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1 BRISTOL BAY FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE
2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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4 VOLUME I

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6 Naknek, Alaska
7 Naknek Civic Center
8 September 30, 2002
9 1:00 o'clock p.m.

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12 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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14 Daniel O'Hara, Chairman

15 Andrew Balluta

16 Robert Heyano

17 Shirley Kelly

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20 Coordinator: Clifford Edenshaw

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1 PROCEEDINGS

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3 (Naknek, Alaska - 9/30/2002)

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5 (On record)

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7 MR. EDENSHAW: My name is Clifford

8 Edenshaw. I'm the regional coordinator for the Bristol

9 Bay Council. At this time we do not have a quorum and

10 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act we're unable to

11 take action or motions against items that we have on our

12 agenda this afternoon. And for those of you in our

13 audience, on the table over here we have, for those of

14 you who didn't receive them, we have additional copies of

15 the Bristol Bay book here with an agenda of current items

16 that the Council will address this afternoon. And we're

17 anticipating the Chair for the Council to arrive this

18 afternoon, so at this time we are going to go ahead and

19 address, if you turn to Tab C, agenda, on Page 5 under

20 Item No. 12 is agency reports. We will start this

21 afternoon with agency reports and those will be

22 information items provided to the Council members who are

23 here, Robert Heyano, Andrew Balluta and Shirley Kelly,

24 three of the six Council members are here and the Chair

25 will arrive this afternoon and upon his arrival the

26 Council will go ahead and further discuss what actions

27 they're going to take this afternoon and through this

28 evening.

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30 But just for the record it is 1:12, it is

31 September 30th and we're here at the Naknek Civic Center.

32 And with the concurrence of -- I've spoken with the

33 Secretary Shirley Kelly this afternoon and we're going to

34 go ahead and proceed with, under Item No. 12, Laura

35 Jurgensen is going to start with the Partners and that's

36 under Tab I, status and introduction of the Bristol Bay

37 Native Association Partners along with Ralph Anderson.

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39 And for Ralph and Laura, would you please

40 make sure you key your mikes on and off, please, for the

41 recorder.

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43 MS. JURGENSEN: Hi, I'm Laura Jurgensen.

44 I'm Staff anthropologist with the Office of Subsistence

45 Management. I've recently been reassigned to Fisheries

46 Information Services, FIS, from the regulatory side. So

47 I've been assigned to be the anthropologist for our

48 office for Bristol Bay region. And Steve Fried will also

49 act -- will continue to act as your fisheries biologist.

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1 The Partners Program is a unique
2 opportunity for local organizations to hire their own
3 scientists, both social and biological and also student
4 interns. This is applied to tactical research and the
5 overarching goal of the Fish and Wildlife Service, FIS
6 Partners Program is to assist in the conservation,
7 assessment and management of fisheries. Also
8 partnerships with traditionally, underfunded or at times
9 have been underserved tribal agency and other capacity
10 building efforts directed toward tribal governments, non-
11 profit organizations, resource management agencies, both
12 State and Federal and others interested in performing
13 fisheries, biological and socio-cultural research.

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15 An excellent example is the proactive
16 ways in which the Bristol Bay Native Association is
17 principal investigator or co-investigator on most all
18 Bristol Bay projects, that's FIS projects and they were
19 the first non-governmental agency to hire staff in the
20 FIS Partners Program. All positions hired under the
21 Partners Program are considered the individual agency's
22 employees and Fish and Wildlife is sponsoring this
23 program.

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25 Now, just on background for some agency
26 folks, capacity building is sort of a current catch-all
27 term used to described a process whereby we invest funds,
28 Staff and Staff assistance into building up rural
29 organizations, capability, or capacity quote/unquote,
30 infrastructure,. These organizations providing
31 information through consultations, meetings and written
32 reports. Their employee development. Their ability to
33 design, operate or report on Fishery Resource Monitoring
34 Projects and outreach and education to bring young people
35 into the fold of natural and cultural resource management
36 or a related field in higher education. A longer term
37 goal of capacity building is to move towards true co-
38 management of subsistence resources and to move closure
39 towards local control of their land and water resources.

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41 Let me just turn here, so the status of
42 the Partners Program right now is again Bristol Bay
43 Native Association has been very successful in leading
44 off the charge. And right now we have six cooperative
45 agreements that are in the process or have been signed.
46 I'm happy to report that the Native Village of Eyak
47 Tribal Council has just hired an anthropologist and that
48 is one of the Partners positions. And the other
49 organizations which are listed on your, I should have
50 told you, I'm sorry, on Page 221 of your book, there's

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1 just a briefing on partners but it lists the six
2 agencies.

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4 And we understand that all the regions of
5 the state weren't included and that was just a funding
6 consideration and so in the future we hope to build upon
7 the Partners Program.

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9 But right now, I guess I would just turn
10 it over to Ralph Anderson with BBNA and again, Staff and
11 OSM is very happy and proud of BBNA and all the work they
12 are doing. And again, I'm sure you'll hear later when
13 Dan is here and you take action about all the actual
14 projects that are running.

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16 Thank you, Mr. Chair -- or Mr.
17 Coordinator.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 MR. ANDERSON: For the record my name is
22 Ralph Anderson. I'm the Natural Resources Program
23 Manager for BBNA. You've got to excuse me, I'm losing my
24 voice.

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26 It was a year ago October that we
27 submitted our proposal to the FIS for a position under
28 the Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program, it was
29 June 1 of this year that we actually signed the
30 cooperative agreement. Again, like Laura just explained,
31 BBNA's cooperative agreement is the first in the state so
32 it was used as a model for the other five that were
33 recently signed.

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35 Soon after June 1, I'd say like the
36 middle of June we hired a subsistence fisheries biologist
37 that unfortunately didn't work out. We also have on
38 Staff with us a student intern. She is currently in the
39 acting capacity. She couldn't be here today because
40 unfortunately we had an accident over the weekend at
41 Togiak, one of the people that we had hired under the
42 Togiak Subsistence Fisheries Program had an accident and
43 drown. It wasn't related to the work on the river. And
44 that's probably the reason that Pete Andrew [sic] isn't
45 here today. But Karen Pletnekof is over at Togiak to
46 wrap up the project.

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48 We have the position announcement being
49 publicized in newspapers statewide. We have so far
50 received several letters of interest so we're going

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1 through the process again. The closing date for
2 applications is October 4th and we will be scheduling
3 interviews for the position soon after.

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5 I'll be happy to answer any questions.

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7 MR. EDENSHAW: Any of the Council members
8 have any questions regarding the Partners Positions?

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10 (Pause)

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Ralph and
13 Laura. I just wanted to remind the Council members,
14 we're going ahead and proceeding with the agency reports
15 and that upon completion of their reports from the agency
16 you're welcome to field and ask questions and stuff it's
17 just that we won't take any formal actions on any of the
18 information they're presenting.

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20 With that we'll go ahead and proceed with
21 Andy Aderman from the Togiak Refuge.

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23 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you. This is Andy
24 Aderman with Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. I just
25 provided a handout there that describes about two dozen
26 different projects that the Refuge has been involved with
27 and many of these I've talked to you about in the past.
28 There's just a few that I'd like to highlight on Page 2.

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31 The Refuge began an oral history and
32 traditional knowledge gathering project. And to-date,
33 eight different elders from four different villages have
34 been interviewed.

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36 Also right below that project is
37 description of the dolly varden life history study. As
38 you might recall in previous years this study was
39 undertaken on the Togiak River and then on the Goodnews
40 River and now, this last summer, they started to
41 investigate dolly varden on the Kanektok River.

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43 Moving over to Page 4, Nushagak Peninsula
44 Caribou, a couple highlights, items of interest there.
45 The population is down, we counted 937 caribou last
46 February. This was before most of the harvest occurred.
47 We had 127 caribou reported in the harvest last season.
48 We continue to monitor radio-collared animals in this
49 herd. We had excellent calf production, all the radio-
50 collared adults had calves. We also had five out of

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1 seven two year olds have calves this spring and we hope
2 to get out next week and check on the status of those
3 calves to determine recruitment until fall. One other
4 note associated with Nushagak caribou is we'll plan to
5 meet with the planning committee hopefully in October and
6 review the status of this herd and come up with any
7 recommendations as far as the upcoming winter hunt.

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9 Moving on to moose, we continue to
10 monitor radio-collared animals in this herd. In fact,
11 we've put out some radio-collars this spring, five of
12 which were on 11 month old females and we're seeing some
13 pretty interesting movement with that and possibly later
14 on during this meeting I can go over that. But we've had
15 three of them actually go into Unit 18, southwest of
16 Togiak. Again, we had excellent calf production this
17 spring with the adult radio-collared cows. I believe it
18 was 18 out of 22 had calves and out of the 18, 17 of them
19 had twins, which is a 94 percent twinning rate and the
20 production comes out to a little over 150 calves per 100
21 cows.

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23 As you might recall from your last
24 meeting we conducted a population count last February.
25 We estimated a minimum of 652 moose. If you'll recall
26 from the draft management plan when this population
27 reached at 600 or exceeded 600 that was the time to
28 discuss allowing more opportunities namely in the form of
29 a winter hunt. One of the things the Refuge has been
30 involved with besides the management plan is working with
31 those western villages of Goodnews Bay, Platinum and
32 Quinhagak, they're very interested in seeing moose
33 increase in their areas and here last week we had a
34 teleconference with those three villages and also with
35 the Togiak Traditional Council to discuss the possibility
36 of a winter moose hunt. It was a very positive
37 teleconference. And the Togiak Traditional Council has
38 submitted a special action to this Council asking for a
39 winter moose hunt and I'm sure you'll be dealing with
40 that at this meeting or shortly after. The special
41 action is very similar to a request that is now before
42 the Board of Game side to open a winter hunt.

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44 And with that, I'll close and try to
45 answer any questions if you have them.

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47 MR. EDENSHAW: Feel free to go ahead.

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49 MR. HEYANO: Don't have to ask your
50 permission?

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1 (Laughter)

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: No.

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5 MR. HEYANO: On your traditional
6 knowledge gathering, what four communities?

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8 MR. LISAC: Dillingham, Manokotak, Togiak
9 and Quinhagak.

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11 MR. EDENSHAW: Excuse me, Mark, could you
12 please -- during this information stage, any of those
13 participating in providing information to the Council,
14 I'd appreciate it if you came up to the table and stated
15 your name and who you work for for the record, please, as
16 well as the Council members. After this we'll go ahead
17 and go through this as part of the formal record. Thank
18 you, Mark.

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20 MR. LISAC: Yeah, Mark Lisac, fish
21 biologist for Togiak Refuge. Those four villages right
22 now are Quinhagak, Togiak, Manokotak and Dillingham.

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24 MR. HEYANO: Do you plan to conduct them
25 in other communities also?

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27 MR. LISAC: Yeah, for a few different
28 reasons we had to limit the number of people we could
29 deal with this last year. We're actually not using
30 subsistence dollars to fund this project, it was part of
31 a cooperative project with Challenge Cost Share money.
32 So we got the different village councils together and
33 there was also a problem with conducting questionnaires
34 on a broad base method. We could question up to nine
35 people without prior office of management, budget
36 approval so all of that paperwork has gone in and once
37 that approval is granted, we plan on continuing this
38 project for another three to five years and there'll be a
39 proposal before the Council here for '04 funding,
40 continue that on.

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42 We'd like to do as many people as we can.
43 It's time consuming and really involved but we're getting
44 it done.

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46 MR. HEYANO: The other question I had is
47 on the Nushagak Peninsula caribou, according to the plan
48 it's between 600 and 1,000, a harvest level not more than
49 10 percent, with 937 and a harvest of 127 we're over the
50 10 percent. So are you going to make some

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1 recommendations to the Nushagak Peninsula management team
2 for some reductions?

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4 MR. ADERMAN: I think a reduction is in
5 order and, you know, number of permits is the obvious
6 thing. That committee can recommend that, you know, only
7 a certain number of permits and what they feel
8 comfortable with, but, yeah, I think we'll have to see
9 some reduction in the harvest over the last two years.

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11 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you Mark and Andy.
12 Before we proceed, what I'd like to do is start here with
13 Robert and go around here in the room here and each of
14 you introduce yourselves for the record. This record is
15 mainly for informational exchange regarding the agency
16 reports and we'll go ahead and proceed through the agenda
17 here but it's mainly for the public record.

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19 And as I stated earlier, my name is
20 Clifford Edenshaw. I'm the Bristol Bay regional
21 coordinator.

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23 MR. HEYANO: I'm Robert Heyano from
24 Dillingham.

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26 MR. BALLUTA: Andrew Balluta from
27 Iliamna.

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29 MS. KELLY: Shirley Kelly from Egegik.
30 Secretary of the RAC.

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32 MR. EDENSHAW: Larry.

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34 MR. BUKLIS: Larry Buklis, fisheries
35 biologist for the Office of Subsistence Management.

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37 MR. FISHER: Dave Fisher. Fish and
38 Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management.

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40 MS. JURGENSEN: Laura Jurgensen,
41 anthropologist with Office of Subsistence Management.

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43 MS. McCLENAHAN: Pat McClenahan, regional
44 anthropologist, Region 4, Office of Subsistence
45 Management.

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47 MR. KRIEG: Ted Krieg. Subsistence
48 Division, Fish and Game.

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50 MR. LISAC: Mark Lisac, fisheries

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1 biologist with Togiak Refuge.

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3 MR. EDWARDS: Mark Edwards, fisheries
4 biologist, King Salmon Fisheries Office.

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6 MR. MORRISTAD: Slim Morristad with the
7 Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial
8 Fishery in King Salmon.

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10 MR. SCHWANKE: Craig Schwanke with
11 Sportfish Division, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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13 MR. DENTON: Jeff Denton, Bureau of Land
14 Management, Anchorage Field Office.

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16 MS. COX: Michelle Cox, biologist, Bureau
17 of Land Management, Anchorage Field Office.

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19 MR. SMITH: Jason Smith, observer.

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21 MS. McBURNEY: Mary McBurney, National
22 Park Service, Lake Clark, Katmai and Aniakchak.

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24 MS. EAKON: Helga Eakon, Quality
25 Interagency Coordinator, Office of Subsistence
26 Management, Anchorage.

