proposal 30B and would any of you or anybody  
28 else like to say a few words at this time, you're so welcomed  
29 to do so.

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31 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Okay, this is Archie here. It's  
32 been a big concern to us over the years here, we've seen a big  
33 decline in our caribou on the south side of the Peninsula  
34 here, the Stepovak area. Between the last eight and 10 years  
35 we've seen caribou dwindling down to nothing. And we've always  
36 had caribou here, you know, whenever we went out there to go  
37 hunting, you know, we never had problems with our caribou.

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39 And Perryville also uses the caribou, they go Stepovak  
40 and over the years there just hasn't been -- in the last eight  
41 to 10 years they just dwindled down to nothing. And last year,  
42 believe, we were lucky to get six caribou out of Stepovak for  
43 the whole village of Ivanof Bay there. And we believe that  
44 the, you know, the migration of the caribou come through Sandy  
45 River Pass and also through Bear Lake Pass there because, you  
46 know, we've always seen caribou up in that area over the years  
47 when we went hunting. And the old people always told us if we  
48 ever -- you know, if we ever had any problems finding caribou  
49 to always go to the passes.

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 2 And, you know, Sam Stepanoff is on the Board there and  
 3 I believe he should know them areas because he, I know as a  
 4 child when he was growing up there, he hunted them areas too,  
 5 so he should have some kind of an idea of what I'm talking  
 6 about there. You know, we just haven't had any caribou and we  
 7 know that they're being block off on the north side of the  
 8 passes because they're just not coming through anymore like  
 9 they used to.

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11 MR. GLENN KALMAKOFF: Yeah, this is Glenn Kalmakoff and  
 12 I'd like to add to that a little bit. You know, what we've  
 13 been noticing is that the hunters that hunt the caribou they  
 14 hunt the lead bulls, which are, you know, the trophy ones. And  
 15 once, you know, those are all shot of the younger caribou don't  
 16 migrate through the area anymore because they're the leaders  
 17 and, you know, back then when there were a few around there  
 18 were herd up to 60 to 80 in a group there and there would be  
 19 three or four groups of them and as many as to a couple of  
 20 thousand I seen on the Stepovak area there.

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22 And also I want to add that, you know, pass that goes  
 23 from Sandy River comes through and comes out at Ivanof Bay at  
 24 the north end there, right out at First Street there at the  
 25 east side of Ivanof Village there, right close there, but we  
 26 noticed that, you know, that we are having a very hard time  
 27 getting caribou in our traditional subsistence area and having  
 28 to go out of the area to even get one or, you know, to keep --  
 29 to fill little portion of our gear (ph) up and, you know,  
 30 that's a real concern to us.

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32 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, Glenn, is there anybody else  
 33 here that wants to testify?

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35 MR. GLENN KALMAKOFF: Is there anybody else here?  
 36 That's it? Yeah, we don't have anyone at this moment. We  
 37 would have had two people, you know, in this area here that  
 38 would testify on that, but there are people that would testify  
 39 at Ivanof Bay and we haven't contacted them.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, okay. Are you folks done there  
 42 then?

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44 MR. GLENN KALMAKOFF: I did want to add one thing. You  
 45 know, we've seen when we go into, say, into the place up there  
 46 when they have the mail and stuff you see bunches of caribou  
 47 antlers laying around getting ready to be shipped out and we  
 48 don't see the meat moving out of the area and we know for one  
 49 thing that our local villages don't get any of that meat.

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We've got a concern of wanton waste on the part of the head hunters there, after the antlers there, and, you know, that really put a damper on our way of life there as far as being able to take caribou like we've done over the years and on generations before us there.

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you. Is there any other public comment?

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10 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Yes, I'd like to make one more comment too. I believe that, you know, these people that are hunting -- you know, like bear hunters and stuff, that they're -- I believe that some think that they're allowed to take caribou and I don't think we really have a -- I don't think they're being monitored very good because, you know, I've heard reports from -- there was this one elderly person in Perryville here told me that one time that -- this was a few years back, two or three years ago or even longer than that, but he told me that when he was hunting one year at Stepovak there that he seen bear hunters use caribou for bait, you know, and that's illegal for one thing and he's seen it himself and it might have been a good idea to have Perryville involved in this, too, because they're the ones that are hurting also, you know, they use Stepovak area and they should have been involved in this teleconference because they take caribou out of that area also.

26 But, you know, I don't think there's no way to monitor it, even though, you know, the guide say they don't take it, there's no proof of it, you know, from what I heard before that, you know, this one guy was saying that he seen caribou being shot just for bear bait and that's the wrong way to go especially when we're having problems with caribou, you know, we don't have it down there any more like we used to and that's a big concern to us.

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35 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, okay. Ron, is this caribou herd part of the North Peninsula herd or is it a different herd?

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38 MR. HOOD: We talking about the Northern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd, yes.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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43 MR. HOOD: And one of their main calving areas is in the Bristol Bay Lowlands along the Sandy River, Milky River, Muddy River area.

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47 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: We can't hear Ron speaking here, can he speak up louder, please?

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll turn Ron up a little bit.  
2 Try again, Ron.

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4 MR. HOOD: Okay, I was just saying that it is part of  
5 the Northern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd and that the Milky,  
6 Sandy, Muddy River, Bristol Bay Lowlands is one of the main  
7 calving areas of the herd.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Is there any other public  
10 comment?

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12 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Yes, I'd like to add to that --  
13 hold on a second. Yes, I'd like to add to that. In that  
14 survey of what we've seen on the natural resource in our region  
15 there was very little study done on the migration in our area  
16 there as far as really knowing what was going on and I think,  
17 you know, there ought -- it ought to be shut down for a period  
18 of time until this area we're concerned about is stabilized  
19 for, you know, we can be allowed to take our caribou like, you  
20 know, like we have in the past. Certainly we deserve to take  
21 caribou like we traditionally have and that's our main food  
22 source -- meat source, which is caribou.

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you. Board members,  
25 questions, comments? As far as action on this proposal, we  
26 tabled this proposal till this meeting and we wanted to hear  
27 any new information that Mr. Hood could present to us, as well  
28 as public comment. Does any member of the public want to  
29 testify? Ted -- Ted Krieg, BBNA.

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31 MR. KRIEG: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ted Krieg,  
32 BBNA Natural Resource Department. Once again I want to back up  
33 just a little bit. This is a proposal that we want to add to  
34 the Federal regulations as they stand now.

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36 Except for qualified rural residents the drainages up  
37 stream from Sandy Lake that drain into Sandy River and all  
38 drainages that drain into Stepovak Flats in the Alaska  
39 Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge are closed for taking of  
40 moose and caribou.

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42 It's been established that there's a real shortage of  
43 caribou and moose in that area, especially caribou, in the  
44 additional hunting areas of Ivanof Bay and Perryville. And  
45 you just heard some local people testify and that's, you know,  
46 once again local traditional knowledge, you know, about things  
47 that they had heard from -- handed down from their elders.

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49 Last spring we received from Ivanof Bay -- we received  
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a resolution, we received a number of letters from some residents of Ivanof Bay and we also received a resolution from Berryville. This resolution from Ivanof Bay is dated April 1st of '94 and I just want to read this and then I'll have one more thing to say and then I'll turn it over to some one else.

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7 This is Resolution 94-06.

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9 WHEREAS caribou is the main subsistence source for read meat; and

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12 WHEREAS in the last three years eight caribou have been harvested in the traditional hunting area of Stepovak Flats, west of Ivanof Bay; and

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16 WHEREAS the last large herds were seen in the mid 1970's; and

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19 WHEREAS the caribou migration corridors have been virtually cut off by other than local subsistence hunters; and

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22 WHEREAS guided hunters target the trophy size caribou, eliminating the experienced migrating leaders which brought the herds into the traditional calving areas of Stepovak Flats; and

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26 WHEREAS the caribou migration herd used Federal lands to arrive at Stepovak Flats; and

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29 WHEREAS Proposal 30B addresses the changes required to meet the subsistence needs of our community; and,

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32 WHEREAS the Ivanof Bay Village Council supports Proposal 30B.

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35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the U.S. Fish &amp; Wildlife adopt Proposal 30B into the 1994-95 subsistence regulation for area 9(E).

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39 Adopted by a duly constituted quorum of the Ivanof Bay Council this 1st day of April, 1994, with the affirmative vote of three members. Signed by Archie Kalmakoff, President and attested by Elizabeth Kalmakoff.

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44 If my memory serves me correct some of the discussion that took place last February in Dillingham concerned the health of the Northern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd. And it seems like, you know, one of the arguments at that time was that we have a healthy herd and we can't close areas due to that fact because, you know, the herd may eventually crash and why

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close an area, you know, and restrict hunting when the herd is healthy?

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4 It seems like with some of the new evidence that's come  
up here lately, you know, with the 20 percent reduction in the  
herd, it seems like the health of that herd is in question now.  
7 And so, you know, I haven't heard that come up, but that was  
8 past discussion at these Council meetings, so I want you to  
9 consider that also.

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11 That's all I have unless there's any questions.

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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any questions of Ted?

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15 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, you know, the last meeting we  
had, like, down in Bear Lake there I had flown down with PenAir  
who brought freight down for these hunters and there was a  
couple of dozen airplanes down there.

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20 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Yeah, can you guys speak up, we  
not able to hear what's on the other end, what you guys are  
saying.

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24 MR. STEPANOFF: Okay. I was talking about Bear Lake  
what's above -- between Port Moller and your area there, but  
there was a lot of -- I've seen a lot of trophies there in Bear  
Lake when we landed, they were all decorated up. I'm sure  
what's being -- that's being like, you know, stopping them,  
posing them off there. I'm sure that Ron should know about  
it. It was brought up at the last meeting.

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32 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, is there any questions of Ted?  
Thank you, Ted.

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35 MR. KRIEG: You're welcome.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any other comment?

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39 MR. HOOD: Mr. Chairman, has a question been asked of  
me?

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42 MR. SAMUELSEN: I think it was a statement.

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44 MR. STEPANOFF: It was a statement.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sounded more like a statement than a  
question.

