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BRISTOL BAY FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE  
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

VOLUME II

Dillingham, Alaska  
March 25, 2008  
8:30 o'clock a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Randy Alvarez
- Pete Abraham
- Alvin Boskofsky
- Molly Chythlook
- Dan Dunaway
- Thomas Hedlund
- Boris Kosbruk, Sr.
- Nanci Morris Lyon
- Dan O'Hara

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Dillingham, Alaska - 3/25/2008)

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5 (On record)

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I'm going to  
8 call the meeting back to order at 8:35 on -- what day  
9 is today?

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11 MS. CHYTHLOOK: 25.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: 25. Thank  
14 you. March 25th.

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16 And, Cliff, do you have any materials  
17 you need to hand out to us, too, before we start on  
18 these next three proposals?

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20 MR. EDENSHAW: (Indicates negative)

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Let's  
23 get underway then.

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25 Liz, are you ready to present for us  
26 WP08-32, please.

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28 MS. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Madame  
29 Chair. Members of the Council. Proposal WP08-32 was  
30 submitted by the Lake Clark Subsistence Resource  
31 Commission and it requests clarification as to who was  
32 eligible for brown bear harvest by resident zone  
33 communities and areas in the Park and Preserve portion  
34 of Unit 9B.

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36 So there's three aspects to this  
37 request. The first, it requests listing the resident  
38 zone communities of Lake Clark National Park in  
39 alphabetical order in the regulations. And this would  
40 include all the resident zone communities except for  
41 Lime Village, because they don't have C&T in Unit 9B.

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43 The second is clarifying that people  
44 who live inside Park boundaries, but not in a resident  
45 zone community, are considered resident zone residents.  
46 That's just not always clear in the regs.

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48 And number 3, it seeks the addition of  
49 Preserve residents to the list of people who can  
50 participate in the 9B brown bear hunt in the Park.

1 However, under NPS regulations, Preserve residents  
2 don't have resident zone eligibility, so they can't be  
3 added to the list of those who participate in that hunt  
4 in the Park. So making them eligible would -- making  
5 the residents of the Preserve eligible within 9B would  
6 provide them an opportunity that's not afforded to the  
7 other rural residents of Unit 9B who also have a  
8 positive C&T use for brown bear in 9B, so we can't just  
9 do that. They can, however, still continue to hunt  
10 under the regular Federal hunt in Unit 9B on the  
11 Preserve.

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13 So for these reasons, the OSM  
14 preliminary conclusion is to support Proposal WP08-32  
15 with modification to exclude Preserve residents from  
16 eligibility for the subsistence brown bear hunt in Unit  
17 9B, but to overtly acknowledge the Park residents who  
18 don't live in named resident zone communities, and to  
19 alphabetize the resident zone communities. And the new  
20 proposed regulation, I'll read it to you, and it's in  
21 your book.

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23 In Unit 9B, Lake Clark National Park  
24 and Preserve, residents of Iliamna, Newhalen,  
25 Nondalton, Pedro Bay, Port Alsworth, resident zone  
26 residents who live within the boundaries of Lake Clark  
27 National Park within Unit 9B may hunt brown bear by  
28 Federal registration permit in lieu of a resident tag.  
29 And then the rest of the regulation is already as it  
30 is.

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32 So that concludes this proposal  
33 analysis.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
36 Questions. Dan.

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: So then if somebody isn't  
39 in these named communities they're just out? Is that  
40 what you're saying?

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42 MS. WILLIAMS: No, if you live in the  
43 Park, but you don't live within a named community,  
44 you're still considered a resident zone resident, and  
45 that's what this is attempting to clarify.

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47 MR. ABRAHAM: In my opinion, any  
48 Alaskan is a resident when it comes to subsistence  
49 hunting, no matter where you are. That's how I see it.  
50 I mean, there's many blocks of areas over there I

1 guess, but still any Alaskan, when it comes to  
2 subsistence, is a resident.

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4 MR. ALVAREZ: Pete, that's the State's  
5 definition, but, you know, we are -- the Federal system  
6 is different. The people that live in the unit have  
7 priority. Only when there's a shortage, you know, of  
8 fish and game, you know.

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10 MR. ABRAHAM: I mean, no matter who it  
11 is, Federal, State, Russian, any Alaska Native, to  
12 me.....

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14 MR. ALVAREZ: Anybody that lives in the  
15 Bush, they all -- in you live in that region, they all  
16 have the same opportunity.

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18 MR. ABRAHAM: Uh-huh. Yeah.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And,  
21 Liz, as I understand it, this is more of a  
22 clarification proposal than changing anything, is that  
23 correct?

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25 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Any  
28 other questions. Go ahead.

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30 MR. HEDLUND: And this is just  
31 pertaining to the Park, not the Preserve, just the  
32 Park, in Lake Clark Park. See, people have summer  
33 homes and stuff like that, and they'll fly in and say,  
34 well, I'm a resident, I've got a house here. And then,  
35 you know, apply for a bear hunt. And you've got to  
36 live there for a year or something in order to be a  
37 resident. So that's what it's trying to clarify.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good. Any  
40 other questions for Liz.

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42 (No comments)

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
45 Do we even have a representative here from Fish and  
46 Game?

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48 MR. ALVAREZ: George.

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50 MR. PAPPAS: It's supposed to be Lem.

1 Lem's not here right now.

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3 MR. ALVAREZ: Well, we can skip him,  
4 and if he comes in.....

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: If he comes  
7 in, we'll go back to him. Okay. Sounds good to me.

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9 Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
10 Preliminary Comments to the Regional Advisory Council.

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12 Wildlife Proposals WP08-32:

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14 Authorize rural residents of Lake Clark  
15 National Park and Preserve within Unit 9B to  
16 participate in the federal subsistence brown bear hunt  
17 within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve within  
18 Unit 9B.

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20 Introduction:

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22 Under the federal subsistence  
23 regulations, residents of the Lake Clark National Park  
24 and Preserve within Unit 9B have a customary and  
25 traditional use of brown bear in Unit 9B, but these  
26 residents currently are ineligible to participate in  
27 the federal registration permit hunt in the park and  
28 preserve. This proposal would qualify them for this  
29 hunt but would make no other changes to the existing  
30 regulation.

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32 Impact on Subsistence Users:

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34 Adoption of this proposal would enable  
35 rural residents living within the Lake Clark National  
36 Park and Preserve to participate in the federal  
37 registration permit hunt within the park and preserve,  
38 in addition to persons residing in resident zone  
39 communities for Lake Clark National Park. The federal  
40 subsistence regulations authorize a longer season than  
41 occurs in the remainder of Unit 9B, where hunting is  
42 authorized by state registration permit from September  
43 1 to May 31.

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45 Opportunity Provided by State:

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47 State regulations in Unit 9B authorize  
48 the harvest of one brown bear every four years during  
49 September 20 October 21 or May 10-25 seasons in odd-  
50 and even-numbered years, respectively.

1 Other Comments:

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3 The Office of Subsistence Management  
4 recommends that Lake Clark National Preserve residents  
5 be excluded from eligibility for this hunt. Rural  
6 residents living within the Lake Clark National  
7 Preserve should not be excluded from eligibility for  
8 this hunt if they qualify for an individual 13.44  
9 subsistence permit from the National Park Service.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any Federal,  
15 State and tribal agency comments.

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17 Go ahead.

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19 MR. EDENSHAW: Oh, Madame Chair and  
20 Council. I have a copy of the State's written  
21 comments.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Do  
24 you want to read them into the record, or do you want  
25 to just pass them out?

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27 MR. EDENSHAW: You can let Sandy and  
28 them go. I just had them right here.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You have a  
31 problem with the State's comments, Cliff.

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33 MR. EDENSHAW: 32.

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35 MR. BOSKOFISKY: That State guy's  
36 watching you.

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38 MR. RABINOWITCH: Cliff, we can do Lake  
39 Clark comment if you want.

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41 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. They'll go ahead.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Mary  
44 and Sandy, why don't you go ahead and then we'll come  
45 back. Yeah.

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47 MR. RABINOWITCH: All right. We'll  
48 team work this here with Cliff.

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50 I'm Sandy Rabinowitch with the Park

1 Service, and Mary McBurney with Lake Clark Park.

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3                   The Lake Clark Subsistence Resource  
4 Commission is the proponent on this. They put the  
5 proposal forward. And they had considerable discussion  
6 at their meeting. And actually put in front of you a  
7 modified recommendation from what you just heard from  
8 Liz. I don't know if you got the piece of paper from  
9 yesterday that was passed out with the Lake Clark  
10 comments. If you do, it would be much easier to follow  
11 along what we'll say. And it's pretty quick, but if  
12 you can see it in front of you, I think it will go more  
13 quickly. It says Lake Clark National Park at the very  
14 top.

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16                   MR. ALVAREZ: March 14.

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18                   MS. MCBURNEY: Yes.

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20                   MR. RABINOWITCH: Yes. And if you flip  
21 to Page 2, near the -- kind of the top middle of the  
22 page, you see it says WP08-32.

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24                   So as I said, the Commission had a long  
25 discussion of the modifications that Liz just went  
26 through in her recommendation. And they basically  
27 further modified their own recommendation. All right.  
28 And to cut to the chase, at the bottom of that page,  
29 you see in redline and strike out the SRC's  
30 recommendation about where to go now. And this is a  
31 redline/strike out from what Liz just said OSM  
32 recommended. Just for clarity. So there was the  
33 original, then the OSM recommendation, and now this is  
34 a further recommendation built on that.

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36                   And there's really just two things  
37 functionally that the SRC proposed change. In the  
38 first line there, you see they've struck and Preserve.  
39 And in a nutshell what they're recommending is that the  
40 hunt area, the geography within which the hunt occurs,  
41 right now it includes the Park and the Preserve. And  
42 what they're saying is they want to shrink the  
43 geographic area to be the Park only. So that's what  
44 that one's about.

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46                   And then the other redline/strike outs  
47 functionally don't change the recommendation. They  
48 just restate it in a way that they think is a little  
49 more clearer. And it's the same things that Liz just  
50 said. They want to make sure that the people that live

1 inside the boundaries of the Park are recognized as  
2 eligible to hunt. And the wording about that portion  
3 of the Park resident zone in Unit 9B they believe is  
4 important, because the C&T finding that exists is only  
5 for 9B. So that's why they're kind of tweaking that  
6 wording.

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8                   And then where it says, comma, and  
9 other NPS-qualified hunters, what they're trying to  
10 capture there are those people that have what are  
11 called National Park Service 1344 permits. Probably  
12 some of you have heard that term in the past, and maybe  
13 some not. And I can explain what they are if anybody  
14 wants to, but I won't go off -- would you like me to?

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16                   MR. DUNAWAY: Yes, I would.

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18                   MR. RABINOWITCH: Okay. Well, in a  
19 nutshell, the National Park Service has additional  
20 eligibility requirements to hunt in a park, beyond the  
21 agencies. The NPS is just little different. And if  
22 you come to the Park Service and say, my family used to  
23 hunt in this area, you know, your father or your uncle  
24 or whatever and so on, and you believe you have a  
25 family history, the Park Service will kind of go  
26 through a little evaluation process, and if they  
27 believe that that's the case, we'll give you a permit  
28 to allow you to hunt in the Park, even though you don't  
29 live in one of the resident zones. That's the key. If  
30 you live in a resident zone, you're good to go. If you  
31 don't live in a resident zone, maybe your family used  
32 to travel a long way and hunt in that area or whatever,  
33 you know. It would probably be the kind of thing that  
34 happened, there's a way for you to get eligibility on a  
35 family basis. So that's what a 1344 permit is all  
36 about.

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38                   So this term, other qualified hunters  
39 is trying to bring into the regulation that concept  
40 that there are other qualified hunters, and it's those  
41 people who either have a 1344, or that may in the  
42 future get a 1344. And that's what that does.

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44                   That's it in a nutshell. The  
45 regulation only affects, as was stated, the people who  
46 are eligible, so it's the ones that live in the named  
47 communities, and inside the Park boundary, and those  
48 that have 1344 permits, which I think is a very small  
49 number of people if I'm correct.

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1 MS. MCBURNEY: Two.  
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3 MR. RABINOWITCH: And so the only  
4 people being affected are those that are proposing this  
5 regulation change.  
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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And  
8 for my own clarification, this modified proposal has  
9 also been run through OSM and everybody's happy with  
10 it?  
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12 MR. RABINOWITCH: No, this is the first  
13 time. The SRC met three or four weeks ago at Ports  
14 Alsworth.  
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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: But you feel  
17 it mirrors what they were trying to.....  
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19 MR. RABINOWITCH: I think it's  
20 consistent with it. I would also tell you that I don't  
21 think what OSM likes or doesn't like is the measure. I  
22 think this is in front of you for your consideration.  
23 I mean, it's valuable and it's important, but I don't  
24 think it's the measure.  
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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, I  
27 understand that, too, but I'm just -- I guess, I'm  
28 wanting to make sure that you feel confident that this  
29 language will be more acceptable than what they, you  
30 know, specifically asked would be modified so that we  
31 don't have stumbling blocks through the Solicitor's  
32 Office or something like that.  
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34 MR. RABINOWITCH: I guess I do think it  
35 will be comfortable, but I cannot sit here and speak  
36 for OSM.  
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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Certainly.  
39 Yeah.  
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41 MR. RABINOWITCH: And so I don't want  
42 to do that.  
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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's good  
45 enough. Thank you.  
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47 Questions. Go ahead.  
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49 MR. BOSKOFSKY: What about this four,  
50 doesn't that deals with the same issue we talked about

1 yesterday changing to six for female?

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, because  
4 the one we voted on yesterday did not apply to this  
5 area.

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7 MR. ALVAREZ: That was 9C.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah. This  
10 one is already in place.

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12 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I just need a  
13 clarification. Residents affects -- or the regulation  
14 affects residents and/or people that have 1344 or both?

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17 MR. RABINOWITCH: I believe both. It's  
18 residents of the communities that are named, Iliamna,  
19 Port Alsworth, et cetera, and anyone who lives inside  
20 the boundaries of the Park itself, and you can look at  
21 the boundary map, and anybody who has a 1344 permit  
22 that lives outside of these communities but is  
23 determined to be qualified.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And  
26 again this is more of a clarification proposal than  
27 anything. They're trying to get language in here that  
28 makes it clearer for people to understand this  
29 regulation.

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31 MR. RABINOWITCH: That's correct.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other  
34 questions. Cliff.

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: Just for Sandy's sake.  
37 Is there -- would this also apply to Aniakchak, too?

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39 MR. RABINOWITCH: No.

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41 MR. EDENSHAW: No? Okay.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Just 9B.  
44 Any other questions.

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46 (No comments)

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
49 Did you find your -- okay. Cliff, you're on.

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1 MR. EDENSHAW: No, there weren't any.  
2 It was Park Service.  
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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good enough  
5 then. Thank you.  
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7 MS. MCBURNEY: Thank you.  
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9 MR. RABINOWITCH: Thank you.  
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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other  
12 Federal, State or tribal agency comments.  
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14 (No comments)  
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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Seeing none.  
17 InterAgency Staff Committee.  
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19 MR. RABINOWITCH: None.  
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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We don't  
22 have any Fish and Game. Public comments.  
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24 MR. EDENSHAW: Madame Chair and  
25 Council. You received a handout and Sandy and them  
26 went over the Park Service on this two-page -- at least  
27 this is a two-page that I have, it's dated from the  
28 Lake Clark SRC, March 14th, 2008. They submitted about  
29 a half a page with the modification that Sandy and them  
30 just went over.  
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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
33 That's it?  
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35 (No comments)  
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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We have no  
38 public -- no, we do have public testimony. Joe, did  
39 you want to talk on this one.  
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41 MR. KLUTSCH: (Shakes head negative)  
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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And  
44 then we'll talk about it.  
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46 MR. ALVAREZ: I move we adopt WP08-32.  
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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Do you want  
49 the modified one or the.....  
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1 MR. ALVAREZ: I guess we should.....  
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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The SRC,  
4 yeah.  
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6 (Whispered conversation)  
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8 MR. ALVAREZ: It's still the same  
9 proposal, but with the modification that the SRC  
10 updated at their last meeting.  
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12 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.  
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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
15 Okay. Discussion. Randy.  
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17 MR. ALVAREZ: I'm going to vote for it.  
18 I don't have much to discuss about it. I think it was  
19 pretty exp -- she explained everything to me.  
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21 MR. ABRAHAM: (In Yup'ik)  
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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. The  
24 question's been called for. All those in favor, and  
25 let's make sure everybody understands we're voting on  
26 the modified language the SRC recommended that we just  
27 heard from Sandy and Mary, on your sheet here that they  
28 sent in, which just, you know, basically clarifies both  
29 the area and who the residents are. All those in favor  
30 signify by saying aye.  
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32 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed same  
35 sign.  
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37 (No opposing votes)  
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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Motion  
40 carries.  
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42 Okay. Liz, would you like to bring us  
43 WP08-01.  
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45 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Madame  
46 Chair. Members of the Council. My name is Liz  
47 Williams. I'm with OSM.  
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49 The analysis for this proposal is on  
50 Page 76 in your book. And this was submitted by the

1 Orutsararmiut Native Council, and that's out of Bethel,  
2 and it requests three related points. One, that the  
3 closing dates of the wolf hunting and trapping seasons  
4 be extended statewide through May 31st; that the  
5 harvest limit be increased to 10 wolves per day for the  
6 dates of April 1st through May 31st; and that any  
7 restrictions to disturbing or destroying wolf dens be  
8 removed from regulations.

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10 The proponent seeks to expand and  
11 increase hunting and trapping opportunities on wolf  
12 populations throughout the State in order to increase  
13 moose and caribou populations, which are important  
14 subsistence resources as you know throughout the State.  
15 The proponent states that reinstatement of historic  
16 wolf control activities such as denning or spring  
17 baiting will help to promote and maintain more  
18 productive moose or caribou populations that are highly  
19 important as subsistence foods throughout the State.

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21 The Federal Subsistence Board policy as  
22 we discussed yesterday is not to directly deal with  
23 predator control, but leave it to the jurisdiction of  
24 the individual land management agencies.

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26 And because the proponent of this  
27 proposal specifically states that the goal of the  
28 proposal is predator control, the OSM preliminary  
29 conclusion is to oppose Proposal WP08-01.

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31 That's it. Thanks.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Questions,  
34 anybody.

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36 (No comments)

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
39 Liz.

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41 You're up, George.

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43 MR. PAPPAS: Lem's not here. Good  
44 morning. My name is George Pappas, Department of Fish  
45 and Game, Subsistence Liaison Team for the Commercial  
46 and Sport Fisheries Division sitting in for the  
47 wildlife part of the team.

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49 The Department comments can be found on  
50 Page 88 of your Bristol Bay RAC book here.

1                   This statewide proposal would extend  
2 the wolf hunting and trapping season and move the  
3 closure date to May 31; increase hunting bag limits to  
4 10 wolves per day during the period from April 1 to May  
5 31st; and delete any restrictions about disturbing or  
6 destroying of dens.

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8                   The impacts of this particular  
9 proposal. Adoption of this proposal would provide  
10 additional time and methods for Federally-qualified  
11 subsistence users to hunt and trap wolves on Federal  
12 lands in spring; substantially increase the harvest  
13 limit in some areas for wolves taken under Federal  
14 subsistence hunting regulations on Federal lands; and  
15 also authorize dens on Federal lands to be disturbed or  
16 destroyed for the purpose of harvesting wolves. These  
17 liberalizations would create wolf management and  
18 conservation concerns in some areas that would likely  
19 result in reduced subsistence opportunities to harvest  
20 wolves in the long term.

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22                   The opportunity provided by the State:  
23 State hunting regulations allow harvest of wolves in  
24 May and/or authorize a bag limit of 10 wolves per day  
25 in some units where wolf populations can sustain the  
26 harvest. State regulations do not authorize dens to be  
27 disturbed or destroyed.

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29                   A conservation issue can be introduced  
30 by this proposal. Any element of this proposal, season  
31 extension, increased harvest limits, or disturbing or  
32 destroying dens, can result in over-harvest of wolves  
33 and create conservation concerns in some areas. For  
34 example, in southeast Alaska, increasing harvest could  
35 lead to wolves being listed as threatened or  
36 endangered. And poor pelt quality of wolves taken in  
37 the spring in most areas reduces their value for  
38 subsistence use.

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40                   For enforcement issues, differences in  
41 Federal and State regulations resulting from the  
42 adoption of this proposal create enforcement issues in  
43 areas with mixed land ownership.

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45                   Other comments: No evidence is  
46 presented indicating that the proposal would change the  
47 needs provided for continuation of subsistence use of  
48 wolves by Federally-qualified subsistence users.  
49 Similar proposals to manipulate predator populations to  
50 benefit the prey populations were submitted to, and

1 rejected by, the Federal Subsistence Board in 2005 and  
2 2006 for the following reasons. Well, the reasons are  
3 listed there.

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5           The proponent desires that each Federal  
6 land management agency take action to facilitate active  
7 predator management on Federal units. The State of  
8 Alaska is actively engaged in intensive management of  
9 wolves in some areas of the state in order to restore  
10 healthy prey populations, but Federal land management  
11 policies limit the effectiveness of State efforts. The  
12 State would welcome opportunities to work with the  
13 proponents to encourage Federal land managers to  
14 reevaluate their land management policies that limit  
15 the State's active management tools on most Federal  
16 lands.

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18           The State opposes this proposal, but  
19 supports the Council's interest in encouraging  
20 cooperation between the Federal land management  
21 agencies and the State to allow active management of  
22 predators.

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24           That concludes our comments.

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26           Alaska Department of Fish and Game

27 Comments:

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29           Wildlife Proposal WP08-01:

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31           Liberalize wolf harvest regulations  
32 statewide.

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34           Introduction:

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36           This statewide proposal would extend  
37 the wolf hunting and trapping season by moving the date  
38 to May 31; increase the hunting bag limit to 10 wolves  
39 per day during the period from April 1 to May 31; and  
40 delete any restrictions to disturbing or destroying a  
41 den.

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43           Impact on Subsistence Users:

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45           Adoption of this proposal would: (1)  
46 provide additional time and methods for Federally-  
47 qualified subsistence users to hunt and trap wolves on  
48 Federal lands in spring; (2) substantially increase the  
49 harvest limit in some areas for wolves taken under  
50 Federal subsistence hunting regulations on Federal

1 lands; and (3) authorize dens on Federal lands to be  
2 disturbed or destroyed for the purpose of harvesting  
3 wolves. These liberalizations would create wolf  
4 management and conservation issues in some areas that  
5 would likely result in reduced subsistence  
6 opportunities to harvest wolves in the long term.

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Opportunity Provided by the State:

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10 State hunting regulations allow harvest  
11 of wolves in May and/or authorize a bag limit of 10  
12 wolves per day in some units where the wolf populations  
13 can sustain these harvests. State regulations do not  
14 authorize dens to be disturbed or destroyed.

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Conservation Issues:

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19 Any element in this proposal -- season  
20 extension, increased harvest limit, or  
21 disturbing/destroying dens -- could result in  
22 over-harvest of wolves and create conservation concerns  
23 in some areas. In southeast Alaska, for example,  
24 increased harvests could lead to wolves being listed as  
25 threatened or endangered. The poor pelt quality of  
26 wolves taken in spring in most areas reduces their  
27 value for subsistence uses.

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Enforcement Issues:

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32 Differences in Federal and State  
33 regulations resulting from adoption of this proposal  
34 create enforcement issues in areas with mixed land  
35 ownership.

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Other Comments:

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40 No evidence is presented indicating  
41 that the proposed changes are needed to provide for the  
42 continuation of subsistence uses of wolves by  
43 Federally-qualified subsistence users. Similar  
44 proposals to manipulate predator populations that  
45 benefit prey populations were submitted to, and  
46 rejected by, the Federal Subsistence Board in 2005 and  
47 2006 for the following reasons: (1) the Federal  
48 Subsistence Board and the Department of Fish and Game  
49 were concerned that extending the season statewide when  
50 wolves have pups at the den site is contrary to sound  
wildlife management principles; (2) The Federal  
Subsistence Board and Department of Fish and Game noted  
that hides of wolves taken in May are not prime and are

1 of low value for making clothing and handicrafts; and  
2 (3) the Federal Subsistence Board reiterated that its  
3 policy adopted in 2004 is to not promulgate regulations  
4 specifically for predator control.

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6 The proponent desires that each Federal  
7 land management agency take action to facilitate active  
8 predator management on Federal units. The State of  
9 Alaska is actively engaged in intensive management of  
10 wolves in some areas of the state in order to restore  
11 healthy prey populations, but Federal land management  
12 policies limit the effectiveness of State efforts. The  
13 State would welcome opportunities to work with the  
14 proponents to encourage Federal land managers to  
15 reevaluate their land management policies that limit  
16 the State's active management tools on most Federal  
17 lands.

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19 Recommendation:

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21 Oppose the proposal but support the  
22 Council(s) interest in encouraging cooperation between  
23 the Federal land management agencies and the State to  
24 allow active management of predators.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
27 George.

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29 Questions. Go ahead, Dan.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: So is the State looking  
32 for some formal request from the Council here to  
33 encourage cooperation between the agencies or.....

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35 MR. PAPPAS: I would assume it would be  
36 beneficial. I believe the Yukon Delta RAC, the Y-K-D  
37 RAC did come up with an extended modified proposal that  
38 would ask the Federal land management agencies to  
39 encourage cooperation with the State and develop some  
40 type of policies. So the Department is active in  
41 providing -- or establishing management tools that  
42 would allow for predator control, and I would assume  
43 that the State would support that.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,  
46 Randy. Oh, go ahead, Dan, did you have a follow up.

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48 MR. DUNAWAY: Yes. I know that wolves  
49 and predation have long been a topic on this Council,  
50 and I think increasing concern. Is Dan O'Hara going to

1 be here today?

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3 MR. ALVAREZ: No, he left. He had to  
4 go to work.

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6 MR. DUNAWAY: I was sure we would hear  
7 from him about it if he were here. Okay. Well, I'll  
8 just give that some thought here. I'm inclined to  
9 encourage cooperation.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
12 Randy.

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14 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, you know, I agree  
15 with George, in fact, all their reasons, or their  
16 comments, and also their recommendation. There's not a  
17 whole lot of wolves all over the whole State, and like  
18 they say, it could threaten wolves in some areas of the  
19 State, but most areas, they can handle 10.

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21 And also, you know, I think we -- I've  
22 talked with Daryle Lons a number of times in King  
23 Salmon about if we could try to get some kind of  
24 program on Federal lands, or Fish and Wildlife Service  
25 managed land, especially for North Peninsula Caribou,  
26 and, you know, it's still nothing is happening yet,  
27 but, you know, it's -- they know how we stand about it.  
28 And, you know, if we can continue to -- we can write  
29 letters. Maybe we should have our coordinator draft up  
30 a letter to these agencies that have land in our area  
31 that we would like to do that.

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33 MR. ABRAHAM: You mean wolf control?

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Predator  
36 control.

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38 MR. ALVAREZ: Predator management.

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40 MR. ABRAHAM: Madame Chairman. Do we  
41 have wolf biologist here? Well, if not, you know.....

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Come on up,  
44 Dom.

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46 MR. ABRAHAM: I've got a question about  
47 a wolf being predator. You know, a wolf doesn't kill a  
48 healthy moose or caribou. The wolf weeds out the herd,  
49 you know, kills only sick one and weak ones. So  
50 therefore the wolf keeps the animals, the herd healthy.

1 If there's a sick moose out there, a wolf will get it.  
2 So that eliminates a sick animal.

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4 I don't know, lots of people can jump  
5 to the conclusion wolf is a killer. Wolves not a  
6 killer. He's out there to survive just like any other  
7 animal. But that animal weeds out a sick animal. Just  
8 weeds it out, keep the health -- they chase the wolf --  
9 I mean, the caribou around. Well, they get away  
10 because they're healthy. Only the dying ones, the sick  
11 ones are being killed. That's how I see it. Wolf  
12 predator, I don't know.

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14 MR. ALVAREZ: I don't see it like that.  
15 I've seen wolves -- caribou that were killed and left  
16 by wolves. You know, for instance, they're just --  
17 they might have been just teaching their pups how to  
18 kill, and sometimes they just eat the tongue and leave.  
19 And I ran across one one time, a caribou it -- I  
20 probably scared the wolf away. In fact I did scare the  
21 wolf away, but the wolf -- the caribou just got -- just  
22 died or bled all over this lake. And I found where the  
23 caribou was, and I ended up chasing the wolf, but the  
24 wolf was just waiting near by for the caribou to die.  
25 But I think I chased that one away. But I've seen  
26 where wolves killed caribou, just ate the tongue and  
27 left. They might have just -- you know, because it was  
28 so easy, you know, for a wolf -- I think in my opinion,  
29 it's pretty easy for a wolf to kill a caribou. It's  
30 not very easy for a wolf to kill a moose. It takes  
31 quite a few I think wolves to kill a moose. But they  
32 can still, you know, do it, but it's pretty hazardous.  
33 In my opinion, if there's caribou available, I think  
34 they would rather go after caribou, because moose, they  
35 can get injured pretty easy going against moose.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Wolf  
38 biologist.

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40 MR. WATTS: Which would you like me to  
41 comment on?

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Both.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MR. WATTS: Okay. Pete's definitely  
48 onto something. The majority of studies are going to  
49 show that wolves tend to not only test a herd, but when  
50 they find that weak or injured individual, they go

1 after that one. That's not to say that they won't take  
2 a healthy animal.

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4 As are as surplus killing, that's also  
5 an issue if it's available to them, but typically  
6 that's only seen with calves. And they will store  
7 parts of -- I mean, they'll kill a bunch, but they  
8 store them and come back for them later throughout the  
9 next few weeks.