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28 MR. RABINOWITCH: Sandy Rabinowitch,
29 National Park Service, Staff Committee to the Federal
30 Board.

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32 MR. ANDERSEN: Ralph Andersen, BBNA.

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34 MR. NICHOLSON: Hans Nicholson, BBNA.

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36 MS. LIGGETT: Deb Liggett, National Park
37 Service, superintendent, Katmai and Lake Clark National
38 Parks and Preserves.

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40 MR. SQUIBB: Ron Squibb, U.S. Fish and
41 Wildlife Service, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof Refuges.

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43 MR. O'HARA: Tom O'Hara, National Park
44 Service, Katmai and Aniakchak, law enforcement pilot.

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46 MR. LONS: Darryl Lons, Refuge Manager
47 for the Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife
48 Refuges.

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50 MR. WALSH: Pat Walsh, supervisory

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1 biologist for the Togiak Refuge.

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3 MR. ADERMAN: Andy Aderman, wildlife
4 biologist with Togiak Refuge, Dillingham.

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6 MR. ARCHIBEQUE: Aaron Archibeque. I'm
7 the Refuge manager for Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.

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9 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you all. We'll go
10 ahead and proceed with Darryl Lons and Ron from the
11 Alaska Peninsula/Becharof Refuge. And before Ron
12 proceeds, what I'd like to just let the individuals from
13 the agencies, prior to the meeting starting when we sent
14 our booklets, I normally send out e-mail or else I talk
15 to the individuals personally for agency reports. And
16 under, if you look on Page 5 of our agenda inside this
17 booklet here under Tab I, I had agency reports and for
18 those of you who sent agency reports into me, I
19 apologize, our office was unable to get those included in
20 the booklet, there was an error there. So what I did was
21 made additional copies, so the agency reports from the
22 Alaska Peninsula, some of the information that Ron has as
23 well as the National Park Service, the BLM and the Togiak
24 fisheries, I made copies so they're over here on the
25 table and I included those on the table for the Council
26 members up here. So again, I just wanted to apologize,
27 when we sent our files in, our electronic files on our
28 CD-rom to the printer they were inadvertently omitted
29 from those. And so those are on the table over there.
30 And I'll go ahead and let Ron continue.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MR. SQUIBB: Ron Squibb, biologist with
35 the Alaska Peninsula and Becharof Refuges. I'll just
36 briefly go over our report hitting the highlights.

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38 With caribou, the summer count, post-
39 calving count of the herd for the Northern Alaska
40 Peninsula Caribou Herd this year was 6,400 animals,
41 approximately, which is about the same as the count last
42 year of 6,000. And this is a good sign, of course, but
43 at this time, you know, we really can't call whether this
44 is the bottom of their cycle or not but it certainly is
45 good to have the count be about the same for a change.

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47 Also caribou, I'd like to briefly discuss
48 the distribution of the Federal permits. Two
49 communities, Chignik Lake and Perryville got hardly any
50 of the Tier II permits, during the Tier II permit

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1 distribution. Therefore, they received almost all the
2 Federal permits. In the back of the report, Table 1 on
3 Page 5, there's a summary of the distribution of permits,
4 both Tier II and Federal by village for all the areas of
5 the Tier II hunt and Federal special permit system.
6 Orville Lind of our staff distributes the permits to
7 those villages.

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9 Under moose, we have two new projects
10 beginning this fall, both are cooperative with the Alaska
11 Department of Fish and Game. And one of them, which is
12 also working with the Alaska Fish and Wildlife
13 Cooperative Research Unit at the University of Alaska
14 Fairbanks and with a grad student assigned to that, is
15 going involve a habitat study in which we're planning to
16 collar 20 moose, 20 cow moose here in a couple weeks,
17 this October and look at habitat use in the Ugashik Lakes
18 area.

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20 And the other project which we're hoping
21 to get underway in earnest this winter is an estimate of
22 abundance for moose on the Upper Alaska Peninsula.

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24 Then the other high point we've got is we
25 have a new law enforcement officer pilot position at the
26 Refuge at this point in time. Our manager, Darryl Lons,
27 has received the applications and hopefully we'll have a
28 selection made and have the person on board not too long
29 into the new year.

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31 So that's about it for the highlights.
32 I'd be certainly happy to address any questions anyone
33 might have.

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35 MR. HEYANO: During the August 20/August
36 31st subsistence hunt for moose, any idea how many moose
37 we're taking in 9(C) and 9(E)?

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39 MR. SQUIBB: Okay. That hunt is mostly
40 9(C), it's Big Creek. I know we issued seven permits. I
41 haven't gotten any reports back from folks yet so I can't
42 say at this time. I don't think it was much but I can't
43 say at this time.

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45 MR. HEYANO: Was that a total of seven
46 permits between (C) and (E)?

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48 MR. SQUIBB: That's all we issued. Now,
49 yes, because that hunt is on -- let me look at the book,
50 I don't -- for (E), oh, for (E) I don't know because we

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1 don't issue permits for (E), that's under a State harvest
2 ticket. Sorry. I was thinking the only hunt we issue
3 permits for is the hunt, basically it's that part of
4 Federal lands, that part of 9(C) drain into the Naknek
5 River from the south which is in essence Big Creek and
6 for that one we issue permits and we had seven people get
7 permits for that. And then the hunt in 9(E) is not a
8 special Federal permit hunt. There's no Federal permit
9 issued, therefore, you default to a State harvest ticket
10 and so it would be a matter of that going through the
11 State harvest ticket report system. We similarly have a
12 report system where they mail the card in the same way
13 for our hunts and we haven't gotten those yet back. But
14 for the 9(C) part, the Big Creek part, it's all locals, I
15 probably just need to get on the phone and encourage them
16 to get reports in.

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18 So the short of it is don't know.

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20 MR. HEYANO: The other thing, on the
21 post-calving caribou counts, the 3,400 caribou on the
22 Refuge land and the 3,000 on State land, isn't the 3,400
23 on the Federal high compared to past years?

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25 MR. SQUIBB: Actually there about '98/99
26 we picked up Pilot's Creek and Old Creek and picked up --
27 usually catch 500, maybe on a good year, a thousand
28 animals there, so I plan to slide that and readjust
29 everything. But even when you discount that subpart and
30 look at the way it was when we started, when we joined
31 in, the herd count in 1994, the Refuge area count has
32 gone up slightly, you know, not tremendously so, you
33 know, our area animals haven't gone down with the rest of
34 the herd. So our counts remained stable in those areas.

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36 Now, that doesn't mean, you know, that
37 maybe our animals are distinct and they're not going down
38 or it may be that more and more animals are moving off of
39 the flats out towards the Bristol Bay coast and moving in
40 the hills. It seems like, you know, in the hills, you
41 always get good vegetation as the snow's receding, right
42 behind that, you get new growth all summer so it holds
43 animals there. Maybe, you know, it could be either of
44 the above but, you know, I'm just -- just looking at the
45 numbers our numbers have remained stable and the numbers
46 out on the coastal plain, on down, that's why we started
47 -- we put some satellite telemetry collars on them last
48 year and we got a years data on that to see where the
49 winter range was and their winter range was south of
50 Naknek River, you know, where the rest of them apparently

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1 winter. But we'll look a little harder at that in the
2 next couple of years.

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4 We've got some plans to put some
5 satellite telemetry collars on a few -- again, we have
6 very small numbers of collars because they're an
7 expensive thing to do but we're going to try and put some
8 collars on, in cooperation with Fish and Game, on the
9 caribou that cross the Naknek River and winter north of
10 the Naknek and see if there's any distinct use patterns
11 with those guys compared to the other ones.

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13 MR. HEYANO: So at some point in time,
14 they actually do mix, though?

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16 MR. SQUIBB: Apparently on winter range,
17 yeah, from what we can tell so far. But we wanted to see
18 if we could put some on those that definitely cross north
19 of the Naknek, because a lot did last winter. And we
20 only had a dozen collars, you know, satellite collars.
21 But none of them crossed -- and a lot of the VHF, you
22 know, the normal VHF beacon collars, the ones we've
23 always used, a lot of those crossed with the group and
24 there were a few thousand north of the Naknek so it will
25 be curious to see.

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27 Other questions.

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29 MS. KELLY: In the past you talked about
30 some of the habitat studies that you've been doing. Do
31 you have anything more to report to us on that?

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33 MR. SQUIBB: Unfortunately no. The
34 obvious upshot from the beginning was that lichen aren't
35 very abundant on the Peninsula, you know, that's pretty
36 obvious to anybody who's wandered around up there. And
37 the botanist is a very thorough person and he's got reams
38 and reams of data and he's out of our regional office and
39 he also gets a lot of work with other Refuges, so it'll
40 be awhile, I guess, before he gets a report but when he
41 does we can look harder at, you know, other traditionally
42 important caribou foods from other areas but the bottom
43 line is that would be of interest but, you know, we don't
44 have a before so that's sort of what's getting us is we
45 don't have a before.

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47 So we'll just be able to say, well, gee,
48 this or that, caribou food is known to be important in
49 the Interior where most of the work's been done is absent
50 or abundant. And I guess we fall back to the body

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1 condition of the animals getting in poor condition and
2 the year of first reproduction among the cows being,
3 you know, delayed a year or so. And, you know, disease,
4 some of the newborn calves dying from disease has a
5 significant contribution in this herd compared to other
6 herds. You know, so we assume it's nutrition because of
7 that.

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9 But, you know, again the short answer is
10 no, we don't have any further information at this time.
11 But that's a good question, Shirley.

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13 Any other questions.

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15 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Ron.

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17 MR. SQUIBB: Thank you.

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19 MR. EDENSHAW: We'll go ahead and proceed
20 with the National Park Service. Mary.

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22 MS. McBURNEY: Good afternoon. For the
23 record, my name is Mary McBurney. And I am the
24 subsistence program manager for Lake Clark and Aniakchak.

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27 Last week we were scheduled to have our
28 two SRC's meet so that they could review the proposals
29 that are going to be before you at this meeting but
30 unfortunately we were unable to gather a quorum for
31 either the Aniakchak or the Lake Clark SRCs. So
32 unfortunately we will not be able to bring any
33 recommendations before you at this meeting.

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35 Just to get into the things we have been
36 doing since you last met. The most significant is that
37 this past summer, we conducted a three week fisheries
38 biotechnician training program. This was a pilot program
39 that we put together in partnership with the Nondalton
40 Tribal Council, the Kijik Corporation, the Russian
41 Orthodox Church to basically get young people from the
42 region, bring them to a residential training camp and
43 teach them the skills and the background, essentially,
44 that they would need to be work ready as fisheries
45 biotechnicians for projects, such as the Fisheries
46 Information Services Projects that the Federal
47 Subsistence program funds.

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49 We graduated eight young people and I'm
50 very pleased to say that one of them is currently working

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1 as an intern with Mark Lisac and his office working on
2 the TEK project that he described earlier. And two of
3 the other young people I intend to hire next summer to
4 work on our counting tower projects and I also will be
5 assisting the other young people that may be interested
6 in finding jobs next summer working on projects with some
7 of the other colleagues in this room.

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9 So this is a project that we are looking
10 at repeating again the coming year. And we do have a
11 proposal in to FIS for 2002 basically for some
12 operational funds so that we can fine tune the program.
13 The intent is, is that we can take this program and
14 perhaps expand it statewide and regionwide so that we can
15 conduct these sorts of training programs throughout the
16 National Park Service system in Alaska.

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18 Dr. Carol Ann Woody has also submitted a
19 proposal to continue her work on the Newhalen River
20 conducting basically the population studies and operating
21 the counting tower. This is a project which we believe
22 is of critical importance to Lake Clark and to the people
23 in the area that rely on the sockeye salmon and we are
24 looking toward making this more of a long term monitoring
25 type project over the long term. The funding that would
26 be coming from FIS would be for the coming year and we
27 certainly hope that we would be able to find funding in
28 subsequent years to continue that work.

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30 I just wanted to also bring up before the
31 RAC that we do have members of the Lake Clark SRC that
32 are appointed by the Bristol Bay RAC that will be -- I
33 hate to say that they're going to be expiring but their
34 terms will be expiring on November 4th so this will be
35 something that we'll be bringing before you in the
36 spring, a slate of potential appointees.

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38 With regard to the Alagnak River, Tom
39 O'Hara has been working with the GIS staff in the
40 regional office in Anchorage and he has produced a land
41 status map of the area surrounding the Alagnak corridor
42 including the areas around Igiugig, Levelock and Naknek.
43 The map is currently in draft form and it includes all of
44 the public lands, not just Park Service lands, but all of
45 the public lands that are covered by subsistence --
46 Federal subsistence regulations. And so we certainly
47 hope to have this map finalized and available to the
48 public later this year.

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50 Again, the Aniakchak SRC was unable to

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1 meet last week due to a lack of quorum. The meeting
2 probably will be rescheduled for the springtime.

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4 We also partnered with the BLM to conduct
5 an aerial photographic survey of the Caldera area in
6 Aniakchak National Monument and also the river corridors
7 along the Alagnak or the Aniakchak River and the costal
8 areas of the preserve. This is going to be a valuable
9 baseline that we'll be able to refer to with regard to
10 documenting ATV use and basically usage of the Preserve
11 and we'll be able to measure changes over time.

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13 And then finally we do have some SRC
14 members that are currently expired in their terms and
15 those RAC appointed seats are currently held by Alvin
16 Boskofsky, Johnny Lind and Efoní Atakak.

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18 That concludes my report.

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20 MR. HEYANO: What was the sockeye
21 escapement into Lake Clark this year?

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23 MS. McBURNEY: It was about 180, I
24 believe.

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26 MR. HEYANO: 180,000 right?

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28 MS. McBURNEY: Yeah.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 MS. McBURNEY: Exactly. We all talk in
33 180K. I would have to give a call just to find out
34 exactly what that number ended up but we did okay. It
35 wasn't great but it was okay.

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37 And according to Dr. Carol Ann Woody,
38 essentially the component escaping into Lake Clark, from
39 her reckoning was actually one of the more healthier
40 components of the Kvichak, with the exception of the
41 Alagnak.

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43 MR. HEYANO: And distribution in Lake
44 Clark was okay of the 180,000?