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49 MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman, I'm Russell Nelson. The

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reason that this -- that Proposal 30B was tabled at the last Regional Council meeting was because of the question of land ownership and this has been cleared up. We do know that the lands that 30B addresses are Federal lands that we wanted to close, you know, that the villages of Ivanof Bay and Perryville have both sent resolutions in to close those to the sport take of caribou in those area.

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9 You've heard Archie Kalmakoff and Glenn Kalmakoff testify that there is a shortage of caribou in this area. And you also heard Ron Hood that he doesn't dispute this fact. This is the Bristol Bay Native Association and Ivanof Bay's Village Council's wish that Proposal 30B be passed by this Council using all of the justification that's been presented here at this meeting today.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. Ron.

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19 MR. HOOD: Want a clarification.

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Come on up.

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23 MR. HOOD: I want to make a couple of points of clarifications from my point of view. The area covered by 30B partially in land selected, it's not all available for action by this Board. The other point is that I cannot demonstrate that there is any sport hunting occurring in the passes between -- in Milky River Pass or Grassy River Pass or that one from Bear River, especially in 1993-1994 or 1993 especially. Because the guides that were working those areas specifically reported no caribou take in that area.

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33 And so I just want to make sure that point is made. The point that Sam was making is that hunting is occurring on State lands or corporation land off the Refuge and we have no control over that anyway.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, Council members, where we going with this one? We've heard public testimony that subsistence user's needs are not being met in Perryville and Ivanof Bay. I guess, Ron, I should have had you stay up here. On Page 8 in our report here it says, the permittees on the Bering Sea side of the Aleutian Mountains were allocated a limited number of caribou clients. This decision was based on the large number of caribou found in the Bristol Bay Lowlands and the lack of opportunity for conflict with subsistence and unguided sport hunters.

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49 With the 20 percent decline, I guess, that statement is

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shoot now?

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3 MR. HOOD: No, sir, I would stand by that statement.  
 With the decline at this point in time, since these hunters are  
 concentrating on males and that the problem will be on females  
 and recruitment, the sex ratios are adequate for the male  
 servicing the females, so at this point I don't think -- I  
 cannot -- I would not back off of that statement.

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10 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other questions of Ron?  
 Well, .....

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13 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I think with the decline of the  
 caribou herd would it be more safer if we .....

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16 MR. GLENN KALMAKOFF: This is Glenn Kalmakoff and I'd  
 like, Mr. Chairman, that people that are speaking on the  
 speaker phone that they please speak up so that we can hear  
 what's being said, okay?

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: You betcha.

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23 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah, hello, this is Bob Christensen.  
 With a decline on our caribou herd, would it help if we had a  
 earlier closure to help to stop the guides from hunting later  
 when the bulls are in rut where the meat is not any good? And  
 it would help build up the herd again and perhaps help caribou  
 going back into Stepovak since the caribou are still down in  
 that area. Their not even up in our area yet.

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31 MR. HOOD: Okay, Bob, to try to address some of that.  
 We're going to be sending some information later when we are  
 discussing issue of BBNA's request to close all sport hunting  
 and we thought to address it at that time, but I would point  
 out that the sport hunting season of September and October,  
 which is when most of the caribou are taken, much of that herd  
 has already moved out of that area. It has already gone past  
 Port Heiden, in fact, it's already gone past Pilot Point. And  
 limiting the sport hunting in that area most likely will not  
 have much influence on which direction the caribou choose to  
 go.

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43 There is a problem of the caribou not going into  
 Stepovak Flats, we all recognize that. At this point in time  
 we do not have enough information to say that it's the  
 caribou's choice, the caribou have chosen to go in a different  
 direction or they've been influence by some other extraneous  
 factor sort of thing. I'm just trying to demonstrate that it  
 I do not think that it has anything to do with sport

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hunting, the fact that those animals are not choosing to go that route.

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4 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Ron, I hunted out of Port Heiden many years and when Joe Klutsch start hitting Port Heiden area the caribou took a different route. I, you know, used to land in that little river right on the other side of Port Heiden, there's a little strip that -- and he made the caribou turn to a different route and in September -- the month of September, Keith Johnson and Gillis take a big portion of the bulls in them months, so, you know, they're not already passed. I know these guys personally and they're friends and they hunt under the rules, you know.

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15 MR. HOOD: I'm not here to argue (indiscernible - interrupted)

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18 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I know. I'm just telling you, you know, that .....

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Maybe to get us focused here, I guess what we need to focus on is staff has told us they don't know the cause -- what's causing the decline on the Pacific side, but the decline is severe enough where the staff has recognized, along with the Traditional Council, that there's no caribou on the Pacific side. Now, we don't know the cause of it, so where in a dilemma here, what do we do? Do we start putting X's on all the other hunting practices and only keep the subsistence hunt open?

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31 MR. HOOD: That's the question that I would ask you. Well, what will this regulation do to benefit of Stepovak Bay and Perryville? And speculation is is that it will do very little at this point in time, but that's Ronald Hood's opinion.

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36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Um-hum.

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38 MR. STEPANOFF: Well, maybe, Ron, you got a job there, herd them down there.

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41 MR. CHRISTENSEN: They need a leader.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, I think we're in a Tier II situation, I guess. State regs calls it Tier II, Federal regs calls it -- what is the .....

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47 MS. EAKON: 804.

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49 MR. SAMUELSEN: ..... the 804 and Chignik and

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Perryville are not meeting their needs and, you know, it's up to us to make a recommendation. We've got to err on the side of conservation. You know, with our limited knowledge we need to provide them with subsistence users an opportunity -- some opportunity, whatever opportunity that's available, even though we don't know it's going to work, an opportunity to harvest some caribou over all other consumptive uses. So where do we want to go with this? Tim.

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10 MR. LaPORTE: I don't know, once again this Board is -- it only has jurisdiction over subsistence on Federal lands and the amount of Federal lands in that particular area there, and the exact area they're talking about that we have jurisdiction over, the staff reports show that no guides are being issued permits to hunt in that area. And just talking with the air tax, as Ron has, the only one that was hunting in that area years ago, I guess, was Eddie King's outfit there and they're not hunting there anymore, so as far as the number of hunters on the land that we have jurisdiction over, Federal lands, is very small.

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22 And I think it's once again a case -- I hate to see a precedent set by this Board in a very small area of land. Basically we're trying to out-guess where the caribou are going to migrate to and why they're not going down there. And setting a precedent by closing one small geographic area, again, I think would have down the trail further consequences that we probably wouldn't want to have to deal with.

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, I see it as a two-prong approach here. If this Council decides to take any action then the next step is to go to the Board of Game and request the same action be taken. And, you know, instead of going through a Section 804, go to a Tier II situation and close all hunts that may be affecting the area.

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37 MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman.

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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, Russell.

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41 MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman, this is Russell Nelson again. You know, we're talking about that area of land that, you know, I keep hearing that -- people state -- make statements that it's a very small area of land. It's not all that small and it's a very key area of land. You're talking about the mountain passes where the caribou are really -- where they all have to come together to go through a very small pass, that one hunter could stand there and block off a whole herd. We're not talking about a nice big open area where the caribou

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can go to the right or to the left of the hunters. So I think that it's a real key area, although it's not that great in size. You know, you got to look at it as being a very key area that you have control over and that you can say, hey look, let's stop this sport hunting in this one small area, we're not asking for the Peninsula, we're asking for a small key area to allow the caribou to come through.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you. Come on up.

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11 MR. KNAUER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill Knauer and just a procedural thing here. The Regional Council could choose to submit a proposal regarding this. The Regional Council may choose not to submit a proposal. In which case an organization, such as BBNA, could submit a proposal or an individual or a community could submit a proposal. So the mere action or inaction of a Regional Council does not prohibit a proposal from being submitted.

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20 And a proposal that is submitted will come back to this Regional Council for their deliberation and review during their February meeting. So it's possible that you may choose not to and a proposal would be submitted by, maybe, the residents of Ivanof Bay and Perryville or possibly BBNA. So there are multiple avenues that could be pursued there.

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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: Thank you.

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29 MR. ABRAHAM: I move that Bristol Bay Native Corporation (sic) work with Ivanof Bay and whoever, small village down there, to make a proposal to be presented to the Regional Board. And when it comes back to us, you know, like, we can deliberate on that.

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35 MR. STEPANOFF: That's for Chigniks, too.

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37 MR. ABRAHAM: Um-hum.

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39 MR. NELSON: Does that mean that this proposal that Ivanof Bay has submitted along with BBNA that you're rejecting this proposal and saying you want us to submit another one? I'm not really understanding what this motion does 'cause we've done a lot of work on this already.

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45 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, that is exactly the proposal that BBNA has submitted on behalf of Ivanoff and Perryville.

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48 MR. ABRAHAM: Oh, okay, I'm sorry.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: They've gone through that process  
 2 already the way I understand it. New information? What I  
 3 stated was that this proposal here before us is from Ivanof  
 4 Bay, Perryville and in conjunction with BBNA already. His  
 5 motion is saying, well, go back and redo it again and come back  
 6 again and I don't think that's .....

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8 MR. ABRAHAM: No, I take it back.

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10 MR. SAMUELSEN: The proposal is before us right now.

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12 MR. ABRAHAM: Oh, okay. You want me to make a motion  
 13 to resubmit this proposal back to the Board?

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: I'm going to put a committee together  
 16 of Sam and Bobby to get together with staff, we're going to  
 17 take a five minute break. I know Sam is dying to make a  
 18 motion, but what kind of motion he's dying to make is unclear  
 19 on how it's going to come out. And with BBNA, so you guys get  
 20 your heads together and try to figure out how we're going to  
 21 attack this problem, if we are going to attack it. And Peter  
 22 I will go have a smoke break while you're in there.

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24 (Off record)

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26 (On record)

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Call the meeting back to order.

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30 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah, I'll make a motion that we  
 31 accept 30B to the Federal Board.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Is there a second?

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35 MR. ABRAHAM: Second.

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: This motion is made based on the  
 38 information based on we received from two individual, Glenn and  
 39 Archie Kalmakoff, and -- .....