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11 I'm not aware of too many instances, at  
12 least not in the reported literature, of wolves killing  
13 a bunch of caribou and eating the tongue and leaving  
14 the rest. From a wolf's standpoint, if you're going to  
15 go after even a caribou, and it's definitely like you  
16 said, easier for them to eat a caribou than a moose.  
17 From a wolf's standpoint, it's still very difficult and  
18 very dangerous. You can get kicked. You know, I mean,  
19 just one simple injury can be life threatening to a  
20 wolf. So if they go through the trouble and risk of  
21 taking down an animal, typically they're going to eat  
22 most of that animal if they can, unless there like a  
23 calf nearby or something that's very easy to kill.

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25 So I guess both sides. There is  
26 surplus killing, typically it occurs with calves. But  
27 the majority of the animals that wolves are going to  
28 take are going to be some kind of -- not necessarily  
29 injured, but nutritionally deficient, the slower one  
30 obviously. They're going to charge a herd. The slow  
31 animal in the back's obviously the one you want to get.  
32 Easier to take down. So, yeah, it's -- as far as --  
33 from a wolf's standpoint there, you know, like Pete  
34 said, they're trying to eke out a living and they're  
35 going to take anything they can.

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37 But there are a bunch of studies that  
38 have shown, especially particularly in the Interior, in  
39 Denali, that they will go for caribou if the  
40 opportunity's there, and moose is more secondary  
41 because of the danger like you were pointing out.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, I  
44 guess then the rest of my thought would lead actually  
45 kind of away from where Randy and Pete were going, more  
46 so to, you know, what's in front of us with predator  
47 control, you know, and I guess I would question, do we  
48 see any improvement in the prey populations we're  
49 attempting to protect when we use predator control?  
50 Have we seen it work.

1 MR. WATTS: You know, there's an  
2 interesting dichotomy there again with the literature.  
3 There's been a lot of studies. There's actually a  
4 really good book, and it's just about predator control  
5 in Alaska. I think it's called Wolves, Bears and Their  
6 Prey in Alaska. Anyway, so if you read through that  
7 book, there's numerous studies, Interior, coastal, that  
8 kind of -- and it includes some parts of Canada.

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10 And, of course, obviously it's about  
11 50/50. It works about half the time. And the trick  
12 that -- the main idea there that you see as a general  
13 trend in that book and throughout other studies, is  
14 that predator control can work in a lot of situations,  
15 but you have to have that ungulate biomass, the  
16 ungulate population below the carrying capacity of the  
17 habitat. There's food for them to remain healthy, to  
18 produce healthy calves, and to survive on through the  
19 winter, then if you remove obviously predators, there's  
20 fewer that are getting eaten, and your prey population  
21 starts to show an increase.

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23 Where you have a situation more like  
24 the Alaska Peninsula, you know, at least the data we've  
25 collected on caribou, they're in poor nutritional  
26 status, high parasite loads, which is another indicator  
27 of not getting enough food. Whether that's the quality  
28 of the range conditions, you know, the lichens, or if  
29 that's a quantity, if they've just got so big that they  
30 ate most of it down, and it takes a long time to  
31 recover. In that kind of situation -- I mean,  
32 obviously if you kill predators, more animals don't get  
33 eaten and they survive. But in the long wrong, it may  
34 not show you the kind of increases that you want,  
35 because there's other things affecting that population  
36 that aren't allowing it to grow.

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38 Just for example, there's places in  
39 Canada and even in the Interior of Alaska that they've  
40 got high wolf densities. Just to go to the extreme and  
41 show you, in Michigan, they have 36 to 40 wolves per  
42 1,000 square kilometers. Now, that's about 500 square  
43 miles. Typically in Alaska you're looking at six to  
44 eight. So there's places with a lot more wolves. Now,  
45 keeping that in mind, those really high wolf densities,  
46 also those areas support some of the highest densities  
47 of moose on the earth.

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49 So what you see is those trends. The  
50 wolves will come up as the prey population comes up.

1 But what knocks the moose down there is forage  
2 conditions. They eat themselves out of house and home,  
3 and they start to decline, or they have bad winters.  
4 So if you look at it, yeah, there's a lot of wolves and  
5 the prey population is declining, but shortly  
6 thereafter the wolves are going to follow in suit,  
7 because they don't have anything to eat.

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9 But, yeah, as far as predator control  
10 working, it really -- it's, you know, a case-by-case  
11 basis of whether or not it works. And you really have  
12 to have the right conditions for it to produce the  
13 effects that you're talking about, you know. We want  
14 to increase this herd, you know, from 3,000 to huntable  
15 population.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Gotcha.

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19 MR. WATTS: And also that takes time.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Tom.

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23 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah, I agree and  
24 disagree with all you guys on this. I disagree with  
25 you. And wolves do kill the weak and, you know, sick  
26 when they have to. But they're like you and me. They  
27 like to eat the good healthy ones. They don't want to  
28 eat something that's sick. And to go back and get  
29 something, they usually kill it, eat what they want,  
30 and go and get something fresh when they want to eat a  
31 lot of times. Unless there's not much to eat around.

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33 And back in 1960 I want to say 8 or 9,  
34 I seen for about 10 miles -- I don't know if they were  
35 doing like Randy said, teaching the young to kill or  
36 what, but there was dead and dying caribou for a good  
37 10 miles. Some of them were dead, some of them were  
38 standing there just all four legs spread out, bleeding  
39 through the nose and then on the rump.

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41 And I believe in predator control, but  
42 I don't believe in this WP08-01, because I don't want  
43 to see dens destroyed or animals killed if the pelts  
44 are no good. I mean, I've been after wolves and using  
45 them since 1964. And I want to see them around. I  
46 don't want to see them annihilated. And by destroying  
47 dens, I think you're annihilating the population.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

50 Pete, go ahead first.

1 MR. ABRAHAM: Maybe I'm opening a can  
2 of worms again, I don't know.

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4 MR. ALVAREZ: That's all right.

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6 MR. ABRAHAM: Maybe you can contain  
7 them when I'm done with them. So they are targeting  
8 the wolf. Well, there's a lot of predators out there.  
9 Brown bear. Weather. Flood. I mean, food. There's,  
10 I mean, all kinds of -- I believe in the nature. The  
11 nature take care of itself. I mean, by gosh, you know,  
12 if the caribous are getting sick, they'll crash. If  
13 the wolves are getting sick, they'll crash. Right now  
14 in Togiak area, see, I tag wolves over there. I think  
15 seven wolves that I tagged, they're all skinny, because  
16 there's no food. They're running out of food over  
17 there. They even killed a dog last week in Togiak. So  
18 something's happening the wolves at same time right  
19 now, because they can't get moose, they can't get  
20 caribou. The caribous have chased out somewhere.

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22 So predator control, like destroying  
23 dens, I don't care for, because like I said I believe  
24 in nature taking care of itself. I mean, it's been  
25 doing it for all the time.

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27 You contain those worms, okay?

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29 (Laughter)

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: George.

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33 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, Madame Chair. At the  
34 Eastern Interior RAC, they came up with a different  
35 option.

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37 The Department opposes a sweeping  
38 regulation that's statewide that could introduce  
39 problems in some areas and not in others. And I  
40 believe in some spots it might even restrict some of  
41 the current regulations.

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43 But what the Eastern Interior RAC did  
44 was adopted the May 31st date specifically for hunters  
45 that are out hunting something else, and  
46 opportunistically see a wolf that they want to take,  
47 that they will be able to do so. Sometimes I guess  
48 further up north you might have nicer hides into May.  
49 Sometimes the snow there is still three feet deep up  
50 there. So they took it from a statewide regulation and

1 modified it to a regional regulation and allowed folks  
2 to do so. They did not agree with the denning, et  
3 cetera.

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5                   And the concerns that were expressed  
6 there, well, what about shooting a female that's got a  
7 bunch of pups in the den. The logic that was applied  
8 towards their modification was if they're following a  
9 herd and there are a pack of wolves chasing that herd,  
10 it's unlikely that -- their logic was, it's unlikely  
11 that the -- a female with the den full of pups is not  
12 going to be part of that pack chasing that herd. So  
13 they left that option open if somebody wants to do it  
14 or not. Yes, you'll be able to tell that -- they  
15 stated, you'll be able to tell if it's a mangy looking  
16 wolf with a very poor quality hide, why would you want  
17 to harvest it. And conversely the other folks didn't  
18 mind harvesting a fair or low quality hide for other  
19 applications.

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21                   So that is an option that's in front of  
22 you, if you want to must make it regional and take part  
23 of it, or all of the proposal to vote on. That's what  
24 the Eastern Interior RAC did.

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26                   Thank you.

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28                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. does  
29 anybody else want to throw some dirt on these worms.

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31                   (Laughter)

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33                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Dan, go for  
34 it.

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36                   MR. DUNAWAY: I listened to I believe  
37 the guy that really wrote the proposal, is Greg, and I  
38 never can say his last name right. Roczicka, or  
39 something like that.

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41                   MR. ALVAREZ: Roczicka.

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43                   MR. DUNAWAY: Roczicka. And I've  
44 worked around him a little bit, and I have quite a bit  
45 of respect for him. I think he proposed the denning  
46 out of sheer frustration for all the roadblocks for  
47 aerial hunting and all the other avenues people have  
48 attempted. And I think what I heard on the radio is he  
49 thought that denning was considered something of an old  
50 traditional method for people back before we even had

1 airplanes to go. And this is was more just to kind of  
2 bring this out. He's frustrated with all the other  
3 roadblocks to predator control. There's been some real  
4 desperate need for predator control up I know in the  
5 Aniak area, in McGrath and other places like that. So  
6 he was trying to find some other means that might be  
7 able to be adopted for those places that really need  
8 predator control.

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10 Frankly, I'm somewhat sympathetic with  
11 that, considering all the other roadblocks, but I  
12 certainly wouldn't want to support it on a sweeping  
13 statewide basis without some real thought applied where  
14 you felt you really needed to reduce wolves, and if  
15 this was some way of doing it that you could do it,  
16 although I'm sure it's more of a motherhood issue than  
17 aerial wolf.

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19 Winters. He brought up hard winters.  
20 I had to chase a moose off the trail the other day over  
21 here just on the edge of the Togiak Refuge. We've got  
22 some places out here that have deep snow, and this was  
23 a big old moose. And he was just floundering. The  
24 snow was flying, and I was trying to go way around him.  
25 I didn't want to get anywhere near him, but I thought  
26 -- when I saw him floundering, I thought, may, the  
27 wolves could make short work of these moose in this  
28 deep snow we're having up in the mountains.

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30 And in fact later that day I bumped  
31 into a trapper/pilot that's trapping in the western  
32 part of the Togiak Refuge. And I didn't get to talk to  
33 him about it long, but he said the wolves are picking  
34 off the moose really steady. And he said there's a  
35 fairly decent pack just west of Snake Lake, and he said  
36 -- and I didn't catch this part, but he thought there's  
37 quite a few wolves in closer to Togiak River. But we  
38 got interrupted, and I never could fill it in.

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40 But I've also heard other folks say, it  
41 was last winter, that up in the upper Nushagak, the  
42 wolves are just steadily -- and that's their job.  
43 That's normal, picking off wolf. But they're saying  
44 like this winter, when you have long periods of cold,  
45 why go try to gnaw on a 38 below, hard rock moose when  
46 there's a fresh one stuck in snow that you can eat and  
47 it would be warm.

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49 So I think there's times when there's  
50 just too darn many wolves, and if there's a means to

1 reduce them, we should be allowed to do it. And that's  
2 why I would like to see interagency  
3 coordination/cooperation. But it's got to be done  
4 thoughtfully.

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6 I also tend to agree with Greg where he  
7 said that in some of these places, if they annihilated  
8 every wolf, it would be within a year or two you would  
9 have plenty of wolves moving back in. And I tend to  
10 agree there's a certain amount of that. So this extreme  
11 panic that we hear, especially from the Lower 48, that  
12 if we were to take out all the wolves say in some  
13 restricted area, that it's like it's going to --  
14 annihilating like they are in parts of Lower 48, I  
15 don't believe it's going to happen. Kenai Peninsula.  
16 You couldn't do it for this limited area.

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18 So with carefully applied, thoughtful  
19 coordinated plan, I think there's certainly an  
20 appropriate place, but we don't really have the means  
21 to get at it through this Council, other than  
22 encouraging them. So -- and I also question how much  
23 time we should send on it.

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25 I guess that's all I have to say about  
26 it.

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Pete.

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30 MR. ABRAHAM: They're trapping. I  
31 mean, they killing them in the Togiak area, but no  
32 matter how much you're trapping and killing them,  
33 they'll reproduce. I mean, they reproduce fast.

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35 And I like the wolf, because I saved  
36 two pups from dying a long time ago when I was about  
37 maybe nine years old. I raised them from tiny pups to  
38 huge. Those are the most gentle animals. I mean,  
39 family animals. I love them. You know, they're -- I  
40 mean, you read a book about vicious wolf or something.  
41 Uh-uh. They're the tamest, loveliest pets you can find  
42 besides muskrat (ph) otter and spotted seals. I  
43 raised a lot of animals in my name, because I was the  
44 baby of the family. To keep me -- they give me these  
45 animals to keep me out of mischief, you know, from  
46 getting into trouble. I learned about animals when I  
47 was growing up. I have a lot of respect for, I mean,  
48 animals, because those are the nature's animals.

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50 Like I said before, the nature take of

1 itself. When a human being tries to do something about  
2 it, there's always something -- something always goes  
3 wrong, no matter how much you try. I mean, the human  
4 being is not for the nature, because the nature is for  
5 itself.

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MS. CHYTHLOOK: I just have a comment.  
10 Listening to pros and cons on predator control, and all  
11 these issues that have come upon us regarding this, and  
12 Dan touched on it earlier, that it's traditional to  
13 harass or take dens, or denned animals. I don't know  
14 where that tradition came from. I don't think it came  
15 from at least the majority of the Alaska Natives that  
16 I've surveyed and talked to throughout this region.  
17 And it just -- I don't like to hear something like this  
18 to be applied to people, especially Alaska Natives  
19 throughout the whole region. Because even -- even if  
20 -- we're Alaska Natives throughout the region. Each  
21 region has its own cultural identification and  
22 traditional knowledge. And to apply something like  
23 this to everybody, it doesn't -- it's not true. And  
24 I'm not sure who -- and I haven't I guess studied into  
25 the historical aspects of where he's coming from with  
26 this.

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But i agree with Abraham, and the  
29 majority of the community members I know, except for  
30 maybe the younger generation, know that the nature  
31 takes care of its own, even though sometimes it's seems  
32 to be harsh for other resources.

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MR. BOSKOFKY: I haven't really heard  
35 any kind of reports from any State or Feds on what  
36 population numbers are, or.....

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. We're  
39 getting off on discussion. Let's keep to questions,  
40 and then we'll.....

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MR. BOSKOFKY: .....caribou, because  
43 we're dealing with predator control, but we don't hear  
44 the facts of what the decline is or anything in the  
45 animals. So we need to get some numbers of what was  
46 recorded from last year and into this year. There's no  
47 numbers out there.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Research is  
50 always valuable.

1 MR. ALVAREZ: Let's get done with this  
2 before discussion.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep. Any  
5 other questions for these two.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you  
10 very much, George, Dominic.

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12 InterAgency Staff.

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14 MR. RABINOWITCH: No comments.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Actually I  
17 skipped by Federal, State and tribal agency comments.  
18 Anybody out there.

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20 (No comments)

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. No  
23 advisory comments. Public comments, Cliff.

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Madame Chair  
26 and Council. On Page 90 of your book, there's one  
27 written comment from -- submitted jointly with the  
28 Defenders of Wildlife, the Alaska Wildlife Alliance,  
29 and the Alaska Center for the Environment. And they  
30 oppose the proposal.

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32 And then on your handouts from both the  
33 Aniakchak and the Lake Clark SRC, they submitted  
34 comments for WP08-01.

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36 The Aniakchak supports the proposal  
37 with modification. The SRC supports the first two  
38 recommendations outlined in the proposal to extend the  
39 hunting season for wolves to May 31st, and in crease  
40 the bag limit to 10 wolves per day, but opposes the  
41 recommendation to eliminate restrictions regarding  
42 disturbing or destroying wolf dens. The SRC supports  
43 longer seasons and higher bag limits to encourage more  
44 wolf hunting to reduce wolf populations, but does not  
45 support disturbing or destroying wolf dens as a means  
46 for predator control.

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48 And the Lake Clark SRC opposes the  
49 proposals. Members agreed that disturbing wolf dens is  
50 not a local practice and are opposed to extending the

1 season, because it would interrupt the denning season.

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3 And that's it for written public  
4 comments, Madame Chair.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you  
7 very much.

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9 And then I've got one public testimony.  
10 Joe, would you like to come up.

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12 MR. KLUTSCH: Thank you. Members of  
13 the committee,

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15 I spoke to this proposal yesterday at  
16 some length, so I'll keep my comments as brief as  
17 possible. The issue in my mind, and I know having  
18 attended so many Board of Game meetings where this  
19 subject comes up, it goes to the issue of actively  
20 managing for abundant prey populations for caribou and  
21 for moose. And historically in this State, we can talk  
22 about the precontact history, and you are correct, Dan,  
23 in your analysis as far as I know. I know Greg  
24 Roczicka, he is a Native, and his intent was to include  
25 that denning as a tool in the frustration over the  
26 issues related to aerial hunting.

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28 And having talked at some length with  
29 Sidney and Roger and Gilbert Huntington, the Koyukon  
30 people have a very solid knowledge of wolves, and  
31 they're active wolfers. And they have to be. They  
32 live in a hungrier country than I think a lot of  
33 Bristol Bay is, because of the abundance of fish and  
34 other resources we have. And they take trapping and  
35 snaring and getting after wolves really serious.

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37 I think if you read my written comment,  
38 I think it's going to be important to get federal  
39 agencies to acknowledge and the main Subsistence Board  
40 to acknowledge that in some cases, on a case-by-case  
41 basis, where you have good science, where you have good  
42 numbers, where you can identify a problem, and where as  
43 the Fish and Wildlife Service gentleman said, where  
44 you've got a carrying capacity, and your range that  
45 will allow for an increase for ungulates, predator  
46 management, more active trapping and hunting  
47 regulations are a good thing, and I think in certain  
48 instance predator control is a good thing. It's  
49 politically unpleasant, it doesn't settle well with a  
50 lot of people. They are a high reproductive species.

1                               Going into the 50s and 60s on the  
2 Alaska Peninsula, and I don't know so much about this  
3 region, but I know for sure on the Alaska Peninsula,  
4 wolves were hunted very heavily consistently from the  
5 air. Jay Hammond, our former governor's first job in  
6 Alaska was flying for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
7 Service as a wolf control agent. And they didn't  
8 disturb the diversity of the animals, and it didn't  
9 eliminate the wolves. And for the last 40 years before  
10 the airborne hunting act came in, in each of the  
11 villages along the coast, there were one or two people  
12 that had aircraft and had access, would go out and they  
13 -- that's what they did in the winter. They were  
14 aerial trappers. They set trap lines, they set snares.  
15 They trapped for beaver and wolverine and the whole  
16 thing. I trapped for 12 years in the Meshik River  
17 Valley, living in a little cabin, on foot, no airplane  
18 stuff. Everything I did was on snowshoes and on foot.  
19 And -- but I could see some of the boys out of Port  
20 Heiden, and I know what they were doing, and they  
21 shared their information with me. But they could  
22 always take 8 to 15 wolves a season out of just that  
23 drainage. And we'd still see wolves every fall and  
24 every year, but that was consistent. When the  
25 airplane, same-day-airborne went out, and some of those  
26 older guys went away, that stopped. We had individuals  
27 in Pilot Point, in Igiugig, in Naknek, you name it.  
28 And so you had a kind of sustained effort on wolves  
29 there, and there's no question in my mind it made a  
30 difference in terms particularly of the moose. Our  
31 caribou thing, it's -- all of this is complicated  
32 stuff. You have to look on it by an area-by-area,  
33 population-by-population basis.

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35                               But you don't have a younger generation  
36 of kids in the villages that are trapping much any  
37 more. It's like my son grew up and graduated from  
38 Bristol Bay High School, and he told me, he said, Dad,  
39 hunting and trapping isn't really that cool with a lot  
40 of the kids in his school. They're just not doing it  
41 like previous generations did. And as a consequence,  
42 we're seeing a lot more wolves out there.

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44                               One other thing I'd add on the wolves  
45 on the Alaska Peninsula, the wolves I'm familiar with  
46 watching. They're killing bear cubs. And they eat  
47 fish. They're great -- the love the fish that's  
48 frozen, the carcasses and when it comes out from under  
49 the snow, they'll eat that, just like any canine, any  
50 dog that will eat those fish. And they'll follow

1 bears when the silvers are coming into those drainages  
2 down south, and they get into the big rivers. They  
3 can't get a fish there. They'll get some wash-up, but  
4 they don't want those. But when the silvers make their  
5 break to get up into those little ditches, they'll  
6 spawn in a ditch this wide and like that. The very  
7 headwaters at the base of the mountains. Then they can  
8 catch them there and the bears can catch them there.  
9 But before that, I've witnessed on half a dozen  
10 different occasions, a pack of wolves hazing a sow with  
11 cubs and she was trying to fish for those cubs. You  
12 know, how they do that. They've got to drop the fish  
13 and go back, and the cubs are growling and fighting  
14 over the fish, and then she's got to go try and get one  
15 for herself, but she's about her cubs. And these  
16 wolves, it was a game with them, to go in and steal  
17 those fish.

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19 So you've got a great food source there  
20 for the wolves i addition to just the moose and the  
21 caribou. They eat voles. They're opportunistic.  
22 They'll eat anything they can get ahold of.

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24 Anyway, I respect the wolf, and I don't  
25 want to see them eliminated, but I think we have to  
26 actively manage some areas of the State. And I'm very  
27 much concerned about it. You're going to see your  
28 moose and caribou and sheep populations, particularly  
29 I'm worried about the moose, go to a level where there  
30 won't be any seasons for anybody left. So it's  
31 something that has to be taken into account, and I'll  
32 conclude my remarks with that.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
35 Joe. Any questions.

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37 (No comments)

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39 MR. ALVAREZ: Okay. I move we adopt  
40 WP08-01.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.

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44 MR. ALVAREZ: I don't like this  
45 proposal, and, you know, we discussed it quite a bit  
46 already. I don't like the extended date. In my  
47 opinion, you know, to kill wolves that you can't use is  
48 kind of wanton waste. You know, I could see extending  
49 the limit when you can use them in the winter time,  
50 but, you know, being able to harvest them in September

1 or end of May, I don't think you know, the hides aren't  
2 any use to anybody. If there was going to be anything  
3 done, I think it should be done in the wintertime where  
4 you could utilize the fur.

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6 And then destroying the dens, I don't  
7 think that's a good idea. In my opinion, that's the  
8 last thing that should be done. And it would involve  
9 where wolves were -- in my opinion, where they were  
10 attacking people. And I don't think it's there yet,  
11 you know. And we can do other things in my opinion to  
12 reduce the number of wolves.

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14 And I don't agree with Pete, letting  
15 nature take care of itself. It just get out of  
16 control, and we end up with not being able to harvest,  
17 for instance, caribou or moose, because there's just  
18 too many -- you know, for nature to take -- to work it  
19 -- do its course, you have to -- there are so many  
20 wolves that they end up killing all the moose and  
21 caribou in an area, and there's not enough to harvest  
22 for the subsistence user. And, you know, our job is to  
23 try to manage these populations of fish and game for,  
24 you know, the best usage of everybody involved.

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26 And, I don't know, Pete, he must have  
27 never read Little Red Ridinghood.

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29 (Laughter)

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Dan first.  
32 Dan.

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Given the  
35 authority we have or don't have dealing with predator  
36 control, I feel like I have to oppose this.  
37 Personally, I wouldn't even be opposed to denning in  
38 properly applied predator control program. But we  
39 don't have the authority to reach out to that.

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41 I think Alvin said he'd like to see  
42 possibly a longer season or increased bag limit. And  
43 it looks like right now for Units 9, 17, and I don't  
44 know if we reach into 18 or not, they already have --  
45 it's just 10 wolves totally annually, August 10 to  
46 April 30. I'm not sure -- unless we would want to  
47 increase the daily -- or the bag limit, I'm not sure  
48 we'd gain a whole lot by extending the season. I  
49 wouldn't be opposed to increasing the bag limit. I'm  
50 not sure how much it would get us.

1 MR. HEDLUND: Is that under hunting or  
2 trapping? Under trapping, I don't think there's a  
3 limit.  
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5 MR. DUNAWAY: Probably not. This is --  
6 I'm just looking under subsistence hunting.  
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8 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah, that's hunting.  
9 And trapping, you could do it under a trapping license,  
10 there is no limit.  
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12 MR. DUNAWAY: That's correct. So in a  
13 sense, I think we're pretty liberal already, so I'll  
14 probably be voting in opposition to his. I would be  
15 interested in forwarding a resolution to support  
16 coordinated predator management among the agencies.  
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18 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah, there is no limit  
19 on trapping, Unit 9, 17, or any of them really.  
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21 MR. ABRAHAM: Unless the wolf has a  
22 bounty, a hunter/ trapper is not going to go after  
23 wolves. I mean, you want a prime pelt to sell. So I  
24 tend to agree with you for increasing the hunting, you  
25 know, perhaps. Extending, destroying the wolf dens,  
26 I'm against that, too.  
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28 Doy.  
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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. The  
31 question's been called for. Let's vote it. All in  
32 favor please signify by saying aye.  
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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Aye. Oops, I'm sorry. I  
35 didn't mean that.  
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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Let me  
38 double check that. Everybody -- okay.  
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40 (No affirmative votes)  
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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed same  
43 sign.  
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45 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
48 Motion fails. Very good.  
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50 MR. ALVAREZ: Do we need to -- we

1 should vote to have Staff draft up a letter to the  
2 agencies to work on.....

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I would  
5 agree with that. Does anybody have any opposition to  
6 the Staff drafting a letter to distribute to the  
7 agencies about putting together predator control and  
8 taking a look on area-by-area basis.

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10 MR. HEDLUND: I'd like to see that. I  
11 would like to see them come up with something. I'm all  
12 for predator control, but not this thing, you know.  
13 Not this one.

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15 MR. ALVAREZ: I so move.

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17 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.

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19 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Second.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: All in  
22 favor.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed.

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
31 Cliff. Thank you.

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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Does Staff have  
34 sufficient language or do you want us to work with you  
35 on language?

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37 MR. EDENSHAW: Madame Chair and  
38 Council. I think the Council has addressed increasing  
39 wolf harvest limits, you can use a snowmachine to  
40 harvest wolves. They've addressed same-day-airborne  
41 hunting of wolves. The statewide proposal just came in  
42 with denning. I'm trying to figure out what other  
43 proposals not only this Council, but the other nine in  
44 the State have used to address -- when the same-day-  
45 airborne hunting proposal came out, all the land  
46 managing agencies lined up, the representatives on the  
47 Board provided their own justification as to what they  
48 can and can't do regarding same-day-airborne hunting of  
49 wolves as well as predator control.

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1 MR. HEDLUND: Well, that's the problem.

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: So it would probably be  
4 a short letter at least from one land managing agency  
5 that I know that allows.....

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7 MR. HEDLUND: Well, that's the problem.  
8 There no same-day-airborne allowed on Federal lands,  
9 and I think that's what they need to take a good look  
10 at, because, you know, they've got predator control all  
11 over the country with airplanes, but Federal lands, no.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I think  
14 cooperation would be the key item in this letter, yeah.

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16 MR. HEDLUND: That's what I'm saying.  
17 You know, they should let the airplane go ahead and do  
18 same-day-airborne on Federal lands for predator  
19 control. You know, right now, you get caught same-day-  
20 airborne and over Federal lands, you get hung.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: And I know a couple  
23 years ago BBNA was going to submit a statewide proposal  
24 to have them implement a similar predator control  
25 problem -- I mean plan as they had in the Interior, but  
26 that never materialized.

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Dan.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. I believe there's  
31 still pretty strong interest. Too bad Woodsy isn't  
32 here. I know one of the last advisory committee  
33 meetings, fish and game, there's still real concern I  
34 believe among a lot of BBNA group and other folks  
35 around here. I guess maybe in this resolution, I would  
36 like to see that not just to say we still would like to  
37 see you coordinate it, but again examine all methods  
38 likely to succeed in controlling predators. As a  
39 Council here, a lot of folks are pretty uncomfortable  
40 with denning, but whether it's land and shoot or aerial  
41 gunning, or personally I would -- if you really want to  
42 control predators, I would say denning, too. If  
43 somebody wants to go to that much work, let them have  
44 it. If that's what you -- if you want to reduce  
45 predators. So I would want you to include some  
46 language on these agencies again examining all workable  
47 means, again under a thoughtful predator control plan.

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49 MR. HEDLUND: But I don't think you  
50 should destroy predators without using them. And in

1 denning you are.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, but if you're just  
4 trying to get rid of wolves, get rid of wolves.

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6 MR. HEDLUND: Yeah, but you should use  
7 what you kill. It goes back to the -- I mean, that's  
8 why we're in subsistence. I mean, use what you, you  
9 know, kill. Don't go destroy something for nothing.

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11 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay.