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46 MS. McBURNEY: That I don't know, fish
47 are still moving around a bit. But when I spoke with
48 Glenn Alsworth yesterday, he reported there were plenty
49 of fish up in the Kijik area, that, places where you
50 would normally expect to find, that, yes, they're there.

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1 MR. HEYANO: Good. I guess the other
2 question I have then is how is the moose population doing
3 in Lake Clark and Preserve?

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5 MS. McBURNEY: Well again, according to
6 Glenn, only two moose have been taken so far that he is
7 aware of. And that he also mentioned that the number of
8 bear and wolf hides coming out of the area has been
9 increased over recent years as well.

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11 MR. HEYANO: But you're still doing moose
12 counts, aerial moose counts?

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14 MS. McBURNEY: Yes.

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16 MR. HEYANO: No information on cow to
17 calf?

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19 MS. McBURNEY: No, I'm sorry, I didn't
20 bring that with me.

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22 MR. HEYANO: Okay, thanks.

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24 MR. EDENSHAW: Andrew, Shirley, any
25 additional questions. All right.

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27 MS. McBURNEY: Thank you.

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you. Mary, on the
30 agenda, the way I had it written up is Tom -- were you
31 just going to go down through this or did your
32 presentation include the following, for instance, below
33 you was the Alagnak, was Tom -- Tom, are you just going
34 to go with what.....

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36 MR. O'HARA: (Nods affirmatively)

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38 MR. EDENSHAW: And the same with the
39 Aniakchak?

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41 MR. O'HARA: (Nods affirmatively)

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43 MR. EDENSHAW: That's okay. All right,
44 then we'll go ahead and proceed with Jeff. Jeff Denton.

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46 MR. DENTON: My name is Jeff Denton. I
47 work with the BLM, the Anchorage Field Office. Our
48 activities, basically, in the Federal Subsistence Region
49 4, which is one of seven regions which unfortunately our
50 land mass encompasses, have been mostly directed in the

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1 last two years in 9(B) and 9(C) moose surveys, mostly
2 winter stratification level mostly for relative abundance
3 and distribution, late winter.

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5 And I have included on this the results
6 for 9(C), that we did last March. And with that survey
7 in 9(C), we only did the BLM and the State lands north of
8 the Naknek River, we didn't do the entire portions.

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10 In that particular survey, stratification
11 wise, and this is not a density estimate by any means,
12 it's only a stratification, it gives relative idea of
13 distribution and abundance during the late winter period
14 and, of course, bulls, most of the bulls have dropped
15 antlers except for some of the younger bulls that still
16 retain antlers at that time. But we ended up with 19.57
17 calves per 100 adults. Of course we don't have a bull --
18 or a calf cow ratio because the bulls are part of that
19 adult segment there, can't differentiate them in the
20 spring unless we do a lot more intensive work.

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22 We have all the GIS entered in a GIS type
23 system so we can track this, whenever these kind of
24 efforts are done, no matter what agency does it so we can
25 compare them from year to year, distribution as well a
26 abundance.

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28 We continue to support the Mulchatna
29 caribou monitoring effort mostly through dollars, we pay
30 a lot of the flight time that the Fish and Game uses to,
31 you know, radiotracking flights and this sort of thing
32 over there. We're mostly all in Anchorage and it's
33 pretty difficult, logistically to respond to do these
34 kind of monitoring efforts because of weather and what
35 have you.

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37 Of special note, in the next few years
38 BLM is entering a long-term land use planning effort.
39 The first two major plans to come out of that and do
40 affect parts of your region, mostly the Peninsula region
41 and this year and in the next two years, you can expect
42 several public meetings that will be held in the Bush
43 here, relative to that. The Bristol Bay and Goodnews Bay
44 area, that planning effort will probably start next year
45 and again, we'll go through series of meetings but of
46 major interest to you folks, this administration is
47 looking at lifting the mineral entry withdrawals in this
48 entire region that were withdrawn at ANILCA and with that
49 there may be -- if that does occur there may be a very
50 large interest in minerals development in this region,

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1 that would be oil and gas as well as copper, gold,
2 locatables, leaseables, every kind of mineral activity.

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4 Cominco has done exploration activities,
5 they have indications of some major minerals potentials
6 down here.

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8 So Goodnews Bay area has always been a
9 hot spot for minerals development. It's been withdrawn.
10 So that means basically no -- if it's withdrawn from
11 mineral entry, that means there's no Federal claims that
12 can be staked at this time. And what this potentially
13 looks at in the next 10 years or so, there could be a
14 large number of filings for Federal claims and this sort
15 of thing on BLM lands.

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17 Also this year and probably for the next
18 two years we'll be working with the University of Alaska,
19 the Museum to actually do mostly small mammals and birds,
20 specimen collections for the museum, tissue samples and
21 genetics collections. This particular region is of
22 fairly high interest because it was a refugeter in some
23 of the glaciations and we find some real just junk and
24 some real odd species distributions and some relic
25 populations that are actually quite small and quite
26 unique down here. Not so much interest to subsistence as
27 it is probably to the scientific world.

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29 Our land cover mapping, which is not on
30 here, that we conducted the field checks two years ago,
31 that should be finishing up all the computer type work on
32 that, should be finishing up any time now and so we'll
33 have the vegetation map for all the BLM lands in Bristol
34 Bay. And we're actually going to go further in the next
35 few years and refine that so we can take out of that the
36 rural habitats and areas of high interest to some of the
37 people that we need to be paying attention to down here,
38 mostly for moose and what have you. And these also,
39 they're noticing there's the changes due to global
40 warming that are actually manifesting themselves in this
41 part of the country pretty dramatically, actually over
42 the last 50 years.

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44 Our law enforcement officer, Dave
45 Stimpson, will be retiring in November. Whether or not
46 they're going to replace him or not is questionable. But
47 he hasn't had much of a presence in this neck of the
48 woods, probably, except with Andrew, who knows him from
49 his Park Service days. We don't know what will transpire
50 with that.

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1 I find it interesting when you mentioned
2 180 versus 180,000 fish, to relate to you an experience,
3 in Idaho, when they said three they meant three, to Red
4 Fish Lake. Which was a lake that used to have 300,000.
5 And so it can happen. And so I've watched that in my
6 lifetime, go from that. So these resources are of high
7 value and bad things can happen.

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9 So it's not something that's out of the
10 ball park, it could potentially happen up here as well.

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12 That's all I have for now, if you have
13 any questions I'd be glad to entertain those.

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15 MR. HEYANO: On the moose count, 9(C),
16 336, how does that compare to previous years?

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18 MR. DENTON: Unfortunately there's not a
19 comparable survey been done previous to this. This kind
20 of a stratification that covered country this way, this
21 is a fairly new technology or a methodology that Fish and
22 Game came up with in recent years by Mr. Verhoef, he's a
23 statistician out of Fairbanks. We really don't have --
24 this is the first time that BLM has even conducted this
25 down here and Dick Sellers has key areas in here he does
26 with his fall counts but he has not done a similar
27 comparable kind of thing we can really compare.

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29 So this is our baseline. We did the same
30 thing in 9(B) the previous year and, again, that's also a
31 baseline that had never been done that way before.

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33 Mr. Woolington, out of Dillingham did
34 that, over on the Nushagak, similar methodology a few
35 years ago but this is the first that these have been
36 done, this side, so we have a starting point.

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38 MR. HEYANO: Thank you.

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40 MR. DENTON: Any other questions.

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42 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Jeff.

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44 MR. DENTON: Thank you, Council members.

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46 MR. EDENSHAW: At this time we'll proceed
47 with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Slim and
48 Craig, did you guys have any information you'd like to
49 provide the Council members that are present here at this
50 time?

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1 MR. MORRISTAD: Slim Morristad, Alaska
2 Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries here in
3 King Salmon.

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5 We had one subsistence project on the
6 Alagnak and we counted sockeye salmon from the tower, we
7 counted roughly 770,000 sockeye up the Alagnak from June
8 21st to about July 22nd. So for about a month there. We
9 started on the first day with 15,000. I think it ended
10 up with about 12. So roughly estimate about 800,000.
11 When I flew it I estimated about 300,000 in the streams
12 and it was roughly comparable. So it was a good season.

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14 Two technicians were from BBNA and it
15 worked out real well this year, we had excellent counts
16 and it worked out really good.

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18 But this is the last year for this
19 program, it wasn't funded again for another year.

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21 And I wasn't going to speak on this but
22 on Iliamna, my aerial surveys, aerial counts, I wasn't
23 able to get the Lake Clark aerial surveys completed
24 because of a -- a pilot had an accident, but we completed
25 the Iliamna ones. The fish were distributed throughout
26 all systems, no systems were empty. They're definitely
27 weaker than normal. Our one outstanding one, the Copper
28 River there had well over 140,000 fish in that small
29 system itself and that's one been a strong one where the
30 ones in the other area, other area creeks were weak but
31 Iliamna River, I mean all systems had fish in them so
32 there's none that were empty, the systems we looked at.

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34 And the tower counts was only 703,000 on
35 Kvichak.

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37 That's all I had, if you have any
38 questions -- okay.

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40 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Slim.

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42 MR. SCHWANKE: Good afternoon. Craig
43 Schwanke, assistant area management biologist with
44 Division of Sportfish Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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46 I'd like to just briefly go over our
47 staffing at this time. Dan Dunaway, our management
48 biologist retired this spring. At this time we do not
49 have a replacement for him. Jason Dye and myself are the
50 assistant area management biologists at this time. We'll

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1 probably try to hire an area management biologist next
2 spring.

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4 We had two field projects this season,
5 one was the second and final year of the Alagnak River
6 krill survey assessment of sportfish effort on chinook
7 and coho salmon. That should be completed by December.

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9 We also conducted a feasibility study on
10 the Naknek River to assess the feasibility of estimating
11 in-river chinook spawning escapement on the Naknek River.
12 I'll work that up this winter and we plan on conducting a
13 full-blown survey for the next two seasons.

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15 If there's any questions.

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17 MS. KELLY: What was the population count
18 of the kings this year?

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20 MR. SCHWANKE: This season was just a
21 feasibility study on the Naknek River, we didn't actually
22 estimate abundance. Aerial surveys showed it to be a
23 good king year. I forget the exact total, it was close
24 to 10,000 fish in river.

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26 MR. EDENSHAW: Anything else, Shirley.
27 Robert. Andrew. No. Thank you, Craig. Dick, at this
28 time we're just providing information exchange with the
29 Council members who are present and then this evening
30 we're anticipating that Dan will fly in this evening and
31 possibly after dinner we'll convene the meeting and we'll
32 go from there. But at this time if you had some
33 information you'd like to share with the Council members,
34 we can go ahead and do that and they can ask any
35 questions that they have regarding the information you
36 share with them.

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38 MR. SELLERS: Thank you. Dick Sellers
39 with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The only
40 thing I wanted to bring to the Council's attention, maybe
41 help me out on the details, Cliff, but as you might
42 recall, over at the Dillingham meeting of the RAC there
43 was the issue brought up about the continuation of cow
44 moose hunting, the Federal hunt on the Alagnak drainage.
45 The Board of Game in March did close the Alagnak to cow
46 hunting and as I understand it, the Federal Board looked
47 at a special action request; is that correct?

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49 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, that's correct, Dick.
50 And perhaps Dave can come up and address that.

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1 MR. FISHER: Yes, the Federal Board did
2 address that and they passed that special action and made
3 it an antlerless moose hunt in December there in 9(C)
4 remainder. And that's an issue we'll probably want to
5 talk about here when the full Council gets on board.
6 Possibly submitting a proposal for a regulation to make
7 that a permit regulation because that special action will
8 expire at the end of this current season.

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10 MR. SELLERS: I just wanted to bring that
11 up so it doesn't slip through the cracks. If the
12 Regional Council wants to recommend a permanent cow
13 closure, you might want to submit a proposal or I'm not
14 sure that there's one coming from the public so that's an
15 issue that might bear some more discussion later on.

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17 I think that's the only issue I wanted to
18 cover now, if there are any questions.

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20 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Dick. And if
21 Robert and Shirley and Andrew, in regards to Dick's
22 comment, in the minutes, regarding the moose hunt and
23 Dave -- this action was handled through our office where
24 the Board delegated, this was the action that the Board
25 took, it was handled by Tom Boyd and we sent out a letter
26 to Dan O'Hara, the Chair, regarding the action the Board
27 took on closing the cow hunt in Unit 9(C). And if you
28 look under our minutes on Page 23, under Tab C, it
29 discusses briefly that Robert made a motion to eliminate
30 the cow season and that the antlerless moose season on
31 Federal public lands in Unit 9(C) remainder, which is
32 what Dick was discussing.

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34 I went ahead and noted -- yeah, that was
35 just the information that was brought forth and a letter
36 was mailed out to Dan O'Hara, the Chair for the Council.

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38 After we get through this here, I think
39 if you look on your agenda, under Item No. 8, we can go
40 ahead, when Dan gets here this afternoon or this evening,
41 if the Council goes ahead and meets, that would be an
42 appropriate time for the Council to submit a proposal
43 regarding a permanent regulation for eliminating the cow
44 moose in Unit 9(C) remainder, because this was only a
45 temporary, it was a special action that was approved by
46 the Board.

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48 We'll go ahead and proceed with Glenn
49 Chen, if Glenn would come up to the table here. Glenn is
50 a fisheries biologist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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1 Right now we're currently in information exchange with
2 the Council because there isn't a quorum present and the
3 other agency individuals who have come up here have
4 presented reports that they had sent in prior to the
5 Council meeting here. So if you would like to just
6 introduce yourself to the three Council members up here
7 and if you had any information for them, this would be
8 the appropriate time to do so.

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10 MR. CHEN: Good morning, Council
11 members. My name is Glenn Chen. I've been newly hired
12 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be a fisheries
13 subsistence biologist. So I join the other two members
14 on our staff that work with subsistence, Ida Hildebrand,
15 which you probably already know and there's a fellow by
16 the name of Warren Eastland, he's a wildlife subsistence
17 biologist. So the three of us will be helping all the
18 Councils and all the users with regards to the
19 subsistence program.

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21 As far as updates, Cliff, I don't have a
22 lot of updates. I've been trying to get my name around
23 to all the different villages and Native communities and
24 offering my services in terms of fisheries technical
25 assistance, as well as any help that they might need on
26 subsistence issues. So I will be visiting many of the
27 communities throughout the state to try to meet people
28 and to let them know what I can do for them in regards to
29 fisheries.