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41 MR. CHRISTENSEN: And Ron Hood.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: ..... and Ron Hood? Any other  
 44 discussion?

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46 MR. STEPANOFF: That would also include Chigniks.

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48 MR. ABRAHAM: Question.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, it's all those villages on  
the .....

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4 MR. STEPANOFF: Okay.

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6 MR. LaPORTE: Question.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: The question has been called for. All  
those in favor signify by saying aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: Opposed same sign.

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15 MR. LaPORTE: Aye.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: One opposed. Okay, that proposal will  
be put forth to the Federal Subsistence Board. Thank you,  
Archie and Glenn.

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21 MR. ARCHIE KALMAKOFF: Thank you. We really couldn't  
get what was going on there, guess we got a bad connection  
here, okay?

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, okay. They need to be here for  
30C?

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28 MR. NELSON: I don't think so.

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: No. Okay, we'll be moving on to J,  
Proposal 30C.

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33 (Off record comments -- Ms. Savage passing out maps)

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35 MS. SAVAGE: My name is Susan Savage and I work in  
Subsistence for Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve. The  
Fish & Wildlife Service Regional office, Subsistence office,  
assisted in the compilation of the caribou tags for 9(E) and  
they subtracted out a subset of data which I've reproduced on  
the chart right there between Robin and Bob. And the chart  
that they produced separated the hunt for on Federal land,  
unknown land status and off Federal land. And this was data  
for 1989 through 1993.

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45 And I have data from our concession files for 1990,  
91, '92 and incomplete data for 1993. But before I get into  
that specific data I would like to tell you about our guide  
program at Aniakchak, if I can find my notes.

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1 Guided hunting is allowed under the Limited Concession  
 Permit Program of the National Park Service. Guided hunting is  
 allowed in Aniakchak National Preserve only, not within  
 Aniakchak Monument, that's one reason I passed this map out.  
 Only qualified subsistence hunters are allowed to use Aniakchak  
 National Monument. The allowance for guided hunting comes from  
 ANILCA, Section 203. Most NPS units, as you probably know, in  
 the Lower 48 do not allow any consumptive use, other than  
 fishing.

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11 Currently at Aniakchak there are four valid hunting  
 guide permits, Cinder River Lodge by Gary King, Katmai Guide  
 Service which is Joe Klutsch, King Guiding Service, J. King,  
 and Painter Creek Lodge which is Ed Grasser. These permits are  
 given out through a competitive bidding process. The last  
 bidding process was in 1989. NPS was in the process of  
 rebidding those permits, however, we are on hold with this  
 program.

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20 When I wrote this statement out because we were  
 anticipating a change in the concession program from a change  
 in legislation. Bill just told me a minute ago that that  
 pending legislation did not pass Congress this session and  
 we're hoping that it will come again on the floor next year.  
 Right now the program will continue as it is under an  
 extension of the current permitting process. We were hoping  
 the bill pass because it would give the Park Service a lot more  
 power to regulate all of its concession's business.

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30 We do anticipate that when we do get on line with this  
 program there will only be two permits at Aniakchak instead of  
 the four permits that we have now. All permits that are issued  
 in the future will have to meet ANILCA, Section 810 analysis,  
 which does look at impact of the permit on the subsistence  
 users.

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37 In the past hunting guide reported how many clients  
 they had and the success of each of those clients and that is  
 why I have data for '90, '91 and '92. In '93, somehow that  
 little requirement slipped by us and we didn't get very good  
 data, that's why I have guesstimates from 1993 and we hope to  
 recoup our data in '94 and have again a complete picture of our  
 guided use in 1994.

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45 What I did, as I said, I know how many animals were  
 taken under the guided program and then I looked at the data  
 that was given to me by Fish & Wildlife, the Anchorage, other  
 Alaska and non-Alaska numbers were summed up and I subtracted  
 how many I knew that were taken guided and that gave me my

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unguided number. So the top two lines are basically a summary of what we know for sport hunters.

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4 As you can see from the data I only have one tag that was returned in 1993 for customary and traditional users, so I don't have a lot of data through the Federal tag process that indicates that subsistence people are using the Aniakchak area. So this is an advertisement to get out and get people sending their tags in.

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11 MR. CHRISTENSEN: For caribou?

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13 MS. SAVAGE: This is for caribou, yes. I'm also not sure what the total Aniakchak unit is because -- do you have a map on that, Dave? Because it includes just more than the Aniakchak Monument and Preserve.

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18 MR. FISHER: I don't have a map on it, but it does include more than the monument.

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21 MS. SAVAGE: Yes. And more than the Preserve also?

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23 MR. FISHER: Yes.

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25 MS. SAVAGE: Okay. As far as biological data for the area I only made one map of this. The Fish & Game has two trend areas -- okay, well, let me get down to moose. For moose we didn't have the benefit of the tag summarization that Fish & Wildlife wasn't able to do moose. And all I know for moose is for guided hunters, they had 12 moose taken in 1990; eight in '91; 11 in '92; and at least three in '93 and probably more.

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33 For biological data for moose we have two trend areas, one is the Cinder River trend area and one is the Pacific trend area. We have great difficulty getting down there to do surveys because of lack of funding and lack of snow. Moose surveys require good snow cover. The Pacific trend area, as you can see, is partly on Park Service land and partly on Fish & Wildlife Serviceland and that was last done in 1983. And the Cinder River trend area was done by Park Service staff last winter, in 1993.

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43 MR. CHRISTENSEN: In '93, I turned in two moose tickets, you haven't got it there.

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46 MS. SAVAGE: I don't have the total, all I have for moose is the guided numbers, I do not have totals.

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49 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Nobody from the village then?

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2 MS. SAVAGE: No, I don't.  
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4 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Because I know we got six from up  
Here in Aniakchak.  
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7 MS. SAVAGE: I think Fish & Wildlife was overwhelmed  
with, what, 8,000 some tags for caribou that they didn't have  
time to get to moose, is that correct?  
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11 MR. FISHER: (Nods affirmative)  
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13 MS. SAVAGE: So that's what I have for my information.  
14 In the fall of 1993 we had a pretty extensive patrolling of  
Aniakchak by our rangers and pilots. And that was probably  
because that was an open season -- we had a bear season and  
they were very heavily patrolling the bear hunt. The past fall  
we did not have as much patrol in that area. One reason was  
that one of our rangers recently took a position at Denali and  
he was not available for doing those patrols this fall.  
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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any questions of Susan?  
Anything else, Susan?  
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25 MS. SAVAGE: No.  
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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. Any public comment?  
Ted.  
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30 MR. KRIEG: Ted Krieg, BBNA Natural Resources. The  
issues for this proposal are real similar to the discussion  
that we just had for Proposal 30B, you know, where we wanted to  
use local traditional knowledge, there's a shortage of moose  
and caribou on that Pacific side of the Alaska Peninsula and we  
were, you know, searching for answers, you know, to try to  
solve this problem and what we came up with was closing the,  
you know, the Preserve part of Aniakchak Monument. You know, I  
don't have much to add, so to help things move along I'll just  
ask for questions and then turn it over to anybody else.  
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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any questions of Ted? None, okay.  
Russell.  
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44 MR. NELSON: Russell Nelson, BBNA. Behind Robin  
here's a map on the wall of the ownership or lack of ownership  
of patterns of Aniakchak. And I was just informed during a  
break by Susan Savage that some of my area is a little wrong,  
some of that pink I took a green pencil and went up and just  
crosshatched it a little bit and I'll have to revise that map  
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When I get home.

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3 But actually more of that land is controllable by your  
 4 actions than what we previously thought. Actually up on the  
 5 northern part, where the green is, it goes over about half the  
 6 distance, Susan can point it out to you.

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8 MS. SAVAGE: This part is private, but this part is --  
 9 it's mineral rights, but not surface rights and that part is  
 10 open to the Federal subsistence program and also some of this  
 11 is here.

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13 MR. NELSON: So it actually is more land than I first  
 14 realized that the Council has control over. We do have the  
 15 same problem -- I'm sorry that I wasn't able to get a hold of  
 16 Roy Stonberg, he was -- so that he could testify by  
 17 teleconference. He was still in that AFN Convention or, you  
 18 know, he was there when I was trying to get a hold of him. We  
 19 do have the same problems as in the other areas.

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21 The people of Chignik, the Chignik area, are saying  
 22 that there is a lack of caribou and moose in those area, also,  
 23 so we would like to -- when this proposal was tabled at the  
 24 last Regional Advisory Council level, the reason for tabling  
 25 it, if you look in the minutes, was because a question of land  
 26 ownership patterns in there. And if there was -- if this was  
 27 Native corporation lands or village selected lands or what the  
 28 lands status problem. And we couldn't answer that at the time,  
 29 we didn't have this map, we didn't really know, so what we did  
 30 was table it until things like this could be cleared up. Now  
 31 we do realize that there is a lot of Federal land in there and  
 32 those are the lands that we are talking about in this proposal,  
 33 so we would like to .....

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35 MR. STEPANOFF: Excuse me. Speaking of Roy, the day I  
 36 was coming up he got in, he's home.

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38 MR. NELSON: Okay, I wasn't able to get a hold of him  
 39 while I was calling that's why I haven't been able to -- I was  
 40 hoping that I could get a hold of him and have him on  
 41 teleconference, but when I called he wasn't there, there was no  
 42 one home.

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44 MR. STEPANOFF: It would be nice to get a hold of him,  
 45 you know. Could be home now.

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47 MR. NELSON: Do you have -- I guess we do have the  
 48 number, we could try to call him, if the Council would like us  
 49 to.