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13 MR. ABRAHAM: Denning. If you destroy  
14 denning, well, he's got another place over there to  
15 make another den. When somebody mentions predator  
16 control and stuff, you know, I always think, go for it  
17 and good luck. But in the end the human loses all the  
18 time. One day, one time old man Kappata was taken to  
19 his home. And he says, the State and the beaver are  
20 fighting against each other. He never explained to me.  
21 I says, why, what you mean? It was springtime. Well,  
22 the State man is trying to get rid of the dam down here  
23 by the airport, because it's flooding. So, okay.  
24 Fine. A month later I ask him, who won? Did the State  
25 or the beaver win? The State lost. That's the nature,  
26 man. That's the nature. The human hardly ever when,  
27 because like I said, you know, the nature take care of  
28 itself. You scar the earth, scrape it off. Ten years,  
29 you come back, and it's healed itself. Yeah. The  
30 earth is alive. Animals are alive.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Molly.

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34 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I just have question.  
35 I'm not a hunter, but normally hunters hunt animals  
36 either for crafts or -- usable crafts or to sell. And  
37 I haven't kept up with the price of wolves, and I know  
38 that there's usually a price. The price goes up for  
39 short hair and long hair. And I don't know where the  
40 status of the wolf prices are. But for crafts, the  
41 wolves are use -- used to be heavily used for ruffs  
42 around your jackets or for our parka, but less and  
43 less. I know my boys think that that's not a thing to  
44 use. And so that even the local people have their own  
45 -- what is it when you try to keep up with the  
46 design.....

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Trends.

49 Fashion trends. Yeah.

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1 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Fashion. Yeah. So the  
2 price and the fashion usually rules for some of the  
3 harvests.

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5 MR. ALVAREZ: I call for the question.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The  
8 question's been called for. All those in favor of this  
9 resolution please signify by saying aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed same  
14 sign.

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16 (No opposing votes)

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The  
19 resolution shall go forth. If you have any questions,  
20 Dan, myself or Randy would probably be your contact  
21 point.

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23 Okay. Liz, would you like to read in  
24 WP08-05, please.

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26 MR. ABRAHAM: That's the last one,  
27 right?

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29 MR. ALVAREZ: Then we're going to take  
30 a break.

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32 MR. ABRAHAM: No more voting. I'm  
33 going to go to work up the hill when I'm done. When  
34 it's done.

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36 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, we have one more.

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38 MR. ABRAHAM: Yep.

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40 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
41 Members of the Council. I'm Liz Williams with OSM.

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43 And this is the analysis for WP08-05,  
44 which is on Page 92 in your book. And this is a  
45 statewide proposal that was submitted by the Alaska  
46 Department of Fish and Game, and it requests the  
47 removal of all unit-specific regulations related to the  
48 sale of brown bear handicrafts made of skin, hide,  
49 pelt, or fur, and that sales of brown bear handicrafts  
50 made of claws, bones, teeth, sinew or skulls should

1 only occur between Federally-qualified subsistence  
2 users, not an open market like it is right now.

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4           The proponent said they submitted this  
5 proposal in order to refine Federal regulations, which  
6 in its view allow for the unconstrained commercial sale  
7 of handicrafts made from brown bear parts, and create  
8 market incentives for poaching.

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10           However, when you review the  
11 conservation literature about bears, one of the biggest  
12 problems is habitat loss and the Asian wildlife  
13 cuisine, traditional Chinese medicine, things like that  
14 are what's affecting bear populations in a lot of this  
15 country.

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17           Under current Federal subsistence regs,  
18 brown bear fur and claws can be used to make  
19 handicrafts for sale if the bears were harvested from  
20 units in Eastern Interior, Bristol Bay, and Southeast  
21 Alaska under Federal subsistence regs. Other parts  
22 such as the bone, teeth, sinew, and skull can only be  
23 used for handicrafts for sale if they were taken in  
24 Southeast Alaska.

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26           The proponent's description of people  
27 eligible to sell handicrafts made with these parts,  
28 would increase the type of bear parts eligible for sale  
29 in much of the State, which would mean all units, not  
30 just those Council areas that have approved of it, but  
31 would narrow sales only to those between Federally-  
32 qualified rural residents.

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34           Between 2002 and 2007, the Federal  
35 Subsistence Board has looked at at least seven  
36 proposals regarding the sale of bear handicrafts, and  
37 throughout this period the Board has consistently  
38 provided for the sale where the Councils approve it.

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40           The legal use of brown bear claws and  
41 other non-edible parts of bears for handicraft sales is  
42 consistent with ANILCA, and it's not expected to  
43 increase harvest, because harvest limits have not  
44 increased, just the way you can use what you do harvest  
45 is increased under these regulations.

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47           And there's no evidence to date that we  
48 know of that suggests that these regs adversely effect  
49 brown bear populations, so for those reasons, the OSM  
50 preliminary conclusion is to oppose Proposal WP08-05.

1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
2 Any questions. Go ahead, Molly.

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4 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Well, you know, because  
5 I'm new here, and I've heard of this regulation, and  
6 hadn't really dug into it. I guess I just need a  
7 little bit of clarification. What's the State -- is  
8 there a State regulation on this, and is it opposite  
9 from what this is, or are we trying to.....

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11 MS. WILLIAMS: The State regulation  
12 right now is that can make handicrafts out of brown  
13 bear fur and black bear fur and sell them, but you  
14 can't use claws. And that's been one of the kind of  
15 separations between Federal and State regulations on  
16 bear handicrafts. So State, you can only use brown  
17 bear and black bear fur for handicrafts. Federal,  
18 depending on which region you live in, you can use fur  
19 and claws or you can use the other parts, like bones  
20 and skulls.

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22 Each RAC has voted on it depending on  
23 their cultural beliefs. And so Eastern Interior,  
24 Bristol Bay and Southeast all allow the sale of brown  
25 bear handicrafts from their areas. But the other RACs  
26 have chosen not to. Southeast has gone even more and  
27 they -- because they use the other parts, like skulls  
28 and bones and sinew in their regalia, so they allow  
29 those sales from their area, too.

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31 So part of this proposal, the State  
32 would like people I believe to not use claws in sales  
33 to the open market. They would like for everybody in  
34 the State to be able to sell bear fur handicrafts to  
35 everybody, and the other parts that are considered  
36 maybe more high value, like claws, bones, teeth and  
37 sinew, they would only want just between rural  
38 residents to other rural residents.

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40 At the Southcentral RAC, people talked  
41 about the value of bear claws going down, because they  
42 can be made lifelike out of plastic and stuff, and  
43 somebody there used to sell them, and they said they  
44 just don't get the price that they used to. It's not  
45 that high value of an item any more.

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47 So what people on the Federal regs I  
48 think is that they can go to a craft show. Right now  
49 if they're from -- if they harvest the bears that they  
50 use for crafts from an area where the RAC has decided

1 they wanted it, they can sell them to anybody, whereas  
2 this one, you could sell fur to anybody, but you would  
3 only be able to sell sort of the hard parts to other  
4 subsistence users.

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6                   However, there are some places where  
7 they don't even want -- the RACs don't like the sale of  
8 bear fur. And this would make it statewide, even  
9 though the RACs in the past have voted against it.

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11                   So the Board is trying to be very  
12 responsive to each RAC and its cultural beliefs about  
13 the sale of bear.

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15                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Molly,  
16 I might add, too, I mean, yeah, we've seen this before.  
17 I feel, too, also to add to what you've said, that the  
18 State would like to see uniformity, probably more so  
19 for law enforcement, you know, than anything. They  
20 feel like they don't have the ability to control where  
21 things came from, if you're able to sell to everyone.  
22 But just like so many of our things, and like you were  
23 identifying earlier, that each area has its own customs  
24 and traditions. That's what we've gone through in the  
25 past, and that's how these proposals that we have in  
26 place have been put there, is by each area defining  
27 what they use and how they've used it. And the State  
28 would like to see it be uniform.

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30                   MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Well, when you  
31 were going through the regulation, my wheels were  
32 turning to see these different crafts, like any time  
33 there's any gatherings, even in the communities when  
34 they have festivals, you know, they have craft tables,  
35 and then the big one in Anchorage, Fairbanks and  
36 Bethel. And you see these different items. And I  
37 guess that would -- this regulation would I guess  
38 narrow it down.

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40                   The concern I've got is I guess  
41 education to the other user groups so that when you go  
42 to these different craft fairs, you wouldn't see  
43 certain craft from these parts that are not legal.

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45                   MR. HEDLUND: On this, I oppose this  
46 one, because, I mean, if I'm going to shoot a bear,  
47 and, you know, go through the trouble of shooting a  
48 bear and use it, I want to be able to sell anything and  
49 everything off of that bear. I mean, this -- with this  
50 proposal, it restricts me to sell it to another Native

1 basically. I mean, I'm not going to buy a bear claw  
2 when I can go out and get it myself, you know. So who  
3 do you sell it to? You've got nobody to sell it to.

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5 So basically I think Fish and Game put  
6 this in to control the sale of bear, but they don't  
7 have a problem with, you know, sale of bear stuff.  
8 They really don't.

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10 MR. ALVAREZ: Let's save our discussion  
11 for deliberation. If we have any questions for Staff.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other  
15 questions for Liz. Yeah.

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17 (No comments)

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
20 Liz.

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22 George, please.

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24 MR. PAPPAS: Bear with me on this one.  
25 This is quite lengthy.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Is that like  
28 pardon the pun?

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30 MR. PAPPAS: Department of Fish and  
31 Game, George Pappas.

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33 Wildlife Proposal WP08-05 requests a  
34 change of regulations regarding sales of brown bear  
35 handicrafts to allow sales of handicrafts made of brown  
36 bear fur in all units and restrict sales of handicrafts  
37 made from claws, bones, teeth or skulls to transactions  
38 between Federally-qualified subsistence users.

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40 Current Federal regulations allow  
41 essentially unconstrained commercial sale of  
42 handicrafts made from bear parts in some units as a  
43 customary and traditional activity, without substantial  
44 evidence demonstrating that such sales ever occurred.  
45 The sale of such handicrafts is limited only by an  
46 unenforceable provision that provides -- excuse me,  
47 that prohibits sales which make up a significant  
48 commercial enterprise. The current regulations also  
49 allow the purchase of these handicrafts by persons who  
50 are not Federally-qualified subsistence users, despite

1 such purchases being prohibited under State law, as was  
2 pointed out in the spring 2006 Federal Subsistence  
3 Board meeting, that sales can even occur over the  
4 internet.

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6                   Sales of handicrafts made from brown  
7 bear claws, teeth, skulls, and bones present particular  
8 problems, because they are potentially high value  
9 items, and allowing sales creates market incentives for  
10 poaching in both Alaska and other states.

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12                   On a side point, at one of the Regional  
13 Advisory Councils a catalog was produced for bear claws  
14 that are available for sale in Idaho, and the claws  
15 start at 70 bucks apiece and go up to \$240 apiece, and  
16 they were from Canada. They were heavily regulated  
17 through CITES paperwork, heavily documented, and you  
18 could track them back to the exact bear, of where it  
19 was shot, et cetera. So that's just a side point.  
20 They are available and they are highly valuable, at  
21 least at one store in Idaho. I don't know if you can  
22 access it on the internet, but catalogs were passed  
23 around at on the Regional Advisory Councils.

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25                   Black bear handicraft sales, although  
26 not customary and traditional, do not create the high  
27 level of conservation concern raised by the sales of  
28 brown bear handicrafts. Similarly, sales of brown bear  
29 handicrafts do not raise the same level of concern if  
30 limited to the skin and fur as defined in State  
31 regulations; and even sales of handicrafts made of  
32 claws and teeth do not currently raise extremely high  
33 levels of concern if limited amongst Federally-  
34 qualified users.

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36                   Changing the regulation to continue to  
37 allow the sale of brown bear fur products to anyone,  
38 which the State allows is the sale of untanned brown  
39 bear hides, while limiting sales of handicrafts made  
40 with brown bear claws, teeth, bones and skulls to sales  
41 to other Federally-qualified subsistence users should  
42 help eliminate commercial markets and the masking of  
43 illegal sales in Alaska and elsewhere.

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45                   Unit specific restrictions on sales are  
46 almost impossible to enforce without tracking and  
47 documentation required and are not needed for the lower  
48 value fur handicrafts. This proposal would eliminate  
49 the unit-specific sale allowances in order to make the  
50 regulations more user-friendly and enforceable.

1                   This proposal would not restrict any  
2 customary and traditional activity because sales of  
3 brown bear handicrafts are not customary and  
4 traditional. The Federal Subsistence Board's current  
5 allowance of such sales were not based upon a  
6 determination that such sales are customary and  
7 traditional but was based upon the Board's unsupported  
8 argument that the Board can authorize the use if the  
9 take is customary and traditional.

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11                   This proposal will continue to allow  
12 rural residents to sell brown bear fur handicrafts to  
13 anyone, as within the State law; barter brown bear  
14 handicrafts with anyone under Federal regulations; and  
15 sell brown bear handicrafts to other rural residents  
16 under Federal regulations. Therefore, the proposed  
17 regulation change would not impair the ability of rural  
18 residents or urban Alaska Natives to obtain such  
19 handicrafts for ceremonial, religious and cultural  
20 purposes.

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22                   Further, adoption of this proposal will  
23 significantly reduce the likelihood that Federally-  
24 qualified subsistence users will face State prosecution  
25 for engaging in sales that are prohibited under State  
26 law when they are on State or private lands.

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28                   The Chairman of the Eastern Interior  
29 RAC had serious concern about that comment from the  
30 Department, from the State, that if you are a  
31 Federally-qualified user, you harvest a subsistence  
32 bear, you make a craft out of it that includes claws,  
33 and you come into down, I guess even Dillingham would  
34 count, because that's off of Federal public lands and  
35 make the sales. And the question came up, would that  
36 stand up in court. I don't have the answer for you,  
37 but currently it's prohibited by State regulations, so  
38 it would be limited to certain areas.

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40                   Under State regulations, handicrafts  
41 made with bear fur may be sold to anyone, but sales of  
42 handicrafts made with claws, skulls, teeth, and bones  
43 are prohibited. Whole bear skins, with claws attached,  
44 taken under certain predator control areas may be sold,  
45 but only after sealing and under the terms of a permit  
46 issued by the bear skin -- excuse me, issued for that  
47 bear skin.

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49                   Another question came up at a RAC,  
50 okay, what about the DLP auction in Anchorage at the

1 Fur Rondy? You know, the State sells, auctions off  
2 full hides, claws attached, the whole bit. And that is  
3 highly regulated. It's a one-time sale. The person  
4 can't resale the animal. They can't make parts. They  
5 can't sell the claws, what have you. So it's a highly  
6 regulated tracked auction -- or, excuse me, tracked  
7 transaction of where that bear hide goes.

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9 Conservation issues. The Federal  
10 Subsistence Board created a new market for bear claws  
11 and other high value bear parts which likely masks the  
12 illegal sales, thereby compounding problems with the  
13 international trade of endangered species and  
14 contributing to the illegal harvest, over-harvest, and  
15 waste of bears in other states and countries, as well  
16 as in Alaska. Markets for higher value bear  
17 handicrafts create a conservation concern because brown  
18 bears are protected under the Endangered Species Act in  
19 other states and in Mexico, and the origin of brown  
20 bear products cannot be determined by visual inspection

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22 That's one issue that's been brought up  
23 time and time again, is how do you identify where a  
24 bear claw came, if there's no means of marking it, if  
25 there's no trail of documentation such as required in  
26 Idaho for the sale of bear claws.

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28 Skipping along here. Enforcement  
29 Issues. The proposal will reduce enforcement issues  
30 created by the existing Federal regulation by limiting  
31 the pool of eligible purchasers for high value bear  
32 parts, by allowing the sales of brown bear fur  
33 handicrafts from all Game Management Units, as allowed  
34 under State law. This proposal will eliminate  
35 unenforceable unit-specific sales authorizations in  
36 existing regulation. And the proposed regulation will  
37 reduce the likelihood that Federally-qualified  
38 subsistence users will face prosecution for attempting  
39 to engage in sales on State or private lands that are  
40 prohibited under State law.

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42 And I believe that concludes our State  
43 comments.

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45 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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47 Alaska Department of Fish and Game

48 comments:

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50 Wildlife Proposal WP08-05:

1                   Change the regulations regarding sale  
2 of brown bear handicrafts to allow sales of handicrafts  
3 made from brown bear fur in all units and to restrict  
4 sales of handicrafts made from claws, bones, teeth or  
5 skulls to transactions between Federally-qualified  
6 subsistence users.

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8                   Introduction:

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10                   Current Federal regulations allow  
11 essentially unconstrained commercial sale of  
12 handicrafts made from bear parts taken in some units as  
13 a customary and traditional activity, without  
14 substantial evidence demonstrating that such sales have  
15 ever occurred. The sale of such handicrafts is limited  
16 only by an unenforceable provision that prohibits sales  
17 constituting a "significant commercial enterprise."  
18 The current regulations also allow the purchase of  
19 these handicrafts by persons who are not Federally-  
20 qualified subsistence users, despite such purchases  
21 being prohibited under State law and, as was pointed  
22 out in the spring 2006 Federal Subsistence Board  
23 meeting, that sales can even occur over the internet.

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25                   Sales of handicrafts made from brown  
26 bear claws, teeth, skulls, and bones present a  
27 particular problem, because these are potentially high  
28 value items, and allowing sales creates market  
29 incentives for poaching both in Alaska and other  
30 states.

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32                   Black bear handicraft sales, although  
33 not customary and traditional, do not create the high  
34 level of conservation concern raised by sales of brown  
35 bear handicrafts. Similarly, sales of brown bear  
36 handicrafts do not raise the same level of concern if  
37 limited to the skin or fur as defined in state  
38 regulations; and even sales of handicrafts made with  
39 claws and teeth do not currently raise extremely high  
40 levels of concern if limited to sales among Federally-  
41 qualified users.

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43                   Changing the regulation to continue to  
44 allow the sale of brown bear fur products to anyone  
45 (State allows sale of untanned brown bear hides) while  
46 limiting sales of handicrafts made with brown bear  
47 claws, teeth, bones and skulls to sales to other  
48 Federally-qualified subsistence users should help  
49 eliminate commercial markets and the masking of illegal  
50 sales in Alaska and elsewhere.

1 Unit specific restrictions on sales are  
2 almost impossible to enforce without tracking and  
3 documentation requirements and are not needed for the  
4 lower value fur handicrafts. This proposal will  
5 eliminate the unit-specific sale allowances in order to  
6 make the regulations more user-friendly and more  
7 enforceable.

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9 Impact on Subsistence Users:

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11 This proposal will not restrict any  
12 customary and traditional activity because sales of  
13 brown bear handicrafts are not customary and  
14 traditional. The Federal Subsistence Board's current  
15 allowance of such sales was not based upon a  
16 determination that such sales are customary and  
17 traditional but was based upon the Board's unsupported  
18 argument that the Board can authorize any use if the  
19 take is customary and traditional (see e.g., January 2,  
20 2006 letter from Chairman Demientieff to Commissioner  
21 Campbell).

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23 This proposal will continue to allow  
24 rural residents to: sell brown bear fur handicrafts to  
25 anyone (as allowed under State law); barter brown bear  
26 handicrafts with anyone under Federal regulations; and  
27 sell brown bear handicrafts to other rural residents  
28 under Federal regulations. Therefore, this proposed  
29 regulation change will not impair the ability of rural  
30 residents or urban Alaska Natives to obtain such  
31 handicrafts for ceremonial, religious and cultural  
32 purposes.

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34 Further, adoption of this proposal will  
35 significantly reduce the likelihood that Federally-  
36 qualified subsistence users will face State prosecution  
37 for engaging in sales that are prohibited under State  
38 law when they are on State or private lands.

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40 Opportunity Provided by State:

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42 Under 5 AAC 92.200, handicrafts made  
43 with bear fur may be sold to anyone, but sales of  
44 handicrafts made with claws, skulls, teeth, and bones  
45 are prohibited. Whole bear skins, with claws attached,  
46 taken in certain predator control areas may be sold  
47 under 5 AAC 92.031, but only after sealing and under  
48 terms of a permit issued for that bear skin.

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50 Conservation Issues:

1                   The Federal Subsistence Board created a  
2 new market for bear claws and other high value bear  
3 parts which likely masks illegal sales, thereby  
4 compounding problems with the international trade of  
5 endangered species and contributing to the illegal  
6 harvest, over-harvest, and waste of bears in other  
7 states and countries, as well as Alaska. Markets for  
8 high value bear handicrafts create a conservation  
9 concern because brown bears are protected under the  
10 Endangered Species Act in other states and Mexico, and  
11 the origin of brown bear products cannot be determined  
12 by visual inspection. Brown bear are also listed on  
13 Appendix II of the Convention International Trade of  
14 Endangered Species (CITES).

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16                   In Alaska, economic incentives  
17 associated with harvesting brown bear to make  
18 handicrafts create conservation concerns because brown  
19 bears develop slowly and have a low reproductive rate,  
20 making small populations extremely susceptible to  
21 over-harvest. Allowing a widespread sale of high value  
22 bear parts without any kind of tracking mechanism is an  
23 invitation to poachers. Further, the existing  
24 regulations are unenforceable and inconsistent with  
25 sound wildlife management principles.

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27                   Enforcement Issues:  
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29                   This proposal will reduce enforcement  
30 issues created by the existing Federal regulation in  
31 several ways: (1) By limiting the pool of eligible  
32 purchasers for high value bear parts, it will  
33 significantly reduce the economic incentives for  
34 poaching in other states and countries as well as in  
35 Alaska. (2) By allowing the sales of brown bear fur  
36 handicrafts from any Game Management Unit, as allowed  
37 under State law, this proposal will eliminate  
38 unenforceable unit-specific sales authorizations in  
39 existing regulation. (3) The proposed regulation will  
40 reduce the likelihood that Federally-qualified  
41 subsistence users will face prosecution for attempting  
42 to engage in sales on State or private lands that are  
43 prohibited under State law.

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45                   Jurisdiction Issues:  
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47                   The Federal Subsistence Board lacks  
48 jurisdiction to allow sales of any wildlife handicrafts  
49 when and where such sales are not customary and  
50 traditional. In the past, the Federal Board has

1 rejected this argument, asserting that if any use is  
2 customary and traditional, then the Board can authorize  
3 any other use. It should be noted that the Board's  
4 argument is inconsistent with its litigation stance in  
5 the Chistochina Unit 12 moose case where it argued that  
6 "customary and traditional use" is related to "how  
7 resources are used after they are taken," and "not to  
8 or a prerequisite condition for the taking itself."  
9 State v. Fleagle, (Case 3:06-cv-00107-HRH) Doc. 32 at  
10 22.

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
13 George.

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15 Questions. Randy.

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17 MR. COLLINS: George, this proposal has  
18 come up before a number of times. Can you tell me  
19 what's the difference between this proposal and the  
20 past proposal last year or the year before?

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22 MR. PAPPAS: I apologize. Through the  
23 Chair. I apologize. I don't have that information to  
24 compare the two.

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26 MR. COLLINS: It just seems like the  
27 same thing. I was just wondering if it was exactly the  
28 same, or if there was something different somehow.

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30 That's all I had.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody  
33 else. Dan.

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35 MR. DUNAWAY: Has the State encountered  
36 or documented enforcement problems? Have they -- have  
37 you actually had situations where enforcement officers  
38 are put in an awkward situations? I have a list of a  
39 few things here, but any part of this -- your  
40 objections, I mean, you have some, here's an example  
41 where this happened? Either the illegal sale or  
42 depletion of animals because of, say, market hunting or  
43 anything like that?

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45 MR. PAPPAS: Through the Chair. Mr.  
46 Dunaway. I understand there's been issues with gall  
47 bladders. You know, everybody's read about that at one  
48 point or another where they can point to gall bladders.  
49 But for this specific proposal, I've been asked that  
50 question -- or, excuse me, the state's been asked that

1 question before, and I have not been provided with the  
2 specific examples of sting operations or what have you.  
3 You know, since you can't track a claw or a skull  
4 unless they have a seal on it. But if you can't track  
5 it, then there's no way to be actually -- enforce the  
6 regulations, and I really don't have a good example.  
7 If I had a list of examples, I would assume they would  
8 be in this analysis. But the potential's there if it  
9 was to be exploited, and a market is created.

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11 And a lot of the concern is, it's not  
12 only Alaska, but creating a market potentially could  
13 endanger other populations in other states, and even in  
14 Canada, but creating an existing market -- excuse me,  
15 enhancing an existing market and creating a demand.

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17 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Thanks. I have a  
18 couple others. At the pleasure of the Chair.

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20 And I don't know if you know the answer  
21 to this one. What would it take or would there be a  
22 way to establish C&T on sales of brown bear parts? I  
23 would imagine there's probably some tradition of  
24 exchange at least for desirable parts among folks. I  
25 see some other people stirring behind you there. But  
26 you brought up the objection. I was wondering if you  
27 knew part of the answer.

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29 MR. PAPPAS: What would it take to  
30 establish C&T? I couldn't say, but adoption of this  
31 proposal would solve that issue for the rural residents  
32 -- or, excuse me, for the Federally-qualified  
33 subsistence users statewide. There could be barter and  
34 trade statewide for areas that do and don't have the  
35 same species for trade for areas that do and don't have  
36 the same species, if that makes sense. That's not an  
37 answer to your question, but this would address that  
38 issue.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Could the State  
41 live with something like this if a tracking system was  
42 adopted as part of the program?

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44 MR. PAPPAS: I understand if there was  
45 -- that would address a lot of enforcement concerns, if  
46 you had a brown bear claw, and there was a little pit  
47 tagette (ph) or some type of means of identifying it  
48 to track it back. One RAC recommended someone's permit  
49 number or some type of identifying number if you were a  
50 fur salesman or -- excuse, a fur trapper. Some kind of

1 identification on each. One RAC did suggest that. I  
2 don't have -- unfortunately I don't have the wildlife  
3 folks here to speak to this, and I'm trying to put the  
4 puzzle together. That has been discussed. If a  
5 working group could come together and figure out a way  
6 to track this, that might contain any potential masking  
7 of illegal sales, because each piece would be  
8 registered, you'd be able to track it back to the  
9 individuals.

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11 But conversely, you don't want to have  
12 a two-inch claw with a four-inch number on it.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: But it sounds like the  
15 store in Idaho selling claws out of Canada, that Canada  
16 has a tracking system.

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18 MR. PAPPAS: Since it's international,  
19 and I was told that it's heavily regulated, and you can  
20 track it back to who, where, when, and how, and, yeah,  
21 the date and et cetera.

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23 MR. DUNAWAY: I think that's all I have  
24 for now. Thanks.

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26 MR. PAPPAS: And I was informed that  
27 there is something out there that has, oh, it's a  
28 quarter-inch little tag that can be put on the inside,  
29 what have you, that could identify it some way or  
30 another. How would you go about doing that, how could  
31 someone 400 miles away from everybody else skin out  
32 their animal to use such, where could you do so? I  
33 don't know. There's a mechanism for every other animal  
34 in the State. I'm not sure exactly how that would come  
35 together, but there have been discussions about maybe  
36 even forming a working group to solve this issue.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Molly.

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40 MS. CHYTHLOOK: A question. Thank you.  
41 I guess bear hide and claw, or sales of bear hide with  
42 claws are allowed. And you said it was just a one-time  
43 deal?

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45 MR. PAPPAS: I think there were two  
46 examples of where you can sell a bear hide under State  
47 regulations with claws attached. One is the Fur Rondy  
48 where the DLP auction, where you -- defense of life and  
49 property, an animal's attacking, what have you, you end  
50 up shooting it. It goes to the Troopers. The Troopers

1 take it to Anchorage, and it gets sold off once a year  
2 with all the inadvertently harvested or killed animals.

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5 The other issue, under a predator  
6 control area, they do allow a whole bear skin with  
7 claws attached taken in certain predator control areas  
8 to be sold under a specific regulation after it had  
9 been sealed. And I would assume those regulations are  
10 the same as the DLP auction. It gets sold once, and  
11 you own it for the rest of your life. You can't cut it  
12 up or make handicrafts or sell the claws.

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14 MS. CHYTHLOOK: But you don't have any  
15 tracking devices for that?

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17 MR. PAPPAS: Each hide does have a seal  
18 on it, and it's a locking seal that stays on the hide,  
19 and the claws can't be taken off and sold or what have  
20 you. So it's one unit, it is trackable, you can track  
21 it all the way back to where the paperwork shows that  
22 it was killed for DLP or harvested under predator  
23 control regulations.

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25 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Okay. That's all I  
26 have. Thanks.

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other  
29 questions.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: Yes. I do have another  
32 one.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,  
35 Dan.

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37 MR. DUNAWAY: But I'd defer to anybody  
38 else who hasn't.....

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: It looks  
41 like you're it.

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43 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. It seems  
44 discussing this issue in the past, or maybe it was  
45 related, but in the advisory committee, I've heard  
46 people complain that, well, a guy, say a trophy hunter  
47 comes up, shoots a bear here in Alaska. He does all  
48 the sealing, everything legal. But once he takes it  
49 takes it to the Lower 48, he can hack it up anyway he  
50 wants and sell it. Is that correct or am I mistaken on

1 that?

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MR. PAPPAS: Once it leaves the State  
4 of Alaska or goes overseas, we wouldn't have control of  
5 it unless -- once example was provided where somebody  
6 did take -- somehow had the claws -- it was legally  
7 purchased the animal or shot the animal and made his  
8 own necklace out of his own hide or what have you, and  
9 had some serious problems with the Federal government  
10 in Washington, D.C. once he was seen with that.

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I can't speak about -- the Department  
12 -- once they're past the borders of Alaska, unless they  
13 find them selling them in a pawn shop, in a place where  
14 it's not legal, yes, I would assume that the CITES,  
15 what have you, if the Federal officers would see that,  
16 it would probably be on the same par of turtle skin  
17 boots or something along those lines. We can't control  
18 that, but it's along the same lines of people catching  
19 their fish here, and folks say go down to flea markets  
20 and sell canned fish down in Arizona. You know, how --  
21 what do we do about that.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Any  
24 other questions.