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31 Thank you, that's it.

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33 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Glenn. At this
34 time we'll go ahead and take a break.

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36 (Off record)

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38 (On record)

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40 MR. EDENSHAW: Can we go ahead and get
41 started, please. We're going to continue this afternoon
42 with Ted Krieg with ADF&G Subsistence. Ted's going to
43 provide some information to the Council, go ahead, Ted.

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45 MR. KRIEG: Yes, Ted Krieg, Subsistence
46 Division, Fish and Game. I just wanted to update you on
47 three projects that are ongoing or are going to start
48 here pretty quick.

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50 The first one, Western Bristol Bay large

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1 land mammal subsistence harvest surveys and mapping,
2 subsistence harvest areas. Large land mammals refers to
3 moose, caribou, brown bear, black bear and dall sheep.
4 These surveys took place in Iliamna Lake area villages,
5 Lake Clark, Nushagak River, Nushagak Bay, Togiak,
6 Manokotak, Twin Hills and most of those surveys are done,
7 we have a little bit of mapping to do but essentially
8 that project is close to being done.

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10 Alaska Peninsula Traditional Knowledge
11 project, that's a Federal Fisheries project. We were
12 able to interview knowledgeable people in Igiugig, Pilot
13 Point, Ugashik and Port Heiden last year. Coming up this
14 fall we'll be going to the Chigniks, Perryville and
15 hopefully talk to Ivanof Bay people also.

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17 And then the other project coming up,
18 Federal Fisheries project is the Kvichak freshwater fish
19 project and in October, the plan is to distribute
20 calendars to all of the Kvichak River watershed
21 communities, calendars so people can record their
22 subsistence harvest of freshwater fish. And then at the
23 end of that project there'll be traditional knowledge
24 interviews also.

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26 That's it. Any questions.

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28 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Ted. Ralph.

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30 MR. ANDERSEN: Ralph Andersen, BBNA.
31 Let's see, my report will be fairly brief. BBNA's
32 involved in seven subsistence fish projects and other
33 projects involving State and Federal agencies. I have to
34 say that the relationships that we've built in the past
35 three or four years are really good relationships, good
36 cooperative relationships.

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38 The six fish projects are the Togiak
39 subsistence harvest monitoring. The Kvichak freshwater
40 fish project that Ted just talked about. The Alagnak
41 tower project that we worked with Slim on, Slim gave a
42 report earlier. The Ugashik Lakes tower that we worked
43 cooperatively with Fish and Wildlife Service. Ted also
44 mentioned the Alaska Peninsula TEK project that we're
45 involved in.

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47 Just this year we started a project on
48 the Clark River near Chignik Lake. We also started a
49 project at the Kametolook River down near Perryville.
50 Plus the Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program that

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1 we reported on earlier.

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3 I'll be happy to answer any questions on
4 our involvement in those projects.

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6 Oh, I just wanted to mention that a
7 number of the performance reports are in the pink booklet
8 that Laura Jurgensen had left for you.

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10 MR. NICHOLSON: For the record, my name
11 is Hans Nicholson. I work under Ralph. I'm the
12 subsistence coordinator at BBNA. Between Ted and Ralph,
13 they don't leave much for me to talk about.

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15 I do have harvest surveys in 16
16 communities. The only difference from the previous
17 years, that this year we picked up Naknek, South Naknek
18 and King Salmon. Those are still ongoing. I'll have
19 those completed by December and then of course we'll come
20 out with the numbers then.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: For the record it's 2:50
23 this afternoon. What we've decided to do is we're going
24 to wait until this afternoon's flight arrives here into
25 King Salmon at which time the Chair, Dan O'Hara and
26 additional Staff from Office of Subsistence Management
27 will arrive. And with Dan here that would provide a
28 quorum for the Council. So what we're going to go ahead
29 and do is break until 5:30 this evening at which time it
30 would provide for Dan to come in here and with a quorum
31 the Council could then go through their formal procedures
32 and calling the meeting to order and deciding on a course
33 of action for this evening, if the Council wishes to
34 meet, which we would highly recommend.

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36 But at this time we'll go ahead and take
37 a break until 5:30, at which time we'll meet back here.

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39 (Off record)

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41 (On record)

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43 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: If Salena says we're
44 ready we will call the meeting to order. And show that
45 officially we're beginning at about 5:40 this evening. I
46 apologize for not getting on the flight this morning but
47 it sounds like you went ahead and got the reports taken
48 care of and we'll be doing other business that comes
49 before the Council this evening.

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1 I'd like to ask Cliff Edenshaw, if you'd
2 call the roll please.

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4 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
5 Daniel O'Hara.

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7 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Here.

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9 MR. EDENSHAW: Andrew Balluta.

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11 MR. BALLUTA: Here.

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13 MR. EDENSHAW: Robert Heyano.

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15 MR. HEYANO: Here.

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17 MR. EDENSHAW: Peter Abraham - absent.
18 Shirley Kelly.

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20 MS. KELLY: Here.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: Robin Samuelson - absent.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right.

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26 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, there is a
27 quorum.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: We have a quorum. I
30 understand that you had the introductions already this
31 morning so that's fine. I was wondering if there was
32 anyone new who's come into the Council meeting since you
33 -- okay, Lynn, it's nice to have you today. We'll call
34 on you, I think you have a card here with us that you'd
35 like to talk to us when we come down to public comment.
36 We'll take care of a few items and then we'll have you
37 address the Council, the advisory board this afternoon.
38 Thank you for being here.

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40 Number 4, what's the wishes of the
41 Council as far as the review and adoption of the agenda?
42 Does the agenda look pretty good to you or did you need
43 any changes in that? All right, I'll have a motion to
44 adopt the agenda.

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46 MR. BALLUTA: I move to adopt the agenda.

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48 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Second.

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50 MS. KELLY: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, Shirley
2 seconded; Andrew moved. Any further discussion.

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4 MR. HEYANO: I have one question, Mr.
5 Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Sure, Robert.

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9 MR. HEYANO: There's a special action
10 request, would we pick that up under new business? Where
11 do you think we would take that up at?

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Cliff, where do you
14 think that would be a good spot to bring that up?

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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, we can go ahead
17 and, I believe that the special action that Robert's
18 referring to is for a winter moose hunt in Unit 17(A).

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: 17(A), all right.

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: We could just take that
23 underneath new business.

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, Council
26 members, any other items on the agenda that the Council
27 would like to add before we call for the question.

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes.

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33 MR. EDENSHAW: If we look over on Page 4
34 under agenda items, just for information for the Council
35 members, under customary trade, Peggy Fox will provide
36 the Council with a briefing on that. And then if we move
37 over to Page 5 under -- if you look under agency reports
38 for review of the Regional Council composition, Helga
39 Eakon will provide the Council with a briefing on that.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, where is that?

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43 MR. EDENSHAW: Under agency reports under
44 Tab I, on the top of Page 5 it has agency reports, U.S.
45 Fish and Wildlife Service.

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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49 MR. EDENSHAW: It says review of the
50 Regional Advisory Composition for compliance with FACA

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1 and Helga Eakon will provide the Council with a briefing
2 on that. And then we've already addressed the partners
3 position on that, so that's taken care of. And then the
4 last issue is the statewide rural determination and Peggy
5 Fox will provide the Council with a briefing on that.
6 And then if you go down to number 16, calendar, time and
7 place of next meeting under Tab J, Peggy Fox will also
8 provide the Council with a briefing on those. So that
9 will go ahead and take care of that portion of the
10 agenda. And as I briefed you earlier, under Item No. 12,
11 the written reports for the agency reports, those have
12 all been completed.

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Any other
15 concerns. Call for the question.

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17 MR. HEYANO: Question.

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

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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26 (No opposing votes)

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28 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Let the minutes show
29 that it's unanimous. And at this time we'd like to ask
30 for the approval of the February 28th, March 1 minutes,
31 2002. Any correction or deletions on those? We've had
32 them for quite some time now. I don't know if any
33 Council members ran into a storm and they sat around and
34 read the minutes.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MS. KELLY: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes.

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42 MS. KELLY: There's a spelling correction
43 on 14, second to the last paragraph. The last sentence
44 there says Deb Liggett, I think that should be Katmai.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Page 14, what line --
47 oh, here we go, okay.

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49 MS. KELLY: And then on 15, the second
50 paragraph, it should say Samuelsen, Robin Samuelsen

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1 instead of Samuels.

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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5 MS. KELLY: And then over on Page 23 in
6 the second paragraph, we don't have a recorded for a
7 second in that motion.

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9 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Now, which one is that,
10 Shirley?

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12 MS. KELLY: The second paragraph.

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: The second paragraph.
15 And no one seconded?

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17 MS. KELLY: Well.....

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What's the correction?

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21 MS. KELLY: There isn't a seconded
22 recorded and I'm sure that someone seconded that motion.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Um.

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26 MS. KELLY: But I don't recall who it
27 was.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Maybe you can
30 take a look back, Cliff, on the minutes and find out on
31 that.

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33 MR. EDENSHAW: Uh-huh.

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And we'll add that
36 correction in there then because I'm fairly certain we
37 got a second. We have the full court recording on it,
38 right, Salena, and so we know that's there.

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40 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)

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42 MS. KELLY: Okay.

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Anything else.

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46 MS. KELLY: No.

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48 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other corrections.

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50 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Robert.

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3 MR. HEYANO: On the same page, the fourth
4 paragraph, I think Tim should be Jim, referencing Jim
5 Woolington.

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7 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any other
8 corrections or deletions that need to be made to the
9 minutes. Hearing none, call for the question, wasn't
10 there a motion made?

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12 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman, I would move
13 that we adopt the February 28th, March 1st minutes.

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15 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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17 MS. KELLY: Second.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Second by Shirley. And
20 we're happy now with the corrections on that? Okay.
21 Call for the question.

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23 MR. BALLUTA: Question.

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

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28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. All those
31 opposed.

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33 (No opposing votes)

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Let the minutes show
36 that it's unanimous.

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38 Under the Chair's report, just a couple
39 of comments. The Regional Council Chairs meeting takes
40 place in Anchorage on an annual basis and probably for
41 the sake of the Council members as well as maybe the
42 audience that might be interested, it's the time in which
43 the Chairs of the Council have an opportunity to meet
44 with the Federal Board and it's, I think it's something
45 unique that the Feds have done where each Chairman can
46 have an opportunity to talk to the Federal Board on
47 concerns in their region.

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49 I think we have done quite well, I don't
50 know if there's any real concerns that you might have as

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1 far as what they are doing or not doing. If there are
2 you certainly need to make them known before I go into
3 meet with them.

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5 One of the other concerns, I think, under
6 the Chair's report will be, maybe just making it brief,
7 would be the response from the Chairman of the Federal
8 Board, Mitch Demientieff. One of the concerns that he
9 had is that -- not concerns but one of the responses that
10 he had is that this Council is dealing with the ATV
11 situation at Kakhanok and Igiugig. And I just might make
12 mention that I had the privilege of one of my trips on a
13 charter with taking Don Calloway, a senior member of the
14 National Park Service dealing with the research that's
15 going on up there and when I happened to take them to
16 Kakhanok they were having a public review so I was able
17 to take a look at all the people who testified and then
18 all those who had gathered information and given it to
19 this committee as looking at the ATV situation in the
20 Preserve.

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22 The other day I also had the privilege of
23 flying the same group of people up, including Don, to
24 Igiugig and there, again, he was doing probably the last
25 bit of his research to see what involvement the ATVs
26 would be having in, I believe it's called the Katmai Park
27 and Preserve, in that area, and they have done, I think
28 an exceptionally fine job of interviewing people and
29 looking at all the facts and dates and figures and the
30 trails and they even asked if we could swing around and
31 take a little look at the trails that were going into the
32 Preserve from the air.

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34 And so we just need to probably wait to
35 see what their report says, which I would imagine about
36 next year at this time perhaps maybe they'll be coming
37 with something for us. And if we can make some progress
38 on that that would be great.

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40 I was going to ask the Council if we
41 would write a letter to kind of speed things up in the
42 wise advice the Council was, just let them get their work
43 done and then we will go ahead and take care of that. So
44 I appreciate Council advise on that and that's
45 progressing as it should.

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47 Any other questions you might have on the
48 Chair's report, Council members.

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50 Cliff, is there anything that should be

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1 mentioned here?

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: (Shakes head negatively)

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. I noticed
6 this evening that Peggy Fox had not raised her hand when
7 we had new people here, where is she at?

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9 MS. FOX: (Raises hand)

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, nice to have
12 you here with us. I know you're new because you came on
13 the same flight I did this afternoon.

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15 And as we meet we always give an
16 opportunity regardless of where we're at on the agenda,
17 since we're only advisory in nature, to give people an
18 opportunity to be able to address the Council. And today
19 Lynn Shawback asked if he could come and speak before the
20 Council. Lynn, would you come on up and on that PA
21 system there's a little -- there's a button, you can push
22 that and it will bring your volume up.

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24 MR. SHAWBACK: Oh, okay.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Pretty high tech, uh?

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28 MR. SHAWBACK: All right.

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: It's nice to have you
31 here today.

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33 MR. SHAWBACK: Well, thanks for the
34 opportunity. What I'd like to speak about this evening
35 is about the monetary limits on the subsistence fish, I
36 guess it was at \$1,000 and then it was lowered to 500 and
37 I'd like to put my views out on it.

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39 I'd specifically like to say that on
40 smoke fish, I, for one, have intimate experience smoking
41 fish with my mom every summer. And she's past 70 years
42 old now, I doubt if anybody in this room could keep up
43 with her when it comes to that, I know I can't. We
44 usually put up about 100 fish at a time, which takes
45 about 10 days. And if we put up 150 to 200 fish for the
46 summer, it's a really big labor intensive process of
47 getting it done. First you have to go get the fish, and
48 then you've got to clean it and then you've got to split
49 it, exactly the right way, thin enough and not too thick
50 so it doesn't spoil and then you have to go, you know,

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1 soak it in the brine solution, that's her special deal,
2 dry it and then we have to smoke it. And then while
3 you're smoking it you have to continually keep cutting
4 wood, which there isn't too much in this countryside and
5 keep moving it around in the smokehouse as you keep doing
6 it. So as everybody knows it's pretty labor intensive.