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2 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, he had a lot to say.  
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4 MR. LaPORTE: I got a question. The way I read this  
proposal here, this proposal is to close the entire Aniakchak  
National Preserve?  
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8 MR. NELSON: Yes.  
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10 MR. LaPORTE: To sport hunting?  
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12 MR. NELSON: Yes. But if you'll see that some of the  
land that you're pointing to on there is not controlled by the  
Federal subsistence regulations, it's controlled by State  
regulations because it's Native owned or Native conveyed lands,  
which is the pink up there, with the exclusion of what Susan  
went up and point out and said that that was subsurface rights  
on those area and so those are controlled. And what you'll  
find is it's the river valley that runs up there and goes off  
the areas we're talking about, where the migration actually  
occurs.  
22  
23 MR. LaPORTE: The Cinder River?  
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25 MR. NELSON: Yes, the Cinder River and the other river,  
the .....  
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28 MS. SAVAGE: Aniakchak.  
29  
30 MR. NELSON: Yeah, the Aniakchak River where it comes  
out of the Preserve. You'll see where the passes are through  
there.  
33  
34 MR. LaPORTE: Some of your last justification on the  
last one is because it's a defined narrow valley .....  
36  
37 MR. NELSON: Yes.  
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39 MR. LaPORTE: ..... this is a very wide area that is  
not confined. I mean, even though there is one river valley  
that goes through there -- I mean, just the terrain, the  
mountains and that are not something that are going to keep  
caribou from varying their migration path.  
44  
45 MR. NELSON: Yeah, well, we believe it is a small area.  
It's not that big that area when you see it on a blown up map,  
it looks like a big area if you look on a smaller scaled map.  
Aniakchak on this map over here is a very small area compared  
to on this on where it's blown up. You're not talking about a  
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lot of land, stretching across that valley where the river goes through, that is Federal lands.

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4 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any other questions of Russell? Okay, thank you.

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7 MS. SAVAGE: Can I?

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sure, Susan.

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11 MS. SAVAGE: I do have a few more comments. One thing that in my interactions with the Aniakchak Resource Commission I think, and correct me if I'm wrong -- and this is where it would be good to have Roy on the line. A lot of hunting by local subsistence users is along the coast and as you can see a lot of that area is in private land ownership, so the Federal subsistence program can't help people -- subsistence hunters that are coastal hunters. They could help them, yes, when they are wanting to hunt in the Aniakchak River valley that is the, or the Cinder River valley.

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22 My suspicion is that a lot of commercial fishermen who are not local when they are returning to their ports in Kodiak or Prince William Sound or wherever I think that they often hunt along the Aniakchak coast and possibly compete for resources that subsistence users may want to take.

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28 I think, also, that there are other options available besides closing it to all sport users. We will have within a few years time a better directed guided program. And we can take input from this Council and from the Aniakchak Subsistence Resource Council to try to limit the spike camps that are used by guides and/or the number of clients that are used by guides.

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35 So, you know, I would recommend that we could try those other options before you totally close the area to sport -- all sport use. That's my opinion.

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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: Based on the comments, Susan, Alaska Bowhunters Association of Anchorage, archery association out of Fairbanks, seems like this is a pretty popular hunting area for the archery people?

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44 MS. SAVAGE: I'm not aware of that, but I have not been down there to see for myself, so if they say they're going down there, then I guess they are.

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48 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, it's just their comment here on page 30-15.

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1  
2 MS. SAVAGE: They tend to comment on everything whether  
they're actually users or not.  
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5 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah.  
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7 MR. CHRISTENSEN: It's tough country.  
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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Is it? Well, we're trying to get Roy  
\$tonberg on the phone here.  
11  
12 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Close it to all guides in the Alaskan  
Preserve area anyway. We'll get rid of Klutsch and it would be  
enough just to get rid of him.  
15  
16 MR. SAMUELSEN: For planning purposes while they're  
getting Roy on the phone we'll go until about 5:30 this evening  
and then break until in the morning.  
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20 MS. MARTINEZ: He's telling you we're not going to work  
tonight.  
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23 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Is that right?  
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25 MS. MARTINEZ: Is that what you said, we're not going  
to work after 5:30?  
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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, we announced it on the radio. We  
announced it on the radio that we're here and we can announce  
on the radio that we're not going to be here tonight. You  
know, if they haven't come in. Tim, do you think people will  
come in tonight?  
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34 MR. LaPORTE: Wassie, you're the boss.  
35  
36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Wassie, do you think people will want  
to come in and testify tonight or -- they'll have the  
opportunity in the morning also.  
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40 MR. BALLUTA: Probably wait till morning.  
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42 MR. SAMUELSEN: Morning, okay. Well, we'll go to 5:30  
tonight or thereabouts and then break.  
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45 (Off record)  
46  
47 (On record)  
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49 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll go back on record. We got  
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Roy Stonberg on the line. Welcome, Roy.

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3 MR. STONBERG: Good afternoon.

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5 MR. STEPANOFF: Okay, you can hear me. This is Robin,  
I'm Chairing the Federal Subsistence meeting. Do you have  
6 questions of Roy? Sam has got some questions for you.

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9 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, Roy, Sam. Remember me?

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11 MR. STONBERG: I heard you say hello and that was it.

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13 MR. STEPANOFF: Okay, how now?

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15 MR. STONBERG: (indiscernible - breaking up)

16 Mr. Stepanoff. What's your question, Sam?

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18 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, you seem to be cutting off or  
something.

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21 MR. STONBERG: No, I'm right here (ph), but I just  
can't once in a while hear you, so give it a whirl again.

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24 MR. STEPANOFF: Okay, we're just going to start now and  
we'll let you know what's happening here.

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27 MR. STONBERG: What you starting on?

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, Susan Savage is going to come up.  
30 Susan.

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32 MS. SAVAGE: Did you want me to give my whole report  
again or?

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35 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, just give a brief synopsis of  
your report.

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38 MS. SAVAGE: Roy, what I did was I presented data which  
showed how many caribou were taken by guided sport users and  
40 unguided sport users.

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42 MR. STONBERG: Can you speak up a little louder I can  
barely hear you.

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45 MS. SAVAGE: Well, we've been having a little trouble  
with this telephone communication. Can you hear me any better  
47 now?

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49 MR. STONBERG: Oh, yeah, I can hear you lots louder.

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1  
2 MS. SAVAGE: Okay. What I did was I gave report on how  
many animals were taking in Aniakchak National Preserve by  
guide users and by unguided users. And for caribou in 1990; 19  
were taken by guide, zero by unguided; '91, 20 were taken by  
guided sport hunters, two by unguided; in '92, 11 were taken by  
guide sport hunters and one by unguided sport hunter; in '93, I  
don't have complete data from all my guides, so that I know at  
least one caribou was taken by a guided sport hunter and less  
than 26 were taken by unguided sport hunters. That's for  
caribou. We only have a report of one caribou taken by a  
subsistence user in the Aniakchak area on Federal land and that  
was in 1993.

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15 For moose I only have data for guided hunters and in  
1990 there was 12 moose taken; and in '91 there were eight  
moose taken; and in '92 there were 11 moose taken; and in '93 I  
know there were, at least, two moose taken, but I only have a  
report from guide.

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21 We have biological data only, we have two trend areas  
that we do in cooperation with ADF&G, one is in the Cinder  
River valley and that was done last winter in '93. And one is  
on the Pacific side, half of it is on Park Service land and  
half of it is on Fish & Wildlife Service land, that's up around  
Anber Bay and north of there. That trend area has not been  
counted since 1983 so we don't have very good biological data  
for that area.

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30 MR. STONBERG: You're cutting out. You're breaking up.

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32 MS. SAVAGE: Okay. So I think I presented data on how  
many animals are being taken by guided hunters and a little bit  
of data on unguided harvests and .....

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36 MR. STONBERG: The Feds (ph) are playing Howdy Doody,  
we get to know exactly what it -- after everything has been  
happening and stuff like that. I didn't know they had that  
many guided hunters out there. Boy, too bad they don't let  
people know ahead of time. There some guide that can go out  
there, you know, watching (ph) themselves. What I seen is a  
lot better than what you hear or see on paper. You hear me?

43  
44 MS. SAVAGE: Yeah, I don't know -- you know, I don't  
have the data for unguided moose hunters, it has not been  
accumulated from ADF&G files. And, you know, we'd have to rely  
on, you know, you may have better observations than what we  
have and we're ready to listen to that.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Roy, why don't you give us a little  
 2 synopsis, this is Robin, on what's happening down there from  
 3 your point of view as far as .....

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5 MR. STONBERG: Well, from my point of view, like I say,  
 6 for the last three or four God-damn years it's really been  
 7 declining down here, especially on the caribou. Like, they're  
 8 saying that the subsistence hunters is killing them off, but  
 9 that's pile of bullshit. What's killing them off is the head  
 10 hunters coming in from -- I don't know if they come in from  
 11 Anchorage or Fairbanks or wherever, Lower 48, but they sure do  
 12 a good job on killing them off for us.

13

14 Like I said, it should be closed from South Naknek down  
 15 this way and just for subsistence hunters only. Hell with them  
 16 head hunters, let them go somewhere else where the caribou are  
 17 thicker.

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19 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, are you meeting your subsistence  
 20 needs, Roy? Are the people down there meeting their  
 21 subsistence needs?

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23 MR. STONBERG: That's why I got my crab pots out and  
 24 sending crab up to Port Heiden and Pilot Point to get some  
 25 caribou. The last five-six years I haven't shot a caribou  
 26 myself.

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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30 MR. STONBERG: Like I say, it's getting worse instead  
 31 of better.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other questions of Roy?

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35 MR. STONBERG: I can't hear you coming in. Breaking in  
 36 and out there, Robin.

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38 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, I'm asking the Council if there's  
 39 any further questions.

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41 MR. STEPANOFF: There was another thing about, .....

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Speak in your mic.

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45 MR. STEPANOFF: ..... you know, shellfish down there.

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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: Oh, don't bring up shellfish, we'll  
 48 deal with that on another issues. Just stick to caribou.

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1 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, I guess we're talking about  
2 caribou now, Roy, this is Sam, we'll talk about shellfish .....

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4 MR. STONBERG: That's right (ph), Sam, that's what I'm  
5 saying, the caribou are mighty scarce around this part of the  
6 country.

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8 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, you got that right. Yeah, we're  
9 all arguing about it here now.

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11 MR. STONBERG: Yeah, right after September month there  
12 you don't see no more caribou hardly around, you know. You see  
13 a few, like, in July and August before the season opens up, but  
14 then when you go out hunting them yourself in September you  
15 come back home pretty disappointment (sic).