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(No comments)

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
30 George.

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MR. PAPPAS: Thank you.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Federal,  
35 State and tribal agency comments. Are there any out  
36 there. Sandy.

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MR. RABINOWITCH: I'm Sandy Rabinowitch  
39 with the Park Service. I make this comment just to add  
40 to some of the discussion that just followed.

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The question on C&T, customary and  
43 traditional use determinations of bear parts. That  
44 question's been asked several times at the Staff  
45 Committee level that I sit on, and the Federal Board  
46 level. And what the Federal attorneys have told us is  
47 that the way the Federal program works is to look at  
48 the use of a species, so the question is, is there a  
49 customary and traditional use of bears in your area.  
50 If the Board determines that there is, which, of

1 course, they have, you know, in Bristol Bay area,  
2 that's where the C&T questions need to stop. That all  
3 the uses that follow, whether you eat the bear, whether  
4 you use the hide, whether you make handicrafts, you  
5 don't have to keep asking the customary and traditional  
6 use question.

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8 So you were talking about that a little  
9 bit before, and I wanted to just clarify that once you  
10 have that C&T determination on the books according to  
11 the Federal attorneys, you're good to go on that one.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Great.  
14 That's a good clarification. Thank you, Sandy.

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16 Does anybody have a question.

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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, you have more  
19 agency folks to go, because I noticed that when some of  
20 this was discussed earlier that Pat Petrivelli was  
21 acting like she might have something to say on it. I  
22 don't know if this would be the correct place to put  
23 her, to ask or to talk.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Pat, if you  
26 have something, please.

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28 MS. PETRIVELLI: Sandy Rabinowitch  
29 clarified it. It was just that -- and I'm glad he did,  
30 because I would have gotten up and said, you know, once  
31 the Federal Board gives C&T, as long as it's conducted  
32 in a non-wasteful manner, you know. but since Sandy  
33 clarified it, I would have gotten up and said the same  
34 thing. That's all I wanted. And I think that was it.

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36 And then when you asked the enforcement  
37 thing, that kept coming up at other Councils, you know,  
38 has there been any evidence, and other Federal  
39 agencies' law enforcement people were there, and they  
40 say, no, there has been no enforcement, so you covered  
41 that question, too. So you've covered all the points  
42 that have come up in other regions that have touched  
43 on, so -- I think. I'm pretty sure.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
46 Okay. Any other Federal, State and tribal agency  
47 comments.

48

49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
2 Seeing none, let's move on to InterAgency Staff  
3 Committee.

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5 MR. RABINOWITCH: None.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And  
8 summary of written public comments. Cliff.

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10 MR. EDENSHAW: Madame Chair and  
11 Council. On Page 104 are the written public comments  
12 for WP08-05, and both of those are submitted by Copper  
13 River Native Association and AHTNA, and both entities  
14 oppose the proposal. And you received the written, the  
15 handouts from the Lake Clark and Aniakchak SRC.

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17 And the Aniakchak on Proposal WP08-05,  
18 to modify the regulations concerning the sale of  
19 handicrafts made from the skin, hide, pelt, or fur,  
20 including claws, of brown bears. Support, this  
21 proposal will clarify to whom subsistence users may  
22 sell handicrafts made from specific brown bear parts,  
23 and reduce the commercial incentive for illegally-taken  
24 brown bears. This regulatory modification should not  
25 create a hardship for subsistence users making or  
26 selling handicrafts made from brown bear products.

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28 And the Lake Clark SRC opposes the  
29 proposal, because it restricts the opportunity for  
30 subsistence users to maximize the value they can derive  
31 from selling handicrafts made from parts of legally-  
32 taken brown bears.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
35 Randy.

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37 MR. ALVAREZ: Cliff, I don't understand  
38 these two comments. It says that they both oppose it,  
39 but they say that, we do not harvest brown bears. What  
40 does that mean? I mean, hey don't harvest them.  
41 They're saying they don't harvest them, but they don't  
42 have an opinion or -- they have an opinion, they oppose  
43 it, but they don't utilize this method.....

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45 MR. EDENSHAW: Oh, the written public  
46 comments you mean?

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48 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah. It says, we do not  
49 harvest brown bears. So that means they're not making  
50 crafts?

1 MS. MCBURNEY: They don't. The  
2 Southcentral Council doesn't want it, but they also  
3 defer to or respect other the opinions of other parts  
4 of the State that do. So they don't want this, because  
5 they want the other parts of the State that do want it  
6 to have it.

7  
8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So that was  
9 their short way of saying, we'll keep our nose out of  
10 it, because we don't take bear?

11  
12 MS. MCBURNEY: Yeah. And -- yeah.

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14 MS. PETRIVELLI: And because the state  
15 proposal would apply the regulations statewide, whereas  
16 the Federal has region-specific regulations that  
17 authorizes sales only in Eastern Interior, Bristol Bay  
18 and Southeast, and they didn't want it to apply to  
19 Southcentral. That's what it was.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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23 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Here's Lem.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Did he just  
26 come in? Oh, there he is. He's hiding in the back.  
27 Lem, you just missed out on all the fun.

28  
29 Okay. Since we're on that, too, did  
30 you have anything to add as to why this was supported  
31 by Lake Clark? Or Aniakchak. Do you remember your  
32 discussions on that?

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34 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I think basically they  
35 just supported it because they didn't want to lose it  
36 altogether I guess.

37  
38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, they  
39 maybe didn't know there was already regs on this.  
40 Okay. Good enough.

41  
42 Public comments. We have one. Joe,  
43 would you like to comment?

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45 MR. KLUTSCH: Thank you. Madame Chair.  
46 Committee.

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48 I did submit a written comment, it's  
49 just a little three-paragraph thing. I don't have a  
50 problem concept-wise with the proposal. I think the

1 Staff analysis pretty much explains where they want to  
2 go with it.

3  
4 I would like to add though that I do  
5 have some reservations about, and this is personal,  
6 about commercialization or how wildlife is used. I  
7 think in the interest of respecting other people's  
8 attitudes and values, that sometimes it's real  
9 important for all of us try and separate our personal  
10 views from maybe what's for the good of the whole.

11  
12 And my personal view is I don't like --  
13 I think brown -- all animals to me are very special.  
14 But brown bears in particular are special to me. And  
15 my personal thing is I just don't like to see them  
16 dismembered and made trinkets out of. But that's just  
17 me. Other people may believe different, and there may  
18 be economic value in this.

19  
20 Also the Staff analysis talks about the  
21 international problem in trade. I know in Canada it  
22 became a huge, huge problem that caused poaching of a  
23 lot of black bears.

24  
25 Also there's no way to track or monitor  
26 these things if they go out of a region. They don't  
27 have a system like we do with marine mammals, so it  
28 could cause a -- provide for a potential for abuse.  
29 There may be unintentioned conservation consequences  
30 that could occur, but that isn't happening right now.

31  
32 And as regards the C&T determinations,  
33 I hadn't thought about that dimension of this, but I'll  
34 just leave you with this. I was reading a Kodiak Brown  
35 Bear Management report done by Larry Van Daele just  
36 last week, and he traces the history of brown bears on  
37 Kodiak Island all the way back to contact, to the  
38 Russian era. And he actually got the records from the  
39 Shelikof and Baranof period of the Russian American  
40 Company. And their settlement, when the people from  
41 the areas would come in, they would bring in -- they  
42 didn't have -- they don't have big fur populations on  
43 Kodiak, but they traded brown bears. They sold -- the  
44 first cash economy, tokens and stuff like that, they  
45 sold brown bears. And 1785 through 1865 -- 1867, an  
46 average of 250 brown bears were traded and sold by  
47 local natives to the Russian American Company.

48  
49 MR. ALVAREZ: That's a year?  
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1 MR. KLUTSCH: A year. And not only did  
2 I find that interesting, but especially interesting as  
3 it relates to what that population of bears, what is a  
4 sustainable harvest. Their current sustainable harvest  
5 management goal is about 160 to 170 bears, and their  
6 management system is working perfect.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
9 Any questions.

10  
11 (No comments)

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Shall we?

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15 MR. ALVAREZ: Okay. I move we approve  
16 -- adopt WP08-05.

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18 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Second.

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20 MR. DUNAWAY: Second

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,  
23 Randy.

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25 MR. ALVAREZ: What was I going to say.  
26 Give me a second. I need to think.

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Dan or  
29 Molly, do you have anything you'd like to say? Dan.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: I thought Molly did, so I  
32 was waiting. Well, I'll speak up. You know, I was  
33 really uncomfortable initially when we agreed to allow  
34 the sale of parts and stuff, because at the time I  
35 think the State had just made a case of some guys  
36 snaring black bears over in Prince William Sound, and  
37 some other abuses. But I've got to say, it hasn't  
38 seemed to become a real problem. And we don't have a  
39 lot of documentation of problems. And I also  
40 understand that there's -- some of this I think was  
41 talk to encourage folks to shoot a few more bears,  
42 because there's a lot of complaints about bear's  
43 predation on moose and caribou. And if there's no  
44 incentive to shoot them or take them, those bears are  
45 still out there.

46  
47 So I'm kind of inclined to oppose this,  
48 but we should stay vigilant. I think it would be nice  
49 if maybe a tracking system could be developed,  
50 something that wouldn't be too onerous. That's another

1 part of that, is any tracking system especially if  
2 you're going to do it claw by claw or sinew by sinew,  
3 is going to be unmanageable, especially if there's one  
4 person in Togiak, another one in Nondalton or wherever.  
5 But if there was a reasonable tracking method that  
6 could be brought forth, that might be something to be  
7 added.

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9                               So I'm inclined to not support the  
10 proposal for now.

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12                               MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

13 Go ahead, Randy.

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15                               MR. ALVAREZ: Like I asked George, this  
16 seems like the same proposal we've been getting for the  
17 last couple years, and I haven't seen any new  
18 information why I should change my mind on it. So I'll  
19 be opposing it.

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21                               MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Molly.

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23                               MS. CHYTHLOOK: I'm going to tend to  
24 oppose this. I think our -- the people have been  
25 restricted enough times. I'm going to oppose the  
26 tracking. If there's no other tracking system for  
27 other bear sales, then I don't see any tracking systems  
28 to be implemented in sales of bear parts. That's all I  
29 have.

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31                               MR. HEDLUND: I'm going to oppose it,  
32 too. And Lake Clark at our last meeting up there, we  
33 opposed it. And down through the years, I mean, people  
34 have harvested bear in Lake Clark, and they don't do it  
35 so much any more, because they usually used the fat,  
36 and they get guides like me, I'll, you know, pass out  
37 the fat during the hunting and they don't need to kill  
38 bears as much any more. But if they do kill a bear,  
39 they want to be able to utilize the whole thing instead  
40 of having it hacked up by somebody telling them they  
41 couldn't sell it. So I oppose this one.

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43                               MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You know, I  
44 also would like to say personally that, you know, it  
45 worries me. I mean, I felt like it was almost part of  
46 the State's comments included a threat that they're  
47 going to come after us. And I guess I find that  
48 disturbing, because personally I would rather have them  
49 out there going after, you know, the people who are  
50 doing wrong, and poaching and doing things like that,

1 and so I guess I would just like to make the comment  
2 that I felt that that statement kind of sent that way.

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5 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I think that's the same  
6 thing we got.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, and  
9 I'm not sure that I'm comfortable with that, and I'm  
10 not sure that, you know, the State was right in perhaps  
11 proposing it in that particular way.

12

13 But I'm also opposed to this. I do not  
14 see anything since we have put these rules in adoption  
15 that has caused any undue stress on any of the brown  
16 bear populations. I have not heard of anything either  
17 that has been illegal or that there's any watches about  
18 because there's a danger or a market being produced.  
19 And although I would like definitely to see that things  
20 would be observed and carefully monitored in those  
21 areas, and I'm sure with the State's threat that it  
22 will be done that way. We'll certainly hear about them  
23 very quickly I'm sure, and I will appreciate knowing  
24 that, but until that time, I certainly don't see a  
25 problem.

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27 Anybody else.

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29 (No comments)

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31 MR. ABRAHAM: (In Yup'ik)

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The  
34 question's been called for. All those in favor of  
35 WP08-05 please signify by saying aye.

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37 (No affirmative votes)

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed same  
40 sign.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Motion  
45 carries. Break? Do you want to take break? Okay.  
46 Let's take a 10-minute break.

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48 (Off record)

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50 (On record)

1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Come back  
2 together again. Okay. George, go ahead. I'll give  
3 you the floor.

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5 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, Madame Chair. George  
6 Pappas, Department of Fish and Game. You made a point  
7 earlier that the State came out in the justification as  
8 possible an enforcement threat. It's, you know,  
9 standing State regulation, and it would be along the  
10 same line as the same comments we've stated in other  
11 State fisheries proposals, Department comments, where  
12 if you're standing on State land, and participating in  
13 a Federal subsistence fishery, the water being under  
14 Federal jurisdiction claim, that you potentially could  
15 be cited. So it's along the same line. Existing  
16 regulation. I don't believe it's new.

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18 Has a case come up before? Obviously  
19 it would be in our analysis if something like that came  
20 up.

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22 I didn't mean to present it as a  
23 threat. It's just for, I guess information.

24  
25 Thank you.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
28 And I didn't take it personally, George. I just wanted  
29 it noted.

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31 MR. PAPPAS: Fully understand. Thank  
32 you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. We're  
35 going to deviate a little bit here from the agenda, and  
36 move on to a proposal that we wanted under new business  
37 while we still have Pete with us. And could you also  
38 tell us, is there anything else we're going to vote on  
39 that we should do while we have Pete's attention,  
40 Cliff. He's been excused for medical reasons.

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42 MR. EDENSHAW: No.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. So  
45 let's go ahead and take care of this proposal then.

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47 And Randy, would you like to begin and  
48 address it here. Thank you.

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50 MR. ALVAREZ: On new business we put on

1 the meat on the bone proposal, that I think we as a  
2 Council should send in to the Board of Game for Unit 9  
3 and 17, as we adopted for Federal lands in 9 and 17.  
4 And there's already this proposal on State land in 9B,  
5 so, you know, just make it all of Unit 9 and Unit 17.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I agree. I  
8 think, you know, one of the things that we've agreed on  
9 in the past is as much as possible get uniformity in  
10 our regulations between State and Federal lands to ease  
11 the confusion, and I think it would a good part on our  
12 parts to try and somewhat mirror the proposal for the  
13 State regs.

14  
15 Dan, did you have something?

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17 MR. DUNAWAY: Dang, I wish I had a reg  
18 book, and maybe Tenny would know. I think in 17 you're  
19 already required by State law to keep all the meat on  
20 the bone.

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22 MR. HEDLUND: I think it is, too. On  
23 State, yeah.

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25 MR. ALVAREZ: I think it's 9B and 17B.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: No, I.....

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30 MR. HEDLUND: No, I think 17 also.

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32 MR. ALVAREZ: All of 17?

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34 MR. HEDLUND: I think so.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Lem, could  
37 you help clarify? Do you know off the top of your  
38 head?

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40 MR. BUTLER: I believe it does apply to  
41 17, but I don't have a reg book in front of me to  
42 verify that. But that's my recollection.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You think  
45 it's all 17 then?

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47 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And  
50 that's fine.

1 MR. HEDLUND: That's what I think also.  
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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We could  
4 probably have Cliff research that a little bit so we  
5 wouldn't be overlapping, but.....  
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7 MR. ALVAREZ: And if it's not, we'll  
8 include that part that isn't.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct,  
11 that is not. Yes.  
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13 MR. ALVAREZ: But I know in 9, only B I  
14 think has that regulation.  
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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I would also  
17 like to ask Alvin, you know, if you had any problems  
18 with that, for the reasons that we have, do you foresee  
19 anybody down there having any problems since you'd be  
20 included in that, too?  
21  
22 MR. BOSKOFSKY: No, I don't think so.  
23  
24 MR. HEDLUND: Try to pack a moose hind  
25 quarter out.  
26  
27 MR. BOSKOFSKY: We take all the meat  
28 out all the time. We don't leave nothing.  
29  
30 MR. DUNAWAY: Just cut it up in chunks,  
31 just leave the bone in there.  
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33 MR. ALVAREZ: So I guess I would like  
34 make a proposal.  
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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please.  
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38 MR. ALVAREZ: That this Council submit  
39 a proposal to the Alaska Board of Game for this next  
40 coming cycle to extend the meat on the bone proposal  
41 for all of Unit 9 and 17, if there's any -- if any part  
42 of 17 isn't.  
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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Already  
45 included.  
46  
47 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah.  
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49 MR. HEDLUND: I'll second.  
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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. It's  
2 been moved and seconded. Is there any more discussion.

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4 (No comments)

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6 MR. ABRAHAM: Question.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The  
9 question's been called. All those in favor please  
10 signify by saying aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed same  
15 sign.

16  
17 (No opposing votes)

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: 100 percent  
20 carry on that.

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22 MR. ALVAREZ: So we'll have Cliff,  
23 Staff right it up, and then he'll send it to us, and  
24 then we'll double check it.

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: I wonder if it would be  
27 useful to include Lem in the checking it since he's  
28 familiar with State system, he might be able to spot  
29 any wrinkles that might need to get ironed out in the  
30 State proposal. That is if he can do that or he's  
31 willing to.

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33 MR. BUTLER: (Nods affirmative)

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We got a  
36 yes. Thank you.

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38 Pete. Please.

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40 MR. ABRAHAM: I'm going to leave  
41 something for you guys to think about, maybe talk  
42 about, maybe talk about at next meeting. 09 is losing  
43 caribou and moose, whatever. I mean, no matter how you  
44 look at it, they're going to possibly disappear. But  
45 here's something that we should think about for the  
46 future, of transplanting muskox and reindeer, because  
47 reindeer roamed this area before. There was reindeer  
48 here before. Way, way back. Muskox will survive  
49 anything. Muskox will survive harsh winter, harsh  
50 winter, harsh weather, wolf, anything. Even elephant.

1 I mean pink elephant. It's something to think about  
2 for future.

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4 So I'll be leaving with that. And then  
5 I'm going to go up to the main office and work up  
6 there, and I've got an appointment at 1:30 I guess some  
7 place. And wherever you guys want to meet again, you  
8 guys have my vote. But don't go meeting in Russian  
9 area up there.

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11 MR. DUNAWAY: Don't go meet where?

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13 MR. ABRAHAM: You can do it in China.

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15 (Laughter)

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17 MR. ABRAHAM: But not in Siberia. It's  
18 too cold.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Tahiti?

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22 MR. ABRAHAM: So with your permission,  
23 I'd like to be excused. Thank you very much.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You may.  
26 And thank you for your input and thank you for your  
27 presence, Pete. It's appreciated.

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29 (Peter Abraham leaves)

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31 MR. KOSBRUK: I'm sorry to see him go.  
32 I had a little chat with Fish and Game, and I found out  
33 something that I didn't realize about those cabins we  
34 have on north side of Veniaminof. There are six or  
35 seven cabins in Bear River and Sandy River. They're  
36 there year around, right in the path where they come  
37 through. I was thinking of making a proposal to get  
38 those things removed during hunting season so they can  
39 migrate back forth. They quite migrating.

40

41 I remember 20, 30 years ago I testified  
42 in front of the Board in King Salmon. I mentioned  
43 that. We're losing our caribou. And a guy got up and  
44 said he was with Fish and Game and he said that they  
45 had the same problem at Anaktuvuk Pass. They noticed  
46 couple of cabins out there, so they had them removed,  
47 and that solved the problem.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Randy.

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1 MR. ALVAREZ: Maybe we can bring them  
2 under new business.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: New  
5 business. I like that idea.

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7 MR. KOSBRUK: I also found out that  
8 land there is under Natural Resource. I just found  
9 that out.

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11 MR. ALVAREZ: State? That's State  
12 controlled land that those cabins are on?

13  
14 MR. KOSBRUK: I don't know. They'd be  
15 under -- Emil Notti is Commissioner of Resources.

16  
17 MR. ALVAREZ: We'll bring that up on  
18 new business, okay, Boris? So we'll continue on the  
19 agenda.

20  
21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah. I  
22 like that idea. Is that the wishes? Everybody okay  
23 with that?

24  
25 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Awesome.  
28 Okay. Request for subsistence fisheries proposals.  
29 We'll open the floor for any changes in fisheries  
30 regulations on public lands for the 2009 through 2011  
31 regulatory years. Proposals are open until the 27th,  
32 so these will have to be rather speedy ones. Cliff.

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34 MR. EDENSHAW: Madame Chair. Jerry  
35 would like to come up and provide some information on  
36 your favorite issue there, the Chigniks.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good.  
39 Because it was going to come up.

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41 MR. BERG: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
42 Actually I had intended to bring a copy of what the  
43 Board of Fish changes were in the Chignik area, but I  
44 just looked through my notes and -- or my papers and I  
45 couldn't find the exact wording. But we did want to  
46 for sure bring up in front of the Council that there  
47 were some changes made down in the Chignik area to open  
48 up some of the tributaries to Chignik Lake for  
49 subsistence fishing, and so currently the Federal  
50 subsistence regulations would be a little bit more

1 restrictive than the State regulations, due to those  
2 Board of Fisheries changes, and so the Council may want  
3 to consider submitting a proposal to just basically  
4 adopt the same thing that the Board of Fisheries did.  
5 And I don't have a copy of what they actually did right  
6 here in front of me to present to you, but I think if  
7 you were in support of that and you wanted to submit a  
8 proposal, you could just say that's the intent, is to  
9 do the same thing that the Board of Fisheries did, and  
10 then that would be easy enough for Staff to draft up a  
11 proposal with that intent.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. That  
14 would be great. thank you very much.

15  
16 Dan, did you have a question.

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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Were those decisions --  
19 did you attend the Board meeting? Were they pretty  
20 controversial, or did they work out pretty well through  
21 the.....

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23 MR. BERG: I was not at the meeting. I  
24 don't know if George was.

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26 MR. PAPPAS: George Pappas, Department  
27 of Fish and Game.

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29 I believe I did attend that meeting,  
30 and the issue here at hand, if you remember correctly,  
31 the Federal Subsistence Board liberalized the  
32 subsistence fisheries in the Chignik, Alaska Peninsula  
33 area in this region in a cross over proposal. And the  
34 issue at hand here that's different between the State  
35 regulations and Federal subsistence regulations related  
36 to closed waters. Maybe, Alvin, you can help me with  
37 this one. The State opened up -- was it Clark River,  
38 one mile?

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40 MR. BOSKOFKY: I haven't heard  
41 anything on it.

42  
43 MR. PAPPAS: Yeah, they opened up in  
44 the Chignik tributaries, opened up was it Kukum -- or a  
45 couple of creeks where you can fish in the creek up to  
46 like one mile from the -- Chignik Lake itself.

47  
48 MR. BOSKOFKY: I did hear something  
49 mentioned on that, yeah.

50

1 MR. PAPPAS: So currently the Federal  
2 subsistence regulations are you can't fish in the  
3 tributaries of the Chignik Lake, Black Lake or any  
4 tributary -- excuse me. You can't fish in any  
5 tributary to Chignik Lake or Black Lake. And it's a  
6 small area. The primary place of concern is Clark  
7 River, which is right next to Chignik Lake and Village  
8 where folks go up there and I guess traditionally  
9 harvest a few fish, not go up there and set a net and  
10 get their 250 for the year, but in the wintertime  
11 there's fresh fish up there even to February. So to  
12 synchronize the regulations, adoption of the closed  
13 waters -- and I can get that later today.

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Clark River,  
16 Home Creek, and Black Lake.

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18 MR. PAPPAS: I believe the Board of  
19 Fisheries -- and I will get that for you later today,  
20 the Board of Fisheries adopted just the tributaries to  
21 Clark River, Home Creek.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: This is the  
24 one you have. This is how it got on my desk. Thank  
25 you very much.

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27 MR. BOSKOFISKY: That was the Alec River  
28 passed? Yeah. If I remember right.

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30 MR. PAPPAS: I apologize, I don't have  
31 the information in front of me, but there was a  
32 proposal to open it up.

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34 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Mary, do you know  
35 anything on that?

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37 MS. MCBURNEY: I'm sorry?

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39 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Do you know anything on  
40 which tributaries were opened up by the State?

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42 MS. MCBURNEY: No, I don't know.

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44 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I seen somewhere, I  
45 recall reading an article on it somewhere. I think it  
46 was the Alec River was in the Black Lake area that was  
47 named.

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49 MR. PAPPAS: I believe that was part of  
50 the proposal, but there was series concerns from

1 different components of that region to just maintain it  
2 closer to in the Chignik Lake and the tributaries of  
3 Chignik and not up further. I can get that to you  
4 within 20 or 30 minutes. I can also work with  
5 whoever's going to craft the language on clarifying, to  
6 make sure they're parallel or synchronized.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. That  
9 would be good. For the information of the Council,  
10 this was brought to me by Chuck McClennan who is  
11 working with the Peninsula fisheries in general, trying  
12 to, I believe, you know, find better markets and things  
13 like that. And he was involved in the Board of Fish  
14 proposal as well as some other proposals. And he  
15 brought this to me on something else we were working  
16 on. But he -- there's a couple of issues here that  
17 have been brought up time and time again, and if we're  
18 going to make a proposal, which I would really like to  
19 see, that we can get the Federal regs to mirror what  
20 the State has done, which I'm really glad that the  
21 State went ahead and did that, and I think it was  
22 important to open some of these areas up. We also need  
23 to clarify the reading of the regs for the Chignik  
24 area. They are extremely confusing on what it's  
25 telling you you can and cannot do. They need to be  
26 reworded and I think it would be timely to be able to  
27 do that.

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29 And, Cliff, we'd even talked about some  
30 other ones that you knew were around. Did you ever get  
31 a chance to make a list of those or.....

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33 MR. EDENSHAW: No, we just had our new  
34 reg book that just came out last week, so those are  
35 pretty much cleared up with some of the discussion  
36 here.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: A lot of  
39 them? Okay.

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41 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Because to  
44 me, I mean, along with the fact that talking with some  
45 of the local area residents down there, there's a lot  
46 of subsistence fishing that's occurring in areas that  
47 are not open, and nobody's made an attempt to open  
48 them. And that's not an okay thing either. So this is  
49 kind of an attempt to get started on clarifying the  
50 areas being used and getting regulations in place so

1 everybody knows what page they're on and where it needs  
2 to go.

3  
4 Now, unfortunately, you know, if we  
5 were to be meeting in February when we were going to  
6 meet, we would have time to get some regulations  
7 formulated and get the area covered more thoroughly.  
8 At this point we're obviously going to just have to be  
9 able to try and put proposals in, hopefully with your  
10 help, Alvin, that we can formulate now that we know  
11 about, and see where they can go for the Federal end of  
12 it, because they have to be done fairly quickly, so  
13 they're going to have to fairly simple straight forward  
14 and clear.

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16 Pete.

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18 MR. PROBASCO: Nanci, as far as your  
19 ending date, and as far as on proposals being  
20 submitted, if you clearly articulate your intent, then  
21 that will cover you as far as the deadline, and then  
22 Cliff and I working with whoever from your Council can  
23 put the meat to your intent and actually make a  
24 proposal that would address that intent.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
27 Awesome.

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29 MR. PROBASCO: So as far as getting  
30 your specific language and all that, just get your  
31 intent clear, and then we can worry about that and get  
32 that done after the date. As long as your intent is  
33 prior to that date, what is it, March 28th?

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35 MR. PAPPAS: Thursday.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: 27th it  
38 says.

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40 MR. PROBASCO: Or whatever date it is.  
41 As long as your intent's before that date, we're okay.  
42 We can add meat to it after that.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And  
45 personally, I mean, I would like to see as much as  
46 possible them aligned with the State regs personally,  
47 just for the ease of enforcement and everything else  
48 down there, because you've got a lot of mixed land down  
49 there as well. So I just think that if we try to make  
50 them as uniform as possible from the beginning, we'll

1 be better off, but I certainly would hope that your  
2 assistance would be necessary.

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4 Now, we were down there, we took maps  
5 down there, thanks to Mary, that she had with her so  
6 some areas could be identified as starting points,  
7 which actually is underneath the screen here. And  
8 there's a lot of them. And a lot of the land is not  
9 Federal land, but a lot of it also is. All the yellow  
10 land is Federal land, and the blue, dark blue. The  
11 private is the green and the pink. And a lot of this  
12 area is getting used, and there's no regulations in  
13 place, and I think that it's time that, you know, we  
14 made a move to do so before action is taken from law  
15 enforcement because of it.

16  
17 So that is where this whole thing kind  
18 of stemmed from, and if the Council has any advice or  
19 input, we certainly would like to hear about it.

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21 MR. BOSKOFISKY: All I know is that I  
22 could thank the managers at the weir for not citing  
23 people, I think they put up with it for years.

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25 MR. DUNAWAY: You've got two of them  
26 right there.

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28 MR. PAPPAS: I have no recollection of  
29 that.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 MR. BOSKOFISKY: We went in there, and,  
34 you know, we knew that it was illegal, but people have  
35 been doing it for years and years before State ever  
36 came. But they were good enough not to touch anybody.

37  
38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, that's  
39 good. Would you, you know, be willing to put some time  
40 in on this, and get these areas on the books that  
41 aren't already there? I guess that's the thing that I  
42 see as really being needed is somebody to work with the  
43 local residents in specifically identifying the areas,  
44 what's already covered and what's not covered, and how  
45 to address those. And I guess that's what I'm looking  
46 for, is if you would be willing to work with somebody.

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49 Would that be you, Cliff, or would that  
50 be somebody in your office?