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8 My feelings on it is I don't think there
9 should be a monetary value on it at all. I think maybe
10 what the Advisory Council should do is run under the same
11 criteria maybe like the Alaska Department of Fish and
12 Game, maybe put an elder status on it. I think that's
13 kind of the reason why the whole thing was even brought
14 up.

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16 And I haven't thought about it too much
17 but I think basically that's really the reason why the
18 whole thing has come along. And subsistence, basically
19 my idea on it was just for smoked fish but maybe there
20 was other things, you know, available on it or other
21 people had other ideas.

22 So that is some of my thoughts and
23 comments on it. If you have any questions or maybe you
24 can think of something that would help everybody out on
25 it.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Council members, do you
28 have any questions or comments of Lynn.

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30 Lynn, I've got a couple of things. One
31 is I really appreciate you dealing with the dollar value
32 because this Council is way at the bottom of the dollar
33 list as far as putting any dollar value on subsistence at
34 all.

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36 MR. SHAWBACK: Uh-huh.

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38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And I think we all
39 recognize that we were probably the lowest of any of
40 them. Some of them, the value is very high. I think one
41 of the Council members mentioned that it'd get to be
42 almost a cottage industry, if you start getting the
43 dollar value too high, you know, we do have permits in
44 Bristol Bay and that's the purpose of what we use it for
45 in our region for anyway and that's one of our concerns.

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47 And here about August, the committees for
48 the Alaska Federation, AFN met here in Naknek and they
49 sent a delegation over to the house and asked me if we
50 would consider changing the dollar value to a higher

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1 value, you know, than this Council and I told them that I
2 really appreciated them coming and I would mention it to
3 the Council members when we had our meeting but I
4 seriously doubted if we were going to make any changes,
5 at least upward, we're not going to do that. As far as
6 I'm concerned, I think we -- we wrestled with the issue
7 as much as we could.

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9 I appreciate them looking at our proposal
10 anyway and, at least, knowing what's going on in the
11 region. The question I would ask you this evening is
12 most of the time when we do subsistence here in the
13 Bristol Bay area we might trade caribou to Chigniks for
14 crab or something else, what are your thoughts as far as
15 an exchange goes on something like that?

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17 MR. SHAWBACK: We do that ourselves,
18 caribou for, you know, halibut and crab with the
19 Chigniks.

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah.

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23 MR. SHAWBACK: People down there that we
24 know and Perryville and so on. I think that's a good way
25 of, you know, keeping up relations with the people that
26 you know down there and it's always good to get together
27 to see them. And sometimes you don't get caribou and
28 like last year we traded out with people up in New
29 Stuyahok for salmonberries. I mean there just wasn't any
30 salmonberries around here and this year it wasn't very
31 good either.

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33 But I really think it's a good idea. And
34 that's where I have the problems on putting a monetary
35 value on it. It's just like, you know, what's a side of
36 fish worth and who's going to enforce it. Is it worth
37 \$20 a side, is it worth \$5 a pound or what is it?

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39 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Uh-huh.

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41 MR. SHAWBACK: And so I think that's some
42 of the problems where if you put a monetary value on it
43 then you get into enforcement of issues and then where do
44 you go from there.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. Any other
47 questions, Council members. Anything else, Lynn?

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49 MR. SHAWBACK: Unh-unh.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you very much.
2 We really appreciate you coming here before us today.

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4 MR. SHAWBACK: Thanks a lot.

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6 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. I don't know if
7 there are any members in the audience that have a
8 comment, if not, then we'll continue on with our agenda
9 items.

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11 Under wildlife proposals, Cliff, we will
12 do 17(A) under new business and what about 9(C), where
13 could we handle that as far as what the Council might
14 want to deal with on that?

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16 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, we can also
17 take care of that under new business. Because when Dick
18 was here earlier this afternoon speaking, he and Dave can
19 both address that. At this point what we'd need from the
20 Council is mainly direction on submitting a proposal to
21 eliminate the -- some additional language to help us --
22 we have a copy of a blank proposal form, so if we could
23 just go ahead and include that in the new business
24 section.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Council members,
27 is that okay if we handle that under there? Robert.

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: Robert, the Chair was just
30 referring to Dick Sellers spoke to the issue about there
31 was a special action last year that eliminated one time
32 for a temporary closure of the moose cow hunt in 9(C)
33 remainder. It is not a permanent regulation. And Dick
34 was referring to that the Council should -- is
35 recommending that the Council submit a proposal on
36 Federal lands to eliminate it from the regulations so
37 we'll go ahead and address that in that portion of the
38 agenda under new business.

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40 This is the time that we'll accept
41 proposals for wildlife, for changes in the wildlife
42 regulations and we'll go ahead and address that under the
43 new business.

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Is that okay with you
46 Robert?

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48 MR. HEYANO: Yes.

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50 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Well, at this

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1 time we'll go down to item number 9, Cliff, if you'd
2 start walking us through Council recommendations under F.
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4 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
5 We'll go ahead and start off with FP03 Proposal 27, which
6 is a proposal that requests that fish be allowed for
7 harvest outside of the traditional opening and closed
8 fishing dates for ceremonial purposes. Pat McClenahan
9 will go ahead and kick that off but what we'll is we'll
10 go through here, if you look on Page 3, Mr. Chair, No. 9,
11 seven steps here. Of course, number 1, Pat's going to do
12 the introduction of the proposal and analysis. If any of
13 the personnel here from the Department of Fish and Game
14 wish to submit ADF&G comments they may do so, if not,
15 there are written comments that we receive from the State
16 which I will read into the record and then there's other
17 State and Federal agency comments here, if there is any
18 members from the ADF&G Advisory Committee, if Robert or
19 Andrew or Shirley also sit on the Lower Bristol Bay
20 Advisory, if they have any comments or anyone in
21 attendance here may submit ADF&G Advisory Committee
22 comments and then we'll go ahead and read into the record
23 the summary of written public comments we've received and
24 then public testimony and then the Regional Council
25 recommendation.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Pat.

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29 MS. McCLENAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 I'm Pat McClenahan, Staff anthropologist. If you will
31 turn to Tab E, Page 57, this is a statewide proposal.
32 I'd like to make a note here that if you have any
33 comments after this meeting, you'd like to discuss this,
34 please call me at 786-3875. Also please note that the
35 proposal's author has requested that the word, and, in
36 the phrase open seasons and harvest limits in the first
37 sentence of the proposed regulation be changed to or.
38 That's on Page 57 toward the end of the page. It says
39 proposed regulations statewide fish.

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41 Proposal FP03-27 submitted by the Office
42 of Subsistence Management requests that the Federal
43 Subsistence Board establish a statewide regulation
44 allowing the taking of fish for religious and ceremonial
45 potlatch purposes. While Federal Subsistence regulations
46 allow for the taking of wildlife outside of proposed
47 seasons and harvest limits for ceremonial purposes,
48 currently no such provisions exist for the taking of
49 fish. It should be noted that for most fish species
50 existing open seasons and harvest limits already provide

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1 an opportunity to take fish that may be used in
2 ceremonial and religious activities.

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4 The first Federal Subsistence regulations
5 contained provisions in Subpart (B) that allowed the
6 Board to authorize the taking of fish and wildlife
7 outside of prescribed seasons and harvest limits for
8 special purposes including ceremonies and potlatches.
9 Since that time, the Board has, in a case by case basis,
10 implemented unit specific provisions, either through
11 regulatory changes or special actions allowing the taking
12 of wildlife for cultural, educational and religious
13 programs and ceremonies. As of the 2002/2003 regulatory
14 year, such provisions exist in 13 of the 26 wildlife
15 management units. Although there are not regulations
16 allowing for the taking of fish for ceremonial religious
17 purposes the Board has, on three occasions authorized
18 such taking via special action. For example, the Board
19 permitted the harvest of 50 coho salmon for a memorial
20 potlatch in Sitka and that was Fisheries Special Action
21 01-05.

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23 While there is variation between these
24 unit specific regulations, the Board has required that
25 the harvesting of the resource does not violate
26 recognized principals of fish and wildlife conservation
27 and that the following be provided to the appropriate
28 Federal land manager.

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30 First information about the activity and
31 in the case of funerary or mortuary ceremonies, the name
32 or names of the decedent or decedents. Number 2,
33 reporting of the species, sex, number, location and
34 timing of the harvest. Number 3, the name and address of
35 the harvester or harvesters. Also the Board has required
36 that the harvester be a qualified rural subsistence user
37 for the species and area in which the harvest occurs.
38 Also, in most cases, the appropriate Federal manager must
39 be notified prior to attempting to harvest the resource.

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41 The serving of fish and wildlife is
42 central to Alaska Native ceremonial feasting. Such foods
43 reaffirm ethnic identity and a tie to the land and the
44 resources. Fresh salmon and steelhead are available only
45 part of the year for many Alaska Natives. When
46 available, they are an important resource for funerary or
47 mortuary cycles including memorial potlatches. Most
48 ethnographic descriptions of potlatches focus on the
49 ritual behavior and the distribution of material wealth.
50 Detailed documentation of the foods provided is rare.

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1 One exception is in Rifles, Blankets and Beads by William
2 E. Simeone. Simeone recorded the offering of pans of
3 Copper River salmon at a Tanacross potlatch in the 1980s.

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5 All fishing management areas have harvest
6 limits, temporary restrictions or both for some species
7 of fish. Statewide, most fish can be harvested by
8 subsistence users without restrictions and would not
9 require use of this proposed provision.

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11 The proposed limit on salmon and
12 steelhead trout would not equally affect subsistence
13 users in all parts of the state because of temporal and
14 geographic distribution. Steelhead have been documented
15 along the Aleutian Chain, but data of their distribution
16 in the Bering sea is limited. Salmon are rare north of
17 Kotzebue Sound. Both are only available in freshwater
18 seasonally.

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20 Adoption of this proposed regulatory
21 change should have minimal impact on the salmon and
22 steelhead populations. Our preliminary conclusion is to
23 support the proposal.

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25 The proposed regulation should read and I
26 believe you have that in your book on Page 60, the
27 proposed regulation, the taking of fish from Federal
28 waters is authorized outside of published open seasons or
29 harvest limits if the harvested fish will be used for
30 food in traditional religious ceremonies, which are part
31 of funerary or mortuary cycles, including memorial
32 potlatches provided that the person or designess
33 organizing the ceremony contact the appropriate local
34 Federal fisheries manager prior to attempting to take
35 fish, to provide the name of the decedent or decedents,
36 the nature of the ceremony, the parties and/or clans
37 involved, the species and the number of fish to be taken
38 and the Federal waters from which the harvest will occur.
39 No more than 25 salmon or five steelhead may be taken.

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41 The taking does not violate recognized
42 principles of fisheries conservation and uses the methods
43 and means allowable for the particular species published
44 in the applicable Federal regulations. The local Federal
45 fisheries manager may restrict the number, species or
46 place of taking if necessary for conservation purposes.

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48 Each person who takes fish under this
49 section must, as soon as practicable and not more than 15
50 days after the harvest submit a written report to the

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1 appropriate local Federal fisheries manager specifying
2 the harvesters name and address, the number and species
3 of fish taken, the date and locations of the taking and
4 the name of the decedent for whom the ceremony was held.

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6 No permit is required for taking under
7 this section, however, the harvester must be an Alaska
8 rural resident with customary and traditional use in that
9 area where the harvesting will occur.

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11 Just as a note, the North Slope Council
12 has met and voted to support this proposal.

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14 That concludes my remarks, Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any questions, Council
17 members. Hearing none, thank you, Pat. ADF&G is next.

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19 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, Mr. Chair, at this
20 time I'd ask if there's -- if Slim or would you just
21 prefer me to read the ADF&G's current comments they have
22 in here regarding the proposal analysis, is that fine?

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24 MR. MORRISTAD: Go ahead.

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26 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay, I'll go ahead. Mr.
27 Chair, on Page 62 of the analysis is a preliminary ADF&G
28 comment regarding the proposal analysis. Their current
29 comment is that they're neutral. The Department is
30 neutral on this proposal and will defer most comments
31 until the Staff analysis is available. However, we
32 recommend that ceremonial harvests be subject to the
33 regulatory controls, for conservation purposes, of a
34 harvest limit by species, area and time, along with a
35 timely reporting mechanism. And then they question, is
36 this really a regional proposal rather than statewide.
37 That concludes the ADF&G comments, written comments.

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39 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Maybe, Slim, you
40 could come up and I want to ask you a couple questions
41 about this if you wouldn't mind. Thank you, Pat, we
42 appreciate that report.

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44 Slim, I think in most cases we probably
45 don't have a problem with 25 fish, I mean, like it's that
46 one little creek in Chignik that Morris Crossbrook has
47 down there with eight, then we got a problem, we won't
48 have any ceremonial coming out of there obviously. But
49 the question I had is I didn't think we had any steelhead
50 in Bristol Bay. Where do we record steelhead in Bristol

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1 Bay, if we're talking about people doing this ceremonial
2 thing, if this is a statewide proposal?

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4 MR. MORRISTAD: Yeah, this is Slim
5 Morristad with Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Not
6 around here in this regional area, you know, say in the
7 Naknek or the Kvichak or Nushagak, for steelhead I know
8 of many. For 25 fish or whatever it would be, I would
9 suspect normal subsistence fisheries that go on around
10 here start in May and go to October so one would suspect
11 this would be early and I would suspect that most of this
12 would go on, if somebody wanted to try to catch some fish
13 which there would be very few in our area anyway would be
14 in April which, you know, usually they go out in May and
15 they don't catch much so I don't really see where this
16 would mean a lot or make any changes here.

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I guess the reason I
19 asked you and I guess Dan Dunaway would be the guy who
20 would really know the answer to this and maybe you do,
21 but if you were to take 25 fish out of the Lower
22 Talaragik, you're going to be taking quite a few fish out
23 of an area and apparently those are not steelhead that go
24 in there?

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26 MR. MORRISTAD: Right. Sockeye in there?

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28 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: No, I'm talking about
29 the.....

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31 MR. MORRISTAD: Or the rainbow.

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33 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: MS. McCLENAHAN:
34rainbows in there.