16  
17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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19 MR. STONBERG: I think those there are those guides or  
20 hunters, whoever brings those guys with those planes can land  
21 them up inside of Aniakchak, you know, if we aren't finding  
22 stuff over there, doing a big damage to us. Nice to have those  
23 airstrips out there, but by gosh, it's really raising hell with  
24 our subsistence style.

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26 MR. SAMUELSEN: Has the guiding activity increased down  
27 in that area, Roy, in the last five years?

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29 MR. STONBERG: Pardon?

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31 MR. SAMUELSEN: Has the guiding activity increased in  
32 that area in the last five-six years in your estimation?

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34 MR. STONBERG: Well, it seems like it. It sure seems  
35 like it increase because I didn't realize there was so much  
36 hunting going on here until when I head into Anchorage -- head  
37 to King Salmon for meetings and I get up there and see all  
38 those horns and stuff laying (ph) outside of Port Heiden and  
39 King Salmon that's flying into Anchorage. It's a surprise that  
40 I have to think -- what all you see is all the horns, but not  
41 very much meat.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah, okay, thanks.

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45 MR. STONBERG: Like they say, they always give the  
46 villages meat. And I've been -- in the last 10 years, I  
47 haven't seen one ounce of caribou or moose ever come into  
48 Chignik from the guides.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other questions? Okay,  
2 thank you then, Roy.

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4 MR. STONBERG: You bet. Thanks a lot for getting me on  
5 here, I appreciate it.

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, bye now.

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9 MR. STONBERG: Okay, bye.

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11 MR. SAMUELSEN: Someone may want to disconnect that  
12 telephone.

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14 MS. SAVAGE: I think I'd have to clarify again. I  
15 think the same thing that's going on here that we were looking  
16 for 30A, that really the guiding hasn't increase, but  
17 possibly the outfitted unguided sport hunter is possibly  
18 increasing, but we have a pretty good handle on what's going on  
19 with the guides. And we haven't increased the number of guides  
20 Aniakchak, as a matter of fact, it's gone down by one. And  
21 it will go down further in the future. And they're, you know,  
22 taking, on average, 15 animals from the Preserve area. But,  
23 you know, we don't have tags that say unguided sport hunters  
24 are taking a lot of caribou from the Preserve either.

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26 MR. SAMUELSEN: There might not be a lot of caribou in  
27 the preserve.

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29 MS. SAVAGE: Well, I think that's another point to be  
30 made, is that we really don't know totally what's going on with  
31 caribou, but caribou do move around and, unfortunately, where  
32 they may have been a lot of caribou in the coastal areas 20  
33 years, there obviously -- for naturally or other reasons there  
34 are not caribou there now. But it could be natural reasons, it  
35 may not be sport hunters that are influencing them. And as a  
36 biologist I cannot say because I have not had a chance to  
37 observe it and I don't have data to support that claim.

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39 MR. STEPANOFF: And then again, you know, when all the  
40 leaders are all being killed off and the rest of them don't  
41 know where to go.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: I think it's another one of them --  
44 like I stated earlier, you know, we identified the problem, we  
45 don't the cause is, but we do know that subsistence users are  
46 not meeting their subsistence needs in that area, so where do  
47 we go from here? We keep coming up against this wall and I've  
48 talked to Roy before and a number of people down in that area,  
49 Perryville, Chigniks and they're just totally frustrated with

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the regulatory process because they've gone out time and time again and they're coming home empty handed. In fact, he wanted to trade me some caribou meat for crab because that's all he's got to trade. He's summed it up pretty good. So what do you want to do here, Board members?

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7 MR. LaPORTE: I think that's a very valid point, too, where in areas where there's different caribou migrations, different -- Helen Joseph was just telling me this morning that she trades caribou meat up in Kipnuk and up in the Bethel area for berries and other meat that direction, so it's something that, you know, I think the guys down at Chignik and that -- he said he's trading crab meat for Port Heiden caribou, so that's a good way of trading off the resources too. Utilizing the resources.

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17 MR. SAMUELSEN: Um-hum.

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19 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, but then again, you know, like in this trading business that gets a little old after a while.

21 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Whole village trading.

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23 MR. LaPORTE: Yeah, but if you don't have any -- if there aren't the caribou populations there, no matter what, and you want caribou you got to get it from somewhere.

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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, Susan has indicated that she doesn't the extent of the non-guided caribou hunt in this area, right?

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31 MS. SAVAGE: Well, I don't know for moose, the unguided for caribou looks pretty small, unless people aren't turning their tags in. Or unless they -- well, unless they've been added improperly, which is possible. I think, you know, caribou are moving north in the fall and mostly are out of the Aniakchak area by the time that most sport hunters are interested in going there, so that's, you know, one reason we encourage the Federal subsistence season to be brought back to July was to help people in Perryville and Ivanof Bay because, you know, they basically said by August, September, October the caribou were gone from their area. And the numbers don't show that sport hunters are really getting that many caribou in that area. So, you know, I think the animals just aren't there.

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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: The 26 and under that they might have gotten could have been gotten by potentially subsistence user of the villages of Chignik, Perryville, et cetera.

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1 MS. SAVAGE: That's possible.

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3 MR. STEPANOFF: You know, I was born and raised in  
Perryville until I was 12 and then we used to go out hunting  
when I was 12 and we had caribou year around, we'd go out and  
get them, they were there. Now, you walk for miles or rode  
bikes, you know, miles and miles, there's none, like, Ivanof,  
you know, there's no caribou down there at all.

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10 MR. CHRISTENSEN: We probably send over 30 to  
Perryville, 30 to 40 to Chignik Lake, God knows how much to  
Chignik Bay. For years and years you know. Just the other day  
they sent over four caribou. People back home, you know, shoot  
them for people over there.

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16 MR. STEPANOFF: Yeah, I go up to Port Heiden to do my  
hunting, just to get caribou from Chignik.

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19 MR. CHRISTENSEN: There's no more down that way. It's  
sad, because I had an elderly call me from Perryville, I don't  
even know who this guy is and he wanted a caribou and we sent  
him down one.

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, what do you guys want to do; do  
you want to adopt Proposal 30C, need a motion? Turn it down?

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27 MR. BALLUTA: Mr. Chairman, can I?

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sure, public comment is always welcome.

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31 MR. BALLUTA: My name is Wassie Balluta from Illiamna  
here and I'd like to support the people that are having  
frustration with their caribou down in the lower end of the  
peninsula. I think, you know, or it seems like every time we  
ask the State or the Federal people what's the problem, they  
don't know. And I think they're getting paid to know what the  
problem is, you know, the biologists and everything else.

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39 Also I've been with Lake Clark (ph) Peninsula Borough  
and we've been trying to get permit so we can know how many  
hunters are in the whole area, so we can kind of control them  
also. And I think this has got to be supported by the Federal  
subsistence, so we'll know how many people are in our area  
hunting. And this could be a problem up here pretty soon up in  
the lake area here. I mean, our caribou move around quite a  
bit, I mean, they don't stay in one place.

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48 I think that if we don't start watching our game  
management and our biologist not doing their job, we going to

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all be wondering what happened to the animals. And the Federal Board, I think, it's you guy's decision. You got to support the subsistence lifestyle of the Natives, that's your job and that's the first priority and I think that's what you got to take care of. That's what I want to see done by this Board here, 'cause I think you got to meet the needs of the people.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: You're absolutely right, I agree with you 100 percent, it's Natives and non-Natives are subsistence users. Sam.

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12 MR. STEPANOFF: Balluta has a point, a real good point there.

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15 MR. BALLUTA: It seems like every time we ask, even our local biologist here in Bristol Bay and the Park Service, seems like they couldn't get together and decide how many caribou or how many moose in the area. They're arguing about the numbers. Seems like we're having a problem with that.

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you, Wassie. Council members? Is there a motion?

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24 MR. ABRAHAM: What you're saying right now and from what I heard from Susan and everybody the caribou is declining down there, isn't that right?

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28 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Right, that's right?

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30 MS. SAVAGE: No, the whole herd is.

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32 MR. CHRISTENSEN: The whole herd is declining.

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34 MR. ABRAHAM: Possible for U.S. Fish & Wildlife or somebody to study those?

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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: They are.

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39 MR. ABRAHAM: They're studying them?

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: I'd like to pass the Chair back to Sam again and make a motion. Thank you, Sam. I move that we adopt Proposal 30C.

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45 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I'll second.

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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chairman, based on the public testimony that we've heard, not only here, but in past meetings, as well as staff reports, we don't know what the

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problem is down in the Aniakchak National Preserve and why the caribou and moose are not migrating to the Pacific side. However, one thing we do know is that the subsistence users that reside in the villages on the Pacific side are not meeting their subsistence needs. As we heard from Roy Stonberg, the Kalmakoff brothers, in our package here we have resolutions from the Ivanof Bay Traditional Council.

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9 I think that -- we also have comment in our packet from non-subsistence users that say they're not affecting the hunt, but quite frankly we don't know why those caribou were not moving to the Pacific side. Susan has presented us data that shows 26 unguided -- 26 and under unguided caribou were taken in 1993. We do see a rise in the unguided sport hunts throughout the Peninsula, as well as in the Bristol Bay drainages and we seem to have a pretty good control on the guided hunts through the different PUMP plans that we have in effect throughout the different monuments and preserves.

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20 So I have very little biological data to base my motion on, but I have enough data that I think that there's a problem down there and it's been clearly illustrated by the Traditional Councils in that area that their subsistence needs aren't being met.

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26 MR. STEPANOFF: Any more discussion?

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28 MR. SAMUELSEN: I have more question. Susan, is Peninsula Airways running into this area? Are they flying hunters as far down as there, do you know?

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32 MS. SAVAGE: I believe that PenAir has a commercial use license for Aniakchak and so I think that's correct.

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35 MR. SAMUELSEN: Is there any other "commercial airlines"?

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38 MS. SAVAGE: Probably Branch River Air and the people that have, already, a guide permit for the area are probably the major commercial outfitter/transportation for that area.

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42 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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44 MS. SAVAGE: I can get you a list of the commercial use licenses that are air taxis for Aniakchak.