1 MR. EDENSHAW: That would be probably  
2 some.....  
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4 MR. PROBASCO: Cliff would be your  
5 conduit.  
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7 MR. EDENSHAW: I'd be the contact, but  
8 the biologist in our office, yes.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And, I mean,  
11 is that too broad of a proposal for the intent, Pete?  
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13 MR. PROBASCO: Well, as you point out,  
14 Nanci, a lot of the waters around Black Lake and  
15 Chignik Lake are under State management. However, on  
16 the yellow areas, there are also State regulations that  
17 apply to subsistence that may or may not be identical  
18 to what the Federal regs are, or the Federal regs may  
19 be totally nonexistent. So with that kind of intent,  
20 looking -- if you're strictly speaking to the Chignik  
21 management area and those Federal waters, trying to  
22 take a look at the regulations, working with Alvin, we  
23 can -- if the intent is to provide those type of  
24 regulations.....  
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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That is my  
27 intent.  
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29 MR. PAPPAS: Just for clarification,  
30 two points here. One point is you're expressing to  
31 parallel the current closed water areas with the  
32 State's regulations. And the second as I understand is  
33 potentially go beyond that, is that your -- you have to  
34 points to your proposal?  
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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's  
37 correct, because there's some areas that I just, you  
38 know, looking through it, and observing from the map,  
39 there's some areas that are just not even covered. And  
40 I'm talking specifically Federal lands. I'm sure  
41 there's State lands as well. And I would hope that in  
42 going through this exercise, we would identify them and  
43 be able to put proposals in in the future for the State  
44 Board of Fish as well.  
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46 MR. PAPPAS: I understand. And for  
47 clarification, for the Chignik watershed, the entire  
48 Chignik watershed, except for parts of the tributaries  
49 is State or private land.  
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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.  
2 Yeah. Please.  
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4 MR. PROBASCO: Jerry just pointed out  
5 to me, and I appreciate that. I may be in error that  
6 these -- the Maritime Refuge boundary, even though  
7 it's State and private lands, those lands, those waters  
8 are within that.....  
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10 REPORTER: Pete, could you get a little  
11 closer to the microphone?  
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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Would you  
14 come up, please? Thank you.  
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16 MR. PROBASCO: I'm sorry. You can't  
17 hear me?  
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19 REPORTER: You're very faint.  
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21 MR. PROBASCO: All right. Again,  
22 thanks to Jerry Berg, if you look at the Maritime  
23 Refuge boundary, it actually is on the east side of the  
24 lagoon. And even though it's State or private lands  
25 around Chignik Lake and around Black Lake, it's still  
26 within the boundaries of the Maritime Refuge, and so it  
27 would behoove us to take a look at those regulations to  
28 see if they exist or don't exist, and try to make some  
29 continuity between the two. Okay?  
30  
31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Yeah.  
32 And that would be my intent. I think that this is  
33 something that has been overlooked, not intentionally  
34 by anyone in the past, but I think it should be  
35 addressed now that it's been brought to our attention  
36 more than once.  
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38 And it was also pointed out that  
39 there's some areas up in Port Heiden as well that  
40 should be -- and you could probably -- who was your  
41 representative from there? I forget his name.  
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43 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Bobby.  
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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Bobby  
46 was up there from that. And I think, you know.....  
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48 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Bobby Napuya (ph).  
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50 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And he had

1 said that he would be willing to work on that, too,  
2 when I asked him. So I just would, you know, really  
3 like to see that happen so these can be.....  
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5 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm amazed that they  
6 haven't been.  
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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's how I  
9 felt about it.  
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11 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. I would wonder if  
12 BBNA might have a part in it, too, and State  
13 subsistence. They have documented -- you did that  
14 household studies in Chignik, haven't you, Molly?  
15  
16 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)  
17  
18 MR. DUNAWAY: So there should be quite  
19 a bit of documentation.  
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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's what  
22 I'm hoping for, because I know a lot of that kind of  
23 thing has been taken care of.  
24  
25 Cliff.  
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27 MR. EDENSHAW: Madame Chairperson. The  
28 issues within the Chigniks, I'm certain that the Park  
29 Service would be more than willing to help within the  
30 Chigniks.  
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32 (Laughter)  
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34 MR. EDENSHAW: I think that's within  
35 the -- to address the proposals.  
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37 MS. MCBURNEY: Sure.  
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39 MR. EDENSHAW: At least to review them,  
40 you know. We're going to draft them in our office,  
41 because of the.....  
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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, and I  
44 agree. Mary, for that part I agree.....  
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46 MR. EDENSHAW: So at least just to  
47 review.  
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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: .....I think  
50 just to figure out where coverage is and isn't and

1 where, you know, these regs need to be put in place. I  
2 think all players do have to be at the table for that.  
3 So, okay.

4  
5 Randy.

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7 MR. ALVAREZ: Can we work out the  
8 details later, and get the motion to support what the  
9 intent is?

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Absolutely.

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13 MR. ALVAREZ: Because they're probably  
14 going to have to be working on it anyway.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Absolutely.  
17 Do you want to put that -- do you want to put a  
18 proposal on the table for us, Alvin? For the intent.

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20 MR. BOSKOFSKY: Yeah, I'll make the  
21 motion.

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23 MR. ALVAREZ: Second.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We've got a  
26 motion in front of us. Is our intent clear enough at  
27 this point? Go ahead, Pete.

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29 MR. PROBASCO: Let me try to state the  
30 intent and then you can agree or disagree.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please.  
33 Thank you.

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35 MR. PROBASCO: What I hear Alvin saying  
36 is that based on actions taken by the Board of  
37 Fisheries this past winter, they have clarified and  
38 liberalized subsistence fishing within the Chignik  
39 Lakes and Black Lakes area, which are currently closed  
40 under Federal regulations. And you want Federal Staff  
41 to work with your Council member Alvin to develop  
42 proposals that would take those closures and mirror the  
43 State regulations.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That is  
46 correct. As well as investigating other areas that  
47 need to be.

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49 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
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3 MR. DUNAWAY: For future proposals.  
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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.  
6 Does everybody.....  
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8 MR. ALVAREZ: Call for the question.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good. The  
11 question's been called for. All those in favor please  
12 signify by saying aye.  
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14 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed.  
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18 (No opposing votes)  
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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Motion  
21 passes. Thank you very much.  
22  
23 Any other fisheries issues or proposals  
24 that people would like on the table or addressed at  
25 this time? Anything in your area, Boris?  
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27 MR. BOSKOFISKY: We've got that moose  
28 proposal.  
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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: This is for  
31 fisheries.  
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33 MR. ALVAREZ: This is fisheries.  
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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep. This  
36 is for fisheries.  
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38 MR. KOSBRUK: Are you talking about  
39 them passes?  
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41 MR. DUNAWAY: No, right now we're  
42 talking fish proposals for the Federal Board.  
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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, fish  
45 proposals.  
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47 MR. KOSBRUK: Well, boy oh boy. One  
48 problem we do have in Perryville, and we still have it,  
49 is that we've lost our seals and sealions because  
50 they're fishing out in the Japinia (ph) where they

1 never fished before. You know, and one year we  
2 completely lost our salmon in Perryville. Their office  
3 down in King Salmon, they did some points and they  
4 established it.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please.

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8 MR. PROBASCO: Ms. Chair. Boris.  
9 You're correct. For the Perryville systems, there is  
10 still ongoing funding to monitor primarily coho  
11 escapement, but they also monitor pinks and dog salmon  
12 as well, and that has one more year of funding. We  
13 have seen an increase in silvers in those areas, but  
14 they still are rebounded to what locals view were  
15 historical levels. But there is still funding  
16 occurring for the Perryville area, and I believe  
17 there's only one year left of that funding.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
20 Pete.

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22 So is there a proposal that you'd like  
23 to put forward for anything on that, Boris, or.....

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25 MR. KOSBRUK: Well, they talked about  
26 it for quite a few years you know. I talked to the  
27 Department of Fish and Game, I talked to commissioners.  
28 And the sad thing is, you know, later on in the season  
29 is to go out there and have them harvest, and make some  
30 good hauls with mixed stock. Mixed stock. Humps, dogs  
31 and silvers and reds. They'll bag them up, and they'll  
32 start going through them and picking out the reds and  
33 silvers. And by the time they get through that deal  
34 there, the rest of them are belly up. That's wanton  
35 waste. That I don't agree with either. I seen that --  
36 I didn't see it myself, but I talked to some crew  
37 members on the boat. Or they talked to me and told me  
38 about that. The whole side of the boat is all bellied  
39 up. That definitely is wrong. We didn't get no  
40 subsistence one year, two years in a row. Pretty sad.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Randy.

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44 MR. ALVAREZ: Pete, is that under  
45 Federal jurisdiction or State?

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47 MR. PROBASCO: The marine waters,  
48 Madame Chair, Randy, is under State jurisdiction. And  
49 what Boris is referring to is the July and August  
50 fishery. It has happened in the past where there isn't

1 a market for pink salmon, but there's still markets for  
2 sockeye and silvers.

3

4 But Boris has hit the nail on the head.  
5 That is an illegal activity to dump those fish. So  
6 it's just a matter of enforcement.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So proposals  
9 would not be very worthy in that cause on the Federal  
10 side. However, probably.....

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12 MR. ALVAREZ: State.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, a  
15 State issue. George is making notes on it I see.  
16 Thank you very much, George.

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18 Anybody else, fisheries proposal  
19 issues.

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21 (No comments)

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good. Okay.  
24 Let's move on then. Agency reports. We'll start at  
25 the top unless there's any reason anybody has that  
26 that's not going to be okay.

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28 (No comments)

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. You  
31 said, Cliff, this number 1 is the status of request for  
32 reconsideration of the rural/nondeterminations is just  
33 an informational item. Anybody who wants to read it  
34 can look at Page 105. We get those pretty much on a  
35 meeting by meeting basis, and it's an update, is that  
36 not correct, Cliff?

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38 MR. EDENSHAW: Right. And Pete can add  
39 some information to clarify that if you.....

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Great.  
42 Please.

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44 MR. PROBASCO: Thanks, Cliff.

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46 (Laughter)

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48 MR. PROBASCO: Madame Chair. The  
49 Federal program this year received 19 requests for  
50 reconsiderations of prior Board actions. 11 of those

1 proposals were from the State, primarily the majority  
2 of the addressing the recent decisions made on rural  
3 determinations. The remainder, we've completed all of  
4 those with the exception of the six that are listed.  
5 We hope to have those completed by this spring, early  
6 summer.

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8 And the process is an RFR is received,  
9 It goes through a threshold analysis. And the RFR has  
10 to meet that threshold to go to the next step, which  
11 would be reconsideration by the Board. To date, with  
12 the exception of these six, none of them have that  
13 threshold. These six are still in the threshold  
14 analysis stage, and we hope to have that completed and  
15 that recommendation forwarded to the Board to either  
16 determine that they did not make threshold or they did  
17 and they would go forward to the next step.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Move  
20 forward. Okay. Any questions for him.

21  
22 (No comments)

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Good.  
25 Pete, do you want to just stay right there and give us  
26 your briefing on the draft customary and traditional  
27 use policy.

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29 MR. PROBASCO: Well, this Council along  
30 with the other nine Councils have seen the draft of  
31 both the closure policy, which has been finalized, and  
32 we are in the process of trying to finalize the  
33 customary and traditional use determinations policy or  
34 the C&T policy.

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36 We were getting very close this spring  
37 to complete that. However, there is some litigation,  
38 primarily the Chistochina case that's ongoing. And the  
39 Board took some briefings from the Solicitor's Office.  
40 And in a nutshell the C&T draft policy that you  
41 reviewed a while back, and actually this Council had --  
42 I believe you guys had copies. I can't remember all  
43 the Councils, but that policy draft is put on hold  
44 until the litigation in the Chistochina case is  
45 finalized. We anticipate that occurring sometime late  
46 2008, early 2009. And that case could have an affect  
47 on this draft and give direction on where this draft  
48 should go. In other words, should it be a policy  
49 that's more explicit, actually has thresholds in it, or  
50 is it a policy that embraces the way the Board

1 currently does it, which is a general approach,  
2 holistic approach to the C&T policy. So it's on hold,  
3 and we will wait until after the legal.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: At the mercy  
6 of the courts.

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8 MR. PROBASCO: Yep.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Any  
11 questions.

12  
13 (No comments)

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Pat, did you  
16 have something?

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18 MS. PETRIVELLI: i just had a comment.  
19 Gloria Stickwan, who worked for AHTNA, Incorporated,  
20 they submitted comments, and she asked me to share them  
21 with the other Councils that I was going to attend  
22 after Southcentral. But the only comment she wanted me  
23 to share was that they requested that the Federal Board  
24 whenever they reconsider customary and traditional use  
25 determinations that they consider substantial  
26 information rather than just new information, but  
27 substantial new information. And so then the  
28 Southcentral Council endorsed that recommendation that  
29 the Board doesn't reconsider. Because it's mainly a  
30 problem in the Southcentral area, because they are  
31 reconsidering the C&T determinations on the Kenai  
32 Peninsula. But she just asked me to share it with you,  
33 so I'm sharing.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And I assume  
36 she said that just for a matter of time in.....

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38 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yes. Yes.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. I  
41 understand that.

42  
43 MS. PETRIVELLI: Just that substantial  
44 new information be considered.

45  
46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
47 Questions. Comments.

48  
49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Great.  
2 Thank you. Pete, do you want to stay up there and go  
3 on to Fisheries Resources Monitoring Program updates  
4 that you have?

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6 MR. PROBASCO: Thanks, Madame Chair.  
7 Again this is an informational item . The Council's  
8 very involved in reviewing research projects that go  
9 forward in fiscal year funding. On Page 107 you will  
10 see the listing of those FY 2008 projects for the  
11 Bristol Bay/Chignik area and the Kodiak/Aleutians area.  
12 And that's just a summary. It gives you an idea of the  
13 projects that are in this area.

14  
15 In 2010 will be another big funding  
16 year where the majority of the projects will have come  
17 to an end, and so there is going to be a much larger  
18 sum of money than we normally see. And so we're  
19 specifically gearing up for that review, because a lot  
20 of projects will have ended, and we anticipate quite a  
21 few submittals for that funding level.

22  
23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good. Okay.  
24 If we have any requests, we should make them known  
25 when?

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27 MR. PROBASCO: Any time. If you have  
28 specifics, you can talk amongst your Council. You as  
29 an individual can work with Staff with a proposal. BBNA  
30 submits proposals, other agencies submit proposals for  
31 funding, State and Federal.

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33 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Pete, are you still  
34 tagging fish in Chignik to see where they're going?  
35 Back in, what was it, 2004, 2005.

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37 MR. PROBASCO: Alvin, I am no aware of  
38 any current tagging projects on any of the southside of  
39 the Peninsula at this time.

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41 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Wasn't it Wildlife that  
42 was doing that?

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44 MR. PAPPAS: Fish and Wildlife did it  
45 for a few years.

46  
47 MR. PROBASCO: Yeah, but he asked is  
48 there anything going on now.

49  
50 MR. PAPPAS: I don't know.

1 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I've got a question.  
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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please,  
4 Molly.  
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6 MS. CHYTHLOOK: For the '07 projects,  
7 are these the projects that are ongoing?  
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9 MR. PROBASCO: These are ongoing have  
10 been submitted for '08. Because we're in fiscal year  
11 '08 right now. '07 has been completed.  
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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Good.  
14 Anybody else.  
15  
16 (No comments)  
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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Do  
19 you want to do the Partners for Fisheries then, too?  
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21 MR. PROBASCO: I will.  
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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
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25 MR. PROBASCO: And I believe Robbin  
26 will also be more specific to BBNA.  
27  
28 The Partners for Fisheries Monitoring  
29 Program is a very important program within the Federal  
30 Subsistence Management Program, and the program was  
31 initiated in 2002. And starting in November 2006, we  
32 are now in our second phase.  
33  
34 With that said, the funding that goes  
35 to the Partners Program, because of the ongoing budget  
36 reductions to the Office of Subsistence Management's  
37 budget, the funding levels were not as high as the past  
38 years. We averaged somewhere between 900 to \$1 million  
39 for the Partners Program. Right now we're dealing with  
40 fiscal year '08 approximately \$650,000 for funding  
41 levels.  
42  
43 How that money was utilized this year,  
44 you will note that there will be six scientist and  
45 educator positions will be supported in phase two,  
46 which will consist of four full-time and two part-time  
47 positions. These positions will be located primarily  
48 in the western part of the State of Alaska. There will  
49 be one position for the Yukon River. One full-time and  
50 two-part time positions for the Kuskokwim. Southwest,

1 your area, there will be one position. And  
2 Southcentral will be one position.

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4                   Within the Yukon Region, the Tanana  
5 Chiefs Conference was awarded this Partners fisheries  
6 biologist position, and it will primarily serve on the  
7 Henshaw Creek Weir.

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9                   Within the Kuskokwim Region, the  
10 Kuskokwim Native Association was awarded two positions,  
11 a fishery biologist and an educator position. The  
12 biologist will serve as co-investigator on seven  
13 monitoring programs with projects with U.S. Fish and  
14 Wildlife Service and the State of Alaska, Department of  
15 Fish and Game, and will also, which has been very  
16 successful, serve as a mentor for our rural college  
17 student interns in this area. And then the new  
18 educator position will mentor students working on the  
19 monitoring program projects during the summer and  
20 assist students in the fall when they bring what they  
21 learn into their classrooms. So this is not only at  
22 the college level, but it's going down into the high  
23 school level as well.

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25                   Within your region, BBNA, which has  
26 been a very successful Partners, was awarded a  
27 subsistence fisheries position. This position will  
28 serve as an investigator on four monitoring projects  
29 with the State, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Park  
30 Service, and the U.S. Science and Education and mentor  
31 rural college students in the internship program.

32  
33                   And I sort of like want to do a little  
34 bragging on one of our STEP students that comes from  
35 this area. She has completed her bachelor of science,  
36 and now has been awarded a master's program, a graduate  
37 program, and she's been very successful within this  
38 area. And we hope to continue to see those types of  
39 programs.

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41                   And within the Southcentral region, the  
42 Native Village of Eyak was awarded a new fisheries  
43 biologist position. The biologist will work as an  
44 investigator with LGL consulting on two Copper River  
45 systems, primarily focusing on Chinook and sockeye  
46 salmon.

47  
48                   So that's it in a nutshell. We are  
49 struggling with -- we had more requests than we had  
50 funding for. And in fact we were well over \$1 million

1 with the requests. But because of our budget  
2 situation, we had to limit the number of positions for  
3 the second phase of this process.

4  
5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, I hope  
6 our letter did some good at least. And let us know,  
7 you know, when and if that support can continue,  
8 because I certainly agree and feel like that's been  
9 more than a little bit of a worthwhile program for our  
10 area and our area students and would like to see it  
11 continued.

12  
13 MR. PROBASCO: Right. Kay Larson  
14 Blair, the student I was talking about is a good  
15 example on how successful with these programs. And we  
16 have other young college students within their --  
17 working towards their bachelors. They're sort of  
18 following in those same footsteps.

19  
20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's  
21 great. That's awesome. Thank you.

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23 Robbin, would you care to.....

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25 MS. LaVINE: Madame Chair and members  
26 of the Board. I am, for the record, Robbin LaVine, a  
27 subsistence fisheries social scientist at the Bristol  
28 Bay Native Association. And this is my associate  
29 Courtenay Carty, subsistence fisheries education and  
30 outreach coordinator.

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32 Since I last spoke to you, I am pleased  
33 to report, as you've just heard, that we've secured  
34 funding for BBNA Partners scientist position, for the  
35 next two years, which was the funding period for the  
36 second phase. And I am sure that your letter added  
37 strength to our proposal, and thank you so much for  
38 your support.

39  
40 Since I saw you last then we gained  
41 approval for the position. I've continued to work on  
42 the Kvichak ethnography, one of the projects that I'm  
43 principal investigator on, and BBNA is working on with  
44 the FRMP program through the end -- or through I think  
45 mid year 2009. Data collection continues through the  
46 winter and actually until next fall.

47  
48 I have hired the subsistence fisheries  
49 education outreach coordinator, Courtenay Carty, who  
50 actually is one of our past Partners Program interns.

1 And she has graduated with a degree in the natural  
2 scientist and was actually working for BBNA for quite  
3 some time in the environmental program at BBNA. So we  
4 are very well aware of her qualifications, and she's an  
5 outstanding individual.

6  
7 We have also had approval of a number  
8 of different other projects, some ongoing and some new  
9 proposals starting this year. So as Pete did tell you,  
10 we are co-investigators on four projects. The Kvichak  
11 where we are co-principal investigator. We are also  
12 involved in the stock assessment of rainbow smelt in  
13 the Togiak River where we provide local hire and  
14 logistics. And that's in partnership with U.S. Fish  
15 and Wildlife Service, King Salmon. And coming up  
16 beginning -- I think field season's beginning at the  
17 end of April, or project start-up beginning at the end  
18 of April, we are involved in the Lake Clark sockeye  
19 salmon counting tower project and the Togiak River  
20 Chinook project. Both of those positions we'll be  
21 providing local hire and logistics for.

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23 Since I also saw you last, I have  
24 presented my resignation from my position here, and I  
25 will be returning to Anchorage with my family to join  
26 other members of my family there. And I have really  
27 enjoyed working with BBNA. If I could, I would  
28 teleport to work every day and just stay here. But I  
29 need to move on.

30  
31 And in moving on, I feel that -- I am  
32 hoping that I have secured a successor if Courtenay  
33 will deign to apply. I think she would be an excellent  
34 subsistence fisheries scientist for the Partners  
35 Program. And I would like to pass on the mic to  
36 Courtenay as she will bring you up to date on the  
37 progress of the intern program.

38  
39 MS. CARTY: Thank you, Robbin. This  
40 summer we're offering seven internships, which is one  
41 more than we offered last summer, we had six. Two are  
42 with the Partners Program, one is our social science  
43 intern that will work with Robbin as she stays on  
44 contractually on the Kvichak project up in Nondalton  
45 doing subsistence research, cultural research up there.  
46 Our Partners biologist intern this summer will work  
47 with Togiak Refuge and the UAF Bristol Bay campus on  
48 the Squaw Creek watershed assessment, their remote  
49 sensing video weir there, and also a bio assessment,  
50 aquatic water quality data and whatnot of the Nushagak

1 Bay. We will have an intern placed with ADF&G Comm  
2 Fish in Dillingham here. Local hire. What we're  
3 advertising as a summer intern for the Togiak telemetry  
4 project with Cheryl DeYoung. The Newhalen River  
5 counting tower, Lake Clark sockeye salmon with Dan  
6 Young at NPS, we'll have one intern there. And then  
7 finally two interns working with UW FRI, one placed at  
8 Aleknagik and one placed at Porcupine Island.

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10 We've got a bunch of recruitment trips  
11 coming up to UAF, UAA starting next week I guess we'll  
12 start working on that. But one big thing we want to  
13 look for is hopefully we can send these announcements  
14 out with you guys, take them back to your communities  
15 and recruit interns from the village level from all  
16 around the region. We get applicants mostly from  
17 Dillingham and at the universities, but if we could get  
18 local students involved, that would be excellent.

19  
20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's  
21 great. What projects are you working on on the  
22 Aleknagik and the last one you mentioned?

23  
24 MS. CARTY: Well, the Porcupine Island  
25 is a counting tower. It's a tower, right?

26  
27 MS. LaVINE: Actually it's FRI. They  
28 do a number of different things, so it's not just a  
29 counting tower, but they do similar things that they do  
30 out at Lake Aleknagik, which is track the history.

31  
32 MS. CARTY: Spawning densities, ground  
33 surveys, abundance, age structure. Productivity.

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35 MS. LaVINE: So they're actually  
36 working with academics up there on a number of  
37 baseline, and establishing I guess historical data.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Baseline  
40 information. Yeah, I noticed from the partners that  
41 you had on that one. Thank you.

42  
43 Robbin, I must say, you know, we've  
44 certainly appreciated all your hard work and the things  
45 you brought to the table, and you will be missed, but  
46 I, you know, certainly wish you the best of luck and  
47 everything.

48  
49 MS. LaVINE: Thank you so much. I have  
50 really enjoyed everything that I've done out here and

1 everybody I've worked with. And it was a hard decision  
2 to make.

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4                   Although I forgot to mention, as  
5 Courtenay did say, I will be staying on as I am one of  
6 the principal investigators, and writers of the  
7 proposals, of the Kvichak ethnography. I'll be on  
8 board as an independent contractor through the report  
9 writing phase of that. And I hope I will return to  
10 present results to you and see you all at that time.

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12                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We'll count  
13 on that. Questions from anybody else.

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15                   (No comments)

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17                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank  
18 you very much.

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20                   MS. LaVINE: Thank you very much.

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22                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Pete,  
23 do you want to update us on the bycatch issue.

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25                   MR. PROBASCO: I think this is my last  
26 time up here. We'll see.

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28                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, maybe  
29 not.

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31                   MR. PROBASCO: I think it's safe for me  
32 to say that everybody on the Council is well aware of  
33 the fisheries in the Bering Sea and the associated  
34 salmon bycatch. And along with this Council, other  
35 Councils have expressed concerns with the increasing  
36 bycatch of Chinook salmon and chum salmon, particularly  
37 those Councils that represent the Yukon and the  
38 Kuskokwim River.

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40                   Starting early in 2007, the North  
41 Pacific Fisheries Management Council also is concerned  
42 with this increasing bycatch level, and actually  
43 started a process of reviewing various options with the  
44 goal of reducing that bycatch.

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46                   We were asked by the Council to draft a  
47 letter for the Board. The Board's reviewed that letter  
48 and agreed to submit that to the Council expressing  
49 their concern and the potential effects that this would  
50 have not only on the subsistence takes for this area,

1 but also other commitments, U.S./Canada commitments for  
2 the Yukon for example. And this letter that's in your  
3 book is a letter that was drafted and signed by Mike  
4 Fleagle, sent to Sue Salverson, and was officially  
5 entered into the North Pacific Fisheries Management  
6 Council record.

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8 I do have a Staff member that monitors,  
9 goes to these meetings and keeps the Board up to date  
10 on what's taking place.

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12 This summer, at the next meeting, they  
13 will be reviewing options. As we know, the North  
14 Pacific Fisheries Management Council is a process that  
15 takes time to work through their issues. I would hope  
16 that maybe next spring we would have some direction on  
17 where the Council will go. That's no guarantee. But  
18 we are staying on top of this. Our Councils are  
19 pushing us to monitor this, and we put leverage where  
20 it's appropriate.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Do you feel  
23 like we're being heard?

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25 MR. PROBASCO: I think so. Just my  
26 conversations with Staff there, based on their  
27 comments, I think we are being heard. Yeah.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Randy.

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31 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah. Looking at this  
32 letter the Subsistence Board sent, you know, it looks  
33 like the bycatch went up almost 10 times as much as it  
34 used to be. It was a big concern, you know, because of  
35 what's been going on in the AYK. And also, you know,  
36 that last year the Chinook return to a lot of areas of  
37 the State was -- didn't come as forecasted, and it's  
38 probably the reason right here. And, you know, I think  
39 this Council probably needs to -- probably should be  
40 part of -- you know, with the rest of the Councils, to  
41 see something happen, to get it back to what it used  
42 to. I don't think it's going to get eliminated,  
43 because they're fishing out there, but keep it as, you  
44 know, minimal as possible, or get back to what it used  
45 to be. And I think that's -- you know, it affects the  
46 commercial people that live here, you know, in the  
47 region. Commercial fishermen, sport fishermen if  
48 there's no kings. So this is a big -- very important  
49 to us. My opinion. And so I hope that the North  
50 Pacific Fisheries does something, and if they don't,

1 you know, that the Federal Board should keep pressure  
2 on them.

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4 I had a question, Pete, what options  
5 does the Federal Subsistence Board have if the National  
6 Marine Fisheries doesn't want to enact?

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8 MR. PROBASCO: Well, I think those  
9 options could vary. You have two independent  
10 Secretaries, or actually three, the Secretary of  
11 Agriculture and the Secretary of Interior that deals  
12 with our Federal Subsistence Management Program, and  
13 then you have the Secretary of Commerce I believe is  
14 the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. You  
15 have that level of dialogue if you will.

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17 ANILCA is a very influential piece of  
18 legislation that affects how the Federal program deals  
19 with meeting its subsistence obligations within the  
20 State of Alaska. Also combined with that are the  
21 obligations that both the State and the Federal  
22 government have reached with Canada in meeting cross  
23 border passages, et cetera. So there's other areas out  
24 there that that can also apply pressure, if you will,  
25 to hopefully take this increasing level of bycatch and  
26 bring it back to -- or where the Board is saying, let's  
27 get it back to where the historical, much smaller  
28 average occurred. I don't -- I was looking for the  
29 exact numbers here, but they're in the letter there.

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31 So I think what the answer to your  
32 question is, Randy, we've got to wait and go through  
33 the process, see what the North Pacific Fisheries  
34 Management Council does with their various options, and  
35 then react accordingly.

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37 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah. I feel that us as  
38 a Council needs to be part of, you know, to support  
39 along with some of the rest of the other Councils to  
40 try to see that it is put back to the historical  
41 bycatch, you know, or less even.

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43 MR. PROBASCO: I found that sentence,  
44 Randy, and it's the Board's recommending that it look  
45 at the alternative that would reduce the salmon bycatch  
46 to levels below their 1990 to 2001 average of 37,800  
47 Chinook and 69,000 non-Chinook, which most of them are  
48 chums. So compare that level to what was harvested  
49 last year, that's a substantial reduction.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And last  
2 year was huge.