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36 MR. MORRISTAD: Well, I guess it depends
37 on what species you're looking at and where you're
38 looking. If you're looking at going in there and taking
39 rainbows and giving, yeah, you could do some -- and
40 depending on what the numbers are.....

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42 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. Subsistence is
43 done there in the wintertime through the ice.

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45 MR. MORRISTAD: Uh-huh.

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And they take, you
48 know, whatever they need for subsistence and it doesn't
49 seem to hurt anything.

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1 MR. MORRISTAD: Yeah.

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, thank you, I just
4 wanted to make sure that we addressed taking 25 fish out
5 of Lower Talaragik would certainly be a big amount if you
6 ever decided that this is what was going to happen.

7 Thank you.

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9 Who's the next group here that's supposed
10 to be.....

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, the Council
13 has, Peggy alerted to me, if you look at Page 54, this is
14 a statewide proposal and on Page 54 there's a list of all
15 the 10 Councils and there have been a few of the Councils
16 that have met already and she would be willing to report
17 to the Council what their recommendations were on this
18 proposal.

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: That would be fine if
21 she's next in line, that'd be great.

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23 MS. FOX: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just
24 thought you might be interested in the discussion from
25 the Kodiak/Aleutians on this.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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29 MS. FOX: The one item that they wanted
30 to modify in the proposal is the fact that there is a
31 limit on the number of salmon and steelhead and their
32 preference is is that that be addressed at a local level,
33 with a local Refuge manager or local Forest Service
34 district ranger or Park superintendent. In other words,
35 that the request -- or the numbers appear somewhat
36 arbitrary and that the local manager would be able to
37 work out with the proponent whatever the request would be
38 and respond in kind.

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40 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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42 MS. FOX: Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Peggy, is that the only
45 one then that you've had a response from, is the Kodiak?

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47 MS. FOX: Kodiak/Aleutians is the one
48 that -- I'm sorry, maybe I should ask you to ask your
49 question again.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, what other
2 Councils have addressed it already?

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4 MS. FOX: Pat, I think, gave you the
5 report from North Slope and Northwest, those are the only
6 other two Councils and Southeast is meeting today and
7 tomorrow, so we don't have any other information from the
8 other Councils as of yet.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, thank you. All
11 right, I guess that falls under other State or Federal
12 comments?

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14 MR. EDENSHAW: That's correct, Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Summary of written
17 public comments.

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19 MR. EDENSHAW: Just as a courtesy on
20 number 4, if there is any comments from Advisory
21 Committee members.

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Oh, sorry about that.

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25 MR. EDENSHAW: I'm not sure who sits on
26 those but perhaps there may be someone here.

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28 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I don't know if anyone
29 who is from the Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee or the
30 Lower Peninsula.

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32 MR. EDENSHAW: All right.

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34 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: So go ahead.

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36 MR. EDENSHAW: Okay, Mr. Chair,
37 continuing on with written public comments regarding this
38 proposal. On Page 62 we received one written public
39 comment and that is, to support with modification. It
40 states to enable enforcement and to account for resource
41 removals, Cordova District Fishermen United supports
42 modification of Section (D) to require a permit
43 specifying the harvester's name and address, the number
44 and species of fish to be taken, the date and location of
45 the harvest as well as the name of the decedent for each
46 person harvesting under this regulation. This would
47 result in the need to delete Section (C). Harvest
48 reporting should be required within a reasonable period
49 of time and there should be a limit of one permit issued
50 for each specific traditional religious ceremony.

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

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4 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Anyone have any
5 public testimony or comment on this proposal. Okay,
6 hearing none, Regional Council deliberation. What's the
7 wish of the Council? We need to have a motion, I would
8 think, either to vote it up or down unless you don't want
9 to address it at all.

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11 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chairman, I would move
12 to support Proposal 03-27.

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: There's been a motion
15 to accept Proposal 2003-27.

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17 MS. KELLY: Second.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, second by
20 Shirley. Did you want to address your motion, Robert.

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22 MR. HEYANO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Well, I
23 believe that as it pertains to our particular area it's
24 not going to have much of an impact but realizing this is
25 a statewide proposal and could potentially have some
26 benefits to other regions of the state, that's primarily
27 my reason for supporting it.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other Council
30 member comments. Okay, if we have no further comments on
31 the motion, call for the question.

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33 MR. BALLUTA: Question.

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35 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All those in favor
36 signify by saying aye.

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38 IN UNISON: Aye.

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40 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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42 (No opposing votes)

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Let the minutes show
45 that it's unanimous.

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47 Okay, lead us on to the next one there if
48 you would Cliff, we're on 28.

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50 MR. EDENSHAW: Go ahead, Larry.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, Larry, you're on.

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3 MR. BUKLIS: Mr. Chairman, my name is
4 Larry Buklis. I'm a fishery biologist with the Office of
5 Subsistence Management. I will introduce this proposal
6 and highlight some of the main features although I was
7 not the analyst for this.

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9 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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11 MR. BUKLIS: Proposal No. 28. This
12 statewide proposal was submitted by the Office of
13 Subsistence Management. It would streamline the in-
14 season special action process. Under this regulation,
15 in-season special actions would be issued only when the
16 Federal management actions are intended to differ from
17 State subsistence management actions. State emergency
18 orders for subsistence fisheries would apply to Federal
19 management when State and Federal managers agree on the
20 actions to be taken. Federal in-season managers would
21 retain the authority to issue special actions if needed
22 at any time.

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24 Safeguards would be built into this
25 process. The Regional Councils and the public would
26 continue to be involved in the Federal decision-making
27 process. The designated in-season manager would continue
28 to consult with concerned individuals and groups in
29 developing management assessment whether those led to
30 State issued subsistence emergency orders or to Federal
31 special actions. Also Council members or the public can
32 appeal management actions to the Board.

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34 The intent of the proposal is to
35 eliminate redundancy and reduce confusion.

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37 The current practice is that each in-
38 season change to the fisheries regulations requires a
39 special action. Most of these actions are parallel to
40 actions also being taken by the State.

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42 For example, on the Yukon River in 2001,
43 the Federal in-season manager issued 27 special actions.
44 Of those, 26 were identical to State emergency orders.
45 Confusion can be generated in rapidly evolving situations
46 if a new special action is issued or going into effect
47 while the former special action is still being published
48 and notified.

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50 The Federal Subsistence Board approved a

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1 temporary one year streamlining process for special
2 actions on a trial basis in the Yukon and Kuskokwim
3 Rivers this last season, 2002. This had the support of
4 those local Councils for the YK-Delta, Western and
5 Eastern Interior.

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7 Informal consultation with in-season
8 managers for the Yukon and Kuskokwim indicates that the
9 approach worked well this last season. For other areas
10 of the state, including Bristol Bay, the streamlining
11 process may be premature. The overall Federal/State
12 Memorandum of Agreement includes as one of its goals, the
13 development of protocols or procedures for regulatory
14 processes. A protocol was completed for in-season
15 fisheries management on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers
16 but the work is continuing on such a protocol for
17 statewide application.

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19 Success of efforts to date on the Yukon
20 and Kuskokwim should help the overall statewide effort.
21 The analysis you have in your book recommends support
22 with modification. The modification would be to adopt
23 the proposal for streamline special action only for the
24 Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers at this time. This could be
25 expanded upon later after the statewide protocol for in-
26 season management coordination has been put in place.

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28 Mr. Chairman, that concludes the
29 overview.

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31 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Any questions
32 Council members. Thank you very much, Larry, appreciate
33 that. ADF&G comments.

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35 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The
36 ADF&G comments, they support Proposal 28. The Department
37 supports streamlining the special action process whereby
38 special actions would only be issued in-season when
39 Federal management actions differ from State management
40 actions.

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42 Under this proposal State emergency
43 orders would apply to Federal waters in instances where
44 the State and Federal managers agree on subsistence
45 fishing management actions. This would encourage a more
46 coordinated management approach for Federal and State
47 managers. It will also reduce duplication of effort and
48 confusion for the public by coordinating news releases
49 and legal notices regarding identical management actions.

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1 As a broader point, this approach should
2 also be used in fishing regulations. Because State
3 regulations apply on Federal waters, we consider that it
4 could be clearer to the public if the Federal system
5 published only those regulations that differ from State
6 regulations. This would create a more coordinated
7 approach with fewer inadvertent differences in
8 regulations between systems and clearer provisions for
9 law enforcement, the public and fisheries managers.
10 Presently, it is very difficult for people to determine
11 which requirements apply because they must compare the
12 specific provisions and exact wordings of Federal and
13 State regulations.

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15 That concludes the ADF&G comments.

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Slim, did you have any
18 comments you wanted to make on this, is this pretty much
19 what the Department's views are on that?

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21 MR. MORRISTAD: (Nods affirmatively)

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Good. All right, thank
24 you. We don't need to always need to be the spokesman
25 for you, you know, so I just wanted to make sure that we
26 were clear on what you were thinking here, too, as well.

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28 All right, other State or Federal
29 agencies that might want to make a comment on this
30 particular proposal. Yes, come on up and address us.

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32 MR. CHEN: Yes, I'm Glenn Chen, fisheries
33 biologist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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35 Something that I would like to present to
36 the Council in their deliberations of this proposal are
37 as follows. During discussions among Staff Committee on
38 the proposal it was pointed out that the model that is
39 being proposed here is based on something that's taking
40 place in the Yukon/Kuskokwim. They have a very good
41 working group there that is comprised of all the basic
42 users and as such the streamlining would work well for
43 that system. However, there was some caution expressed
44 at Staff Committee meeting that in other areas that may
45 not have such similar working groups in place and so this
46 is why the proposal calls for limitation of the current
47 effort toward those two areas for the time being of the
48 test.

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50 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Of course as the season

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1 goes on, you hear comments from the media that the State
2 are doing this and the Feds are doing this and then you
3 got all these little bends in the river that every time
4 it makes another bend somebody else has another
5 management plan. And apparently Bristol Bay doesn't have
6 that problem. They all go up the river and they're all
7 State and after they get to a certain point they're
8 Federal and it seems to work pretty well.

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10 So I think that's a good comparison of
11 where we're at as far as what we do. Thank you very
12 much, Glenn. Any questions you might have Council
13 members. Thank you.

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15 Okay, next group here. Advisory
16 Committee members, just to make sure that we read this
17 into the public, that we haven't overlooked someone.
18 Summary of written public comments.

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20 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The
21 Cordova District Fishermen United supports this proposal
22 in the interest of clarity and consistency. This
23 regulation will require collaboration and cooperation
24 between State and Federal managers resulting in benefits
25 to the resource, managers and users.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, any public
28 testimony. Any comment from anyone in the audience that
29 might want to make a comment. Regional Council members,
30 what is your recommendation on this proposal?

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32 Yes, Robert.

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34 MR. HEYANO: Well, Mr. Chairman, what I
35 would like to do is support the Staff recommendations for
36 the modifications.

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38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Uh-huh.

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40 MR. HEYANO: Then if this Council concurs
41 then I'd like to take no action on the proposal because
42 it would pertain only to the Yukon and Kuskokwim region.

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44 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, give us a
45 page that you're dealing with on that.

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47 MR. HEYANO: I think I'm looking at Page
48 64 and 65 where Staff recommendation supports with
49 modifications; to adopt the proposal only for the Yukon
50 and Kuskokwim regions at this time.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, so that would be
2 a motion that you'd want to move for?

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4 MR. HEYANO: Yes, I guess, just
5 procedurally then we would move to support the Staff
6 recommendations and vote that up or down.

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8 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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10 MR. HEYANO: And then a second motion
11 would be made to take no action; is that how it would
12 work?

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I don't know how we're
15 going to -- Cliff, what do you think, can we legally do
16 that?

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18 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, on Proposal
19 FP03-28, the statewide proposal. Robert could just go
20 ahead and maintain his motion to support the Staff
21 recommendation and then the Council could vote thumbs up
22 or down on the Staff recommendation which is with
23 modification just as it states there in the box that he's
24 referring to on Page 64. And the Staff recommendation is
25 to support -- to adopt the proposal only for the YK so
26 that's the action the Council could take on this
27 proposal.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Robert, you had a two-
30 step part of your recommendation. One was to support the
31 Staff proposal, which is fine, I don't think I have a
32 problem with that, but take no action on the overall
33 proposal? I don't know exactly how we handle that.

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35 MR. HEYANO: Well, yes, Mr. Chairman. I
36 think from what I read it makes sense to have this
37 proposal pertain to the Yukon and Kuskokwim regions
38 because in your previous comments, it's not an issue out
39 here.

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah.

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43 MR. HEYANO: It's actually a non-issue.

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Uh-huh.

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47 MR. HEYANO: So that's the part I would
48 like to support so it doesn't apply to all of us in the
49 state of Alaska.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Uh-huh.

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3 MR. HEYANO: But having said that, I
4 don't know what the Yukon and Kuskokwim RACs are thinking
5 and I don't want the record to show that we're, in the
6 event we're supporting something that really doesn't
7 pertain to us, if they have a problem with it, I'm just
8 not clear on that. I think by doing it, where it
9 pertains only to the Yukon and Kuskokwim regions, I think
10 we may be overstepping our bounds then and meddling in
11 other folks business.

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Would it be possible,
14 Cliff, to go ahead and make a motion to support the Staff
15 recommendation only and status quo on the remaining part
16 of the proposal?

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18 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, what I would
19 recommend to the Council, if that's the direction that
20 Robert would like to go then perhaps what the Council can
21 do under -- if you look below the Staff recommendation,
22 seeing this is a statewide proposal, what Robert could do
23 is in his motion which is to support the Staff
24 recommendation with modification and for him to include
25 his justification on what the Council's interpretation of
26 the Staff recommend -- for him to state for the record
27 that the Council, the Bristol Bay Council would like to
28 take no action on that portion that he just mentioned.

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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32 MR. EDENSHAW: That this Council would
33 submit their own -- well, in his motion, their
34 recommendation regarding the -- he said that he supports
35 the Staff recommendation which is the first part of his
36 motion and then justification as to what the Bristol Bay
37 Council would also like to -- supporting justification of
38 action regarding this proposal.

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40 Does that make sense? Larry -- hold on.

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42 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Larry, did you want to
43 talk to the Council?