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47 MR. LaPORTE: Another thing along with that, at this point, now get -- oh, under the new -- air taxis have to keep back of the specific areas that they haul their hunters to and

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the number of animals taken. That information should be available through the big game -- what's it .....

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4 MR. SAMUELSEN: The Guiding Commission?

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6 MR. LaPORTE: No, it's .....

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8 MR. MORRISON: Commercial Service.

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10 MR. LaPORTE: .....

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12 MS. SAVAGE: Is that a Federal or a State?

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14 MR. LaPORTE: That's a State.

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16 MR. MORRISON: It's in the State Department of Commerce.

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19 MR. LaPORTE: Yeah, but I think, I mean, every air taxi in the state that is hunting has to have a meat hauler's license and they have to -- every hunter that goes in the field has to fill out -- there's a form you fill out that shows specific areas, they even want latitude and longitude of where they're taken, so it would be real easy to find out whether they're under their commercial use permit is hauling anybody into this area. Or Branch River Service or anybody that has a commercial use permit.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: I guess the extreme side of the issue would be to move to a Section 804, I think it is, Helga said, the Tier II situation, because it's fairly evident that these guys are not meeting their subsistence needs. Susan has mentioned a couple of other alternatives, but I think that we've heard this time and time again that it needs the attention of the Federal Subsistence Board. And any relief that we could get for them subsistence users over on the Pacific side would be greatly appreciated.

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39 And if the Federal Subsistence Board decides -- if this proposal passes, I think, here and the Federal Subsistence Board rectifies it and goes along with our recommendation I guess the next step if no improvement is made is to go to a Section 804 and close all non-subsistence uses as far as up as that herd migrates or whatever.

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46 MS. SAVAGE: Can I make a clarification?

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48 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sure.

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1 MS. SAVAGE: Taylor, correct me if I misspeak, but you  
2 don't go to Section 804 until you have to decide between  
3 subsistence user. An 804 is a part of ANILCA that says this  
4 subsistence users is more qualified than that subsistence user,  
5 but getting rid of sport hunting is not part of the 804  
6 process. It's just closing sport hunting.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, but it's open to all subsistence  
9 users in Alaska on the Pacific side?

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11 MS. SAVAGE: No, because Federal lands are not open to  
12 all State residents.

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14 MR. SAMUELSEN: Oh, okay.

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16 MS. SAVAGE: Federal lands are only open to those  
17 residents who have c&t for that species and for caribou in 9(E)  
18 would be any resident of 9 or 17, is that correct?

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20 MR. BRELSFORD: I'm looking here.

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22 MS. SAVAGE: And for moose, I think it is only  
23 residents of 9, I think.

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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27 MS. SAVAGE: Why don't you clarify that for me.

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29 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Boy that's screwed up law, because  
30 they let the non-residents come in here to hunt the moose and  
31 caribou, but when you go to 804 .....

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33 (Indiscernible -- various people talking at once)

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35 MS. SAVAGE: Right, that's what I'm trying to say,  
36 you'd have to first close it to non-qualified .....

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38 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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42 MS. SAVAGE: To sport hunters.

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44 MR. BRELSFORD: Right, the steps would be first the  
45 closure to non-Federally qualified subsistence users and then  
46 distinguish among the Federally qualified users.

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48 MS. SAVAGE: And that's 804.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: And that's what I was talking about.  
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3 MS. SAVAGE: Yeah.  
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5 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.  
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7 MS. SAVAGE: But for caribou in 9(E) rural residents of  
8 9(B), 9(C), 9(E), 17 and residents of Nelson Lagoon and Sand  
9 Point qualify for caribou. And for moose in 9(E) rural  
10 residents of 9(A), (B), (C) and (E), but not 9(D).  
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12 MR. SAMUELSEN: I guess what i was saying then, if we  
13 adopt this here and make a recommendation to the Board and the  
14 Board adopts it then the next step is just to distinguish?  
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16 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.  
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18 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you for that clarification.  
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20 MR. STEPANOFF: Mr. Chair.  
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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: Go ahead, Sam.  
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24 MR. STEPANOFF: Could it be, like, closed off for two  
25 years for trophy hunters so that population would grow again?  
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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: We could put a sunset clause on our  
28 recommendation.  
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30 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman, procedurally right now we  
31 are in a proposal period, so any recommendation right now would  
32 be to submit a proposal. This is not the time nor the place to  
33 make a recommendation to the Board on a proposal, so what you  
34 would do now is you would submit the proposal and then during  
35 your February meeting when all the staff analysis is available  
36 you would then debate and make your recommendation to the  
37 Federal Subsistence Board at that time.  
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39 And at that time you might -- you could put something  
40 in a proposal now that would indicate that you feel that this  
41 is necessary for just a certain period of time or during your  
42 discussion and recommendation to the Board from your February  
43 meeting you could indicate a recommendation for, as you say, a  
44 sunset clause. So what you're doing right now is making a  
45 recommendation to submit a proposal to the Board.  
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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, we still need to have some  
48 justification on making our recommendation, don't we? For the  
49 record?  
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2 MR. KNAUER: You would have some justification for  
3 submitting your proposal, yes.

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5 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Susan what were the  
6 recommendations you said you could be doing in the next couple  
7 of years down there?

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9 MS. SAVAGE: Well, right now with guided hunters we can  
10 take into consideration where they locate their spike camps. I  
11 have heard some people complain that spike camps are located in  
12 places that were traditionally use, we can consider those. We  
13 need to get active specific comments from local subsistence  
14 users. We can also limit the number of clients that they bring  
15 in and the number -- just like Ron was saying, he has, you  
16 know, no clients for moose or caribou for certain guide areas.  
17 We can do some of that limitation. Right now we're sort of in  
18 this limbo area because we're continuing an old permit, you  
19 know, we aren't moving forward on the new permitting process,  
20 so we are kind of in a limbo state right now.

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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you.

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24 MS. SAVAGE: Um-hum.

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26 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, you got it, Sam, we're voting on  
27 my proposal, where are we?

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29 MR. ABRAHAM: You made the proposal and .....

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32 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I seconded it.

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34 MR. ABRAHAM: ..... he seconded it.

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36 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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38 MR. ABRAHAM: Question.

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sam's running the meeting.

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42 MR. STEPANOFF: Everybody in favor of the motion.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 MR. STEPANOFF: Is there any opposed?

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48 MR. LaPORTE: Aye.

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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll move down to -- what time  
2s it? Well, we'll take a five minute break and then we'll go  
3n to 36.

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5 (Off record)

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7 (On record)

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, call the meeting back to order.  
We are on 7K, Taylor.

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12 MR. BRELSFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the  
benefit of the Board members, the item that we'll touch on  
quickly here is at Tab 7K in your book. It's Proposal Number  
35 from last year. It went before your Council in the winter  
meeting, in February of last year and there was some concern  
expressed among the Council members, particularly having to do  
with and early opening in July. So you guys -- Roy essentially  
withdrew this and said he wanted to talk a little bit more with  
people in the village. And that's the recommendation that went  
before the Federal Subsistence Board in April to table this, to  
put off any further action until Roy had a chance to talk a  
little bit more about it.

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25 And what that means is at this point you would have to  
decide whether to proceed, to go ahead and put this back under  
consideration this current year or not. I think since there's  
been a change in the Council membership and Roy is no longer on  
the Council, you may decide that it's no longer an issue you'd  
like to pursue. I can actually summarize what the proposal was  
about, if you'd like, Mr. Chairman.

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Please.

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35 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay. It refers to Unit 9(E) an  
essentially on the north side of the Alaska Peninsula. And it  
asks that the caribou season be changed from August 10th to  
April 30 to a season that would start a little over a month  
earlier, July 1st through September 15th and then a split  
season, the second portion occurring October 30 through April  
30th. In addition, the proposal request that the harvest limit  
be changed from four down to two in the early season, July 1  
through September 15th. And with an additional harvest limit  
of four available for the period October 30th through April  
30th.

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47 So it's an earlier start in the season, a closure  
during the rut period and an increase in the bag limit, but  
only two animals would be taken in the early portion of the  
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season, July 1 through September 15th.

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3 The staff analysis describes some information on  
4 historic and contemporary subsistence harvest practices and  
5 indicates that, at least, in one study there was a record of  
6 subsistence harvest occurring in the second week of August, by  
7 mid August. And it goes on to point out that caribou meat is  
8 widely shared during the month of August as a way to avoid  
9 waste, if you have to store it you share it out with people  
10 when you don't confront that problem.

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12 The main body of the discussion then turns to the  
13 status of the caribou herd and the trends and health of the  
14 herd. And what I recall from our discussions was the point  
15 being made that disturbing the -- with calving and during the  
16 period in which calves are dependent on the cows, disturbance  
17 would potentially have a negative impact. And that this July  
18 opening, the proposed earlier opening in July might have the  
19 effect of disturbing cows during the period -- disturbing  
20 calves and cows during the period when they remain dependent.  
21 And my recollection of my discussion that that was the main  
22 point at which the Council began to hesitate about backing up  
23 the opening date into July from its current position.

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25 So I think, maybe, that's a thumbnail sketch of it.  
26 And if we wanted to reconsider it, maybe we can have Dave or  
27 Ron offer a bit more information on the biology or we can look  
28 for more detail at the staff analysis, if you'd like.

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any questions? Comments? Motion? I'd  
31 like to pass the Chair back over to you, Sam.

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33 I make a motion that we table this Proposal 36  
34 permanently. I believe that the earlier staff reports has  
35 indicated that this caribou is not as healthy as what we all  
36 believed in. According to Ron Hood and a report that I read  
37 from Dick Sellers, it shows a 20 percent decline in the overall  
38 herd population. This decline is contributed to unknown  
39 causes, possibly caribou joining up with the Mulchatna caribou  
40 here, possibly a die off. Of the collared animals that were  
41 collared, the females, I believe, 40 percent of the collared  
42 females died off. They couldn't -- once they got to the  
43 animals they were so decomposed they couldn't figure out why.  
44 We don't know if we have a habitat problem or whatever, but I  
45 believe these people have a reasonable opportunity now with the  
46 present seasons to meet their subsistence needs and extending  
47 this season up here would only have a negative impact on the  
48 caribou population of the North Peninsula caribou herd.