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4 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, I underlined it  
5 here. 130,000 Chinook and nearly 712 non-Chinook. So  
6 that was almost 10 times as much. So, you know, that's  
7 probably why the kings didn't materialize like they  
8 thought they would in different areas of the State, and  
9 probably chums, too, up on some areas.

10  
11 Thank you.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
14 Randy.

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16 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I just have a question.  
17 With the bycatch information like this, are they -- is  
18 the information to us or to the public on the same  
19 year, or are they lagging one year? Like, for  
20 instance, if the 2007 information is available, then  
21 it's recording -- or we know about it in 2007?

22  
23 MR. PROBASCO: Actually the bycatch is  
24 monitored as the fisheries are progressing, because it  
25 affects certain areas. If they reach a certain number,  
26 they're actually pulled off of areas within the Bering  
27 Sea. They can't fish any more.

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29 MS. CHYTHLOOK: On a yearly basis.

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31 MR. PROBASCO: So -- correct. It's  
32 closed for the rest of the year. So the bycatch  
33 numbers initially are fairly quick as far as receiving  
34 them. Now, they still have to go back and analyze the  
35 data and get a final number, but you have a pretty good  
36 idea of how the bycatch is going while the fishery's in  
37 progress.

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39 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thanks.

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41 MR. PROBASCO: And we will continue to  
42 do up dates to the Council on this issue, so at our  
43 meeting we'll be able to tell you how far the Council  
44 progressed on this issue, and also give you ideas of  
45 what happened of what happened with the spring and  
46 summer fisheries as they target pollack.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
49 I think we'd really appreciate that. I'm totally in  
50 agreement with Randy on this, and I think that if we

1 see things falling by the wayside, we should  
2 immediately take action down different avenues, you  
3 know, as warranted and deemed necessary.

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5 MR. PROBASCO: Madame Chair. We  
6 actually had two of our Councils for sure, Western and  
7 Eastern, actually wrote their own letters to meet this  
8 deadline from the Councils' perspective. If there's  
9 another opportunity for public comments, nothing would  
10 preclude this Council from doing the same.

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Absolutely.  
13 I'd like to be made aware of those I think.

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15 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Last summer our Chinook  
16 season got cut back, because it was way down. They had  
17 to cut the sportfishery from five down to three,  
18 because the weren't coming in like they were supposed  
19 to.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, it was  
22 not good anywhere.

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24 MR. BOSKOFISKY: And it was a real short  
25 catch last year.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Everybody  
28 everywhere.

29  
30 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. The Nushagak's got  
31 a very finely tuned management plan for subsistence,  
32 sport and commercial. And when fish come in well below  
33 forecasted, it throws everything for a loop, and  
34 there's a lot of pressure. It was a big topic in the  
35 Nushagak Advisory Committee meeting earlier this year.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: It should  
38 have been.

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40 Molly, did you have something?

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42 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. I just have a  
43 comment on our Chinook here. We do subsistence  
44 fishing, and we try to harvest them as soon as they  
45 come in so that we can process them before the blue fly  
46 season. And it seemed like within last 10 years  
47 especially, we go and harvest -- or everybody knows  
48 when the kings hit, especially if the Kanakanak beach  
49 is harvesting. And so we rush to go and get ours at  
50 the Black Slough, or right there at the mouth of the

1 Wood River, and the harvest, we try to harvest as much  
2 as we can for the season. But then if we don't harvest  
3 -- or if our harvest is lacking and we want to go back  
4 the next day to harvest some more, even though there  
5 was a bunch one day, there's none. I don't know what  
6 that -- why that fluctuation is happening, because  
7 before, once the kings arrive, they're here and they  
8 don't disappear. And just information I guess for us.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody  
11 else.

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13 (No comments)

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
16 Pete.

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18 George.

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20 MR. PAPPAS: George Pappas, Department  
21 of Fish and Game.

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23 Not really a report, but just a  
24 clarification. Earlier there was discussions about  
25 what happened at the Board of Fisheries regarding  
26 Chignik. This will help the Council understand what  
27 happened.

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29 Only two things changed, and that was  
30 the Clark River/ Home Creek area did open up one mile  
31 from the confluence of Chignik Lake upstream from  
32 there. So basically it's just Home Creek and Clark  
33 River, the areas liberalized.

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35 There was a lot of discussion about  
36 Black River, Alec River, Black River, to open that up,  
37 and it was rejected by the Board of Fish. I just want  
38 to make it clear.

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40 And for the record, which you can  
41 retrieve from the transcripts later on, the specific  
42 regulation is 5 AAC 01.475, waters closed to  
43 subsistence fishing, and that will help us out in the  
44 proposal process.

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46 And the second point I'd like to make  
47 is this region does have and continues to have the best  
48 smoked fish in the State. Thank you very much for  
49 whoever brought that.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And I don't  
4 know if Lem -- Lem's not here? Is Lem not here? I  
5 guess.....

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7 MR. PAPPAS: He does not have a report.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Paul,  
10 are you.....

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12 MR. LIEDBERG: Thank you, Madame  
13 Chairman. Members of the Council. Andy Aderman  
14 normally presents this, but he's out flying, in fact,  
15 doing moose surveys and other things today, so I'll try  
16 to fill in for him.

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18 The report for Togiak Refuge that you  
19 have in your booklet is kind of standard for what we  
20 always do. There's just a couple of projects in here  
21 that I will update you on, or I'll answer questions on  
22 any of them as well.

23

24 On Page 115, we talk about the Nushagak  
25 Peninsula caribou. This is a herd, of course, that was  
26 introduced in the mid 80s. I think we've reported the  
27 couple of times that that population has declined to  
28 below the 600 level where we -- where the management  
29 plan recommends no hunting take place.

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31 We were able to do another survey in  
32 January of this year. Previous to this, our survey in  
33 2006 counted 546 animals. We were able to get out in  
34 January of this year and counted 556 animals, basically  
35 holding its own.

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37 There's been basically no hunting on  
38 that herd in the last couple of years. The working  
39 group, the planning committee agreed to issue a few  
40 permits to the Village of Manokotak for last year and  
41 this year. Of the five permits that we issued to them  
42 in the spring of '07 and the spring of '08, they didn't  
43 use any of them, so there's been no harvest on that  
44 herd that we're aware of.

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46 So calf recruitment seems pretty good.  
47 The population's holding its own. So we'll continue to  
48 monitor it, and hopefully we'll meet again with the  
49 planning committee for that herd before this fall and  
50 decide what direction we'll take on that again for a

1 hunting season.

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3 That's all on that one. Further  
4 down.....

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Is their  
7 forage area and everything looking good like they could  
8 turn around and come back, or is it still weak?

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10 MR. LIEDBERG: Yeah, we've seen some  
11 changes. It's, you know, hard to monitor it, but we  
12 are looking at that over time, and certainly habitat  
13 conditions could be one element that's causing -- that  
14 caused the decline of that herd. It as an introduced  
15 herd, and I think it's kind of standard for an  
16 introduced population like that, that it will really  
17 climb up and then come back down and level off. And my  
18 personal opinion is that it's probably leveling off at  
19 some point here, and probably 3 to 700 is how many  
20 animals the peninsula can handle down here, or what it  
21 will sustain over time. I think we'll know over the  
22 next 20 years probably how many animals there should be  
23 down there that it will support. So we'll keep you  
24 updated on that in the future as well.

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26 The only other one I was going to bring  
27 up on that same page, moose populations over in 17A.  
28 We've kept you appraised of that over time. We were  
29 able to get a survey done on that recently as well.  
30 The one previous was in 2006 when we counted 1,023  
31 animals over in Unit 17A. We were able to get out -- I  
32 think the report says we'll attempt to do one, we were  
33 able to get out in late February. We counted 1,060  
34 moose over there. So increasing. We expected to see a  
35 few more than that. Calf production is still very  
36 good. Survey conditions were reasonable. We probably  
37 should have seen more than that, but there's no need.  
38 I don't think -- don't have any concern over that herd  
39 at this point. It's still continuing to grow, and  
40 we're still seeing very good numbers.

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42 And although it's not in here, I'll  
43 also point out that moose from this herd I think have  
44 to some degree migrated over into the Goodnews River  
45 Valley, and there's enough moose right now over there  
46 that the Advisory Council in Kalskag last week  
47 recommended opening up a moose season on the other  
48 side. That's over in the Y-K Delta area. But they're  
49 benefiting I think from these increased populations in  
50 17A, and they'll be able to hunt over in the Goodnews

1 Bay we hope this fall.

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3 MR. ALVAREZ: That's good.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah.

6 That's awesome.

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8 MR. LIEDBERG: Yeah. Yeah, we surveyed

9 that. You know, up until a few years ago, we counted,

10 you know, a handful of moose, probably less than 10

11 over there, and February 15th we counted 115, and again

12 the production is excellent. I would expect that herd

13 over there to double probably in the next two or three

14 years.

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16 Those were the only projects I was

17 going to highlight, but certainly happy to answer any

18 questions on that or anything else.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Molly.

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22 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I just have a comment.

23 This is where the education really plays into good

24 local management. I've got family in Platinum and also

25 in Goodnews. And I remember before Togiak Advisory

26 Council really took ownership of the moose herd,

27 anytime there was -- well, you know, there was illegal

28 hunting. Everybody knew about it, but because the

29 moose -- the village needed meat, it was just done.

30 Not only in Togiak, but also in Goodnews/Platinum.

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32 But even after the management plan was

33 in place, people were still, first moose seen in

34 Platinum or Goodnews, you know, the village went after.

35 But with education from and encouragement from Togiak

36 Advisory to Platinum and Goodnews, you know, people

37 over listened to the local advisory guys I think more

38 so than they would have to ADF&G or Fish and Wildlife.

39 And this is one success I think story. When people

40 have the ownership of any herd, that people will manage

41 accordingly.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Education

44 can play a bigger role than we sometimes acknowledge.

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46 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody

49 else.

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1 MR. DUNAWAY: I just hope the Nushagak  
2 caribou herd can come back, because that's one of the  
3 nicest, fattest, glossiest caribou I ever shot was down  
4 there. Just beautiful animals. I hope I get to have a  
5 chance to hunt them again some day.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you  
8 very much, Paul.

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10 Dom.

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12 MR. WATTS: For the record, Dominic  
13 Watts, Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska  
14 Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge.

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16 Just to highlight a few of these  
17 comments in here in the general report. We cooperated  
18 with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to conduct  
19 the herd composition surveys, and no new big news there  
20 as far as any additions to information I provided at  
21 the last meeting in the more detailed presentation.

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23 We continue to monitor the herds, and  
24 during the past year we added another 10 collars so we  
25 could keep track of survival, reproductive rates, that  
26 kind of stuff with the game and fish.

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28 Earlier in the meeting moose trend  
29 areas and that kind of data were brought up. Just to  
30 point out the fact that the Refuge is trying to provide  
31 that information. We have to have sufficient snow  
32 cover and appropriate survey conditions to get that  
33 information. It's not that we're not trying to get it.  
34 I actually skipped an elk hunt and didn't go on any  
35 Christmas vacation just in case we got the appropriate  
36 survey conditions. Just so you know that we're trying  
37 to get that information, but if the conditions aren't  
38 right, we can't get it.

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40 And just to keep it short, I want to  
41 point out there's been a lot of discussion about  
42 education, and the Fish and Wildlife Service has  
43 produced a new initiative aimed at outreach to children  
44 and participation in outdoor activities, and in this  
45 region that's, of course, going to include subsistence  
46 use and stuff. So it is being addressed, and hopefully  
47 this new initiative will answer some of those  
48 questions. Things like the Becharof Lake science camp  
49 that Orville Lind participated in teaches kids about  
50 going out and about the ecology of the systems in which

1 we're living in.

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3 So with that, I'll just entertain any  
4 questions.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,  
7 Molly.

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9 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I just have another  
10 comment. I know when I first started working for the  
11 State in the early 80s, there was a lot of friction in  
12 Togiak, and I remember having to be in a meeting with  
13 two other agencies. And those meetings weren't  
14 pleasant. But as the communities got more education  
15 and more comfortable with the agencies coming -- not  
16 popping in and pop right out of the communities, the --  
17 you know, the communities got -- weren't so hostile.

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19 And I think through the children's  
20 educations, because those are the next generation of  
21 people that are coming in, with the children becoming  
22 acquainted with agencies in the schools, the parents  
23 also -- when the children come back the homes after the  
24 school ends and say, well, you know, Fish and Wildlife  
25 gave us, or did this for us in the school, the  
26 hostility melts with that. And so I'm glad that Fish  
27 and Wildlife is leaning towards education, more  
28 education within the schools.

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30 Thank you.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody  
33 else. Randy.

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35 MR. ALVAREZ: Dom, the herd  
36 population's about 2000, is that remaining about the  
37 same, or is it going up or down?

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39 MR. WATTS: Well, that's just from the  
40 composition survey, so that's not necessarily a herd  
41 estimate. But that's just from what we go out and  
42 survey. And this is more Alaska Department of Fish and  
43 Game here doing these surveys. Just based on what  
44 we're seeing out there, doing these herd composition  
45 surveys, assuming that we're seeing most of the animals  
46 and they're in these areas with the collared animals,  
47 yeah, it's probably 2 to 3,000 animals.

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49 And as far as saying whether that's a  
50 positive or negative trend, you really have to do more

1 intensive surveys to be able to say that with any  
2 power.

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5 though?

MR. ALVAREZ: They quit declining

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8 that's something we'll just have to watch and see. You  
9 know, to show those trends, you have to have a certain  
10 number of years. So one good year, or one year that  
11 shows a higher number doesn't necessarily mean an  
12 increase or a decrease, so, yeah, I can't answer that.

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15 well, one of them main indicators I guess is the calf  
16 recruitment.

MR. ALVAREZ: Well, I guess a good --

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21 a minute ago, but I can't see it. It's still low.

MR. WATTS: Uh-huh.

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MR. ALVAREZ: And this is -- I read it  
a minute ago, but I can't see it. It's still low.

MR. WATTS: Yes. Yes.

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MR. ALVAREZ: So it probably could  
decline if it gets too low then from this information,  
so it's probably not on the rebound if the calf  
recruitment isn't high yet.

MR. WATTS: Yes. That's correct.

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MR. ALVAREZ: And that's from why?  
What's the reason? Can you tell me the main reason why  
the calf recruitment is still not adequate?

MR. WATTS: Well, the composition  
surveys indicate that pregnancy rates are low.  
Significantly lower in this herd than you're typically  
going to see in a stable or increasing herd. So you  
have fewer calves hitting the ground just to start  
with, and of those, we have pretty poor survival. A  
lot of that's due to predators. And the interesting  
thing, like I pointed out with that presentation at the  
last meeting was that period after when they should be  
outrunning predators, and they're not quite making it.

But to figure out what's causing that  
late stage mortality, I mean, you're talking about  
multiple helicopters following caribou the entire  
peninsula wherever they're going for months. It's very

1 difficult, very expensive.

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MR. ALVAREZ: Thank you.

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MS. CHYTHLOOK: Question. Does age  
6 have to do with the growth of the calving?

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MR. WATTS: With calves or the.....

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MS. CHYTHLOOK: No, no, the age of the  
11 herd.

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MR. WATTS: Okay. Yeah. Typically  
14 caribou, they don't reach that reproductive senescence  
15 until about 12, 13 years old. And what you see in I  
16 guess a normal, to use things -- I shouldn't say  
17 normal, but in a stable or increasing herd, typically  
18 you're going to see cows producing calves all the way  
19 up to reproductive senescence, so that, you know,  
20 basically they're producing calves until they're dying,  
21 is what you're normally going to see, and that's in a  
22 healthy herd where those cows have sufficient fat  
23 stores over the winter.

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Does that answer that?

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MS. CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh. Thanks.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Cliff.

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MR. EDENSHAW: While Dom is up here, in  
32 the future -- or the next time you see Orville Lind, he  
33 received a regional director's award, so if you get an  
34 opportunity to see Orville, congratulate him. I know  
35 over the years I've been working for the Council, with  
36 the refuges and the Park Service, I've worked closely  
37 with Andy Aderman and Orville constantly since I came  
38 on board, and they've just been a tremendous resource  
39 to have if you're on the Peninsula, to answer questions  
40 and work with them regarding permits, nominations,  
41 proposals. You know, he would work with Virginia, and  
42 when Johnny on the Council prior to him passing, but  
43 just lots of work that they do here, and they're a  
44 tremendous resource. And I'm sorry that Orville's not  
45 here. You know, he's pretty much at the meetings all  
46 the time.

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MR. BOSKOFKY: He'd likely to be  
49 leaving. He's planning on moving out, moving up to  
50 Homer next year.

1 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, since I've been on  
2 the Council, I really appreciate Orville's work that  
3 he's done for the Council. He's helped us. I talk to  
4 Orville a lot, and, you know he gives me a lot of  
5 information and looks things up, or, you know, helps me  
6 out in a lot of things, so I really appreciate him.  
7 And I'm glad he got an award for that.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Me, too.  
10 Yeah.

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12 I have a question for you, Dom. If you  
13 have this initiative in place for education, what are  
14 your plans to put it to use out here? Do you have any  
15 direction you're taking?

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17 MR. WATTS: Well, to be perfectly  
18 honest, I'm biologist, so that's a little bit out of my  
19 realm, but I will tell you that the primary reason for  
20 the initiative is the disconnect between the youth of  
21 America and outdoor resources. And so the main focus  
22 is to promote that kind of connection, get kids  
23 basically outside so that in the future they see value  
24 in preserving, you know, outdoor recreation or  
25 resources as a whole.

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27 You know, there was a discussion about  
28 trapping and kids not thinking it's cool and wanting to  
29 stay home and play video games. And that's a  
30 legitimate concern at the Federal level, because as  
31 those kids age, those are going to be the people that  
32 promote conservation and go outside and utilize the  
33 resource.

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35 So, yeah, I mean, it's a big  
36 initiative, and it's actually brand new, but it's Fish  
37 and Wildlife-wide, so I think it's a good step in the  
38 right direction.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We're  
41 interested in seeing what is planned for out here in  
42 the future.

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44 MR. WATTS: And it is unfortunate to  
45 lose Orville. Yeah.

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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody  
48 else.

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50 MR. DUNAWAY: We can count on you.

1 (Laughter)  
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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You can wear  
4 more than one hat. Thank you, Dom.  
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6 Ralph, are you going to give us the  
7 Lake Clark/Katmai?  
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9 MR. MOORE: Mary and I will do the --  
10 Mary will do the Lake Clark and I'll do the Katmai.  
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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Sure. Okay.  
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14 MS. McBURNEY: Madame Chair. I just  
15 wanted to clarify, it's been a few years since Lake  
16 Clark and Katmai have been joined at the hip, and so  
17 Superintendent Moore is the superintendent for  
18 Aniakchak National Monument and Katmai National Park  
19 and Preserve. So it's a little confusing when you take  
20 a look at the agenda and see that he's still Lake  
21 Clark/Katmai. He's not. But I'm here for Lake Clark.  
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23 And since I have the microphone in  
24 front of me, I'll just go ahead and.....  
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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please.  
27 Yes, that's fine.  
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29 MS. McBURNEY: .....make a few  
30 comments. There's just a couple of things I wanted to  
31 bring to your attention.  
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33 First of all, in Lake Clark this  
34 winter, the folks in the wildlife -- our wildlife  
35 biologists were able to secure funding for a wolf  
36 monitoring program, which is something that we have  
37 been needing in Lake Clark for quite some time. There  
38 is virtually no information on wolves in the Lake  
39 Clark area in terms of how many they are, where they  
40 go, that sort of thing. And so we were really pleased  
41 when we received word on the funding, which came  
42 through back in about February, but unfortunately the  
43 timing just wasn't quite right to be able to implement  
44 that this winter. The snow conditions and survey  
45 conditions quickly deteriorated and we weren't able to  
46 get the collars out on the wolves that the biologists  
47 were hoping to do.  
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49 The good news is, is that we do have  
50 that funding in place so that next year, once the

1 survey conditions are optimal, we'll be able to get  
2 that project up and running.

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4                   And the plans are to have I believe  
5 about 10 collars put out on wolves initially, and just  
6 to get an idea of what kind of a population we're  
7 looking at and the landscape that they utilize. Just  
8 some baseline information which we totally lack at this  
9 point.

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11                   Which brings me to my second point,  
12 which is actually I'm going to ask a question. I was  
13 wondering, did any of the RAC members receive a copy of  
14 a publication called Who's Counting within the past  
15 couple of years?

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17                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I got  
18 one.

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20                   MS. McBURNEY: You got one. Okay. It  
21 was something that was created a couple of years ago,  
22 at least the first edition, by the National Parks  
23 Conservation Association. And what they did is they  
24 just did a survey basically of all of the parks in  
25 Alaska to kind of get a sense of what kinds of  
26 information each of the parks have on the various  
27 wildlife resources that they have.

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29                   And one of the things that I think  
30 we're not shy about sharing is the fact there are a lot  
31 of data gaps. And I thought that since yesterday,  
32 especially with Dan O'Hara's comments about, okay,  
33 well, who's data is it? Park Services? Is it Fish and  
34 Game's? Well, the fact of the matter is, is that the  
35 Park Service does not collect harvest data, for  
36 example. And so we do rely on a lot of other data sets  
37 to inform our decision-making as well.

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39                   But I thought that it might be  
40 interesting to share that publication with folks that  
41 may not have a copy of it, and I think you'll find it  
42 very interesting and it might also help you guide some  
43 of your decisions, especially with respect to different  
44 types of monitoring that might be needed. Or, for that  
45 matter, suggesting studies to fill some of the more  
46 critical data gaps as well.

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48                   And I believe that next month or some  
49 time at least later this spring, there's going to be a  
50 follow-up to the initial publication of who's counting.

1 I guess it's going to like a Who's Counting 2. But to  
2 really provide even more information on a park-by-park  
3 basis that really delineates, you know, where there's  
4 data and where there isn't.

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6 So if there's an interest in that, we  
7 will make that available.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, that  
10 can be very timely if we're having the 2010 re-do of  
11 our projects and stuff, to decide where our more  
12 important gaps are. Remember when we first decided,  
13 you know, which areas we put priority, remember when we  
14 did that on the last set of

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16 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, whether to fund  
17 sockeye studies on Lake Clark, or whitefish studies.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.  
20 Yeah.

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22 MR. ALVAREZ: I'd certainly be  
23 interested. I'm not sure if I got something like that  
24 or not, but I'd like to see one in the future.

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26 MS. MCBURNEY: We'll make sure you get  
27 both copies then. I can send out what we have right in  
28 hand now, and I'll make sure that we get copies to you  
29 of the update once it's available.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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33 MS. MCBURNEY: And that's all I have.

34 Madame Chair.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thanks. Go  
37 ahead.

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39 MR. EDENSHAW: I just wanted to ask  
40 Mary, perhaps she could talk to -- when you start that  
41 wolf collaring, probably you should talk with Dom,  
42 because I know the Refuge put out cards, and it's  
43 another probably gap in wolf -- you know, what they've  
44 seen in wolf packs or numbers. They've asked residents  
45 when they've been out in the region to drop cards off  
46 at the Refuge upon returning from trips of number of  
47 wolves they've seen.

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49 And secondly, with the upcoming fishing  
50 season, if you're out there on the lake, and you happen

1 to see anyone using a fyke, it would be nice if you  
2 took some pictures, because we could forward those on  
3 to Maureen Clark, our public affairs. Because we put  
4 out a newsletter, and I think this would be one really  
5 nice article to do, because I haven't seen -- you know,  
6 it would be just a good article to show some  
7 traditional methods in terms of residents out there in  
8 the region harvesting sockeye salmon.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: It would be  
11 a whole summer project for somebody.

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13 MS. McBURNEY: Well, I'll be sure to  
14 get in touch with the SRC member that was really  
15 interested in that and has the knowledge.

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17 MR. EDENSHAW: You betcha. You know,  
18 the cultural, educational portion of that.

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20 MS. McBURNEY: We'll see what we can  
21 do.

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23 MR. EDENSHAW: It would be nice to see  
24 something like that in the newsletter that we put out.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody  
27 else.

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29 MR. ALVAREZ: Aye, aye.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I'd fly up  
32 there just to see it.

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34 Thank you, Mary.

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36 MS. McBURNEY: Sure.

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38 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I just.....

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, Molly,  
41 I'm sorry. Hang on a second, Mary, Molly's got a  
42 question.

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44 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Just you mentioned the  
45 Park Service doesn't do -- or collect data?

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47 MS. McBURNEY: Harvest data.

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49 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Harvest data.

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1 MS. McBURNEY: Specifically. So we  
2 don't -- we rely on the State's harvest data both for  
3 subsistence and sport.

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5 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thanks.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please,  
8 Ralph.

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10 MR. MOORE: Madame Chair. Members of  
11 Council. Thank you again for inviting me to this  
12 meeting. This is Ralph Moore, superintendent of Katmai  
13 National Park and Preserve, and Aniakchak National  
14 Monument and Preserve.

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16 I have five issues that I'd like to  
17 bring you up to speed up on since our last meeting.

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19 The first one involves ATV use. The  
20 question of ATV use in the Preserve. We have  
21 contracted with the University of Washington to do a  
22 combined report for Kakhonak and Igiugig. That report  
23 is due in June. We've contracted with Dr. Douglas  
24 Dewer and he has incorporated the comments which the  
25 Council provided, and he has gone back and taken a more  
26 in-depth look at the oral histories.

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28 We've seen the portion on Igiugig, and  
29 we feel that's much improved from the first draft that  
30 we have, and we're now going back to incorporate the  
31 part from Kakhonak as well. That will have an internal  
32 review and then we'll finalize that.

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34 At this point I would like to ask as we  
35 did before if the Council would like to see this before  
36 we send it out to the public. We'll get this in June,  
37 have our internal review, and I don't know if the  
38 Council in general would like to take a look at it  
39 before, or if there are a few people that we could send  
40 it to to get some more comments before we send it out.  
41 I know that's going to be summer. And we're not a time  
42 constraint. It's up to you when would be the best  
43 time.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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47 MR. ALVAREZ: Some of us are pretty  
48 busy during the summer until after moose season or  
49 maybe before end of August.

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1 MR. MOORE: Sure. Okay.  
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3 MR. ALVAREZ: But when will that come  
4 out, in June? What time were you going to put it out  
5 before public review?  
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7 MR. MOORE: We will receive it from the  
8 University of Washington in June, and then we're under  
9 the same situation. That's our busy time with  
10 visitation and so forth, and so it will be kind of the  
11 situation where one of us will review it, pass it along  
12 to somebody else. It will take us a while, probably a  
13 month or two to look at it ourselves and come to  
14 agreement on what we feel should be tweaked in it.  
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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So we could  
17 probably look at it at our next meeting. Go ahead.  
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19 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, that's what I was  
20 going to suggest, if you could -- would it be ready at  
21 the next Council meeting in October?  
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23 MR. MOORE: Yes.  
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25 MR. ALVAREZ: So maybe you could give  
26 it to us, or send it out with our meeting packet, and  
27 then we could comment on it at the meeting.  
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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I agree. I  
30 think that would be helpful, yeah.  
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32 MR. ALVAREZ: That way, before you sent  
33 it out to the public.  
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35 MR. MOORE: Yeah. That sounds good.  
36 That will help us, too. And again, we appreciated  
37 those comments from before.  
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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Just a  
40 second. Molly, did you have something to add?  
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42 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Huh?  
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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Did you have  
45 something to add?  
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47 MS. CHYTHLOOK: For?  
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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: About his  
50 wishes on the.....

1 MS. CHYTHLOOK: No. I just wanted a  
2 little bit of the history so that when I look at that  
3 document, I'll know what to look for for ATV use in  
4 these two locations.

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6 MR. MOORE: The National Park Service  
7 is taking a look at what use has occurred historically  
8 in the Preserve, and looking at access specifically  
9 from Kakhonak and Igiugig. And we're moving to --  
10 we're trying to make a determination of whether the ATV  
11 use was traditionally employed, and if so, in what  
12 areas and when. This report should give us a good  
13 basis on which to make that determination.

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15 We're in the process of gathering and  
16 compiling that information. Oral histories have been  
17 done, and that was maybe 10 years ago or so. We've had  
18 this project on our radar for some time, but it's -- I  
19 think Dan mentioned at the last meeting this has  
20 dragged for a while, and now we have a good way to  
21 attack the problem by contracting it out, and we're  
22 moving forward on it. But we just want to keep that  
23 momentum going.

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25 It's taking a look at what ATV use  
26 occurred in the northern part of the preserve and when.

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29 When we first took a look at our oral  
30 histories, and the report that I circulated before, it  
31 was still a little bit hard to tell who went where and  
32 when. And looking more closely, we find out that there  
33 was a fair amount of information in those oral  
34 histories, and it gives us a better idea to be able to  
35 generate some maps.

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37 MS. CHYTHLOOK: With ATVs, you know,  
38 they've just been introduced to us not too long ago.  
39 So, yeah, I guess -- okay. Thanks.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
42 Ralph.

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44 MR. MOORE: Okay. The second item  
45 involves Pike Ridge. I noticed in the transcript in  
46 the book here, and maybe I misspoke at the last  
47 meeting. I mentioned that Pike Ridge was along our  
48 eastern boundary, and it's actually along our western  
49 boundary of the Park.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We know what  
2 you meant.

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4 MR. MOORE: Okay. Along our western  
5 boundary, generally west and northwest of Naknek Lake,  
6 the boundary makes a stair step and then the trail  
7 constructed in 1950s as a four-wheel drive trail, ATV  
8 trail, follows the crest weaving in and out of the  
9 Park. And we're looking for the rest way to manage  
10 that.