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45 MR. BUKLIS: Mr. Chairman, Cliff.
46 Sometimes when there's an issue that's more relevant to a
47 different region sometimes another region will simply
48 defer to what they call the home region. I don't know
49 that this is the home region, but you could say you just
50 simply defer to the judgment of the YK, Eastern and

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1 Western Interior Councils since, at this time, with this
2 modification it would be most appropriate to them.

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4 So you could say you support the Staff
5 modification and defer on the action to those other
6 regions.

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8 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: To the YK and what's
9 the other region?

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11 MR. BUKLIS: YK.....

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And.....

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15 MR. BUKLIS:Western Interior,
16 Eastern Interior. If you don't support the modification
17 it remains a statewide proposal.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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21 MR. BUKLIS: But you could support the
22 modification, then defer to the regions that are closest
23 to this issue.

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25 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. If the
26 audience would just bear with us for a minute so we could
27 get the right wording on this. I think we're probably
28 getting pretty close to being handle this. We definitely
29 want to do the Staff recommendation, however, we're -- we
30 are going to withhold comment on the proposal, on the
31 statewide proposal for the YK, Eastern and Western
32 Interior Councils. Are we close on that, Cliff? You're
33 the one that's making the motion.

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35 MR. HEYANO: What was the third now, I
36 got Eastern, Western and.....

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38 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Interior.

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40 MR. HEYANO:Interior.

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42 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah. Would that cover
43 those proper regions in there, I think as far as not
44 going into their region and making a recommendation?

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46 MR. EDENSHAW: That's correct.

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48 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. Read the motion
49 back to us then, if you would?

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1 (Laughter)

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, we got the Staff
4 recommendation actually cold, but as far as withholding
5 comment under justification, we're not supporting the YK,
6 Western and Eastern Interior Council comments on the
7 statewide proposal.

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9 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, perhaps if
10 Larry can come up to the table and help me with this.
11 But from Robert's motion, the Bristol Bay Council would
12 support the Staff recommendation with modification to
13 adopt the proposal only for the Yukon and Kuskokwim
14 regions at this time and allow the current Federal/State
15 in-season protocol effort to develop operating guidelines
16 and recommendations for the statewide implementation and
17 the regulatory wording should read as follows.

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19 And Larry said by adopting the Staff
20 recommendation, this Council would defer and allow the
21 Eastern, Western and YK, for them, because it pertains to
22 those three regions or those three Councils and then this
23 Council would follow suit with what their recommendations
24 are.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, Robert, you go
27 ahead but I don't know if we want to follow suit with
28 them. We kind of let them go on their own, it doesn't
29 pertain to us really. Robert, probably you might want to
30 make a comment there.

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32 MR. HEYANO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If
33 we made a motion to support Proposal 03-28, that portion
34 of the Staff recommendation to have it pertain to the
35 Yukon and Kuskokwim region and then defer our action to
36 the Eastern, Western and Interior [sic] Councils as to
37 the substance of the proposal.

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39 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Did you get that?

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41 MR. EDENSHAW: (Nods affirmatively)

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43 MR. HEYANO: Would that do it?

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, that will do it.
46 I think that will do it. You always have counseling, you
47 know, those lawyers sitting around and getting big fat
48 paychecks who can help us out if we get in big trouble,
49 we're only advisory in nature, they don't have to take
50 our advice so I think that would be fine.

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1 Is there a second to the motion?

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3 MS. KELLY: I'll second.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Robert,
6 would you like to address your motion?

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MR. HEYANO: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would
11 just incorporate all the previous comments. You know, it
12 appears to be an issue on the Yukon/Kuskokwim region and
13 this is where it would -- has been applied and would most
14 likely be applied in the future. I don't think it would
15 apply here in our region so I want to support the Staff
16 recommendation to go ahead with this regulatory language.
17 It makes sense to me without having the Federal system
18 duplicate the State, only in the event that they differ.
19 I think that would be a lot better for the public and the
20 two regulatory bodies.

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22 So I support the suggested modification
23 and then defer the substance of the proposals to those
24 affected Regional Councils.

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you, Robert.
27 Council members, any other comments that you might have.
28 Hearing none, we'll call for the question.

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30 MR. BALLUTA: Question.

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

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35 IN UNISON: Aye.

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37 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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39 (No opposing votes)

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41 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Let the minutes show
42 that the ayes have it.

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44 We'd like to take one more proposal
45 before we take a little break here, if you'd go to the
46 next one Cliff.

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48 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair, on FP03-5,
49 Pat McClenahan will provide the Council with the Staff
50 analysis regarding a C&T request for halibut, herring and

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1 herring on kelp for residents of Bristol Bay.

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, Pat.

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5 MS. McCLENAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 Pat McClenahan, Staff anthropologist. We are at Tab E,

7 Page 77.

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9 Proposal FP03-05 was submitted by the
10 Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and it
11 requests a positive customary and traditional use
12 determination for halibut, herring and herring roe on
13 kelp in the Federally administered marine waters within
14 the Bristol Bay fishery management area for the residents
15 of the Bristol Bay Management area.

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17 On Page 77 you will find the existing
18 Federal regulation and the proposed Federal regulation.

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20 I'd like to bring your attention to the
21 map large behind you on the wall there. Cliff could I
22 prevail upon you to show them where the waters are that
23 we're talking about, could you just point them out on
24 that map?

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26 Only a very small portion of the Bristol
27 Bay management area is Federally managed marine waters.
28 Show that area right there -- right, to your right.

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30 MR. EDENSHAW: There's Togiak up here.

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32 MS. McCLENAHAN: The marine waters being
33 discussed are limited to Federally administered waters
34 within Togiak district and that portion of the remainder
35 of Bristol Bay that lie within the exterior boundaries of
36 Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. There on the right,
37 that's the one that I was concerned about.

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39 MR. EDENSHAW: There.

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41 MS. McCLENAHAN: Great, thanks.

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43 For the first species, consideration of
44 the request for a positive customary and traditional use
45 determination for halibut must be deferred at this time.
46 The management of halibut is governed by the
47 International Halibut Treaty and the Northern Pacific
48 Halibut Act with jurisdiction in the United States
49 resting with the Secretary of Commerce. At this time
50 there are legal uncertainties about whether the Federal

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1 Subsistence Board can actually implement subsistence
2 halibut regulations and even so, whether these
3 regulations would have to go before the International
4 Pacific Halibut Commission for approval.

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6 When these issues are resolved, we can
7 take up the proposal again if it's appropriate.

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9 The current Federal regulations for
10 fisheries provide a positive customary and traditional
11 use determination for herring and herring roe on kelp for
12 the Togiak district for the residents of the Togiak
13 district, which includes the rural residents of Togiak
14 and Twin Hills.

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16 The following communities are documented
17 as using herring and herring roe on kelp. The Alaska
18 Department of Fish and Game records are available for the
19 communities of Koliganek, Aleknagik, New Stuyahok, Ekwok,
20 Manokotak, Dillingham, Igiugig, Levelock and Pilot
21 Point/Ugashik with respect to the quantities of herring
22 and herring roe on kelp taken the percentage each
23 comprises of the total subsistence harvest for each study
24 year.

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26 The second question we usually ask is
27 under Item 4, whether or not there's consistent harvest
28 and use of fish or wildlife as related to past methods
29 and means of taking near or reasonably accessible from
30 the community or area. And if you will look on the
31 following pages, I have a summary because the discussion
32 is pretty long.

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34 There are very few marine waters in
35 Bristol Bay as I mentioned before. The subsistence use
36 of herring and herring roe on kelp by the Bristol Bay
37 area communities generally is not very well documented.
38 Written documentation exists that the communities of
39 Aleknagik, Dillingham, Togiak, Ekwok, Koliganek,
40 Levelock, Manokotak and New Stuyahok have a history of
41 subsistence use of herring and herring roe on kelp which
42 they taken in northern Bristol Bay coastal area generally
43 near their villages. Most of Togiak and Twin Hills
44 subsistence activities are carried out in the vicinity of
45 the villages. Except for Igiugig, the Iliamna
46 communities are not listed as using herring and herring
47 roe on kelp in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
48 subsistence documents. Documentation of the use of
49 herring and herring roe on kelp by the residents of King
50 Salmon, Naknek, South Naknek, Egegik and Ugashik is poor.

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1 Data are lacking about which exact locations in the
2 marine waters of the Bristol Bay management area that are
3 in Federal jurisdiction, the fishermen from these
4 specific communities use -- I'm sorry, take their
5 subsistence herring and herring roe on kelp.

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7 In 1986, I should note that four
8 households from Pilot Point had crew members in the
9 Togiak herring fishery. The community's use of herring
10 and herring roe on kelp in 1986 and '87 is documented.

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12 Fishermen from King Salmon, Naknek and
13 South Naknek, go to Togiak in the spring for herring.
14 There's no documentation, however, that the residents of
15 these communities harvest herring and herring roe on kelp
16 for subsistence use.

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18 The effect of the proposal would be that
19 if it were adopted -- I'm sorry, the portion, speaking to
20 herring and herring roe on kelp, if it were adopted will
21 provide the rural residents of the communities being
22 granted a positive customary and traditional use
23 determination a limited opportunity to harvest an
24 important resource in a small area of Federally managed
25 waters within the Bristol Bay management area.

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27 This area is described as we showed it on
28 the board and it's described above in this analysis as
29 limited to the portions of the coast of Togiak National
30 Wildlife Refuge. It's not expected that adoption of this
31 proposal, this portion of the proposal will affect
32 significant change in resource use patterns of Bristol
33 Bay residents.

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35 Compared to other subsistence resources
36 used by Bristol Bay communities, the document subsistence
37 use of herring and herring roe on kelp is low.

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39 Our preliminary conclusion then is to
40 support the proposal with modification.

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42 The modification is to defer that portion
43 of the request for a positive customary and traditional
44 use determination for halibut and to support the portion
45 of the proposal requesting a positive customary and
46 traditional use determination for herring and herring roe
47 on kelp for the rural residents of Aleknagik, Dillingham,
48 Togiak, Twin Hills and Manokotak.

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50 And at this point I would like to ask

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1 your help in getting additional information, input, from
2 the rural residents of the Bristol Bay area about their
3 subsistence use of this resource herring and herring roe
4 on kelp.

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6 If adopted, the regulation would read as
7 it is found on Page 86. I suggest you have a look at it,
8 it's kind of complex.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Pat, does that conclude
11 your report?

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13 MS. McCLENAHAN: That concludes my
14 report.

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16 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay.

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18 MS. McCLENAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yes. Council members,
21 do you have any questions? Robert, do you have your hand
22 up?

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24 MR. HEYANO: Well, I guess I'm just a
25 little concerned. The other communities couldn't be
26 included because of the lack of information or the small
27 amounts that has been documented?

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29 MS. McCLENAHAN: Because of the lack of
30 published documentation. I went through all of the
31 records that -- the written records that we have and we
32 lack documentation.

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34 Shirley, do you have some additional
35 information for us?

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37 MS. KELLY: Cliff has some to be read
38 into the record. But I'm wondering, did you contact the
39 other communities that were not included in the proposal?

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41 MS. McCLENAHAN: I have not yet contacted
42 them, no, and I'm hoping that you can assist me in doing
43 that.

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other comments,
46 Council members. I don't think I could support this
47 proposal with the exception that you read and it went by
48 me too fast, if we adopt this proposal it doesn't
49 necessarily say in here that other communities if we find
50 justification, I guess, would be C&T findings, herring

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1 roe on kelp or roe -- that's another question I want to
2 ask you, are you dealing with roe on kelp or are you
3 dealing with roe and roe on kelp?

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5 There's a difference. Because when you
6 put out your subsistence net here in Naknek and Robert
7 Hill gets 1,200 herring he's got roe but he doesn't find
8 the kelp.

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10 MS. McCLENAHAN: Uh-huh.

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12 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: You know, so could you
13 clarify that?

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15 MS. McCLENAHAN: Mr. Chairman, the way
16 that this was written was for herring and herring roe on
17 kelp.

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19 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, so use of
20 herring, with the herring?

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22 MS. McCLENAHAN: We didn't have the roe,
23 the separate roe word in there. If you wish to add
24 it.....

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26 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Well, no, the reason I
27 ask the question is if you're going to do roe on kelp,
28 you're going to go to Koliganek, uh, over there, that's
29 the only place you're going to find roe on kelp. So if
30 Egegik and Port Heiden doesn't go over there with their
31 rake to pull up the roe on kelp then they're going to be
32 excluded from the proposal. However, if they do put
33 their nets out and they do, Dick Day and Paul Biscossi
34 and these guys have done it, they're, I would imagine
35 close to 70, uh, in their '70s, they would have good
36 documentation of what they have used. Robert Hill and
37 others have used the roe here in Naknek consistently for
38 the last, at least, 10 or 15 years that I know, and
39 they've given us that resource.

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41 So I guess maybe we need to be a little
42 clearer on if it's geographical to only on Federals over
43 there and roe and kelp and going over there and catching
44 herring, then it may exclude those communities.

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46 However, if it doesn't exclude those
47 communities and there's going to be further justification
48 for use of it then, Pat, I guess at a later date they can
49 be put into it?

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1 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, they
2 can be. And this is restricted just to those Federal
3 waters up there that we were pointing out.

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Robert, go ahead.

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7 MR. HEYANO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
8 guess my experience has been as a participant in the
9 Togiak herring fishery since its development in the '70s,
10 is that, residents from all communities of Bristol Bay
11 who participate in that commercial fishery actually took
12 herring and herring roe on kelp back with them and they
13 didn't necessarily -- my experience has been they didn't
14 take it out of their commercial harvest, that was an
15 activity they took part in between commercial openings or
16 at the end of the commercial season. And then it got, I
17 know it got shared pretty heavily as they went back to
18 the communities that were the furthest removed from the
19 coastline. You know, you could go back into the limited
20 entry records and probably find residents from every one
21 of the communities within the Bristol Bay watershed who
22 took part in that commercial fisheries.

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24 I think that, more than anything else,
25 would determine a positive C&T finding.

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27 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I think that's probably
28 eloquently said. That that probably has to be in the
29 proposal or I could not support it. Because we would be
30 excluding too many -- I remember Bill Ivanof coming back
31 with roe on kelp and giving it to us, letting us have
32 some of it and that came out of his subsistence part of
33 the fisheries in Togiak.