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1 MR. ABRAHAM: I second that motion.  
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3 MR. ABRAHAM: Any more discussion?  
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5 MR. SAMUELSEN: Question.  
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7 MR. STEPANOFF: If not, all those in favor say aye.  
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9 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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11 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Opposed same sign.  
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13 (No opposing responses)  
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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll move on to Proposal 41. Is  
16 that you also, Taylor?  
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18 MR. BRELSFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that would be me and  
19 I've got to figure out which tab we're on, I lost track.  
20  
21 MR. SAMUELSEN: 7L.  
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23 MR. BRELSFORD: Thank you. Okay. I guess I'd like  
24 your guidance, Council members, on how far to proceed in this.  
25 What we had in the original proposal was an effort to create a  
26 unified management approach on the north and south side of the  
27 Naknek River. We found out and under some Board action last  
28 year realized that north of the Naknek River Drainage there's  
29 virtually no Federal land, so we ended up directing our of our  
30 attention to the drainage south of the Naknek River and that  
31 would be principally in the Big Creek area.  
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33 And the proposal, it made several changes, some of them  
34 having to do with the fall season in Unit 9(C), south of the  
35 Naknek River, and some changes in the winter opening in the  
36 Naknek River, outside south drainage of the Naknek River.  
37 Broadly speaking, the effect in the fall was to start earlier  
38 -- in the fall season it would be longer and would  
39 start earlier, on August 10th rather than September 1st and it  
40 would extend through, actually, September 15th, my staff report  
41 was in error there. But the principal question is that it  
42 would start 21 days earlier, on August 10th.  
43  
44 There would additionally, under the original proposal  
45 a State registration permit with the permits only available  
46 the local three villages. And -- Robin, do you want to  
47 treat the fall question first, separately, and then talk about  
48 the winter?  
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1 MR. SAMUELSEN: I think so to avoid confusion here.

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3 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay. Then what I can go on -- the  
4 summary of our discussion on the fall season was to say that it  
5 would not be normal to have a State registration permit  
6 referring to Federal public lands. If the idea here is an  
7 earlier season, but on a permit basis, the jurisdictional  
8 appropriate way to go after it would be to suggest a Federal  
9 registration permit in that period.

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11 I'm stumbling a little here in that most of my  
12 analysis, most of the work that I prepared for you had to do  
13 with this winter opening, the longer winter opening and how to  
14 handle the five permits in the Big Creek area. But I guess if  
15 Dave, I don't know if you're able to bail me out a little  
16 but here on whether there were some biological problems or  
17 consideration involved in the earlier August opening.

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19 MR. FISHER: Looking through my notes here I don't --  
20 Chairman, looking through my notes I don't really see a  
21 problem there in there in the fall, unless Ron has -- Ron can  
22 refute what I've said, he may have a better handle on it than I  
23 do.

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25 MR. BRELSFORD: Actually I found my notes and, Ron, you  
26 can add on if we need. But, Ron, your comments previously were  
27 that the access in the fall time is primarily up to Big Creek,  
28 requires a jet boat or aircraft to get to the Federal land  
29 and so the effect of an early opening would be very limited.  
30 Only a few people with specialized equipment would actually be  
31 able to go up far enough in the drainage to access the Federal  
32 public lands where this earlier opening would be authorized.

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34 MR. HOOD: (Nods affirmative)

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36 MR. BRELSFORD: So I think our conclusion was there  
37 would be little affect, positive or negative, few people would  
38 be able to take advantage of an earlier opening, but it would  
39 not have an impact on the health of the moose population.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. This would be the earliest moose  
42 hunt in the Bristol Bay -- in all of Bristol Bay with an August  
43 10th opening, am I correct? The closest hunt opens August 20th  
44 Nushagak/Mulchatna Drainage.

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46 MR. BRELSFORD: That's my understanding.

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48 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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1 MR. BRELSFORD: And in the proposal the opening date  
2 proposed is August 10th, but the registration permit covers a  
3 period of August 20th forward, so I'm not sure if that was an  
4 error, kind of an inconsistency in the proposal. But August  
5 50th would be the earliest in Bristol Bay at this time. August  
6 20th would be consistent with the hunt on the Nushagak side.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, Council, why don't we just deal  
9 with the fall hunt first and we'll go through our motions and  
10 then we'll come back and make motions on the winter hunt. Is  
11 that agreeable with everybody?

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13 MR. ABRAHAM: I second it.

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: To save confusion? Okay. Anything  
16 else on the fall hunt? Comments?

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18 MR. HOOD: If you're asking Ronald Hood if there's  
19 anything else, to be very honest, we got all of our attention  
20 on the caribou issue and I have not done any thinking or  
21 gathering any back up information on this issue.

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23 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you, Ron. Any other staff  
24 comments? Any public testimony on this proposal? Ted. Pull  
25 up a chair along side Ron there.

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27 MR. KRIEG: Okay, so this is -- we're just talking  
28 about the fall?

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: The fall hunt.

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32 MR. KRIEG: Yeah, this proposal originated from, you  
33 know, meetings that were held with Naknek, King Salmon and  
34 South Naknek Village Councils and they expressed a need for  
35 more time to hunt moose. And -- I guess I left some of my  
36 notes, excuse me for a second.

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38 I guess for that area one of the concerns -- you know,  
39 people have said that in past times, '50's and '60's they could  
40 hunt moose in August and they could always get a moose in  
41 August and that was a good time for them. And if I remember  
42 correctly, Taylor, it seemed like that -- you know, the  
43 information that you had researched on customary and  
44 additional use that fit into their pattern.

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46 And I'm, you know, struggling with a few thing here.  
47 There was a -- I kind of missed the comment, but last fall I  
48 was part of the Katmai Research Project where we did harvest  
49 surveys in the village of South Naknek and it was my

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recollection that a lot of people said that they use their skiffs and they go up Big Creek as far as they can go to hunt moose. And I'm not -- I can't tell you exactly how far that was that they go, but it was -- you know, it was something that they did. And it was important to them and especially in the fall, so I guess I'll just leave it at that, unless there's any questions.

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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Any questions of .....

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11 MR. LaPORTE: Is there a map that shows us this area again here as far as .....

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13 MR. HOOD: I don't know if you can hear me or not over here.

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15 COURT REPORTER: You can just pull that mic over there.

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17 MR. HOOD: Okay, you all be able to hear me now. The area we're talking about is basically Unit 9(C), BCH 01 guide area on the Refuge and that this area, the north end of the Refuge. If you look over here at the map next to it you'll see that there's a township of selected not conveyed lands, so therefore, this is not open for subsistence hunting. It so happens that this selected lands, it lies right on Big Creek and so a person having to access the Refuge has to go all the way to the Three Hills area before they can begin to hunt moose. Those of you familiar with that area.

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19 And that area is only accessible by jet unit. Or in some years when you have high water you can get up there with a skicker, but you better carry several blades along with you. Several extra props. And so that was one of the points we need to make that it is fairly difficult to access it by jet unit or by boat. It is accessible by aircraft and some of the local subsistence user charter aircraft or have their own aircraft and do go out and take moose.

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21 I know of one that was ticketed on the Long Lake area this year by a local subsistence hunter. And so there is some of that available.

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23 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you. Any questions?

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25 MS. COILEY: I'm just so curious. Could you -- I'm just having a really hard understanding. Could you show me the Naknek River? And then could you show me Big Creek? Oh, you're using that map?

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2 MR. HOOD: The Naknek River is here.  
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4 MS. COILEY: Uh-huh.  
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6 MR. HOOD: King Salmon is here.  
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8 MS. COILEY: Yes.  
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10 MR. HOOD: The access is down Big Creek, which is right  
11 through here.  
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13 MS. COILEY: And then where's that piece of selected  
14 land?  
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16 MR. HOOD: That piece of selected land is here which  
17 ends up right here on Big Creek.  
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19 MS. COILEY: Okay. So people can't go through that?  
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21 MR. HOOD: Oh, they can go through it -- they have to  
22 go through it to access down into the moose hunting area, which  
23 is primarily below the forks (ph) down in this area here.  
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25 MR. BRELSFORD: But the earlier opening would only  
26 apply once you get down below that.  
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28 MS. COILEY: That's -- thank you.  
29  
30 MR. HOOD: Yeah, that's the key. It would not apply on  
31 the State lands where most people -- or the selected lands  
32 where most people are moose hunting at that time of year.  
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34 MS. COILEY: Thanks a lot, they're just a little bit  
35 too far away for me to see that.  
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37 MS. SAVAGE: Ron, where's the break between 9(E) and  
38 9(C) there?  
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40 MR. HOOD: It's on the drainage between Big Creek and  
41 the King Salmon, right here. That line right there is the  
42 break.  
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44 MS. SAVAGE: This only applies to 9(C)?  
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46 MR. HOOD: 9(C), that's correct. You know, and a  
47 repeat from what we found out last year and we presented the  
48 information at the Dillingham meeting. We found that later in  
49 the year we have a movement of moose, we think from this area,  
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moving into the Big Creek Drainage. And that seems to be related to the snow depths, the heavier snow you get, the more those animals move that way. That's what the information that we gathered last year and presented to the Board. So in late December and January there are more animals there. They are antlerless at that time.

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8 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you, Ron. Any other comments? I'd like to pass the Chair to you again, Sam, I have a motion I'd like to make.

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12 The motion will read that in Unit 9(C) that portion draining to the Naknek River from the north, one antlered moose, however, during the period August 20th to August 31st bull moose may be taken by Federal registration permit only. The permit must be obtained in the King Salmon vicinity, Federal offices, so it'll be August 20th to August 31st.

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19 MR. FISHER: Are you talking about north or south? I thought you said north there.

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22 MR. HOOD: He did say north, he needs to make that south.

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: South, okay. I was just reading the proposal here. South.

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28 MS. MARTINEZ: Can you state that again, please?

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30 MR. SAMUELSEN: Unit 9(C), that portion of the draining to the Naknek River from the south, one antlered bull, however, during the period August 20th through August 31st bull moose may be taken by a Federal registration permit only. The permit must be obtained from the King Salmon office, I guess.