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12 We've made a commitment to Board of  
13 Game that we would follow up on this. We've conducted  
14 internal scoping this winter, and we're preparing now  
15 for our public scoping, and we hope to have our first  
16 sessions in late April. I don't have dates. Our Staff  
17 is working in Anchorage this week to try to come up  
18 with those dates. We should have those within a week.  
19 We hope to have meetings in the Naknek/King Salmon  
20 area, and then also in Anchorage to capture a number of  
21 folks, the interest groups that are based there.

22  
23 At our public meetings, what we're  
24 looking for is information that will help us figure  
25 who's using the area, what -- how would they like to  
26 see it managed, how far out on that trail are they  
27 going, what time of year does it receive the most use.  
28 And I think that might help us with our decisions, too.

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30 Any questions on Pike Ridge?

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, just  
33 make sure when you post those meetings, that you, you  
34 know, not just post them all over town, but put them on  
35 -- well, Troy knows our communication lines over there.

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37 MR. MOORE: Okay. Our third issue we  
38 wanted to talk about, Lem Butler from Fish and Game had  
39 talked about a working group to address user conflict  
40 in the Preserve. And as you know, last October we had  
41 an issue come to a head between bear viewers and a  
42 perfectly legal hunt that was going on there. And we  
43 feel this is a very good way to do it, and we will  
44 assist any way we can.

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46 Being a Federal agency, we cannot  
47 convene that kind of group because of limitations of  
48 the Federal Advisory Committee Act. But we can  
49 certainly.....

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You can  
2 participate if somebody else convenes it.

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4 MR. MOORE: We can participate as, you  
5 know, we're -- we can just be one of the participants  
6 in it, but not driving or assembling who attends and so  
7 forth, and provide information.

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9 The fourth topic, we received a letter  
10 from the Aniakchak Subsistence Resource Commission  
11 requesting us to develop a program for moose  
12 monitoring, and we've been trying to do that the last  
13 couple years. Due to weather conditions, it's been  
14 less than optimal for our aerial surveys, but we very  
15 strongly agree with their recommendation for us to make  
16 this a priority. We have an inventory and monitoring  
17 network for southwestern Alaska which includes Katmai  
18 and Aniakchak, and they are developing protocols, we  
19 hope, that this -- hope to be able to do the survey  
20 this year.

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22 And the last thing that I have is more  
23 for general interest. We're in the process of  
24 installing a web camera at Brooks Falls. This is the  
25 web camera that was based at McNeil, and we're going to  
26 be moving that to -- in a cooperative agreement with  
27 National Geographic and the Pratt Museum. We're going  
28 to be moving that to Brooks Falls and enable people to  
29 see the bears there in real time. And Mary has been  
30 taking the lead on that, and has done an excellent job  
31 in putting all the pieces together. We still have some  
32 compliance to go through, and some technological  
33 problems to solve out there, but we're glad that we can  
34 continue the web cam coverage. It just won't be from  
35 McNeil. It will be a different location, but I think  
36 up at the falls that will still be very good,  
37 especially in July.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I find that  
40 kind of funny. Why? Why, do they want to see bears  
41 with a different set of water around them or something?  
42 Is it.....

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44 MR. MOORE: The State was unable to  
45 continue the operation up at McNeil, and we wanted to  
46 maintain that option somewhere, and this seemed like a  
47 good location for us.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
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1 MS. CHYTHLOOK: So it was the State  
2 operated it, and now you guys are going to pick it up,  
3 is that my understanding?

4  
5 MR. MOORE: Yes. It was up at McNeil  
6 River, and it would send an image back to the Pratt  
7 Museum, and then we would conduct programs there in  
8 Homer, and then this was also linked -- National  
9 Geographic had a link. How did that work, Mary?

10  
11 MS. McBURNEY: Well, this is a project  
12 that initially was started at the Pratt Museum, and  
13 when Lake Clark and Katmai located an office in Homer,  
14 we didn't have a visitor's center, so we implemented a  
15 cooperative agreement and a memorandum of understanding  
16 to work with the Pratt Museum on education programs  
17 that were of mutual interest and on common interpretive  
18 themes, and bears just happened to be a real natural  
19 fit. So we became a partner in their bear cam project,  
20 and over the course of a number of things that happened  
21 over time, National Geographic became a partner, so we  
22 have a three-way partnership between the Park Service,  
23 the Pratt Museum, National geographic, I should say a  
24 four-way partnership originally, and the Department of  
25 Fish and Game at the McNeil Sanctuary.

26  
27 But we were basically dialing for  
28 dollars every year trying to come up with grant money  
29 that we could keep it going at McNeil, and it just  
30 became pretty clear that that was unsustainable. And  
31 so working with the Katmai superintendent, found that  
32 we could make it sustainable by moving the camera from  
33 McNeil to Katmai where it was much easier to maintain,  
34 and be able to retain a really high quality bear  
35 viewing experience.

36  
37 National Geographic gets, you know,  
38 close to 2 million hits on this thing each year. And  
39 it's amazing. There are people that will wake up, they  
40 have it as a screen saver, you know. People in  
41 Australia that want to watch the bears at sunrise.  
42 It's really amazing. And it's just so incredibly  
43 popular that we just could not let it die, and so we  
44 just found it a new home.

45  
46 MR. MOORE: And I realize that while  
47 this is kind of peripheral to what the Council does, we  
48 just threw that in for interest.

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50 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thanks for

1 your work on it.

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3 MR. MOORE: And that's all we have,  
4 unless you have questions.

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6 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I've got one.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Questions,  
9 anybody. Molly.

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11 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I just need -- you  
12 know, when I first started working for Subsistence  
13 Division and started traveling to the communities,  
14 Alaska Department of Fish and Game is interpreted as  
15 (In Yup'ik), which means little birds. I don't know  
16 how in the world that came about with that, but  
17 especially in the west villages, that name did not gibe  
18 with people, and so when I came in, I'd have to say I'm  
19 working for Subsistence Division, hoping that, you  
20 know, that's going to stick. But then when I'd come,  
21 when I'd say, well, under the umbrella of Alaska  
22 Department of Fish and Game, everybody just threw  
23 everybody into the soup bowl that worked for Fish and  
24 Game. So it took probably a good five years for me to  
25 separate -- for the people to understand that I'm not  
26 game warden. I'm not -- I don't work with regulations.

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29 And listening to the Park and Preserve,  
30 I'm having that same problem. I can't separate those  
31 two. Is there a separation between Park and Preserve?

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33 MR. MOORE: Yes, it's under the same  
34 management, but different rules apply in the Preserve,  
35 somewhat different rules in the Preserve and in the  
36 Park. The Preserve was established for both areas in  
37 1980. And it was originally Katmai National Monument,  
38 then there were a series of expansions, and then it  
39 became a Park and the Preserve was added. Aniakchak  
40 was a National Monument first, and then an addition to  
41 that, the Preserve was added.

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43 In the preserves, in both areas,  
44 hunting is allowed, but not in Katmai National Park is  
45 probably the most relevant difference.

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47 MS. McBURNEY: And just to clarify  
48 that, Molly, so whenever you hear the word preserve,  
49 that's a clue sport hunting can take place there. But  
50 if you hear monument and park, the only hunting that

1 can take place is Federal subsistence hunting.

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3 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thanks. That's  
4 good to understand. Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Dan.

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8 MR. DUNAWAY: I just want to thank  
9 Ralph for moving that ATV program along, because I used  
10 to go to Igiugig and hear complaints that there's  
11 nothing moving, so I'm glad to hear that it's coming  
12 along. And I wanted to thank you for that.

13

14 MR. MOORE: Thank you. It's not as fast  
15 as we would like, but it does keep moving.

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17 MR. DUNAWAY: And then didn't you say  
18 there was some other thing, that you were planning to  
19 go to Igiugig to do some interviews? And I know Randy  
20 saying something last meeting about, well, we're there  
21 and waiting. I was wondering -- I couldn't remember  
22 what that was about, and whether it's progressed.

23

24 MR. MOORE: It sounded -- when they  
25 went back and looked at the oral histories and looked  
26 at the transcripts, it appeared that we had more  
27 specific information than we had originally -- than was  
28 in the original report, and so it wasn't necessary,  
29 didn't feel at this time, to go and gather any  
30 additional. We did have people who could identify by  
31 year where they had gone.

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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Randy.

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37 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah. Thanks, Ralph, for  
38 that. And I feel that we need to do it right and take  
39 our time to get it right and still proceed in a timely  
40 manner like you're doing, you know, and so I'm not in a  
41 big hurry to do that. Just, you know, keep working on  
42 it. So, you know, with the new -- with the report  
43 coming out this summer and giving it to us this fall, I  
44 think that will keep in tune with working on it, and  
45 that satisfies me. So -- and I guess then we'll  
46 discuss it again at this next meeting, anything that --  
47 you'll be doing your part, and then we can comment on  
48 what we think should be in it or not in it, but that's  
49 about all I had to say I guess.

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1                    Shall we take a break?  
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3                    MR. MOORE: I did have one thing I  
4 forgot. Mary, do you want to introduce your boss? We  
5 have a new person on our Staff at region who's acting  
6 as the associate regional director who deals primarily  
7 with subsistence issues.  
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9                    MS. McBURNEY: Yes. I would like to  
10 introduce Dave Mills.....  
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12                   MR. MILLS: Good to be here.  
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14                   MS. McBURNEY: who was a subsistence  
15 team leader for the Alaska region, and also former  
16 superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park.  
17 He has worked throughout the Alaska region in a number  
18 of different parks over the years, and he has a very  
19 long and deep history in this State and is actually  
20 probably the perfect person for this position, and we  
21 really very excited to have a team leader once again  
22 after a hiatus of many, many, many years to help create  
23 a regional vision for our subsistence program.  
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25                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
26 And welcome, Dave.  
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28                   MR. ALVAREZ: We appreciate you showing  
29 up at our meeting to see how we're doing.  
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31                   MR. MILLS: Thanks for the opportunity.  
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33                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
34 How does everybody feel about lunch?  
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36                   MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.  
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38                   MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, let's discuss this.  
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40                   MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We've got  
41 three reports, new business, two or three items on new  
42 business we need to take care of.  
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44                   MR. ALVAREZ: Three things.  
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46                   MR. DUNAWAY: A couple of hours.  
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48                   MR. ALVAREZ: I don't know if it would  
49 take that long.  
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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I'll bet we  
2 can do it in an hour and a half.  
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4 MR. ALVAREZ: In an hour. Boris is  
5 concerned about some cabins, but that's not going to  
6 take too long.  
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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Alvin's got  
9 a letter on there.  
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11 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah. And then Boris  
12 also wanted us -- there was some Adak caribou.  
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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, that's  
15 right. Okay.  
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17 MR. ALVAREZ: And then we've got this  
18 next meeting.  
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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, that's  
21 a five-minute issue.  
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23 MR. ALVAREZ: So maybe we should just  
24 take 10 minutes. And then we can finish this in about  
25 an hour, and then we can go our separate ways and have  
26 lunch instead of taking an hour and coming back.  
27  
28 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, sounds good.  
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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: A 10-minute  
31 break. We're doing a 10-minute break, is that what  
32 we're doing.  
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34 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, let's take 10  
35 minutes.  
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37 (Off record)  
38  
39 (On record)  
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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Could we  
42 impose on you, Mary, and have you do the Aniakchak?  
43 Are you going to do the Aniakchak report now of is  
44 there.....  
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46 MS. MCBURNEY: I just did it.  
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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
49 That's all you have for all of them.  
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1 MS. MCBURNEY: Yes.  
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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Good  
4 enough. Then BLM, please.  
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6 MR. BEYERSDORF: Good afternoon, Madame  
7 Chair. Members of the Council. Geoff Beyersdorf with  
8 the Bureau of Land Management, out of Anchorage.  
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10 MR. NIELSEN: And Dugan Nielsen, Bureau  
11 of Land Management, out of Dillingham.  
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13 MR. BEYERSDORF: And we're going to be  
14 pretty brief here I think. I just wanted to mention a  
15 couple things.  
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17 One, that Dugan is the local  
18 representative here in Dillingham. He's been working  
19 on the land transfer program, and he has stated that  
20 that should probably finish up -- or be close to being  
21 finished around 2010. He's working the transfers in  
22 regards to Native allotments and such in the area.  
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24 And then he's also been working with  
25 the Bristol Bay Resource Management Plan. That's in  
26 the final EIS stage. And he's been working,  
27 coordinating with our Anchorage field office on that.  
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29 And the only other thing I really was  
30 going to bring up is that since being in town, and  
31 being new in this position, I've taken the opportunity  
32 to connect with both the Fish and Wildlife Service here  
33 and with Alaska Department of Fish and Game in regards  
34 to the Mulchatna Caribou Herd monitoring that's been  
35 ongoing and establishing those relationships in regards  
36 to BLM's partnerships and funding for the monitoring  
37 efforts that are ongoing and it looks like we'll  
38 continue that through this spring and this summer.  
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40 And that's all that I had. I don't  
41 know if there's any questions.  
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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any  
44 questions, anybody.  
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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Just a comment. You kind  
47 of work with -- I understand like Fish and Game out of  
48 Dillingham here, some of their aerial moose and caribou  
49 surveys are funded or supported somewhat by BLM, and  
50 you're in that position now?

1 MR. BEYERSDORF: Correct.  
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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Was it Jeff Denton before  
4 you?  
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6 MR. BEYERSDORF: I know I don't look  
7 like it, but I'm the new Jeff Denton.  
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9 (Laughter)  
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11 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, I appreciate the  
12 support for those surveys just for the area around  
13 here, needing to know more about moose and caribou  
14 abundance, so welcome and thank you.  
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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We also  
17 appreciate your participation, yeah, in these meetings  
18 as well.  
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20 MR. BEYERSDORF: Thank you. I  
21 appreciate the opportunity to be here.  
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23 MR. ALVAREZ: You know our concerns  
24 about everything we had at the meeting, so, you know,  
25 you'll be getting our letter asking for some of these  
26 on BLM land, you know, that we also are going to send  
27 to other landowners -- or land managers.  
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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Manager,  
30 yeah.  
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32 MR. BEYERSDORF: Yeah. And through the  
33 Chair. Member Alvarez. I have been taking notes in  
34 the meeting, and I will go back and let the field  
35 office supervisor, Gary Reamer, know what some of your  
36 concerns are, and looking at our funding and what --  
37 where BLM may be able to fit into the picture and help  
38 out with some of this interagency work.  
39  
40 MR. ALVAREZ: Thank you.  
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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Great.  
43 Thanks. Anybody else.  
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45 (No comments)  
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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
48 Molly, would you care to give your report?  
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50 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Under Bristol Bay

1 Native Association, Natural Resources Department, we  
2 hired a subsistence coordinator a year ago this month.  
3 And so I'm going to introduce you to Frank Woods. He's  
4 the new subsistence coordinator for BBNA, and he will  
5 be updating you on a couple of projects that he's  
6 doing. One is migratory bird, and then the working  
7 group. Frank.

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9 MR. WOODS: Yeah. Frank Woods, BBNA,  
10 again. Good afternoon. Thanks for the short lunch  
11 break.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MR. WOODS: The first thing I would  
16 address is the migratory bird subsistence harvest  
17 survey. It used to be every two years we'd do random  
18 -- or rotating village surveys. And now that they've  
19 compiled enough information that Bristol Bay is a high  
20 user group, region. It's separated into two different  
21 regions. They've got the northern Bristol Bay and then  
22 they've got the southern coastal villages of, let's  
23 see, Chignik on down to Perryville and Ivanof, so I  
24 think for now we're revising the whole survey process  
25 and they allocated -- they want us to do surveys every  
26 year just to keep harvest numbers accurate, so it's  
27 going to be an ongoing yearly project, including  
28 Dillingham. We're just finishing up '07. We have 17  
29 villages, finishing up 15 finalized surveys, and we've  
30 got two more, Perryville and Chignik data to turn in.  
31 And then we're going to start from that right into  
32 2008.

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34 And it's a pretty lengthy process to  
35 start the survey. You've got to contact the villages,  
36 get a resolution, and then contact a surveyor to  
37 actually do household-to-household surveys, so pretty  
38 detailed. That's going to be ongoing every year.

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40 The thing that I'm going to touch on is  
41 last year when I first got on board, me and Robbin  
42 LaVine spearheaded a population enhancement project  
43 that the board at BBNA has been addressing the same  
44 issues that you guys have been faced with is the  
45 population decline in caribou and moose in the region.  
46 I've narrowed it down into two different regions. It  
47 would be the northwestern Bristol Bay region, and then  
48 you've got the north and south Peninsula, I guess 17  
49 and 9 units.

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1                   Out of that came a gathering of  
2 information with the State and the Federal agencies,  
3 including Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Becharof,  
4 and I don't think Katmai was at that informational  
5 gathering meeting in May of last year. Out of that  
6 we've kind of come to the conclusion the only way we're  
7 going to get anywhere is by working group plan, just  
8 like Lem introduced this morning or yesterday.

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10                   I want to include for the first group,  
11 it would be the northern Bristol Bay, and I'll just --  
12 at Nondalton Lake, we've got Nondalton itself. Lake  
13 Clark area, we've got a representative committed.  
14 Kakhonak is Iliamna Lake. Togiak, western Unit 17.  
15 New Stuyahok for Nushagak River. And a Naknek rep,  
16 King Salmon rep for the north Peninsula. And we've  
17 also got a Dillingham rep to sit on the working group  
18 in the first round.

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20                   And then dealing with the north and  
21 south Peninsula members is Naknek, King Salmon, you've  
22 got Port Heiden, Pilot Point, Chignik Lake, Perryville  
23 and Igiugig. We still need commitments from three of  
24 those villages.

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26                   And then include the managers, both  
27 National Wildlife Refuges and Parks, and include Alaska  
28 Department of Fish and Game. And then, of course,  
29 Staff at BBNA to help coordinate.

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31                   We've also met with the two local  
32 tribes here in Dillingham, would be a Choggiung tribal  
33 member rep and Ekok. And they recommended that we  
34 bring some of their own science to the table, and I  
35 contacted Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute,  
36 Michael Link, and he transferred all the updated  
37 information we got from the May meeting to a biologist,  
38 I'll probably get his name wrong. Oh, where did I put  
39 him? Yeah. It's Michael Demonski (ph), he's out of, I  
40 think, Washington or Oregon somewhere.

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42                   But he -- all that information --  
43 basically we still have to meet, number 1. I've got  
44 the stakeholders involved, including the managers, and  
45 they're just going to -- they agreed to meeting in  
46 April, and it's perfect timing just for the new Board  
47 of Game cycle I think. Big task, you know. I mean,  
48 this is my second meeting with you guys. I appreciate  
49 all the hard work you guys have done. It's all new  
50 learning curve for me to organize meetings, get people

1 together, start working on issues and dealing with all  
2 the players. But it's good stuff.

3  
4 I mean, this is -- you know, I really  
5 enjoy the subsistence priority. I know the State's got  
6 different agendas at times, but we're all here to -- we  
7 all live in the same region, we all deal with the same  
8 issues. I think we -- you know, we're unique I think  
9 in that. I sit on a different board with a different  
10 hat, and it's called Citizen Advisory Commission and  
11 Federal Areas reform, and this region has a really  
12 good, unique working relationship with all the  
13 different entities. There are some serious issues  
14 around out the State that they don't work together. I  
15 really commend the groups here and the State and the  
16 Feds representatives and you guys for help keeping it  
17 all together, because it looks like around the State  
18 there's different issues and factions that can't --  
19 you know, that don't work

20  
21 I think one of your Staff members  
22 announced that ANILCA law protects subsistence  
23 priority. I know the State has an ANILCA office, and  
24 at some point I would like to, you know, on some of  
25 these issues, it would be good to sit down and review  
26 some of that ANILCA law that deals specifically with  
27 these issues. I don't know if Cliff can help in that  
28 arena. When we're dealing with subsistence issues, you  
29 know, we're dealing with law, and I have to familiarize  
30 myself with what pertains to how and how that reflects  
31 on what decisions we make I guess.

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33 So that's one of the things that I'm  
34 kind of interested in, still learning.

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36 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Well, you noticed that  
37 he didn't mention anything funding, because we don't  
38 have any funding for this, and we're not -- right now  
39 we're just going with it, because BBNA board of  
40 directors gave us this task. So before too long we  
41 need to establish funding, especially if we're going to  
42 get these working groups together.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You missed  
45 on part of that last night, Frank. I think you  
46 probably had to leave, but at the end of our moose  
47 discussion, we were thinking and hopeful that BBNA  
48 would take up the torch on this. As we heard this  
49 morning from Ralph, the Park Service would be unable to  
50 put certain working groups together, but the could

1 participate, so, you know, just to bring you up to date  
2 a little bit, too, on what else had happened last  
3 night.

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5 Dan, did you have something?

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7 MR. DUNAWAY: I was going to bring up  
8 that last night we kept talking about moose, and I  
9 said, where's Woodsy go, you know. He might be the  
10 right guy.

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12 The other thing and I'm not sure, maybe  
13 somebody here might know, but I was thinking last night  
14 it's kind of a -- I don't know of an opportunity to  
15 fund through subsistence for game type things, like we  
16 have we have these projects we can forward for fishing.  
17 And it would be nice in this case to be able for BBNA  
18 or somebody that wanted to take the lead on a working  
19 group, if there was some funding source that they can  
20 apply to to help facilitate getting folks together to  
21 make this work. And is anybody of where one might look  
22 for help with funding?

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24 MS. CHYTHLOOK: We don't have any  
25 concerns about agencies coming to our meetings, because  
26 hopefully they're going to be paying. And we're  
27 thinking of tribal councils helping with this, but  
28 tribal councils' funding hasn't been that great either,  
29 so we're looking for funding, because this isn't going  
30 to be a one-time deal. Once it starts, it's probably  
31 going to be in place for quite a while. And in order  
32 to run something like this, where we get regions and  
33 people involved, money talks.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Pete,  
36 please. I was going to ask for you anyway. Thanks for  
37 volunteering.

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39 MR. PROBASCO: On other -- since we're  
40 talking about moose, other moose planning efforts have  
41 been funded jointly by OSM, State of Alaska and the  
42 various affected Native groups. Individually each  
43 entity doesn't have the funds to carry the whole burden  
44 themselves, but collectively we've been successful with  
45 moose planning efforts on the Yukon, moose planning  
46 efforts on the Yukon Delta. So that opportunity is  
47 here as well.

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49 We work very closely with the State on  
50 what we call 809 funding. It's a limited funding

1 source, and we are looking at a planning effort that  
2 the State's hoping that we can provide funds for FY '09  
3 to deal with planning efforts along the Yukon Delta.  
4 This also could be an opportunity to develop a  
5 proposal, if we can get the various groups together, to  
6 agree that we'll throw in X if you throw in X, that  
7 kind of stuff. So there is opportunities, and I'll  
8 work with whoever.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you  
11 very much.

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13 MR. WOODS: Great. Good.

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, Cliff.

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17 MR. EDENSHAW: Before Pete goes, I  
18 think -- doesn't Carl head up a program -- he was  
19 accepting proposals recently, wasn't he, earlier in the  
20 winter?

21  
22 MR. PROBASCO: Yeah. I didn't want to  
23 go out on a limb there, Cliff. But I appreciate that.

24  
25 (Laughter)

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27 MR. PROBASCO: Actually Geoff asked the  
28 question, he's whispering, and I said I'm not sure, but  
29 there's a tribal grant program that is administered  
30 through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that's done  
31 annually. But I don't know -- as you know with grants,  
32 there's rules that follow them, so I'm not sure if this  
33 would fit under that umbrella or not.

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35 MS. CHYTHLOOK: We've looked into that,  
36 but if Y-K Delta applies for moose -- or not -- for  
37 caribou funding or even for moose, we can't counter  
38 apply for the same species.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Even though  
41 it's a different area?

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43 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Even though it's a  
44 different area.

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46 MR. PROBASCO: But it is on my notes,  
47 and we'll take a look at it.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good. Okay.  
50 And you guys have each other's numbers?

1 MR. WOODS: Not yet.  
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3 MR. PROBASCO: You can find mine. I  
4 can't hide.  
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6 MR. WOODS: Good.  
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8 MR. PROBASCO: All right.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody  
11 else.  
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13 MR. ALVAREZ: I was going to -- I was  
14 wondering about the caribou working group. But I guess  
15 that -- Molly commented on that, but that kind of  
16 solves that.  
17  
18 MR. WOODS: I've got one more kind of  
19 issue on the forefront is, you know, you've been  
20 hearing a lot of development issues, offshore oil right  
21 down the lower Peninsula in front of Port Heiden, and  
22 oil and gas lease sales off shore. Anne then we've got  
23 all the mining and Pebble project up in Iliamna. You  
24 know, it might be not too much to behoove industry, or  
25 I guess the managers to request money for not only  
26 research dollars, but also management dollars. Because  
27 it's -- I mean, there's already -- you know, we live in  
28 a pretty scary time where we have a lot at stake here.  
29 I mean, there's so much development, or proposed  
30 development in the region that I don't think we're  
31 adequately funded to keep up with the science of the  
32 whole thing. Not only offshore in Bristol Bay, but,  
33 you know, the proposed mine in the back door. But  
34 these are pretty substantial impacts to the region,  
35 that we don't -- I know that Lake Clark doesn't have  
36 enough money for research on, you know, baseline  
37 studies that are being down, or whatever, you know,  
38 even surveys around the State, and that's just par for  
39 the course. But, you know, we're faced with some huge  
40 impacts as the oil and gas leases start progressing,  
41 and then the mine development in the back door, you  
42 know, we need some coordination of all resources, not  
43 just from the State side, but also the Federal side.  
44 You know, if there's no caribou up on the upper parts  
45 of Iliamna, you know, we've got to find out why and  
46 whether they're not migrating the same routes, or if  
47 there's even an accurate count for the moose  
48 populations, or if we need education -- like Lem was  
49 saying, if we need education in the villages that are  
50 affected, and if he's managing for bull moose, and, you

1 know, the village has got no meat, so they're killing  
2 the cows, and we've got no more moose left, and how do  
3 we manage that? How do we educate the public, and  
4 where do we find funds to help that process. I think,  
5 you know, I think it might be time to start.....

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Have you  
8 checked into the Pebble Mine offer of the money they  
9 were putting out there on the table for.....

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11 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I've checked into  
12 that. They haven't even met together to form a group  
13 that's going to decide who's going to be managing that.  
14 But there's a baseline survey going on right now with  
15 Subsistence Division, updating the baselines that were  
16 done historically, but funded by -- because Subsistence  
17 Division couldn't fund the project to update the  
18 baseline, Pebble came in and funded those projects, and  
19 I've made several phone calls to one of the communities  
20 here that was so easy to do with baseline surveys with,  
21 but now they're not wanting to do the survey, because  
22 instead of Pebble being the funding source, they have  
23 them as partners. And I think that's different -- just  
24 being a funding source is different from being a  
25 partner. And Pebble is just funding the surveys and  
26 have nothing to do with the survey methodology or  
27 anything, but the communities that are opposing Pebble  
28 see that, and they don't want anything to do with the  
29 surveys.

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31 MR. WOODS: The best definition I found  
32 is that non-renewable paycheck that you have, you get,  
33 is kind of -- that's why people don't want to  
34 participate. And it might be -- you know, I don't  
35 think that industry should be paying for surveys for  
36 what we're trying to sustain here, so that's kind of  
37 the root of it all.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, I agree.  
40 There's definitely a debate that can be had there, but I  
41 was just.....

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43 MR. WOODS: It might be an option.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah.

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47 MR. WOODS: I've seen Molly's name  
48 down, and Fred Pikes on that list that was circulated I  
49 think for that sustainable fisheries grant that Pebble  
50 put out. Your name was down on one of the lists. You

1 didn't know that?

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3 MS. CHYTHLOOK: No.

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5 MR. WOODS: Okay. I was thinking of  
6 how to spend that money, and I was thinking that's a  
7 bad way to look at things. But, you know, we're in  
8 dire need of management fund. I hear, you know, at the  
9 advisory committee, I don't know who was there, but I  
10 heard the local manager say, we ain't got no management  
11 dollars for the coho fishery, we've got no management  
12 dollars for the herring fishery, we've got no  
13 management dollars for, you know, just about anything  
14 that he has in front of him. Just a bare, minimal  
15 budget. But, I mean, we're underfunded.

16

17 So anyway, that's my report and  
18 anything -- I've got a contact, and I don't know what  
19 -- any questions, call Molly.

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21 (Laughter)

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23 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Any contacts, call.....

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Did you have  
26 anything else, Randy?

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28 MR. ALVAREZ: Not for that. New  
29 business.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: We could talk over one of  
32 those ice fishing holes.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,  
35 Frank. Okay. Let's move on to new business. We'll  
36 take -- Alvin, do you want to go ahead and head it up?  
37 You had the first item underneath there.

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39 MR. BOSKOFKY: I thought that was  
40 already taken care of.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, did we  
43 already cover it with Mary? Okay.

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45 MS. McBURNEY: And for the record, Mary  
46 McBurney with Aniakchak National Monument. And this  
47 should be a very quick item.

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49 What Alvin had requested to be brought  
50 was that the Bristol Bay RAC serves as the appointing

1 source for three of the seats on the Aniakchak  
2 Subsistence Resource Commission. And two of the seats,  
3 currently held by Johnny Lind and Afonie Takak are up  
4 from reappointment, and then there is a third seat that  
5 was held by Virginia Aleck that is currently vacant.  
6 And at the last SRC meeting, the Aniakchak members  
7 recommended that Johnny Lind and Afonie Takak be  
8 reappointed to the SRC, and they nominated Elliott  
9 Lind, who is a member of the local Fish and Game  
10 Advisory Committee, which is one of the requirements,  
11 for membership as a RAC appointment to fill the vacant  
12 seat. So what the Aniakchak SRC would like to do is to  
13 make their recommendations to you for those three  
14 individuals to be appointed to the Aniakchak SRC.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So we should  
17 have a motion then to -- do you want to make it?