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35 Any other Council member comments on this
36 proposal.

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38 MR. HEYANO: Just a question for Pat.
39 How would we proceed if the Council felt strong enough
40 about those other communities?

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42 MS. McCLENAHAN: I'd recommend that I go
43 to the limited entry permits and that I add the names of
44 the villages or the people that had -- you know, people
45 in the villages that had limited entry permits and I add
46 your statement that you made, that these residents took
47 part in this activity.

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49 I believe it's hinted at in the analysis
50 here, to a certain extent. But I did not use the limited

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1 entry permit list and I could do that. What would you
2 think about that?

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4 MR. HEYANO: That would be fine. Then do
5 we -- when we act on this proposal, do we act and include
6 all those residents or are you suggesting we wait to a
7 later date to include those other communities?

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9 MS. McCLENAHAN: You could support this
10 proposal modified to include these other communities, if
11 you wish, at this time. They may or may not all pass at
12 this time. If they don't, if the Board feels that the
13 data we've provided are insufficient, even with adding
14 the limited entry permit list, we can add them at a later
15 time as the data become available.

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17 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other Council
18 comments. Thank you very much, Pat, we appreciate that.

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20 Alaska Department of Fish and Game
21 comments.

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23 MR. EDENSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The
24 ADF&G comments. This proposal asks to add halibut,
25 herring and herring roe on kelp to the C&T use
26 determination for this area. The Office of Subsistence
27 Management has not identified any Federal marine waters
28 in Bristol Bay. Residents of these districts may harvest
29 herring and herring roe on kelp for subsistence use from
30 State managed marine waters. A Federal C&T determination
31 for herring would not change this.

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33 As noted in previous comments, the
34 Federal Subsistence Board does not have jurisdiction over
35 halibut caught in marine waters. Halibut are managed
36 under the terms of an International Treaty which is
37 implemented by the Halibut Act and the regulations
38 adopted there under. Under this regime, the Secretary of
39 Commerce and the North Pacific Management Council are
40 charged with management authority for halibut fisheries
41 in U.S. waters.

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43 The elements of this proposal dealing
44 with halibut should thus be directed to the North Pacific
45 Fishery Management Council rather than the Federal
46 Subsistence Board.

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48 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Cliff, was that last
49 paragraph also part of the State comment, ADF&G comments,
50 the last paragraph you read there?

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1 MR. EDENSHAW: Yeah, that's part of the
2 State's comments. Yes, Mr. Chair.

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4 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, good. Slim
5 Morristad, what are your thoughts, do you have any
6 comments you want to make on this?

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8 MR. MORRISTAD: Just we're neutral.

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10 REPORTER: Wait, can you come up, I
11 thought you were going to say more than that.

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13 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. We get the word,
14 neutral all right. I was kind of wondering, though, the
15 State of Alaska, why they consider halibut an
16 international fish and then herring a part of the Federal
17 program.

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19 (Pause)

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21 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: I guess we don't know.
22 We know about salmon.

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24 All right, name and Social Security
25 number.

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27 MR. MORRISTAD: Slim Morristad, Alaska
28 Department of Fish and Game. At the last go around of
29 the Board of Fish, I know they made -- I can't recall,
30 they didn't do anything in Bristol Bay but I know they
31 were working with NMFS for doing -- I know they were
32 doing some work and they were raising those numbers, I
33 believe. Around here we do have a subsistence number but
34 I can't what it is. I know -- I think it's two or four
35 but they were talking about doing 25 -- I'd have to get a
36 reg book but there are -- the State does have subsistence
37 numbers and I know that prior to leaving Prince William
38 Sound, they were looking at raise the net to like 25 to
39 match what NMFS was doing which was what Robin Samuelsen
40 was working on but NMFS and the State, the State Board of
41 Fish was working to make that the same as what NMFS was
42 doing. I believe they probably did that for most places
43 in the state, so they're identical.

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45 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Answer the question
46 then, Slim, if you would, I just, whenever the herring
47 fishery takes place in Togiak, it's State managed and now
48 we're dealing with subsistence in State waters?

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50 MR. MORRISTAD: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And that's okay?

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3 MR. MORRISTAD: Subsistence of herring?

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5 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Yeah.

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7 MR. MORRISTAD: Sure.

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9 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: And that's just.....

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11 MR. MORRISTAD: Herring roe on kelp,

12 yeah.

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14 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Uh-huh.

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16 MR. MORRISTAD: It always has been.

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, good enough.

19 Thank you. I just wasn't clear on that, I appreciate

20 that. Thank you.

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22 MR. MORRISTAD: Uh-huh.

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24 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What's the next

25 department you have there?

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27 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, any other State

28 or Federal agency comments.

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30 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other State or

31 Federal agency comments on this issue. How about the

32 Advisory Committees, we want to make sure we just mention

33 it, if someone might have come in, to mention it, Bristol

34 Bay Advisory Committees that pertain to this.

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36 Okay, summary of written public comment.

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38 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair. There

39 were four here.

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41 The first one is from Becharof

42 Corporation and it's addressed to you. It says, Dear Mr.

43 Chairman. I received a copy of the Council packet for

44 the upcoming Bristol Bay Federal Subsistence Regional

45 Advisory Council and am commenting on Proposal FP03-05a.

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47 Pages 86 and 87 of the document speak to

48 the need of additional information and input from the

49 rural residents of communities in Bristol Bay, including

50 Egegik.

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1 Becharof Corporation shareholders have
2 participated in the commercial herring fishery in Togiak
3 for many years and have brought home herring roe and
4 herring roe on kelp to share with their families who live
5 in Egegik. This practice has been occurring since the
6 beginning of the Togiak commercial herring fishery.

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8 We are requesting that our shareholders
9 and the residents of Egegik be able to participate in a
10 Federal subsistence harvest through a C&T finding for
11 herring roe and herring roe on kelp instead of being
12 limited to taking subsistence food out of their
13 commercial catch.

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15 Thank you for your consideration of our
16 request. Respectfully yours, Hazel Nelson, president.

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18 The second one is addressed also to you,
19 Mr. Chair, from the Pilot Point Traditional Council.

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21 It says, Dear Mr. Chairman, we have
22 looked over the Proposal FP03-5a concerning C&T use of
23 herring roe and herring roe on kelp for Bristol Bay
24 residents and we would like to send in our input on this.

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26 Pilot Point residents have participated
27 in the commercial herring fishery in Togiak for many
28 years and have brought home herring, herring roe and
29 herring roe on kelp to share with other families in Pilot
30 Point.

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32 We request that our residents of Pilot
33 Point be able to participate in the Federal subsistence
34 harvest through C&T findings for herring roe and herring
35 roe on kelp for our area of Bristol Bay. We would like
36 to also be included on the list as a C&T user of halibut.

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38 Thank you for your time and consideration
39 on this matter. Jackie Kalmakoff, administrator.

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41 The third one is from the Native Council
42 of Port Heiden. It's also addressed to you.

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44 It says, Dear Mr. Chairman. I've looked
45 over Proposal FP03-5a concerning C&T use of herring roe
46 and herring roe on kelp for Bristol Bay residents and we
47 would like to send in our input on this proposal.

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49 Port Heiden village residents have
50 participated in the commercial herring fishery in Togiak

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1 for many years and have brought home herring, herring roe
2 and herring roe on kelp to share with our families in
3 Port Heiden. This practice has been occurring since the
4 beginning of the Togiak commercial herring fishery.

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6 We are requesting that the residents of
7 Port Heiden be able to participate in a Federal
8 subsistence harvest through a C&T finding for herring roe
9 and herring roe on kelp instead of being limited to
10 taking subsistence food out of their commercial catch.

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12 Thank you for your consideration of our
13 request. C.Lynn Carlson.

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15 And the last one is from the Ugashik
16 Traditional Council and it is, again, addressed to you,
17 Mr. Chair.

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19 I've looked over the proposal FP03-5a
20 concerning C&T use of herring roe and herring roe on kelp
21 for Bristol Bay residents and we would like to send in
22 our input on this proposal.

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24 Ugashik village residents have
25 participated in the commercial herring fishery in Togiak
26 for many years and have brought home herring, herring roe
27 and herring roe on kelp to share with our families in
28 Ugashik. This practice has been occurring since they
29 have been fishing and continue to do so.

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31 We are requesting that our residents of
32 Ugashik be able to participate in a Federal subsistence
33 harvest through a C&T finding for herring roe and herring
34 roe on kelp for our area of Bristol Bay.

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36 We would also be listed as a C&T user of
37 halibut since our residents harvest halibut when we can
38 for subsistence use during the commercial salmon season.

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40 Thank you for your consideration of our
41 request. Sincerely, Roy Matsuno, tribal administrator.

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43 And that concludes the written public
44 comments.

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46 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Thank you, Cliff, for
47 reading into the minutes the public comments.

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49 Council members, do you have any comments
50 on the written public comments?

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1 Before we go down to public comments on
2 this proposal, which, if anyone is interested in signing
3 one of these and making a comment to the Council, before
4 we go into public comments and the Council recommendation
5 we will take a 10 minute break.

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7 (Off record)

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9 (On record)

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11 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: What we're going to do
12 is -- there has been complaining and rumbling among the
13 troops that we're going too long, no, not really. We're
14 limited in what we can do in the way of food and I don't
15 know when the D&D Restaurant closes or if you make it to
16 King Salmon to, whoever is open up there, so we'll go
17 ahead and finish up this proposal this evening and then
18 if it's okay with the Council members start tomorrow
19 morning and right out of the chute will be the rainbow
20 trout issue so that should be fun anyway.

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22 And we have public comment and then
23 either proposal recommendation or voting the proposal
24 down by the Council tonight. And if we are ready to
25 begin, I'd like to call Hans Nicholson up, he would like
26 to make a public comment. Hans.

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28 MR. NICHOLSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
29 For the record my name is Hans Nicholson. Commercial
30 fisherman. Fished Togiak herring since 1980 and up to
31 last year -- or this year actually.

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33 I'd like to confirm what Robert was
34 saying concerning participation by some of the commercial
35 fleet during closure or specifically after the herring
36 fishery has concluded. It's common practice for many
37 participants to take home subsistence herring, herring
38 roe on kelp and sometimes just, you know, roe.

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40 I have friends who have fished that
41 fishery, have participated in the Togiak fishery and have
42 witnessed them subsistence gathering. I've got friends
43 from Port Heiden, Ugashik, Alat Point, Egegik, Naknek,
44 King Salmon, South Naknek for that matter. And as well
45 over on the Nushagak side, I've got friends from
46 Koliganek, New Stuyahok, Portage Creek and Ekwok as well
47 as many from Dillingham, Aleknagik, Manokotak, Twin Hills
48 and Togiak.

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50 I'd just like to reiterate that it would

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1 be a shame if some of these villages were excluded. You
2 know, documentation of subsistence activities over there
3 is not there because there was no documentation of that
4 other than, I guess, if you would call eye witness
5 reports. But I would like to say to the Council that
6 I've witnessed these activities.

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8 And I thank you for this opportunity.

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10 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay, thank you, Hans.
11 Any other questions or comments from the Council members.
12 Thank you very much, appreciate it. Lynn Shawback.

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14 MR. SHAWBACK: My name's Lynn Shawback
15 and I'd just like to mirror what Hans Nicholson said
16 because he spoke so eloquently and basically I've
17 witnessed also the herring roe and kelp in Naknek, South
18 Naknek and also in King Salmon and participated in there
19 in the late '60s and early '70s.

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21 Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Hey, Shirley, we'll
24 make sure we leave a provision in there to include these
25 other areas as C&T findings as well. Thank you.

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27 MR. SHAWBACK: Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Comments Council
30 members. Thank you. Any other members of the public.
31 Okay, we'll close public comment and ask what the wishes
32 of the Council would be on this proposal.

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34 MS. KELLY: Mr. Chair, I'd like to make
35 the motion to adopt Proposal FP03-05 with additions.
36 First of all we would like to exclude -- I would like to
37 exclude halibut but I would like the species to read
38 herring and herring roe on kelp. And the communities
39 that participated are the residents of the Bristol Bay
40 area, the people from the three Chigniks and Perryville
41 and Ivanof.

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43 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Excuse me that was
44 Perryville and, what, Ivanof?

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46 MS. KELLY: Ivanof and the three
47 Chigniks.

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49 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Okay. And that's your
50 motion.

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1 MS. KELLY: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right. Is there a
4 second to that motion.

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6 MR. HEYANO: Second, Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, Robert
9 seconded. Shirley would you like to -- did you want to
10 speak to your motion?

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12 MS. KELLY: Yes, I would like to -- the
13 proposal to read that these villages have participated in
14 the herring and herring roe on kelp fishery and it would
15 be a shame that we exclude them from being -- getting
16 customary and traditional use findings for that fishery.

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18 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, thank you.
19 Any other Council members have a comment? Robert.

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21 MR. HEYANO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
22 will be supporting the motion. I think just based on my
23 personal knowledge of the subsistence fishery in the
24 Togiak area, how it's conducted, during or -- during the
25 down times of the commercial fishery justifies including
26 all those other residents. And I concur with the
27 justification of the Staff here that it seems to be a
28 question as to who has the management authority of the
29 halibut and apparently it doesn't fall under Title VIII
30 of ANILCA.

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32 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Any other comments,
33 Council members. None. All right, I think those are
34 very good comments and I would certainly agree on the
35 motion and the public comments and the Council comments
36 on this issue.

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38 Hearing no more discussion on the issue,
39 all those in favor signify by saying aye.

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Opposed.

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45 (No opposing votes)

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47 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: Let the record show
48 that the aye's have it and no opposition. Cliff, did you
49 have any comments you want to make before we recess until
50 tomorrow morning?

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1 MR. EDENSHAW: No, Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN O'HARA: All right, if it's
4 okay, unless there's something that we need to address
5 here this evening, we will plan on taking up the next
6 proposal tomorrow morning here at 8:30.

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8 And for those who are visiting in the
9 area, I know the D&D Restaurant is still open and I don't
10 know what's open at King Salmon, if the KingCo is still
11 open or Quinhagak is still open or something like that's
12 still open. I want to make sure you have an opportunity
13 to get your dinner tonight so we will see you at 8:30
14 a.m.

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16 (PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONTINUED)

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