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36 MS. MARTINEZ: King Salmon Fish & Wildlife Service office?

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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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41 MR. STEPANOFF: Is that the motion?

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43 MR. BRELSFORD: The opening would be then .....

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45 MR. SAMUELSEN: For permit registration hunt would be August 20th to August 31st.

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48 MR. BRELSFORD: And did you have the specific on the open season altogether? I thought you said the season would be

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August 20th through .....

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: Through August 31st for the  
4 registration hunt. We weren't going to touch the second half  
5 until the next motion.

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7 MR. BRELSFORD: Right, I'm wondering, Mr. Chairman,  
8 about the period from August 31st to September 15th, whether  
9 what would remain open as it currently is now or if you're  
10 intending that the only fall opening would be August 20th  
11 through August 31st?

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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: No, then we're open September 1st to  
14 September 15th would be -- I'd call it the general hunt, I  
15 guess.

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17 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay.

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19 MR. SAMUELSEN: It'll be status quo. Got it?

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21 MS. MARTINEZ: I think so.

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23 MR. STEPANOFF: All in favor say aye.

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25 MR. SAMUELSEN: Wait, did somebody second it?

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27 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, I did second it.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. Mr. Chairman, staff has  
30 indicated there's no biological problem of having the season  
31 early. I did take the liberty to call the King Salmon  
32 Traditional Council, which harvest roughly 50 percent of the  
33 moose population in the area that we're talking of, the Big  
34 Creek Drainage area. I asked them if they supported the August  
35 20th opening date and they said they'd be happy with the August  
36 20th opening date on this issue.

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38 That sounds like I need some more clarification on my  
39 motion here.

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41 MR. BRELSFORD: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, I was away.

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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: Maybe what I said I didn't intend here.  
44 Was there something on the motion?

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46 MR. BRELSFORD: I just wanted to verify that all of the  
47 Federal agencies were aware of what the motion was.

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49 MR. SAMUELSEN: Oh, okay.

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2 MR. BRELSFORD: And we're okay about that, we all  
understood your intent.  
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5 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.  
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7 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, I might mention again  
this is a proposal at this stage, it will go out for public  
review and back to you for your formal recommendation at the  
winter meeting. Staff analysis as well.  
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12 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes. That's all the justification I  
had at this time.  
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15 MR. MORRISON: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if you could  
clarify in the period September 1 to September 15 on the  
general hunt the intent for the motion to also make that for  
the antlered bull or for any bull?  
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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: As it reads now it's one antlered bull,  
isn't it?  
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23 MR. MORRISON: You mentioned that for the permit only  
period, August 20 to 31st and I wondered if you intended  
25 .....  
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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: One antlered bull.  
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29 MR. MORRISON: All the way?  
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31 MS. COILEY: All the way.  
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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Um-hum.  
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35 MR. HOOD: Paralleling the State regs.  
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37 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yes. Guess we got to vote on it now,  
Sam.  
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40 MR. BRELSFORD: The State regulation reads one bull,  
not one antlered bull, so they may want to change that.  
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43 MR. SAMUELSEN: I thought the State regulation read one  
antlered bull.  
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46 MR. BRELSFORD: The current state regulation does read  
one bull, there is not reference to antlered. The reference to  
an antlered bull was from the Federal regulations, the standing  
Federal regulations.  
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2 MR. SAMUELSEN: But don't we have a -- Tim, maybe you  
can help, isn't there a minimum size on .....

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5 MS. SAVAGE: Yeah, they have a 50 inch requirement.

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7 MR. LaPORTE: Is that for non-resident?

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9 MR. BRELSFORD: That's for non-residents.

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11 MR. KRIEG: That's for non-residents, you're right.

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13 MR. SAMUELSEN: So one bull will be fine then, I'll  
~~strike~~ one antlered bull and just say one bull because we've  
~~all~~ agreed that consistency with State regulations is what  
~~we~~'re trying to achieve. Yeah. We're ready to .....

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18 MR. LaPORTE: That time of the year any bull is  
~~probably~~ going to have antlers anyway.

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yeah.

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23 MR. HOOD: There might be an old mulie out there.

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25 MR. STEPANOFF: Now we'll make a vote?

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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: Yep.

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29 MR. STEPANOFF: All in favor say aye.

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31 IN UNISON: Aye.

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33 MS. EAKON: Any opposed, nay.

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35 (No opposing responses)

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37 MS. EAKON: Unanimous.

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39 MR. STEPANOFF: Unanimous.

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41 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, now we move on to the second  
~~portion~~.

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44 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, I actually had a chart to  
~~prepare~~ on the easel before we looked at the winter portion.  
~~Maybe~~ it might be good to break for dinner and come back and do  
~~that~~.

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49 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well -- .....

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2 MR. BRELSFORD: No?  
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4 MR. SAMUELSEN: ..... well, let me ask the Council  
Here.  
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7 MR. BRELSFORD: I can do it otherwise, that's fine.  
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9 MR. SAMUELSEN: Is there any interest -- well, we  
haven't heard public testimony yet, so I can't ask this  
question I guess. What time is it there, Pete?  
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13 MR. ABRAHAM: 5:02.  
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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: You got a brief version there, Taylor?  
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17 MR. BRELSFORD: I think there are some substantial  
biological concerns about doubling the size of the winter  
opening, so I don't think this is going to be real, real quick,  
but it's up to you, how do you want to .....  
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22 MR. SAMUELSEN: Well, not to preclude the public from  
testifying, but is there -- I don't even know if I should ask  
this of the Council. Is there interest in the Council of  
extending this -- based on the vote that we took earlier,  
extending the winter moose season? I guess that would be  
appropriate to ask Council before we go through the whole  
process.  
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30 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.  
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32 MR. ABRAHAM: I don't think I would extend it.  
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34 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. That pretty much answer the  
question. The Council does not want to deal with extending the  
season. Maybe we could have a formal motion on that. It was a  
close vote the last time and, you know, I think we shipped it  
out for analysis and it was riding on this proposal, so  
whatever you guys want to do. We can either have a vote right  
now and say, no, we're not interested in extending, looking at  
that portion that .....  
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43 MR. ABRAHAM: I make a motion to not extend the moose  
season in the wintertime, we just keep as it was before.  
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46 MR. SAMUELSEN: In 9(C)?  
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48 MR. ABRAHAM: Um-hum. (Affirmative)  
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1 MR. STEPANOFF: Second it.

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3 MR. SAMUELSEN: Further discussion? I think if you  
~~head~~ read your staff briefing documents and the comments that it  
 5 shows that it could have potential biological -- could be  
 6 potentially biological problems on the moose populations. So  
 7 with that I'll -- all those in favor of the motions signify by  
 8 saying aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 MR. SAMUELSEN: Opposed same sign.

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14 (No opposing responses)

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16 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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18 MS. MARTINEZ: Robin, who seconded that motion?

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20 MR. SAMUELSEN: Sam did.

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22 COURT REPORTER: Sam did.

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24 MR. SAMUELSEN: Is that all the action required on  
~~P~~ Proposal 41?

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27 MR. ABRAHAM: Yep.

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29 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay. We'll move on to M. Unit 17  
~~M~~ Moose, Federal/State Season Discrepancy.

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32 MR. ABRAHAM: 7M?

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34 MS. EAKON: 7M. Mr. Chair, that was a topic that was  
~~3~~ raised by Robert Heyano at the last meeting, He stated that  
~~5~~ there was a discrepancy of five days between the State moose  
~~3~~ season and the Federal season in Unit 17(B). But since he's  
~~1~~ not here .....

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40 MR. SAMUELSEN: That's what I'm trying to recall here.  
~~4~~ Well, we'll take a five minute break while you're all looking.

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43 (Off record)

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45 (On record)

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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: Call the meeting back to order. We're  
~~4~~ 7M, the Federal/State Season Discrepancy. The topic was  
~~4~~ raised by Robert Heyano at our last meeting, however, talking

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With staff the discrepancy is in September, the Federal Subsistence Board would have to -- and the Council here would have to delete five days in the September moose season. On the State level, the State would have to either -- the State would have to add five days.

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7 It's my recommendation to the Council at this time, after discussing this issue with staff that we direct staff to work with Robert Heyano to bring forth a proposal in the February Council meeting. That's my recommendation, any comment on it? Any objection to that recommendation?

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13 MS. EAKON: I'm sorry, your recommendation is, what?

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: That the staff get together with Robert Heyano and bring forth a proposal dealing with this issue in February.

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19 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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21 MR. SAMUELSEN: Hearing no objection, that's the way we'll proceed on this issue. Okay, it's 5:14, shall we do another one or shall we .....

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25 MR. LaPORTE: Go for it.

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27 MR. SAMUELSEN: One more.

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29 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It's going to be a long one.

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31 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, we .....

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33 MR. SAMUELSEN: Okay, it's going to be a long one. We'll break till in the morning. What time we going to start in the morning, Helga?

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37 MS. EAKON: It's up to you.

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39 MR. SAMUELSEN: What time do you want to start, folks?

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41 MS. EAKON: Do you want to start 8:00 or 9:00, whatever, it's up to you.

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44 MR. ABRAHAM: It'll be raining and everything else tomorrow, let's start at 8:00. Too early?

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47 MR. SAMUELSEN: 8:30, how's that? 8:30 we'll start in the morning, that way we'll be out of here by noon.

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1 MS. EAKON: Before you call a recess I do have the  
2 correspondence regarding 31 and some information you might be  
3 interested in to look at over night. These are recent  
4 developments that some people may not be aware of, so in all  
5 fairness to everyone I think we should read tonight.

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7 MR. SAMUELSEN: Before we break. Let's see, beside  
8 Proposal 31, looking at the other items on the agenda, does  
9 staff have any time frame that we should be taking into  
10 consideration, since we're looking at breaking at noon  
11 tomorrow?

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13 MR. BRELSFORD: We should make that, no problem.

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15 MR. SAMUELSEN: We should make that time. Okay, we'll  
16 be in recess until 8:30 in the morning.

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18 (Off record)

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20 (END OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS)

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