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19 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I make a motion to  
20 appoint Johnny, Afonie, and Elliott.

21  
22 MR. ALVAREZ: Second.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The motion's  
25 been made and seconded. Is there any discussion. This  
26 is for seat appointments to their SRC. Cliff.

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28 MR. EDENSHAW: Just, Mary, on the  
29 second paragraph, you say he's been nominated? So are  
30 you saying that the Council could rubber stamp him and  
31 appoint him?

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33 MS. MCBURNEY: Yes. This is the  
34 recommendation from the SRC.

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. Because it would  
37 just say he was appointed.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Call the question.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Question?  
42 Go ahead.

43  
44 MR. ALVAREZ: I've got a question. So  
45 if we pass this, then those three guys are on the SRC?

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47 MS. MCBURNEY: That's correct.

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49 MR. ALVAREZ: That's -- it doesn't have  
50 to go the Federal level? I mean, the.....

1 MS. MCBURNEY: No, this is.....  
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3 MR. ALVAREZ: .....past us?  
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5 MS. MCBURNEY: You are the appointing  
6 body.  
7  
8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Cliff.  
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10 MR. EDENSHAW: After Virginia left, can  
11 I ask Alvin why he wouldn't consider serving on the  
12 SRC?  
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14 MR. BOSKOFISKY: What's that?  
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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Was that question  
17 addressed? Because I thought one of them, they should  
18 reside within the monument, and Alvin lives in Chignik  
19 Lake, just as Virginia did.  
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21 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I sit on it.  
22  
23 MR. EDENSHAW: He's already standing  
24 member?  
25  
26 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I have been on there  
27 the whole time.  
28  
29 MS. MCBURNEY: Yes.  
30  
31 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. That was.....  
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33 MS. MCBURNEY: But appointed by the  
34 Governor I believe.  
35  
36 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. But as part of  
37 the RAC though then. That was the question.  
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39 MR. ALVAREZ: Call for the question.  
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41 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I used to be appointed  
42 by the RAC, but then they changed it to Secretary of  
43 the Interior appointment.  
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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Call  
46 for the question. All those in favor of accepting the  
47 nominations for -- or I should say people as suggested  
48 in the Aniakchak letter please signify by saying aye.  
49  
50 IN UNISON: Aye.

1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed same  
2 sign.  
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4 (No opposing votes)  
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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Motion  
7 carries. Thank you.  
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9 MS. McBURNEY: Thank you.  
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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. What  
12 do you want to take up next?  
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14 MR. ALVAREZ: Boris has a concern about  
15 some cabins down there.  
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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.  
18 Boris, let's talk about your issue with the caribou and  
19 the cabins.  
20  
21 MR. ALVAREZ: The cabins.  
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23 MR. KOSBRUK: The cabins. Well,  
24 there's about six or seven between each valley there.  
25 Bear River and Sandy River. Two sets of cabins.  
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27 MR. ALVAREZ: So is that on State land,  
28 Boris?  
29  
30 MR. KOSBRUK: That's what I'm told,  
31 yes. And they said I'd have to go Natural resources.  
32  
33 MR. ALVAREZ: DNR probably has permits  
34 for those guys to have those cabins. They would have  
35 to be on State land, and if they don't have permission  
36 to be on State land, then they're in trespass. But if  
37 they have permits to be there, those permits are going  
38 to expire at some time.  
39  
40 MR. KOSBRUK: The bad thing about it is  
41 they're there year around. That's the pass they go to  
42 to go south. They've got them blocked off.  
43  
44 MR. ALVAREZ: If you don't want those  
45 cabins there -- what are they there for, Boris?  
46  
47 MR. KOSBRUK: Huh?  
48  
49 MR. ALVAREZ: What are the cabins there  
50 for?

1 MR. KOSBRUK: I don't know what they  
2 look like.  
3  
4 MR. ALVAREZ: No, what are they using  
5 the cabins for?  
6  
7 MR. KOSBRUK: They sit and wait for  
8 caribou to migrate, to go south.  
9  
10 MR. ALVAREZ: Is there any caribou  
11 there?  
12  
13 MR. KOSBRUK: Yeah. Six or seven of  
14 them. I landed in both places here a couple years ago.  
15 I was shocked.  
16  
17 MR. ALVAREZ: Is there a caribou season  
18 open?  
19  
20 MR. KOSBRUK: I don't know about this  
21 year, but, you know.....  
22  
23 MR. ALVAREZ: Well, if they have  
24 permits for those cabins from DNR at some time they're  
25 going to expire, and then you can -- the region or the  
26 Council or the SRC or even us, we could reject them  
27 getting their permit renewal, and that's a step towards  
28 eliminating those.  
29  
30 MR. KOSBRUK: Yeah, but them guys  
31 haven't (indiscernible).  
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33 MR. ALVAREZ: That's just a process.  
34 That's the process we probably need to go about to do  
35 that.  
36  
37 MR. KOSBRUK: Yeah.  
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39 MR. ALVAREZ: We can't just go tear it  
40 down, you need to go through the process.  
41  
42 MR. KOSBRUK: That's pretty sad.  
43  
44 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, one step would be  
45 to contact DNR to find out if they are permitted and if  
46 they're fulfilling all of the requirements of the  
47 permits, because I know it's a pretty remote area for  
48 DNR to enforce, and depending on the individual, it may  
49 or may not, in DNR it may or may not be high priority  
50 for them to get down there.

1                   MR. KOSBRUK:  Would you be able to  
2 contact them, DNR?  
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4                   MR. DUNAWAY:  Yeah, it would probably  
5 be if somebody from down that way could them.  They  
6 know more about the country.  
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8                   MR. KOSBRUK:  Well, Fish and Game knows  
9 about it.  It's pretty sad, because there are no caribou  
10 down there any more, and they quit coming.  
11  
12                  MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:  Do you know  
13 if those permits exist, George?  
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15                  MR. PAPPAS:  George Pappas, Department  
16 of Fish and Game.  
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18                  Boris, I'll work with you on that to  
19 find out who.....  
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21                  MR. KOSBRUK:  Come again?  
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23                  MR. PAPPAS:  I'll work with you to find  
24 out who to contact and how to contact.....  
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26                  MR. KOSBRUK:  Well, I do know that -- I  
27 talked with Dale Notti about it.  He's Commissioner of  
28 Community and Regional Affairs and Natural Resources I  
29 think.  I'm guessing here.  I had a long talk with him  
30 on a related problem I had.  I could probably find out  
31 what's being done.  
32  
33                  MR. PAPPAS:  Okay.  Well, I'll do a  
34 little homework and call some folks myself and find out  
35 who the person is to contact and ensure that you two  
36 get in contact.  Okay?  I'm not sure how this I guess  
37 impacts the Federal subsistence arena, but I'll commit  
38 to trying to help you find out who specifically to talk  
39 to.  
40  
41                  MR. KOSBRUK:  That kind of hunting's  
42 got to stop.  
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44                  MR. PAPPAS:  Just for point of  
45 clarification, there are a few Fish and Game cabins out  
46 there.  They've been there for years and years to  
47 operate weir, and they're not used in any way to hunt  
48 that I'm aware.  Maybe the crew might catch a few fish.  
49  
50                  Thank you.

1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you  
2 very much, George.  
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4 Can you work that out with him then,  
5 Boris?  
6  
7 MR. KOSBRUK: Come again?  
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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Can you work  
10 that out okay then with George?  
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12 MR. KOSBRUK: With George?  
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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Pappas.  
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16 MR. KOSBRUK: Yeah. Sure.  
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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Good.  
19 What do you want to do next.  
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21 MR. ALVAREZ: I had written down  
22 Adak.....  
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24 MR. DUNAWAY: Board of Game.  
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26 MR. ALVAREZ: No, we got that Board of  
27 Game meat on the bone proposal.  
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29 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, that's right, we did.  
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31 MR. ALVAREZ: Boris called me a couple  
32 months ago, three months ago maybe about Adak caribou.  
33  
34 MR. KOSBRUK: Yeah, I talked to you  
35 about that. That's all I know. What they did, I don't  
36 know either.  
37  
38 MR. ALVAREZ: Well, I looked into it.  
39 I talked to Daryle Lons. Boris called me up, because  
40 he said that his cousin was working down at Adak, and  
41 they were -- Boris got a report that they were planning  
42 on eliminating about a couple hundred of the Adak  
43 Caribou Herd down there. There was too many own there  
44 ever since the Navy had pulled out. And he was  
45 concerned that they should transplant them to Chignik  
46 or the region there, but if they are -- and I talked to  
47 Daryle Lons and asked him about it. Apparently that's  
48 a State-managed herd there. But if they are going to  
49 eliminate a couple hundred of those caribou, or, you  
50 know, if they can't transplant them, transport them up,

1 and they're going to eliminate them, they should at  
2 least harvest the meat and distribute it to the people  
3 further up. And I guess that's -- I just wanted to  
4 comment on that. And if it's state-managed, and if  
5 there -- I don't know if it's true or not.

6  
7 Do you know anything about that,  
8 George?

9  
10 MR. PAPPAS: No, sir.

11  
12 MR. ALVAREZ: It might have been a  
13 rumor, but, anyway that's what -- Boris called me and  
14 so I wanted to discuss it.

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16 MR. KOSBRUK: Down there?

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18 MR. ALVAREZ: What?

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20 MR. KOSBRUK: They wanted a couple  
21 hundred of them killed. There's too many. That's a  
22 lot of waste.

23  
24 MR. BOSKOFISKY: I know I've heard stuff  
25 on that herd down there in the past years that, you  
26 know, that herd is getting too big.

27  
28 MR. ALVAREZ: Send some wolves down  
29 there.

30  
31 (Laughter)

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33 MR. DUNAWAY: They just got rid of the  
34 foxes down there, you know.

35  
36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: A couple  
37 bears while we're at it, too.

38  
39 MR. ALVAREZ: Can you inform -- George,  
40 can you inform us on that? I wish Lem was here, maybe  
41 he would have a better idea, but -- Cliff.

42  
43 MR. EDENSHAW: I know the Refuge has an  
44 office down there in Adak, and they're managed through  
45 the Alaska Maritime out of Homer, so the Council could  
46 also send a letter to the Refuge down in Homer, and  
47 that portion of the Refuge down there is managed  
48 through Homer.

49  
50 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Can they find out

1 information?

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, I was  
4 wondering, too, George, if you just couldn't find out  
5 through the State and who the manager would be of that  
6 herd for a contact point.

7

8 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, I could facilitate  
9 figuring out who's responsible for the herd, what the  
10 future plans are, what have you, and have them contact  
11 who? Who would you like me to have them contact?  
12 Boris or the.....

13

14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Do  
15 you have some more information, Dom, that you could  
16 help us out here?

17

18 MR. WATTS: Yeah. Lem's the area  
19 manager for the Aleutians.

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21 REPORTER: You need to come up to the  
22 microphone.

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24 MR. WATTS: Dominic Watts, innocent  
25 bystander at this point.

26

27 (Laughter)

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29 MR. WATTS: Lem's going to be the area  
30 manager for the Aleutians, so he's going to have  
31 jurisdiction over the Adak herd. And I hope I don't  
32 get this wrong, but just off the top of my head, I know  
33 that that population has really boomed recently, and  
34 there is an effort to try to cap it so that it doesn't  
35 face plant like other herds have done. And in an  
36 effort to do that, I think he's -- I'm not sure if it  
37 got passed, but there was a proposal, I'm pretty sure  
38 it got passed, to limit the harvest to two bulls and  
39 five cows. And so the emphasis there being cow harvest  
40 to kind of curtail that population growth, and then the  
41 two bulls to maintain that trophy harvest that's going  
42 on now that they're allowed into the Boone and Crockett  
43 record books and stuff.

44

45 So that's just some information there,  
46 but, yeah, if you want to talk about managing that herd  
47 and the harvest limits, that would be Lem.

48

49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, that's  
50 good to know. That saves you an extra -- I would talk

1 -- I would definitely talk to Lem, Boris. If you're  
2 going back through King Salmon, just take the time to  
3 walk down there to his office and talk to him.

4  
5 MR. KOSBRUK: Yeah, I'm going back to  
6 King Salmon, right. And I can talk to -- I know Denby  
7 Lloyd's Commissioner of Fish and Game.

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9 MR. ALVAREZ: I like your approach,  
10 Boris. Go to the top.

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12 MR. DUNAWAY: Don't waste time in the  
13 middle.

14  
15 MR. KOSBRUK: Community and Natural  
16 Resources, isn't it.

17  
18 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah. Bypass the little  
19 man. Just go right to the top.

20  
21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Heck with  
22 the ladder approach.

23  
24 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Just this summer,  
25 there's something with some bison or something that was  
26 transplanted to an island outside of Sand Point or  
27 something.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I heard  
30 something about that, too.

31  
32 MR. ALVAREZ: Popof Island or.....

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34 MR. BOSKOFISKY: So somewhere there's  
35 some funding available to move animals around.

36  
37 MR. PAPPAS: I just read that article  
38 yesterday on the airplane, and Chernofsky, they just  
39 moved a few bison from the place right next to Portage  
40 Glacier in Anchorage, hopefully to start a herd. I  
41 believe they're looking at other species, too.

42  
43 But back to the main comment, I'll make  
44 sure that Lem gets ahold of Mr. Kosbruk here. Anybody  
45 else here want to be involved? I'm not sure how we do  
46 this.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Alvin. Are  
49 you interested in following up on that?

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1 MR. BOSKOFISKY: We'd love to get deer  
2 transplanted and get something down there.  
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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
5 What else. Go ahead. Anything else you've got on  
6 there. Yeah, you deal with that one.  
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8 MR. ALVAREZ: Okay. I guess we're down  
9 to the last item on new business. Cliff had said this  
10 is going to be his last meeting with us, so he's going  
11 to be moving on, too, probably. And we thank you.  
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13 MR. EDENSHAW: You're welcome. I  
14 enjoyed working with all of you, and prior Council  
15 members, and I learned a tremendous amount. And I've  
16 enjoyed working with you.  
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18 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Who's taking over?  
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20 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Anybody? When do you  
21 start advertising for your position?  
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23 MR. EDENSHAW: I think that's just  
24 something that's going to have to be a decision made by  
25 Pete.  
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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You have  
28 been a tremendous help though, Cliff, and I certainly  
29 have appreciated all the help and advice and even  
30 leadership that you've offered all of us. And  
31 direction.  
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33 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Thank you, Cliff.  
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35 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you.  
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37 MR. PROBASCO: I missed that, Cliff.  
38 We were talking about talking wolves to Adak, so.....  
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40 (Laughter)  
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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.  
43 That's a very good conversation. We didn't mean to  
44 interrupt that one.  
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46 MR. PROBASCO: It was tongue in cheek.  
47 What's the question?  
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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We were just  
50 asking if a replacement has been located for Cliff or

1 has begun to be located for Cliff or where it would be  
2 recognized?

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4 MR. PROBASCO: What's up, Cliff?

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MR. EDENSHAW: I'm going to -- I've  
9 spoken with personnel, and I haven't notified Ann yet,  
10 but I am going to leave.

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12 MR. PROBASCO: Well, I guess you found  
13 out ahead of me. Personally I would hate to lose  
14 Cliff, but I just found out.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, you  
17 share our feelings. We don't mean to put you on the  
18 spot by any means. That's fine then.

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20 MR. PROBASCO: Wow. Thanks, Cliff.

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22 (Laughter)

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24 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, I think he wanted,  
25 since this was going to be his last meeting with us, we  
26 just wanted to acknowledge that, and his service to the  
27 Council here.

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29 MR. PROBASCO: Most definitely. You  
30 bet.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Definitely.  
33 We'd like an equal replacement. We'll put our bid in  
34 for it now.

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36 MR. PROBASCO: Okay.

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: I think we ought to wish  
39 Cliff well in whatever is in his future here as well.  
40 It's too small a State to say good-bye. We'll come  
41 across each other somewhere, so best wishes.

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43 MR. EDENSHAW: I know it's been a long  
44 -- it's been 12 years I've been with the program. And  
45 Bristol Bay, I think I've been going on 8 years doing  
46 Bristol Bay, and prior to that Kodiak and Seward Pen,  
47 and more recently Northwest just for the one meeting.  
48 I've enjoyed, you know, with Robert, Robin, Dan. I  
49 know Pete's been here since the inception, or at least  
50 since I've began working, and Alvin was on there prior

1 and then he took a break, and then came back on. Nanci  
2 and Randy and Denny. And all of the others. It's been  
3 a tremendous experience, I can tell you that.

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5 (Applause)

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Shall  
8 we take a look at when we want to have our next -- our  
9 fall meeting first? Shall we do the fall? I thought  
10 we already had a fall date set.

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Madame Chair, I think  
13 for October 6th and 7th. We need to try and bump that  
14 one out of there, because there's the Kotzebue meeting  
15 -- there's three during the week.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Not again.  
18 When do we not get bumped? When is it our turn to keep  
19 our dates.

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21 (Pause)

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23 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. I'm sorry.  
24 Nanci, that was a good one. We can just move on to the  
25 winter one.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, we can  
28 keep those dates?

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30 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, we can keep those  
31 dates.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We're good  
34 for a change. I like it.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: October 6th and 7th's  
37 good.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah. Thank  
40 you. And these are all up to date, too, so.....

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42 MR. EDENSHAW: I mean, that's for the  
43 fall.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct. So  
46 for our winter meeting though, these are all up to  
47 date, so we're not going to run the conflict of.....

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49 MR. EDENSHAW: Correct.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. So  
2 then looks at winter, does anybody see a preference  
3 there or know their schedule that they can pinpoint  
4 dates that work best for them. Cliff just gave us this  
5 one. Let's work off of thee most recent one so we know  
6 which one's.....

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8 MS. CHYTHLOOK: This one here?

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct. So  
11 we know which ones are already taken.

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13 Randy, please.

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15 MR. ALVAREZ: I would suggest March  
16 10th and 11th or 24th and 25th. And we could --  
17 anybody have a problem with either one of those?

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19 MR. DUNAWAY: I would prefer earlier in  
20 March, or even February.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: Well, Ms. Chair and  
23 Council. You might consider -- I think when Dan O'Hara  
24 provided -- you may consider switching back to King  
25 Salmon back in lieu of -- you know, initially we  
26 switched the meetings to hold the winter meeting I  
27 think King Salmon/Naknek, and you may consider  
28 switching it back there, and holding the all meeting  
29 here in Dillingham the way it was before in lieu of the  
30 way the -- I know you guys are concerned about eating,  
31 so there just seems to be more opportunity for King  
32 Salmon/Naknek in the winter versus here in Dillingham.

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34 MR. BOSKOFKY: I think so, too.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,  
37 Randy.

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39 MR. ALVAREZ: Cliff just reminded me.  
40 Dan O'Hara's usually on vacation the first three weeks  
41 of March.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's what  
44 I was going to say.

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46 MR. ALVAREZ: So we'll probably would  
47 have 24th and 25th or 31st and the 1st of April.

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49 MS. CHYTHLOOK: As long as it's not day  
50 after or day before Easter.

1 MR. ALVAREZ: Easter. I don't know  
2 when.  
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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We can do  
5 these two. They can have two per week, so I'm thinking  
6 that this might be a good week.  
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8 MR. ALVAREZ: February 23rd and 24th?  
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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Because they  
11 can have up to two meetings, right?  
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13 MR. EDENSHAW: Right.  
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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So we could  
16 do that week of February 23rd to 27th, it would still  
17 be acceptable, correct?  
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19 MR. EDENSHAW: But then I think like we  
20 ended up doing today, Randy, I think in the past, you  
21 know, you left it up to me if we were going to start at  
22 8:30. Probably 1:00 o'clock is probably just a bit  
23 more advantageous for Staff and the rest of the people.  
24 It would probably just work out better that way to hold  
25 it in the afternoon.  
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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: For the  
28 first day, and try for a fuller day on the second day.  
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30 MR. BOSKOFISKY: February?  
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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's what  
33 I'm suggesting at this point, February 23rd through  
34 27th.  
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36 MR. BOSKOFISKY: You've only got one in  
37 February 24th and 25th, that's Southeast. And you  
38 could have two.  
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40 MR. DUNAWAY: That will work.  
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42 MR. ALVAREZ: When is AFN? November,  
43 right?  
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45 MR. DUNAWAY: In October.  
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47 MS. CHYTHLOOK: October.  
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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: In the fall.  
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1 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: The third week  
2 usually. Third week of October.  
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4 MR. ALVAREZ: Okay. February 24 and  
5 25th.  
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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Do you want  
8 to go for that? Does that sound good to you?  
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10 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, I can't think of  
11 anything that's.....  
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13 MR. EDENSHAW: In Naknek?  
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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, let's  
16 switch it back to Naknek. Go ahead.  
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18 MS. PETRIVELLI: Excuse me. Wait a  
19 minute, did you say February 24th and 25th?  
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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.  
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23 MS. PETRIVELLI: Y-K just picked that  
24 date for their meeting, and so that would make two  
25 Council meetings for that week. And I apologize. I  
26 guess I should have told Cliff. So then they would ask  
27 you to move it.  
28  
29 MR. ALVAREZ: That eliminates that one.  
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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah.  
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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, if you promise to  
34 have the river open, I'll be happy to go late March.  
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36 MR. BOSKOFISKY: What about in the first  
37 part of March?  
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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That next  
40 week, yeah.  
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42 MR. ALVAREZ: Dan O'Hara's usually gone  
43 the first two weeks.  
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45 MR. BOSKOFISKY: We don't have much  
46 choice.  
47  
48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Our best  
49 chance is getting him the 2nd and 3rd of March. Or  
50 later.

1 MR. ALVAREZ: I don't know.  
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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We can just  
4 take it out on a limb.  
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6 MS. PETRIVELLI: And I don't know if it  
7 would be a consideration, but the Board of Game will be  
8 starting their meeting March 2nd.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: For which  
11 areas? I don't think we're on any of the cycles for  
12 next year.  
13  
14 MR. ALVAREZ: Bristol Bay cycle is up a  
15 year from now.  
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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: A year from.  
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20 MR. ALVAREZ: And I might have to go to  
21 that. I don't know.  
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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. The  
24 reason why I'm worried about the end, Dan's going to be  
25 gone those other ones, too, but we also always have  
26 spring break right in there somewhere. That's usually  
27 Riley's birthday week.  
28  
29 MR. ALVAREZ: We've got this week here.  
30  
31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, yeah,  
32 I don't care. I can't make them, because I'm fishing.  
33  
34 MR. ALVAREZ: These weeks here?  
35  
36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah.  
37 Unless we did the -- like, see, if we did the 23rd and  
38 24th, I could probably do those, because usually I  
39 don't start until about the 25th.  
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41 MR. ALVAREZ: The 2nd and 3rd?  
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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's what  
44 I'm thinking might be our safest, but then you've got  
45 the Board of Fish issue -- or the Board of Game.  
46  
47 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah.  
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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We can go  
50 back down to the 23rd and 24th.

1 MR. ALVAREZ: That's right. You're not  
2 going to be available?  
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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, I can  
5 try to be. I mean, if I know far enough in advance.  
6 These dates, no way, but if I do them up here, I can  
7 just mark them off and not fish.  
8  
9 MR. ALVAREZ: Okay. 23rd and 24th.  
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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: How does  
12 that sound to everybody, March 23rd and 24th?  
13  
14 MS. CHYTHLOOK: When is Easter next  
15 year? The 23rd?  
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17 MS. PETRIVELLI: Were you asking about  
18 Easter next year?  
19  
20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.  
21  
22 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah. Alex Nick  
23 luckily looked that up, and it's April 12th. American  
24 Easter and Russian are different, but one's April 12th  
25 and one's April 19th for next year.  
26  
27 MR. DUNAWAY: So outside the window  
28 anyway. 23rd, 24th, fine.  
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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: 23rd and  
31 24th?  
32  
33 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.  
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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Everybody's  
36 agreeable to that? Okay. Good. Boris, that's going to  
37 work for you?  
38  
39 MR. KOSBRUK: What?  
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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: March 23rd  
42 and 24th in Naknek next year.  
43  
44 MR. KOSBRUK: Good enough.  
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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good enough.  
47 Please, Cliff.  
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49 MR. EDENSHAW: Pat, did you go to the  
50 Western Interior?

1 MS. PETRIVELLI: No.  
2  
3 MR. EDENSHAW: No. Because on the  
4 bottom there, you see they've got the asterisk on the  
5 Western Interior for February 18th and 19th. That's  
6 alternate meeting dates. What does that mean? The  
7 10th and the 11th is their alternate meeting dates? I  
8 mean, I'm confused on that, because that's.....  
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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah,  
11 because we could take those dates if they.....  
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13 MR. PROBASCO: They selected two dates  
14 just sort of to try to avoid -- due to one time when  
15 someone had overlapped on them, so that's what that  
16 means. So that's their alternate.  
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18 MR. EDENSHAW: The 10th and the 11th  
19 is?  
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21 MR. PROBASCO: So they're going with  
22 the 18th and 19th.  
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24 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. That's just  
25 worded wrong on there. Okay. Fine.  
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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Can you live  
28 with them?  
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30 MR. ALVAREZ: 23rd and 24th.  
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32 MR. EDENSHAW: In Naknek.  
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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: In Naknek.  
35 And Dillingham will be.....  
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37 MR. DUNAWAY: We'll be in Dillingham  
38 next fall.  
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40 MS. CHYTHLOOK: October. The one in  
41 October is Dillingham.  
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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.  
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45 MS. CHYTHLOOK: 6th and 7th?  
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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.  
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49 MR. EDENSHAW: So for the record, so we  
50 should go ahead and for October 6th and 7th, you're

1 going to go ahead and meet here in Dillingham then?  
2  
3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.  
4  
5 MR. EDENSHAW: So we'd just go ahead  
6 and change that then, make that correction.  
7  
8 MR. ALVAREZ: Why did we move the  
9 October meeting?  
10  
11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Because they  
12 had restaurants here supposedly for the winter meeting.  
13 I liked it better over there, too, because I could get  
14 right back to fishing.  
15  
16 MR. BOSKOFISKY: The winter meeting up  
17 here, it's pretty hard getting in to the restaurants.  
18 They don't have much open.  
19  
20 MR. DUNAWAY: It's kind of ironic  
21 for.....  
22  
23 MR. ALVAREZ: Well, Nanci had another  
24 reason.  
25  
26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, and  
27 Pete had something, too. He wanted it moved here for  
28 winter for some reason, but that's okay.  
29  
30 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, easier to get out of  
31 Togiak.  
32  
33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I  
34 think so. For him in the wintertime.  
35  
36 Okay. Then that should set it. Any  
37 other business that we need to take under consideration  
38 or discuss.  
39  
40 MR. EDENSHAW: Randy, will you be at  
41 the Board meeting at the end of the month? Or we'll  
42 have to prepare for Nanci.....  
43  
44 MR. ALVAREZ: Probably, yeah.  
45 That's.....  
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47 MR. EDENSHAW: April 29th is when the  
48 Board meeting will start to address the.....  
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50 MR. ALVAREZ: April 29th until when?

1 MR. EDENSHAW: It's scheduled through  
2 May 2nd.  
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4 MR. ALVAREZ: Yeah, I don't have  
5 anything planned for that. I'd probably go to that.  
6  
7 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay. So we can  
8 schedule you to that.  
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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: If not,  
11 don't worry, because I've got to be in town by March  
12 2nd, so I could do it if he can't. Just so you know,  
13 too. Because I've got to be around then.  
14  
15 MR. ALVAREZ: Okay.  
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17 MR. DUNAWAY: What are the dates on it  
18 again?  
19  
20 MR. ALVAREZ: April 29th to the 2nd.  
21 Any of you guys, if you're in Anchorage when the  
22 Federal Subsistence Board is meeting, you should go.  
23  
24 MS. CHYTHLOOK: What dates are those?  
25  
26 MR. ALVAREZ: April 29th through the  
27 2nd of May. It's different than the State Board. I  
28 like the way the procedure or whatever you want to call  
29 it.  
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31 MR. BOSKOFKY: I might be in there.  
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33 MR. ALVAREZ: We have -- the RAC  
34 member, representative, has a seat at the table with  
35 the Federal Subsistence Board, and we can discuss the  
36 proposals with them, but we just can't vote. I think  
37 it's a pretty good way of managing our resources.  
38  
39 MR. DUNAWAY: That's where that request  
40 has come to the State Board of Fish and Board of Game  
41 for that.  
42  
43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Sure.  
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45 MR. DUNAWAY: I see.  
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47 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Just two days, 29, 30  
48 and April 1?  
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50 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, and

1 the second. They usually do three or four days.

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3 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Oh, four days.

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5 MR. BOSKOFISKY: 29th through the 2nd.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And just one  
8 last thing, too, you know, since we have been  
9 acknowledging people and their long service here, Alvin  
10 pointed out the fact that Sandy has spent a lot of  
11 years helping out various Subsistence Boards and  
12 issues, not only just here, but around the State. And  
13 we'd certainly like to say thank you, too, for all your  
14 hard work and everything you can bring to the table  
15 because of your experience. That's definitely helpful.

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17 MR. RABINOWITCH: Thank you. That's  
18 very kind. I think he saw a picture of me when my hair  
19 was a darker color.

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21 (Laughter.)

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23 MR. BOSKOFISKY: Yeah, it's been a long  
24 time. Thanks a lot, Sandy.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody else  
27 anything.

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29 (No comments)

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Very good.  
32 Then let us adjourn. Have a safe trip home everybody.

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34 (Off record - 1:38 p.m.)

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